



# South Coast ORCHID Society, Inc.

LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

Meets on the 4th Monday of each Month at Silverado Park Club House, 31st Street and Santa Fe Ave.

Dec. 1966  
PROGRAM: December 29, 1966 - - 8 P.M. to 10 P.M.

A "Hawaiian Eye" for Orchids - - John Walters

Recently, in fact in October this year, an orchid tour was conducted to many of the Islands, sponsored by the San Gabriel Valley Orchid Hobbyists. Among those participating was John Walters, Editor of the Orchid Digest Magazine.

John has an eye for all things of beauty, so I cannot say that his mind was on orchids at all times. However, many beautiful orchids, places, and interesting, hospitable people were seen and photographed by John. John will take us on a visual trip to the Islands. ALOHA!

REMEMBER: NEW DATE: Thursday, December 29, 1966

NEW PLACE: Recreation Park Community Center, 4900 E. 7th St., Long Beach.

REFRESHMENTS: Refreshments will be served by your Officers and Board of Directors. Since we are so close to the New Year - let's all come and help greet it's coming and remember the fun and friendships of this last year.

PLANT PROCUREMENT: At the December meeting the Plant Procurement Table will be donations from the membership. So dig up all those good but space taking divisions and share them with the rest of us.

THANK YOU: We wish to thank the following for a very representative donation table at our November meeting: Armacost and Royston Orchids, Paul Breaht Orchids, Ilsley Orchids, Clark Day Orchids, F.A. Stewart Orchids, Rheinfrank and Hudson, Southern California Greenhouses, Santa Barbara Orchid Estates, Arthur Freed Orchids, Frank Fordyce Orchids, Murray Spencer, also Lloyd De Garmo. Incidentally, the Gift Certificate from Frank Fordyce was the first one from his range to be issued, really nice looking. This is a very practical gift to anyone on your Orchid List and I am sure that these are obtainable from any of the foregoing commercial houses.

OUR FRIENDS: On December 5th, Sarah Bentzen fell and broke her hip. Cards and notes will reach her in Room 45, Memorial West Hospital, 2801 Atlantic Ave., Long Beach, Calif.

INSTALLATION BANQUET: Our annual Installation Banquet will be held January 23, 1967 with Mr. Keith Shaffer, President of the American Orchid Society as our speaker.



**SOUTHLAND FLOWER SHOW:** On March 3-4-5 at the Arboretum, the Southland Orchid Show will have their annual presentation. "The Orchid Legend" will be this year's theme. There will be Cymbidium, Orchid Digest and American Orchid Society judging.

**A SAD TIME:** Many of us were there - but tho we were pleased at the fine stock, we were also sad at the thought of the closing of Ben Bracey's Orchid Range. Ben and Betty Bracey were as gracious as ever in this tremendous task. I know all of us wish them great happiness in their retirement. And I also know that we will miss Ben Bracey's award winning crosses.

**MAIL:** Just received--the Malayan Orchid Review. This was Printed in June, Mailed in October. There is such a thing as a "Slow Boat from China." In this issue, there is an article by Judith MacDougal on the Haemaria discolor.

She states that it has taken her seven years of "affectionate amateur's patience to overcome it's reluctance to thrive in her Singapore garden." This plant is in a round shallow seashell (7" diameter) instead of a pot, it receives about twenty minutes direct sun between 8 and 9 A.M. Judith MacDougal's description of the plant wants me to rush right out and purchase one. Read on - "Before preparing these notes, I took a long look at those unbelievable leaves through my magnifying glass and discovered that the astonishing glitter of the veins seems to be caused by a powdering of minute rubies! And to all the descriptions of the colours of the leaves themselves, add another . . . it is as though they were woven from shimmering silken threads - a blending of cinnamon, purple, olive and moss green. And the flowers? A delicate foil in form and colour." See what I mean. Has anyone a Haemaria discolor?

Also received Under Glass, the Bulletin from the Orchid Society of N.S. Wales, the Orchidata, the Orchid Review, the American Orchid Society Bulletin, the Orchid Digest Magazine, Mr. Giridlian's Oakhurst Catalog, and a new seedling list from Armacost and Royston. Plus as you - yourself - have received many other wonderful reading materials. HAPPY NEW YEAR!

**WEED:** If you are interested in trying to grow the first true yellow Saintpaulia, contact the African Violet Laboratory, 2552 Broadway, Toledo, Ohio, for X-rayed, rooted leaves.

**BANANA PEELS:** The slippery yellow skins are high in potash and decay rapidly in soil due to their high water content. The banana peel method should help rose bushes flourish with larger, fuller and more beautiful roses as a result. Six to nine peels can be safely used at one time. Peels should be mashed into the soil around the rose bush; it's not necessary to cut them up or bury them deep, but the peels should be covered lightly with soil under the leaf area of the rose plant.  
- - - Has anyone tried this on Orchids?

**NOVICE CLASS:** After a wet start to the weekend, a well-attended meeting was held at F.A. Stewart's Orchids on Sunday, December 4th. During the meeting 21 certificates were handed to members who have attended 4 out of the last 6 meetings. A very interesting and instructive talk was given by Ernie Heatherington and was followed by a general exodus into the extensive range to acquire just whatever was the individual's particular desire.

The next Novice Class will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kilgore, 8509 E. Boyson St., Downey, California on Sunday, January 8, 1967 at 10 A.M.

Please note the change of date.

Bring chairs, plants for the procurement table and a new novice.

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