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"TID-BITS ON CYPRIPEDIUMS"
Clark Day

Even the calorie-conscious need have no qualms about the forthcoming Tid-Bits to be offered by Mr. Day at our next meeting. Mr. Day is an authority on the culture of cypripediums, as well as other genera, and again we welcome as a speaker, one of our own membership. We anticipate quite a feast!

What a riotous time our friends, the Rapellas, the Howards and the Parks must have had on that October trip to Hawaii. We all felt as if we had been right along with these good people, as the slides and witty commentary made us part of the venture -- even the roaring static of the loud speaker was a fitting accompaniment to the slides of the erupting volcano! Our thanks to all for a delightful program.

PLANT FORUM

Once again it was apparent that this is the cymbidium season, as the cymbidiums and botanicals outnumbered the cattleyas on the display tables. Mrs. Crothers and Doc Charles accounted for the botanicals and gave their usual informative discussions of the plants present; the cymbidiums and vandas were ably covered by Mr. Ernest Hetherington and Mr. Paul Gripp; and the cattleyas by Mr. Paul Brecht. With such a group of experts, any further comment by us would be completely redundant!

PLANT PROCUREMENT

We were indebted to Mr. Rapella and the Howards for the plants at the last meeting, with additional donations from Rheinfrank & Hudson and the Southern California Greenhouse Manufacturers. Our thanks to them all. The plants for the next meeting will be from Mr. Day.

MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

In "The Mikado," they gaily sing "I've got him on the list, and he never will be missed." Quite the contrary is true here. We DO have you on the last membership list, but if you don't get those dues paid before the new list goes to press, you WILL be missed -- in more ways than one. So, please get that check off to Mr. Calvin Worthen, 6052 McKinley Ave., Hollydale. While you're writing that important little piece of paper, don't fail to make it out to include your renewal for the Orchid Digest. This is important in two ways: First, the magazine is a MUST to anyone interested in orchids; and, second, unless we keep up our membership in the Digest, we will not have our third member on the Board of Directors.

IN MEMORIAM

We were shocked and saddened at the last meeting to learn that one of our faithful members of both the Society and the Novice Class, Mr. George Henderson, had passed away of a heart attack the night before. Mr. Henderson was a quiet and friendly man, whose kindly smile met us at all the meetings. He will be missed very much -- our deep sympathy to Mrs. Henderson.

SHOWS -- SHOWS -- SHOWS

This year it is April, not June, that is busting out all over! By the time this reaches you, the Monterey and Sacramento Shows will have come and gone, but there are plenty left.

The San Diego County Orchid Show and Eighth Western Orchid Congress are April 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th. There will be our usual bus trip to this Show, leaving the parking area at the rear of the May Company in Lakewood, on Sunday, April 9th. Round trip fare will be \$3.50. See Mr. Rolan Howard for tickets and details. Through this Society, you can purchase admission tickets to the show for 75¢ each, which would cost you \$1.00 at the box office.

The Santa Barbara Show is the following week end, and again a bus trip has been arranged. Details of this trip may be gotten from Mr. Howard, as well as reservations for the bus.

THEN, hold your hats! The week end of the 27th, 28th, 29th and 30th is our own SOUTH-LAND ORCHID SHOW at the Los Angeles State and County Arboretum in Arcadia. This, to us, is the Show of Shows because for the first time we are to have Society participation. The Preview dinner will be on Thursday night at the Elks' Club in Arcadia, then on to the Show. Inasmuch as it is expected that there will be around 40,000 people visit the exhibits during the three days it is open to the public, if you want to get a good look at the show without bucking the mobs, be sure to attend the Preview for members and guests on Thursday night.

As chlorophyll is to plants, so that Certain Green Stuff is to an Orchid Show. It has to flow through the veins of the Show or else... We have gotten used to the thought that things can be made out of thin air ever since the invention of nylon, but rest assured that is NOT the case with financing a Show. While expenses are kept to a minimum, there are necessary costs which have to be met and this can be done only through your generous cooperation in the purchase of tickets. See Mr. Woodrow Wilson, our past President, at the next meeting, and dig deep. It will be well worth your while. Please do not leave this matter until the last minute -- it is discouraging to the Show Committee if there is not a prompt and heavy response in the matter of tickets. It is our only way to finance the Show. Mr. Fred Brown has all the information regarding the donated plants, and will be glad to pass that knowledge on to you if you ask him.

NOVICE CLASS

Those of you who missed the March meeting of the Novice Class at Stewart's, lost a golden opportunity to learn about the history, culture and structure of cymbidiums. Mr. Ernest Hetherington shared his wide knowledge of this subject in his usual generous manner, using a number of plants as examples of the development of some varieties of hybrids as well as miniatures. He told of the development of this second most popular type of orchid from its early species days, through the halcyon period from 1945 through 1952, and up to the present. The aims of the hybridizers have been to grow plants disease resistant, with small bulbs, erect and slim leaves, heavy bloomers with an erect spike habit. He proved each of his points with sample plants.

Inasmuch as April week ends, beginning with Easter, are so full, it was thought advisable to omit an April meeting of the Novice Class. So, the next meeting will be the first Sunday in May at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bentzen, 4607 Blackthorne Avenue, Long Beach 8, California. See you then.

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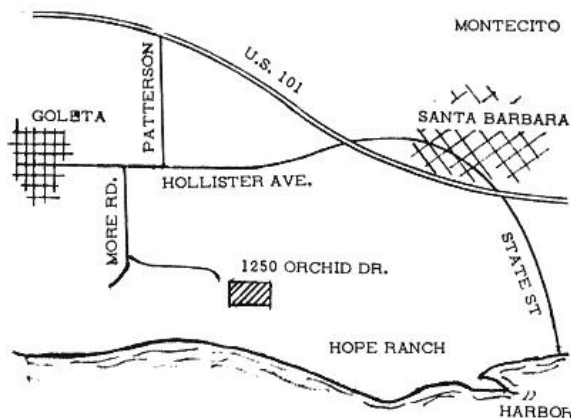
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