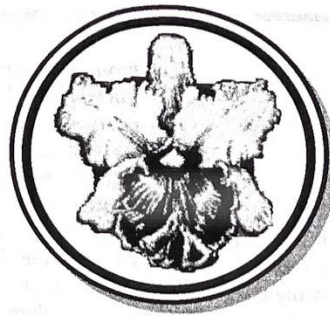


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# South Coast Orchid Society

Newsletter

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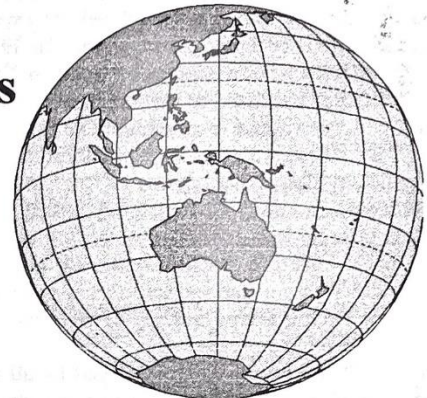
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## Australian Epiphytes

Speaker:  
**George Kenner**

Monday, August 25, 1997  
*Be on time, Mate!* 8:00 PM



## President's Message...

" ♪ Quavee Today, ♪ Quavee Today ♪." Catchy tune don't you think? Well, I really do wish to thank both John Walters and his trusty sidekick, George Tuboa, for a pretty unique presentation on the current trends in *Epidendrums* and the future of intergeneric crosses. The slide presentation and the massive bestowal of all the different Epi's were pretty remarkable. Also, the exhibition on the use of Quavee was exceptional. For those of us who are constantly in the middle of flasking and flasks, the Quavee medium surely makes one give this Quavee method a lot of thought! Again, thank you, John and George.

I want to take this opportunity to extend a special THANK YOU to Dr. Jim Miller, who I affectionately refer to as "Dr. J". Many of you may not be aware, but this kind gentlemen is the one who is always there to make sure that all is well and set-up for our monthly meetings. Not only that, just prior to the meeting and during the meeting, you'll find Dr. J. bustling in the kitchen area to make sure that you, the members, will enjoy the delicious dessert during the break. If that isn't enough, the man is a master with the checkbook! He tracks every single penny that goes into and out of our account. The man is magnificent. I think that it is important for all of you to be aware of his contributions to the success of this organization. Perhaps at the next meeting you might go back and say a simple thanks for a job well done! You're the best, Dr. J.; I personally have no idea how I would function without you. Thanks Pal!

Thank you all for another spectacular Show Plant Table. It was AWESOME! I would like to take a moment to thank everyone who contributes at every meeting to the

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*Ann's Corner*

## South Coast Orchid Society Then and Now

Ever since seeing Pat and Ginny Worthington's outstandingly well groomed plants, I've wanted to know more about this couple which is obviously dedicated to growing beautiful plants. The detail of even staking the plants is something I've not seen anywhere else.

Pat and Ginny met at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois where Ginny had won a music scholarship, had her own radio program and did professional book illustration. Pat had graduated from the University of British Columbia and was studying for his PhD in Chemical Physics. They were married the day after Pat completed the experimental work for his degree. They came to California in 1953, where Pat did research for Chevron, and have lived in Laguna Beach since 1956. Ginny exhibited at the Art Festival for 15 years and they have both been active in community affairs.

They moved to their present location on a steep hillside overlooking downtown Laguna in 1965 and were faced with the problem of landscaping a bare, 30 degree slope. They became aware of orchids at about the same time as they were building a koi pond, planting tropical flowering trees and developing a collection of bromeliad species. But after a few trips to the Santa Barbara Orchid Show they deliberately swore off orchids until they could build a greenhouse.

The greenhouse got delayed by all sorts of contingencies, including building a temporary deck on the site so that their daughter could get married in the garden. They finally got it started in 1985 and finished it in 1990. That seems like a long time but they did everything themselves: excavating 65 yards of rock and soil for the foundations, doing all the concrete work including mixing all but the largest pours in their antique \$15 mixer, designing the structure and all the controls and wiring, assembling and installing everything (except for the tubular steel skeleton that is designed to preserve the structure in 100 mph crosswinds). The aluminum frame was fabricated by Aluminex. When Pat retired from Chevron in 1988, Aluminex offered him the opportunity to work in their shop fabricating all the internal structures, benches, etc. at no cost except for materials and the welder's time. The result is a one-of-a-kind greenhouse that turns out to be a good home for orchids, with many different microclimates for the many different species that they grow.

Once they made the decision to get into orchids, they joined the Newport Harbor Orchid Society and the Southern California Orchid Species Society, acquiring orchids that allegedly would survive outside. They discovered the wisdom in waiting to get serious until they could build a greenhouse. Their exposed hillside is sometimes raked by 45 mph crosswinds and the humidity may drop close to 0% during strong Santa Anas. Without substantial protection, this is an inhospitable environment for most orchids, despite its close proximity to the beach.

Once they got into orchids, both developed a voracious appetite for information. In the early years they spent far more

money on books than on plants. In furthering the quest for knowledge, they accepted the invitation that is always open to everyone and began attending the biannual seminars held by the Pacific South Judging Centers. They gave no thought to getting into the AOS judging system, but one day Tommie Hanes talked them into going to one the meetings to see what it was like. They were immediately hooked on the opportunity to see so many wonderful plants and to meet the people that grew them. Gradually they have worked up to the Probationary Judge stage.

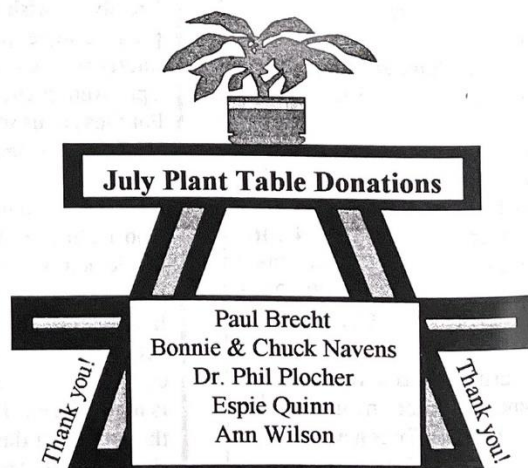
They are also the librarians for the Pacific South Judging Center's collection of about 30,000 award slides. They present a review of selected recent awards at most of the judging sessions. Both of them give talks on orchid subjects and Ginny recently had her review of Vandas published in the Orchid Digest.

They have had some success growing species, including lesser known ones that require scrupulous attention to more or less duplicating the conditions that are encountered in nature in order for them to survive. What a challenge! They also like to grow orchids well enough to qualify for AOS awards, display orchids at meetings and stage society displays in a competitive environment.

"Orchids are our life outside of family," say Ginny and Pat. "We are very fortunate that we both share this intense interest so equally. Although our interest is in common, our abilities are in very different areas; thus giving us together a greater breadth of understanding than either of us would have alone. Our orchids seem to benefit from this combined effort."

All of us certainly benefit from having Ginny and Pat in our world of orchids.

*Ann Wilson*



If you donate a plant for the plant table you will get  
1 raffle ticket for a non-blooming plant and  
2 raffle tickets for a blooming plant.  
See our intrepid Art McCann for your tickets.

## New SCOS Members

In July we welcomed these  
brave folks aboard as new members:

**Rebeca Baylis**  
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Torrance, CA 90503  
310-370-6321

**Rita Sutphin**  
21609 Dolores St.  
Carson, Ca 90745-2024  
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**Robert Tan**  
18319 Ambler Ave.  
Carson, CA 90746  
310-767-1387

**John Hofer**  
717 No. Paulina Ave.  
Redondo Beach, CA 90277  
310-376-6700

Our guests were:

**Bruce & Carol White** of Long Beach

**Stephen Arias** of Torrance

**Irma Hughes** of Anaheim

**Stanley Hanson** of Long Beach

**Lenn & Mickey Parker**

who came all the way from Shreveport, LA !

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Silent Auction. Your efforts this year have been exemplary. You have no idea how much our society appreciates your contributions. So, for those of you who have unselfishly provided wonderful offerings for the Silent Auction, a hardy THANK YOU! For those of you who will be contributing to the Silent Auction in the future, a hardy THANK YOU in advance.

Okce-Fa-No-Kee folks, I'm looking forward to seeing all your friendly faces at this month's meeting! Keep bringing in those beautiful plants and, by all means, bring a friend! Heck, bring lots of friends!

Jimi Fox

## South Coast Orchid Society Ribbon Judging July 28, 1997

### *CATTLEYA* judged by Irma Hughes

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|---|----------------|
| 1. <i>Blc.</i> Toshi Akoi 'Pizzaz'                        | Jim Thresh     |
| 2. <i>C.</i> Kenny Kuruda 'Spots'                         | Sonora Winward |
| 3. <i>Lc.</i> Mini Purple 'Nana'                          | Espie Quinn    |
| Cultural. <i>Blc.</i> Eva Marie Barnett 'Watermelon Gold' | Jim Thresh     |

### **MIXED GENERA** judged by Irma Hughes

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|---------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. <i>Onc.</i> Gower Ramsey     | Sue Weinstein    |
| 2. <i>Onc.</i> Mavie Gold       | Judy Parker      |
| 3. <i>Den.</i> Kurashige        | Marguerite Youry |
| Cultural. <i>Odcdm.</i> unknown | Sue Weinstein    |

### **PHALAEENOPSIS & MILTONIA**

judged by Bonnie Navens

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|---|----------------|
| 1. <i>Milt.</i> Lycaena                     | Espie Quinn    |
| 2. <i>Phal.</i> Pink Festival               | Gisela Claus   |
| 3. <i>Phal.</i> Hybridizers Dream 'Carmela' | Sonora Winward |
| Cultural. <i>Milt.</i> Bert Field 'Leash'   | Tony Glinskas  |

### **EPIDENDRUM & ENCYCLIA**

judged by Pat Stevens

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|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. <i>Enc. cochleatum</i>        | Bonnie & Chuck Navens |
| 2. <i>Epi.</i> unnamed           | Espie Quinn           |
| 3. <i>Epc.</i> Nebo              | Bonnie & Chuck Navens |
| Cultural. <i>Epc.</i> Tinker Toy | Bonnie & Chuck Navens |

### **PAPHIOPEDILUM & MASDEVALLIA**

judged by Chuck Navens

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|-----------------------------|-------------|
| 1. <i>Paph.</i> M. Pearman  | Dick Nerio  |
| 2. <i>Masd.</i> Golden Ages | Judy Parker |

### **SPECIES** judged by Judy Parker

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|--|-----------------------|
| 1. <i>Angraecum longiscot</i>              | Bonnie & Chuck Navens |
| 2. <i>Vanda tricolor</i> var. <i>suave</i> | Espie Quinn           |
| 3. <i>Chtra.</i> 'Manda Robert' AM/AOS     | Dick Nerio            |
| Cultural. <i>Renanthera monachica</i>      | Dick Nerio            |

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(*rothschildianum* x *armeniacum*)  
AM/AOS 87.5 Points  
Exhibited by: Orchids of Los Osos

*Phragmipedium* Mem. Dick Clements  
'Jamboree Ruby'  
(*sargentianum* x *besseae*)  
AM/AOS 81.3 Points  
Exhibited by: Paphanatics, unLtd.

*Doritis pulcherrima* 'Norwin'  
(species x)  
AM/AOS 79.83 Points  
Exhibited by: Norman's Orchids

*Laeliocattleya* Restless Youth 'Pepper Pot'  
(*C. bowringiana* x *Lc. Tiny Treasure*)  
AM/AOS 79.7 Points  
Exhibited by: Stewart Orchids

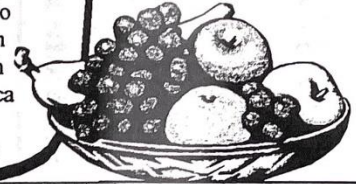
*Epidendrum* Hokulea 'Firestorm'  
(Joseph Lii x *cinnabarinum*)  
HCC/AOS 78.3 Points  
Exhibited by: John F. Hofer

*Paphiopedilum* Mystic Isle 'Alba Snow Bowl'  
(Mystic Isle x Mystic Isle)  
HCC/AOS 77.5 Points  
Exhibited by: Paphanatics, unLtd.

*Paphiopedilum* unnamed 'Jamboree Gemstone'  
(Ontario Jade x Oriental Jade)  
HCC/AOS 74.6 Points  
Exhibited by: Paphanatics, unLtd.

## Refreshments

August 25th  
Reuben & Devon Hall  
Ron Hamilton  
John & Tommie Hanes  
George Hatfield  
John Hofer  
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