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Stories, articles and news items are always welcome. The deadline is the 10th of the publication month.

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Those Little Catts and Other Delights

Speaker: Ramona Wilson

Monday, April 28, 1997 8:00 pm

I was once told that Dynamite comes in small packages. Such is the case of Ramona Wilson, Grower Extordinaire! Ramona and her side-kick, Tom, can usually be found at most Orchid Shows during the season with their sensational table top displays of mini-catts, tiny dendrobiums and a vast assortment of petite orchids of quality and we do underline QUALITY!

Ramona and her husband are the proprietors of **Islander Delights** and are carefully nestled in beautiful Poway, California. Ramona's vast knowledge will astound you. Bring paper and pencil and lots of questions. Ramona loves to answer questions and assist new and old growers to become even better at growing quality Orchids. Come, enjoy yourself and bring a friend to share a special evening.

President's message...

Donning his infamous Sahara pit helmet, his comfortable apron, his infectious smile and gleaming eyes, Mr. Bill Austin was everything we expected and more. Thank you, Bill, for a fabulous evening and great cultural information. The crowd was not only attentive, the endless stream of chuckles throughout the evening was an indication of their enjoyment of the whole affair..

On another note, congratulations to all who brought plants for the show and tell table. I believe most of us were surprised at the quality and quantity of plants that were assembled for our gathering. Everyone agreed that none of us had witnessed such a large amount of Cattleyas. BRAVO!

May 3rd is a date that you should mark boldly on your calendar. That is the date of the annual South Coast Orchid Society Spring Picnic at Zuma Canyon. For a mere \$10.00 per person here is an opportunity for all of us to loosen up, laugh it up and have a great time. Plus enjoy excellent food and finally be treated to the wonderful Zuma Canyon growing experience. Amado, Maria, George and the whole family are superb hosts. They share a lot of information and the tour is something that you will not wish to miss. Especially the tour through the STUD HOUSE! This will also be an excellent opportunity to pick up compots or individual plants at substantial savings. As we used to say in radio . . . "Be There or Be Square!" Remember the date, May 3rd. You may arrive from 10:00 on; lunch will be served at noon.

Jimi Fox

Ann's Corner....

**South Coast Orchid Society
Then and Now**

Bonnie and Chuck Navens are taking care of Ribbon Judging at our meetings in a very fine way and I thought we would like to know a little more about them and where and how their orchids are grown.

They live on a half acre in Bellflower which had buildings on it when they bought it in the early 1970's. Their interest at that time was breeding, raising and training Arabian horses. They still have their original pony which is 35 years old now and is the only horse remaining.

Bonnie says the Arabian horse shows were something like flower shows in that they were a beauty show plus a talent show for the horse. In competition endurance riding, the animals had to be really healthy. Their respiration and pulse were checked during the races; the health and condition of the horse was a primary consideration, as well as winning the competition. After that they enjoyed family camping and motorcycle racing which kept them in the outdoors with their children.

Bonnie bought her first orchid in Hawaii and tried to raise it in a glass terrarium which didn't work at all. After that she put everything on cork and that didn't work very well either. She's an avid student, listening and learning from speakers at the meetings. She is now successfully growing almost all genera including cattleyas, miniature oncidiums, etc., as well as cymbidiums and paphs in one place or another on the property.

Chuck's business is construction and he has built various structures for the orchids. He's built metal tables from old chain link gates making them four feet tall and covering them with shade cloth.

Together, Bonnie and Chuck make a great team which we see at work at the "show and tell" table each meeting.

Ann Wilson

Refreshment Committee: Will the following members please bring refreshments to the April 28th meeting. Thanks to all of you.

Chuck & Joan Trout, Gregory & Nancy Truex, Christine Tucker, John & Margaret Vildulich, Outhay Viengkou, Charles Weckerle-Thrun, Homer & Gloria Wildharber, Ann Wilson, Suzanne Wilson, Sonora Winward, Pat & Ginny Worthington.

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South Coast Orchid Society

**Ribbon Judging
March 24, 1997**

CATTLEYA judged by Dr. Phil Plocher

1. Lc. Melody Fair HCC/AOS Jim Thresh
 2. Lc. Alachua 'Fire Dance' Solomon Joseph
 3. C. Carl Hauserman AM/AOS Jim Thresh
- Cultural. Slc. Jewel Box 'Dark Waters' AM/AOS
Bonnie and Chuck Navens
Cultural. (unknown cat.) Harry & Janell Schuck

DENDROBIUM judged by Judy Parker

1. Walter Oumae x Mem. Ellison Onizuka 'Carmela'
Bonnie & Chuck Navens
 2. (D. kingianum pulcherrum x D. Cyril) Sonora Winward
 3. (euryalis x D. henesii) Bonnie & Chuck Navens
- Cultural. Berry O'da Bonnie & Chuck Navens

ODONT., ONC. & ALLIED GENERA judged by Dennis Ly

1. (Brassia Rex 'Montery' x B. verrucosa majus 'April Fool')
Judy Parker
2. (Odcdm. Tiger Butter x Golden Halls) Judy Parker

PHALAENOPSIS judged by Pat Stevens

1. Carmela's Pixie Gisela Claus
 2. Mae Hike Soloman Joseph
 3. unknown Soloman Joseph
- Cultural. (Zuma Encore 'Susanna' x P. equestris 'Zuma Encore')
Bonnie & Chuck Navens

CYMBIDIUM judged by Sonora Winward

1. Orchid Conference Dick Nerio
2. Long Beach Clayton Mabuni
3. (Gilgimesh 'Rincon' x River Rose 'Ramon')
Janell & Harry Schuck

PAPHIOPEDILUM & LYCASTE

judged by Barbara Sweeney

1. (P. Green Giant x P. La Honda) Espie Quinn
 2. Lyc. Auburn x Lyc. Aphrodite) Espie Quinn
 3. P. Charlesworthii Soloman Joseph
- Cultural. (P. Green Giant x P. La Honda) Espie Quinn

VANDACEOUS judged by Judy Parker

1. Vasco 'Red Hot Iron' Soloman Joseph
 2. Asc. Sum Fun Dick Nerio
 3. Asc. Katherine Muikman Soloman Joseph
- Cultural. Aranda Ang Huseny 'Ito' Soloman Joseph

SPECIES judged by Pat Stevens

1. Epi. centradenium Bonnie & Chuck Navens
2. L. jongheana Espie Quinn
3. Den. chrysotoxium Espie Quinn

ZUMA CANYON BARBEQUE

When: May 3, 1997

How: Carpool available

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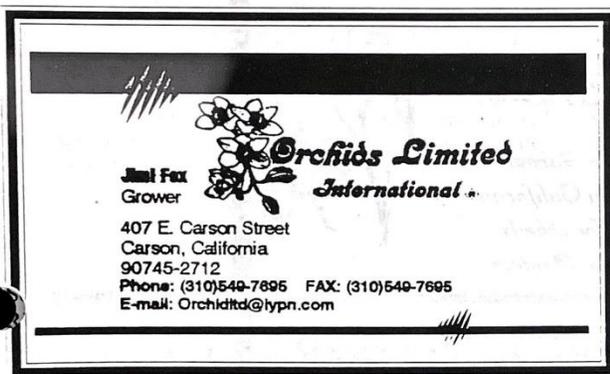
Pre order community pots and receive 30% discount

All orders on May 3rd receive 20% discount

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Ribbon Judging Made Easy!

Trust me when I tell you that Ribbon Judging has absolutely nothing, even remotely, to do with being a Rocket Scientist or performing Brain Surgery! How often have you walked up to a group of Orchids and said to yourself or someone next to you "Wow, I like that!" as you pointed out a particular plant. Perhaps it was the colour, either intense or subtle, that caught your attention. Perhaps it was the form or shape that awed you. Perhaps it was the presentation, flower count or some unique characteristic feature that made your heart skip a beat. Whatever the case, you were moved and the thought in the back of your mind was, I certainly wouldn't mind having a division of that plant. THAT IS HOW SIMPLE AND FUN Ribbon Judging is.

Keep in mind that your selection for ribbon judging is based on your perception as to what YOU like and consider an Awardable plant in your mind. YOU set the standard!

So the next time Bonnie Navens comes up and asks you if you would consider judging, don't be frightened away. Look at this as a FUN opportunity to express yourself and pick out those plants that will excite you and deserve, in your mind, to be Ribbon Winners.

Jimi Fox

Coming Orchid Events

April 26 & 27

GEYERSLAND EXTRAVAGANZA
Orchids Limited International

May 3

SCOS trip to ZUMA CANYON ORCHIDS

May 19

SCOS meeting

1 WEEK EARLIER DUE TO HOLIDAY

Plant Donations in March

We are very grateful to the following generous people who donated plants in March:

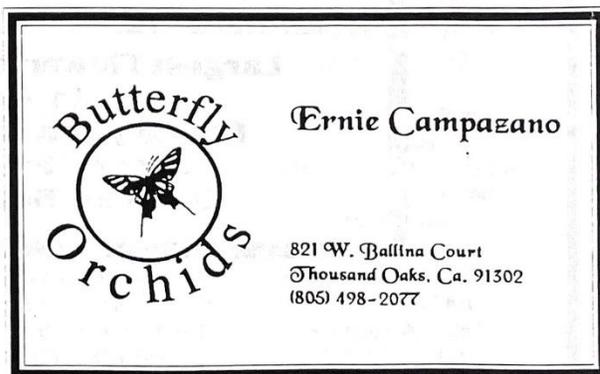
Harry & Janell Schuck
Dr. Phil Plocher
Espie Quinn
Chuck & Bonnie Navens
Charles Rowden

Notes from Art McCann...

If your dues are paid, please pick up your membership card at the next meeting.

To all you wonderful people that bring in plant donations, please sign in and see me to pick up your plant drawing tickets. One ticket for each non-blooming plant and two tickets for every blooming plant.

In March we welcomed new members John & Patricia Reyes of Los Alamitos and Long Bao Ngo of Pasadena. Our guest was Lynae Hoover of Long Beach.



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Pavilion Triumph!

First, let me begin by expressing my sincere appreciation to all who participated and assisted at the Pavilion of Orchids held at the SouthBay Pavilion at Carson. The Orchid Show was a thundering success. By the mall estimation the show drew nearly 30,000 people during the three day show. They are convinced that it equaled or slightly surpassed the normal Christmas season crowds. This is good news!



Most of the Orchid vendors did well and considered this to be an excellent show for the first show. The mall merchants were extremely pleased with the increased crowd and felt that it was positive for the mall. The city of Carson and City Council and Mayor's office were extremely pleased and proud that this event was brought to their city.

I've yet to check in with Dr. Plocher as of this writing to find out how the member plant sales did, but from my vantage point, plants were moving. I've already been informed by the members of the Long Beach Sunday Afternoon Orchid Amateurs that they want exclusivity for the floral design and corsage booth. That is usually a good sign.

I know that most of you who were present at the show, for the most part, probably had a difficult time getting my attention and I personally apologize for that. However, I have not put out as many fires in a 72 hour period as I did at this event. This is not a complaint or an excuse, just reality!

The last of the expenses are coming in and the tally has not been completed, so in the next newsletter, I will include both the financial outcome and a listing of all the Award Winners. This Orchid show established new criteria for future orchid shows.

Jimi Fox

Our orchid society salutes the nurseries which contributed to our 1996 plant auction.

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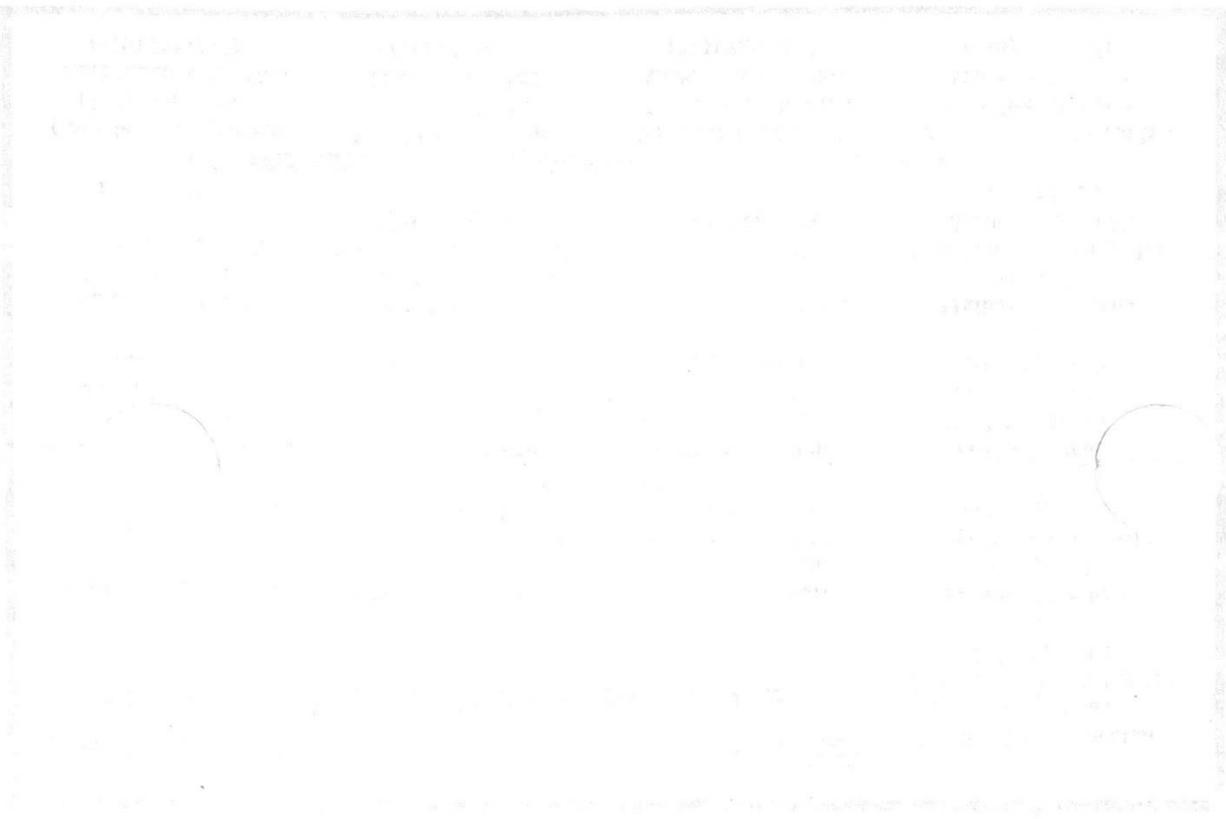
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