

South Coast Orchid Society
Summary of January, 1957 meeting as published in Orchid Digest

The South Coast Orchid Society, Inc., held their Annual Banquet and Installation of new officers at the Long Beach Petroleum Club, 4363 Atlantic Ave., Long Beach, Calif. At 7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 28, 1957 with 123 attending.

Rev. Knudson, president of the San Gabriel Orchid Society gave the invocation.

Mr. John Hanes, President, presided and introduced the new officers and directors for 1957.

Dr. Lloyd Wallar, Program Chairman, introduced Mr. Arthur Freed of Zuma Beach, speaker of the evening. Mr. Freed is well known as a producer for MGM in the movie world and also having one of the outstanding orchid collections in the United States. His topic for the evening was "Ten Years of Collecting Orchids" and his experiences collecting here and abroad.

Mr. Joseph Hampton gave the Plant Forum.

The awards for the outstanding orchids of the year were presented by Mr. Howard Carrington, chairman of judging.

The Second World Orchid Conference will be held in Hawaii from September 19-23, 1957, so looking ahead a Hawaiian motif was used for the table decorations. The President introduces Mrs. Calvin Worthen, chairman of the decorations, and she presented those assisting her—Mrs. George Hudson, Mrs. Mary Hudson, Mrs. George Field, Mrs. Van Tilton, and Mrs. Don Gilson. On the tables branches of manzanita holding the beautiful orchids, sea fans, and leis in delightful colors.

Mr. Hanes presented Mr. Hamilton with the gavel, and he gave some very gracious remarks.

Dr. Wallar presented Mr. Hanes with a beautiful orchid plant from the Executive Board.

The South Coast Orchid Society meets 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month at Silverado Park Clubhouse, 31st and Santa Fe. Visitors are welcome.

Amelia Gilson

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A high spot of the evening was the recognition of the Trophy Award Winners for 1956. From left to right are: Howard Carrington (Chairman of Judging), Joseph Hampton receiving award for B. O. Bracey & Co., Joseph Ozzella, Howard Anderson, Mary Chrisman receiving award for R. J. Chrisman, Albert R. Stephenson, John Yuill, C. J. Riedel.

Topping even Ricart's delicious steaks, Arthur Freed spoke on "Ten Years of Collecting Orchids" at the January 28th annual banquet.