

Orchid Society of Santa Barbara



Meeting: Wednesday, April 12, 2000

MacKenzie Adult Building
at MacKenzie Park
3111 State Street (at Las Positas)
Culture Corner begins at 7:00 pm
Meeting begins at 7:30 pm

PROGRAM

Ron Parsons from the Bay Area will speak about
Cool Growing and Rare, Unusual Species

Ron Parsons has been growing mostly species under lights for 25 years and photographing them for 18 years. He has traveled in Central America and in California in search of native orchids. His slide collection is extensive, so we can look forward to some wonderful plant photographs!

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Santa Barbara Chapter Cymbidium Society Meeting Wednesday, April 19, 2000
Cymbidium Society of America judging at 7 pm, meeting at 7:30 pm, Stewart Orchids.

Torrance Cymbidium Society Show April 21-23, 2000
California Hotel and Casino, Ohana Rom., 12 Ogden Ave., Las Vegas, Nevada. Contact
Everett Stockstill, 1386 Oakhorne Dr., Harbor City, CA 90710, 310-325-0625

The Huntington Orchid Festival

The Huntington Gardens, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA, 626-405-2100. Web site:
www.huntington.org

May 13-14, 2000

See OSSB on the web at www.west.net/~orchidsb Summary of the Meeting of March 8, 2000

Business Meeting

- ◆ **President Sandy Svoboda** welcomed our visitors and introduced **Norm and Joyce Wieder** of the March newsletter member profile.
- ◆ **AOS Representative Al Svoboda** encouraged everyone to join the American Orchid Society and announced that he would carry communication between OSSB and AOS. He has been appointed to the AOS Conservation Committee, which is concerned not only with habitat and orchid conservation, but also with conservation of individual collections. If you can't care for your orchids due to illness, call an OSSB board member to arrange a caretaker! And don't forget to mention your orchids in your will.
- ◆ **President Svoboda and Paul Gripp** discussed volunteering for the Spring Show. A report on the Spring Show appears later in this newsletter.
- ◆ The society would like to thank **Bob and Georgia Hewson** for their donation of *The Orchid Thief* to our library. You will be able to check the book out from our librarian, **Michael Ling**.
- ◆ **Laura Cogan** asked members to sign up to bring refreshments for upcoming meetings.

Program

Program Chair **Harriet Roberts** introduced our March speaker, **George Kenner** of Kenner and Sons in La Mesa. In addition to specializing in Australian orchids, Kenner escorts orchid tours "down under."

Kenner, who has grown orchids for 55 years, began with a discussion of the temperate rainforest home of *Dendrobium speciosum*. He listed the six varieties of this species that appear in Australia, noting that

some taxonomists have elevated many of the varieties to specific status. These six varieties are:

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| <i>speciosum</i> | <i>hillii</i> |
| <i>grandiflorum</i> | <i>curriculae</i> |
| <i>capricornicum</i> | <i>pedunculatum</i> |

Variety *speciosum* will eventually make four foot, semi prostrate plants with 30 to 40 spikes. It, like the other varieties, will not bloom profusely every year and may take to 13 years from flask to first bloom. Variety *hillii* is very fragrant in full sun and, as we know, can make huge plants. In nature, it will grow terrestrially, lithophytically or epiphytically. Like variety *grandiflorum*, it is not too overcollected because it grows near or on very steep cliffs.

Variety *capricornicum* is found in forests north of Brisbane and blooms later in the year than other varieties. Variety *curvicauli* has cream to white flowers and is classified as an intermediate to warm grower. Variety *pedunculatum* has some red markings on the flowers that emerge from three inch pseudobulbs; it grows well outside in our area.

Kenner repots his dendrobiums when they are overgrowing the side. For young plants, he leaves no more than two inches to grow; plants that have bloomed can have four extra inches to grow. He likes the new, clear plastic pots and uses any mix that allows plenty of air circulation. His plants grow under 55% shade cloth.

Some of the other popular Australian dendrobium species include *D. kingianum*, *D. tetragonum*, and *D. biggibum*. Kenner also mentioned the *Sarcochilus* species of Australia, which are prolific bloomers that grow outdoors in our area. Kenner uses large bark in clay pots with and eighth of an inch of water in a clay saucer to provide humidity.

Show Table

Some of the lovely outdoor growers brought in by members included the following.
Lc. Coastal Sunrise *Lc. Santa Barbara Sunset*
Den. Linguaforme *Den. kingianum*

Masd. Copper Angel *Masd. Charisma*
Den. Speciosum. *Sarcochilus Fitzhart*
Slc. Jewel Box 'Dark Waters'
Masd. (falcatum x ignea)

Santa Barbara International Orchid Show Report

March 31, April 1-2, Orchid Odyssey 2000

This year's show, by your editor's biased opinion, was quite successful. Orchid society members took home a number of prestigious awards and ribbons. In addition, the society exhibit won the **Best Display for Society Exhibits 100 square feet or less**. Congratulations to us!! And congratulations to all of the following winners!

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| Best Orchid In Show: | <i>Den. X delicatum</i> 'Rosminah Brown' | owned by Bill Robson |
| Sweepstake "Best Display in Show": | | J. P. and Ethel Seeburg |
| Best Amateur Display 100 square feet or more: | | J. P. and Ethel Seeburg |
| Best Dendrobium: | <i>Den. X delicatum</i> 'Rosminah Brown' | owned by Bill Robson |
| Best Botanical Specimen Blooming Plant: | <i>Epi. stamfordianum</i> 'Betty Isabell' | owned by Bill Robson |
| Best Cattleya Specimen Blooming Plant: | <i>Slc. Coastal Magic</i> 'Montecito' | owned by Ethel Seeburg |
| Best Group of 5 or More Orchids (not Cyms or Catts): | <i>Phrag.</i> Don Wimber | owned by Lance Schroeder |
| Design of Distinction: | | Santa Barbara Orchid Estate |
| Best Educational/Scientific Display: | | Santa Barbara Orchid Library and Garden |
| Reserve Champion Cymbidium: | <i>Cym.</i> Sleeping Dawn 'Dos Pueblos Alba' | owned by Gallup & Stribling |
| Best Group of First Bloom Standard Cymbidiums: | <i>Cym.</i> (Mighty Sunset x Pontac) | Gallup & Stribling |
| AOS Show Trophy and Orchid Digest Show Trophy: | | Malibu Orchid Society |

AOS and CSA Awards

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| <i>Den. X delicatum</i> 'Rosminah Brown' | CCM/AOS of 88 points | owned by Bill Robson |
| <i>Epi. stamfordianum</i> 'Betty Isabel' | CCM/AOS of 80 points | |
| <i>Phrag.</i> Saint Owen 'Betty Isabel' | HCC/AOS of 77 points; Bronze/CSA of 75.4 points | |
| <i>Paph.</i> Stargate 'Betty I' | Bronze/CSA or 74.63 points | |
| <i>Phrag.</i> Don Wimber 'Bold Beauty' | HCC/AOS of 78 points; B/CSA 77.7 points | owned by Lance Schroeder |
| <i>Paph. chamberlainianum</i> var. <i>sumatra</i> 'Princess Hilary' | B/CSA of 76.32 points | |
| <i>Phrag. Eduadorensis</i> 'Twisted Sisters' | B/CSA of 75 points | |

Ribbon Awards

Editor's note: my apologies for missing some of the ribbons in our display. Apologies also for any mistakes or omissions in ownership attribution. There were several ribboned plants in the center of the display that I missed; tell me what they are and I will print their names and their owners' names in the next newsletter.

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| <i>Lc.</i> Santa Barbara Sunset 'Showtime' | red ribbon | owned by Don Brown |
| <i>C.</i> JA Carbone 'Garnet' | blue ribbon | owned by |
| <i>Masd. amabilis</i> | red ribbon | owned by Laura Cogan |
| <i>Sl.</i> Orpetii 'Big Red' | blue ribbon | owned by Norm Wieder |
| <i>Paph. Potree</i> | yellow ribbon | owned by Bill Robson |

Thanks to the Show Volunteers!

Installing a large exhibit is a great deal of work; your editor is delighted and proud to be part of the OSSB effort this year. In addition, I'm so pleased at how many members participated in our exhibit by bringing plants and/or installing the display that I'm going to try to mention everyone. Since I am doing this by memory, my abject apologies to anyone I missed. But first, many thanks to our show chair, iron man Jeff Thompson, who was the backbone of our exhibit installation!

Kathy Bower, Don Brown, Clara and George Brown, Alan Chovil, Laura and Brian Cogan, Carole Cowan, Art Denk, Stephanie Hannan, Bob Hewson, San and Kyi Kyi Hla, Jeff Hoggard, Carol Krieger, James McNamara, Frank Methmann, Marie Sue Parsons, Harriet Roberts, Joe Rubin, Sandy Svoboda, Anita Talanian, Randall Umland, Norm

Wieder, and Heidi Kirkpatrick's guest from the East Coast Ruth Lazarowitz.

The Board would also like to thank all the faithful volunteers who worked in hospitality and sales for the duration of the show. Your society appreciates you!!

Announcements

◆ Welcome New Members!

Among the new members who have recently joined OSSB are Jeff Hoggard, Pat Kenny, and Alison McPherson.

◆ Fond Farewell (and Plant Buying Opportunity)!

The society bids a fond farewell to long time members San and Kyi Kyi Hla, whose new house in Tucson is under construction. We will miss their knowledge of Southeast Asia and their outdoor-grown plants at shows and meetings. But before they leave us, San and Kyi Kyi will be selling their collection. Call them at 967-6897 to make an appointment to see their plants ... and bring your cash or checkbook for some great orchids!

◆ Member Profile

This month, Pat Siordia spoke with Don Brown, past president and 25 year member of OSSB. Don is a professor emeritus in anthropology at UCSB. He grows most of his plants outside under shade cloth and oak trees, though the paphiopedilums and phalaenopsis live in his house. Among his favorite plants are *Laelia anceps* varieties and hybrids thereof. He always brings lovely plants to share at meetings and is known for growing plants to specimen size. Recently, he was awarded one of the highest prizes a grower can receive from the American Orchid Society; he won the Butterworth Prize recognizing his culture for a gargantuan *Den. speciosum* var. *hillii* 'Don Brown' CCM/AOS 99 points. This plant won the Best Plant Trophy for Paul Gripp, its current owner, at the Santa Barbara International Orchid Show two springs ago.

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