



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.

PROGRAM: May 23, 1966 -- 8 PM to 10 PM
Mr. Paul Gripp -- Santa Barbara Orchid Estate

Our program for May need only have stated the above and we could be assured of a fine turnout. But a word of explanation: Paul is going to talk to us about cymbidiums of which he is an authority.

For those that don't know, the Orchid Estate has clones of just about every cymbidium extant. Paul has not stated exactly what phase of cymbidiums he is going to talk about, but you can be sure it will be both interesting and entertaining. It has been all too long since we have had the pleasure of hearing him.

Plants for the opportunity table will be from the Santa Barbara Orchid Estate. Many people don't realize that in addition to their fabulous cymbidium collection they have exceptionally fine things among cyps and the cattleya alliance.

I'm sure all of us will find plants for which we will take extra chances to acquire.

SOUTH COAST ORCHID SOCIETY AND ORCHID DIGEST REGIONAL JUDGING: April 25, 1966

Judges present: Brecht, Paul; Gleason, Dr. Irene; Anderson, Howard A.; Wilson, Woodrow C.; Wallar, Dr. J. Lloyd; DeGarmo, Lloyd; Field, Roy M.; Carrington, H.; Vidulich, John N.; Hanes, John; Falk, Arthur E.; Hanes, Elva; Hetherington, E.; Charles, Emerson W.; Charles, Ruby; Casey, Eugene O.; Crothers, Rita; Crothers, Herb.....Clerks: Scroggins, Eleanor.

AWARDS: Renanthera Tom Thumb 'Charles'

Owner: Emerson W. Charles

LIBRARY: Our librarian, Mrs. Terry Bance, announced that she will be accepting orchid magazines for binding at the May meeting. Your magazines should be tied in one or two-year bundles with your name and address attached. The charge for a one-year volume is \$4.00 and a two year volume is \$6.25, payable in advance. There will be a 6 to 8 week delivery period.

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HAVE YOU HEARD? Photos of your favorite flower or plant can be taken and enjoyed if a few simple rules are followed:

1. Be sure to have the image sharp and clear.
2. A small lens opening will give more "depth of field" or the greatest area of sharp focus.
3. Use a cloth or cardboard background to hide that which would be out of focus.
4. A background of contrasting color about 2 or 3 feet square should be used.
5. For black and white photography use one of three backgrounds -- white, medium gray, and black.
6. In color a blue-gray background is excellent.
7. A dull finish is good on cloth and cardboard backgrounds.
8. Store cloth backgrounds on cardboard tubes. Creases show up in photographs.

DO YOU DO YOUR OWN SPRAYING? Be sure you wear a mask.

"If you find spraying necessary, be sure to cleanse the sprayer thoroughly after each use. Partially fill the container, using 4 tablespoons of baking soda to every pint of water. Shake thoroughly and spray some through the nozzle. Then clean the outside. Discard the washings some place where they can do no harm -- not in the sewage system." April 1966 Horticulture

QUESTION & ANSWERS: Q. Can salts and green scum be removed from clay pots?

A. One way is to use a copper sulfate solution - 1/8 to 1/4 pound of granulated copper sulfate to a 10 quart pail of water. Scrub with a wire brush.

Q. How can slugs and snails be controlled? A. A methaldehyde bait can be used. Be sure to keep it out of reach of children and pets. Store in a high - safe place.

DID YOU KNOW? Orchids come in every color except black.

Once or twice a month is often enough to feed a mature orchid plant.

You can grow orchids in the house and/or bring the blooming plant into the house to enjoy the flowers on the plant. A table, stand or shelf near a window - preferably an East window - will do. Moist pebbles in a tray under the plants will provide humidity, but never let the water among the pebbles reach pot level. Orchids don't like "wet feet."

Phalaenopsis - their worst natural enemies are snails and slugs.

The phalaenopsis does not have pseudo-bulbs for food and moisture storage. Therefore it requires more frequent watering and responds more rapidly to feedings. Practically all its feeding roots are on top or outside of the pot or basket. The few roots that go inside of the pot merely help hold it there until it can get anchored to its container.

Do you want to clean the leaves of your plant? One way is to use a soft sponge and sweet milk, wiping each leaf promptly with a dry cloth.

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On June 5th we will be the guests of

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Sara Campos has promised us a good look around the nursery.....Meeting starts at 10 AM. Bring guests and chairs.

