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**Note Meeting Date Change
 May 20 at 8:00 p.m.**

Speaker: Jerry Rehfield
Topic: Odont Intergeneric Crosses
Plant Table: Starbek Farms

Program Comments by First Vice President Jimi Fox: (This is the program that was planned for February, but had to be cancelled) Contrary to rumor, Jerry Rehfield never raced at the Indianapolis 500! Neither did he single handily stop a rampaging herd of elephants from destroying a small African village. However, it is a known fact that not many years ago, Jerry Rehfield was a premier Ice Skater! His attributes and gracefulness on the Ice is still talked about in various circles. In our circle, we know Jerry as an accomplished hybridizer for the past 40 years. His focus has been in the area of Cattleya and intergeneric crosses, especially those in the Odontoglossom tribe, Jerry is a well respected Judge in both the AOS and CSA. In fact, he is currently the Santa Barbara Judging Chairmen for the CSA and Vice Chairmen of the AOS here at Long Beach. Jerry's experience and knowledge makes him one of the most sought after speakers. So bring pad and pencil as this master of the intergeneric process brings you up to date in this very exciting field.

President's Message

What a delight it was to hear Andy Easton (tell it like it is). The history of orchids and orchid icons is always interesting, especially from a great story teller and speaker. I heard one person comment that this was the best program in years. I noticed that he certainly had everyone's attention. Thank you Jimi Fox and Andy Easton.

The Orange County Fair is only about six weeks away (early July). We will need bodies to help put in the display and plants to use for two weeks. Sign ups will be at our June meeting.

The ribbon judging table was outstanding! I commend all those people bringing in a large number of high quality plants for display and the members that did the judging. KEEP IT UP!

Phil Plocher
 President

Newsletter Items

We welcome comments and suggestions as well as articles of interest for the Newsletter. Items are published subject to space availability and may be edited. Submit items by the 10th of the publication month to: SCOS, 21052 Cocobana Ln., Huntington Beach, 92646. FAX 714/964-3265 or E Mail to Tony_Gl@msn.com.

Snack Time



It is time for the below persons to bring snacks to the meeting. If you can't make it this time, PLEASE CALL Whitney at 310/494-3526, ASAP.

May List: Espie Quinn, Jerry Rehfield, Frank Ross, Pat Rowland, Odessie Russell, P & D Rungthirakul, S & J Sanberg, R & M Severance, J & H Schuck, J & R Sloniker, Dorothy Smith and Dr. Walter Stegeman.

Raffle Donations

A great big thanks go to: Em Green, Paul Brecht, John Vidulich, Ursula Pontius, Espie Quinn, Dr. Phil Plocher, BJ & C Navens, Neil Crosswhite and Ann Wilson for their donations.

Visitors

Bach Liem Layne, Vicki & Don Bittner, Shogo Sato, Bert Tagam & Everett Stockstill visited us at the April Meeting. In addition, Reunen & Devon Hall visited & became new members. Welcome.

A brief outline of our method for growing

Odontoglossum/ Oncidium Alliance Orchids



Found mainly between the latitudes of 15 degrees north of the equator and 20 degrees south, from central Mexico to Peru, the natural occurring species of this wonderful orchid family are scattered throughout the Andes.

Temperature

Most types prefer a day time temperature from 65 to 80 degrees, with night time temperatures down to the 50 to 65 degree range. Oncidiums and Oncidium hybrids grow at the warm end of the range, Odontoglossum and their hybrids prefer the cooler temps.

Light

Most "Odont" types prefer soft filtered light from 1000 to 1500 foot candles. Oncidium types prefer much brighter conditions, 1500 to 3500 foot candles. Leaves should be a bright green, dark green leaves indicate to little light, reddish green to much light. Miltonias have a pale green leaf.

Humidity

"Odonts" enjoy moist air, ideal humidity is between 55% and 75% with between 40% and 50% considered minimum. As temperatures increase so should the humidity, placing the pots in a shallow pan filled with pebbles and half filled with water helps. Morning misting is also helpful, and good ventilation is also important.

Water

Their natural habitat is moist and cool. Most types prefer to be moist but not soggy. They require more water when the new growth appears and less once the bulb has formed. Water should be cut back in the winter. Foliage should be dry at night, don't use chemically softened water, and never allow the bottom of the pot to stand in water.

Fertilizer

We recommend fertilizing with Gro-More 20-20-20, twice a month during time of active growth, and once a month at other times. We use the Gro-More at full strength, and flush thoroughly between feedings to rinse out accumulated salts.

Repotting

"Odonts" and their hybrids should be repotted every two years. The optimum time is when the new growth is 2 to 3 inches tall and new roots have begun to appear. Odonts have roots of a fine wiry texture, and require an open potting mix. At *Orchids of Los Osos* we use a mixture of 3/4 fine fir bark and 1/4 coarse perlite. Amounts of sphagnum, and coarse charcoal can also be added to suit ones particular growing conditions. After removing the old mix and dead roots the plant can be repotted with the base of the new growth no deeper than 1/2 inch in the new mix. With good culture the plant can produce and complete its annual growth cycle within nine months. Consequently, a well grown plant will bloom twice in 18 months.

Editors Note: Thanks to Orchids of Los Osos for this timely info.

AOS Judging April 22, 1996

- AM 82.75 Phal. Unnamed 'Yamazato'
(rothchildiana x Glad Rose)
Norman's Orchids
- HCC 76.5 Phal. Be Tris 'Mini Jamboree'
(Be Glad x equestris)
Paphanatics
- HCC 77.0 Masd. Charisma 'Pui's Delight'
(M. coccinea x yungasensis)
Pui Chin
- HCC 76.0 Dtps. Purple Gem 'Pretty Little'
(Dor. pulcherima x equestris)
Paphanatics, UnLtd.
- HCC 77.75 Odtna Mem. Martin Orenstein 'Explosion'
(Odtna Agalon x Milt. Martin Orenstein)
Jerry Rehfield, Starbek Farms
- HCC 75.0 Cym. Val Peck 'Sweet Lime'
(Cym. Len Southward x suave)
Bert Tagami
- AM 80.2 Dtps. Purple Gem 'Sparkler'
(Dor. pulcherima x Phal. equestris)
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- HCC 75.3 Phal. Eacher Hartout 'Amy Lee'
(Phal. Red Dawn x Phal. Golden Buddha)
Dr. Jari How Lee
- HCC 75.75 Coelogyne ochrarea V. alba 'Snow Queen'
Norman's Orchids
- AM 84.3 Odontoglossum hali 'Rustic Canyon'
Howard Liebman
- HCC 76.0 Phal. Brother Sandra 'Rita'
(Phal. Brother Yew x cassandra)
Norman's Orchids
- AM 80.0 Phal. Golden Imp 'Gold Vein'
(Phal. Temple Bells x Meduseld)
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Some Upcoming Orchid Events

May 11
 Malibu Orchid Society
 Annual Auction
 Palisades Woman's Club
 901 Haverford Ave.
 Pacific Palisades
 1:00 Pm to 4:00 PM

May 19
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**Please Note That Meeting Date This
Month is Different Due to Holiday.**

Guest Speaker *
Jerry Rehrfeld
MAY 20 @ 8 PM

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