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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.

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Newsletter

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Stories, articles and news items are welcome. The deadline is the 5th of the month.

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April Program

Monday, April 26, 2004

8:00 p.m.

The South Coast Orchid Society Proudly Presents

Speaker: DOUG CONKIN

"Planning and Developing Your Orchid Collection"

Please join us when Doug will present one of his topics that I am sure we can all use.

Growing orchids is not a hobby, it is an addiction! Every orchid grower will agree that orchids are a powerful addiction that demands to be satisfied. However, many growers quickly find themselves in difficult positions with too many plants that require very different conditions. This presentation offers solid help in planning a harmonious orchid collection. Topics covered include how to evaluate your growing conditions, selecting a main genus or group of orchids and selecting complimentary genera or side groups and tips for success with orchids.

Bring your pencils and paper and get ready to take additional notes. Handouts covering the lecture material will be provided.

Mr. Conkin is the author of "Anyone Can Grow Orchids...Even You" and has been guest speaker at numerous orchid groups. His involvement with orchids is extensive and his energy (by all accounts) matches his desire to help spread his knowledge about the plants we all love...orchids. So please join us for a wonderful night of friends, orchids and learning. Hope to see you there.



Refreshments

Last Names G to L
 Please bring refreshments. There is a special drawing for those who bring food!



SCOS RIBBON JUDGING March 2004

Cattleya Alliance

Cultural: Slc. Madge Fordyce x C. Chocolate Drop
'Red Wonder' - Ruben Colmenares

First: C. Walkerinter - Ruben Colmenares

Second: Bc. Sunny Delight - Ruben Colmenares

Third: Lc. Rojo - Ruben Colmenares

Cymbidium-Mini

Cultural: Cym. Nella 'Gordon Sawyer' - B&C Sibal

First: Cym. Dorothy Stockstill 'Forgotten
Fruit' - Ruben Colmenares

Second: Cym. Theodore Roosevelt - J&B Graffio

Third: Cym. Maverick x Ruby Eyes 'Red
Baron' - B&C Sibal

Cymbidium-Standard

Cultural: Cym. Spring Snow x Perle DeValec
- J&B Graffio

First: Cym. Spring Embers x James Toya - Helen
Powell

Second: Cym. Jade - Helen Powell

Third: Cym. Lynette - Jim Miller

Dendrobium

Cultural: Den. Delicatum - Espie Quinn

First: Den. Tania's Pride - B&C Navens

Second: Den. Unknown? - Ruben Colmenares

Phalaenopsis

First: Phal. unnamed - Linda Finney

Second: Phal. Takaho Shimager - B&C Navens

Paph & Phrag

First: Paph. Little Irene x McLaren Park -
B&C Sibal

Second: Paph. Rosy Dawn - B&C Navens

Third: Paph. Raisin Pie - B&C Navens

Other Genera

First: Zygo Blackii x Helen Ku - Ruben Colmenares

Second: Osmoglossum pulchellum - B&C Navens

Thank you to all the judges: Dean

**Viereck, Irma Hughes, Consolita Sibal,
& Espie Quinn.**

President's Message

Our March meeting was relaxing compared to last month's excitement. We helped Paul Brecht celebrate his birthday and it was nice to see the Pontius' at the meeting. Joe had suffered a heart attack while on vacation in Colorado. Our speaker from Australia, Brian Gerhard of Down Under Native Orchids gave an excellent presentation on growing and breeding Australian native dendrobiums. Brian provided many of the species he spoke about for our plant opportunity table. Thanks again Brain.

We also had a wonderful plant display table, silent auction and plant opportunity table. Thanks to all our members and visitors who helped make our March meeting a success.

See everyone at our next meeting.

**John Reyes
President**

!!! Upcoming Orchid Events !!!

**Sacramento Orchid Society
Spring Show
April 17-18
Scottish Rite Masonic Center
6151 H Street, Sacramento, CA
Contact: Richard Heisler
6375 Reservoir Dr., Granite Bay, CA
95746
(916) 989-1650.**

**7th Annual "Oceans of Orchids"
Show and Plant Sale
Newport Harbor Orchid Society
May 1-2, 2004
Show Hours:
Saturday 10a.m. - 5p.m. and Sunday
10a.m. - 5p.m.
Costa Mesa Neighborhood
Community Center
Admission \$3.00
Senior and Students: \$2:00
1845 Park, Costa Mesa, CA 92627
Nancy Benay (949) 552-7713**



Welcome Back!

It was nice to see
Joe Pontius and his wife at the March meeting.
Joe has been recovering from heart surgery and
looks great! Welcome back Joe.

ORCHIDS A TO Z

"C" CYMBIDIUM

**TRIBE: Cymbidieae
SUBTRIBE: Cyrtopodiinae
sim-BID-ee-um**

Cymbidium is a genus of 44 species distributed throughout the old world tropics. Species may be epiphytic, lithophytic, terrestrial and occasionally saprophytic. Cymbidiums are easily recognized by their prominent pseudobulbs covered by numerous linear leaves and fleshy white roots. The frequently showy flowers bear three-lobed lips with a central, ridged callus. All species have two notched pollinia.

Large-flowered hybrids, derived primarily from Indian and Chinese species, are an important component of the orchid cut-flower trade. Better able to withstand shipping and storage stress, cymbidiums have largely replaced cattleyas as corsage orchids. Large-flowered species and hybrids are strongly winter-spring flowering. All cymbidiums are vigorous growers. When in growth, the plants should be given ample water and fertilizer. All species prefer bright light to full sun and intermediate temperatures when in growth.

A variety of composts may be used, but some moisture retaining components should be included to maximize water availability during active growth.

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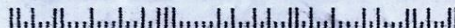


MONDAY, April 26
Meeting at
Whaley Park

7 p.m. Judging
8 p.m. Speaker

Members are welcome to come early
and view AOS judging in the small hall.

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