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The South Coast Orchid Society meets on the fourth Monday of each month except holidays at the Whaley Park Clubhouse, 5620 East Atherton Street, Long Beach, California at 8:00.

# South Coast Orchid Society

Newsletter

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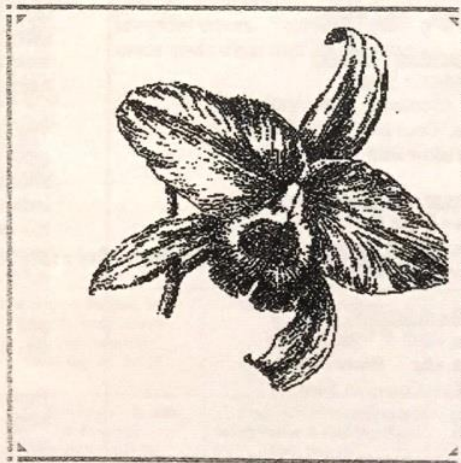
## SPEAKER FOR JUNE

July 24, 2000  
 8:00 PM

### Ernie Campuzano

Our July speaker is Ernie Campuzano of Butterfly Orchids. We all know him for the magnificent orchids that he brings to our meetings. He has been experimenting for many years to find the best media and fertilizers, and has many successes to show for his efforts. He will speak on deflasking and fungicides, but reserves the right to talk about other things, too. We can certainly look forward to hearing him share his great wealth of knowledge about any aspect of orchid culture that catches his fancy..

Butterfly Orchids will provide the plant table..



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## RIBBON JUDGING

June, 2000

### Cattleya Alliance - Judged by Phil Miller

Cult. Lc. Stonehouse - Janell & Harry Schuck

1st L. purpurata v. carnea - Espie Quinn

2nd L. Minerva #2 - Bill & Vicki Ryan

3rd Pot. Egyptian Queen = Phil Plocher

### Cymbidium - Judged by Espie Quinn

1st Cym. simulans x Cym. canaliculatum - Consolita Sibal

### Paphiopedilum/Phragmapedium - Judged by Espie Quinn

Cult. Paph. Claire do Lune - Phil Plocher

1st Phrag. colurum roseum - Phil Plocher

2nd Paph. goultenianum - Phil Plocher

### Vanda Alliance - Judged by Espie Quinn

Cult. Ascda. Yip Sum Wah - Phil Plocher

1st V. Wirat 'Bobby Vinton' - Phil Plocher

2nd Ren. Storie x Ren. monachica - Phil Plocher

3rd Ascda. Sumsumran Sunlight = Consolita Sibal

### Dendrobium - Judged by Elizabeth Valiente

1st Dend. Unknown - Ann Wilson

### Odontoglissum & Oncidium Alliance

- Judged by Margie Muns

Cult. Onc. Golden Afternoon - Betty Valiente

1st Brs. Datacosa 'Coos Bay' - Phil Plocher

2nd Onc. Kalihi Yellow Bird - Betty Valiente

### Encelia & Epidendrum - Judged by Janell Schuck

Cult. Enc. fragrans - Espie Quinn

1st Enc. Fragrans - Espie Quinn

2nd Enc. Hanburyyi - Espie Quinn

### Species - Judged by Janell Schuck

1st Soph. Cernua - Bill & Vicki Ryan

2nd C. harrisoniae alba - Betty Valiente

3rd Max. tenuifolia - Consolita Sibal

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Thanks to all who brought in plants, and helped out with the judging.

## President's Message

What a way to start the summer, having Espie Quinn give us her orchid growing tips! Espie, as usual, gave an outstanding presentation and also provided part of the plant table. Anyone who won one of Espie's plants knows that they are some of the finest specimens in Southern California. I would like to thank Espie for filling in on such short notice. It is great when a club has such talented people in their group.

Let's keep the momentum going. Call all your friends and neighbors and have them attend our meetings. They will enjoy the evening with orchids.

I'll see everyone at the July meeting.

**John Reyes**  
**President**

## Culture Corner

*Notes From the Fascination of Orchids Booklet*

### EPIDENDRUM REED STEM ORCHIDS

By Paul Brecht,

There is a great orchid for a beginner or for anyone who would like a very easy to grow flower. It is the Reed Stem Epidendrum orchid. When they are established in containers or in garden beds, they will bloom all year in the frost-free areas of Southern California. In frost areas, container growing is the answer. They can then be moved into protective areas when there is a frost threat. They are tough plants but temperatures below 28 degrees F can spell their untimely end.

The plants will bloom more abundantly if grown in almost full sunlight. The growth will then also stay shorter and more compact. Look at the leaves for an indication of sun exposure. The foliage should be yellow green in color. When they get too much sun, the leaves turn bright red and may burn. Epidendrums are epiphytic or air plants. However, they do very well in a "Cymbidium" type of planting medium. I use a loose soil mix, which consists of fifty percent bark mixed with fifty percent "all purpose" potting soil mix.

Epidendrums like to be kept moist, but not wet and soggy. They like good drainage and aeration. Fertilize them every other watering. Use the same type of fertilizer that you use for most of your other garden plants.

## Please Bring Refreshments

Special raffle drawing for those who bring food.

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### Culture Corner (continued)

Epidendrums flower on the new growth. Therefore, it is important to prune the flowering stems or growth as soon as they finish flowering to keep flowers coming year around. You may cut the growth back to two nodes or about four inches from the ground. This will make nice compact plants with many flowering stems. Another good blooming idea is to pluck seedpods and any little plantlets that may develop along the stem. It is very difficult to grow Epidendrums or any type of orchid from seed, but the little plantlets can flourish with little care.

The Reed Stem Epidendrums propagate easily by making cuttings of 2 or 3 nodes and inserting them into rooting mix. Grow them in areas where they have good air circulation and sunlight. Otherwise, when the weather is cold and damp, bacteria may spot the foliage. If this does happen, simply spray with any plant fungicide that is recommended for orchids.

You will find that Epidendrums can often get too tall and leggy. When they do, they lose some of their attractiveness. Therefore, consider using Epidendrums in mass plantings intermingled with ferns and this will effectively hide the often-unsightly bottom part of the plant

The cut stems of Epidendrum flowers are beautiful in tall vases and will last for several days. However, please remember that they need to be in full sunlight when displayed. Otherwise, the flowers will fold and drop quickly. This is also a reason why the reed stem Epidendrum has not been too popular as a greenhouse plant. Most greenhouses are too heavily shaded and do not get a lot of direct sunlight.

Many orchid growers often look down upon Reed Stem Epidendrums and do not consider them as "real orchids." However, I'm sure that you will find them very rewarding for any nice sunny spot. Consider that these small, but showy clusters of flowers bloom year around with very little care. They also can come in a rainbow array of red, orange, gold, salmon, rose, blush white, white and deep lavender colors. I consider them one of my favorite orchids and I think that you will too.

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