

South Coast Orchid Society

Summary of June, 1955 meeting as published in *Orchid Digest*

The program for the evening consisted of four speakers, Mrs. John Hanes spoke on Laelias, their native locations, temperature and culture requirements; Mrs. Rolan Howard, on The Woman's Viewpoint. She expressed her belief that we should learn to grow orchids as they grow in the natural conditions and that fir bark more closely resembles their natural habitat, so she is planting mostly in fir bark and doing some light feeding. Mr. Walter H. Butikofer spoke on Vandas and Miltonia. He too uses shredded tree bark and fertilizes all plants. On his Vandas he uses well dried "Buffalo Chips" and never less than 10% of his Vandas in bloom at all times. He uses a cooler to keep the temperature down and with the aid of fog misters keeps a good circulation of moist air. Mr. Albert Moore spoke on botanicals, which he defined as "an orchid which has no commercial value, or one that no florist will buy." He grows some of his genera in the cool house and all of his plants (except his Cymbidiums) potted in a redwood mixture and feeds every two weeks. Many of the genera are very large, the Epidendrum, Oncidium (called dancing girls), Maxillaria, Miltonia and Odontoglossum, to name a few of the more popular.

The display tables were quite a show with 68 beautiful plants for all to enjoy. Five of these plants were award plants: a Silver Certificate going to Mr. W. A. Brown, who drove all the way from Bakersfield so that we could all view his beautiful Vanda Nellie Morley 'Andersons', 88.3 points; Bronze Certificate to: Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Hecker for Blc. Hammercott 'Peach Queen', 77.8 points; B. O. Bracey & Co. for Lc. Arch Deacon 'Venerable', 78.6 points; G. D. Field for Lc. Eugene Casey 'Dumas', 76 points; and Joe Ozzella for Lc. Ken Kennedy 'Joseph Mark', 76.5 points.

Mrs. Elva Hanes