

Orchid Society of California

Next Meeting: Monday, April 19, 2004
Lakeside Garden Center, Lake Merritt
666 Bellevue Ave. Oakland, California

PROGRAM TOPIC: Primary Slipper Orchid Hybrids

by Nick Burnett

Why do humans feel the need to tinker with what nature provides? Orchid hybridizing has been going on for over 150 years and seems to be accelerating at a dizzying rate. This talk looks at the creation of new orchid hybrids, particularly in phragmipediums and paphiopedilums, examining some of the successes as well as some of the less spectacular results with an eye toward new possibilities and trends.

Nick Burnett has been growing (and killing) orchids for nearly fifteen years. What survives after Darwinian selection is a collection dominated by phragmipediums, paphiopedilums, and bulbophyllums. He grows these in a small 8' X 16' greenhouse in his backyard in Sacramento.

When not growing orchids and trying to convince his lovely wife to help with the repotting, he tortures students in his classes at California State University, Sacramento (nothing like a pop quiz to put a little terror in morning class!). As a professor in the Communication Studies Department, he teaches classes on Free Speech, Political Communication and Television Criticism. Nick is an accredited judge with the AOS and likes to give talks that are interesting to novice and experienced growers alike.

Nick is also providing the plant table.

CULTURE SESSION: From Flask to Compot to Seedling Pots

By Tom Mericks

Have you ever wanted to buy a flask of your favorite orchids, but were afraid you lacked the skill to grow them outside of the flask successfully? Many orchids are easy to grow from flask. Tom Mericks will show you how. He will also cover common mistakes and how to avoid them.

Tom Mericks is an avid Paphiopedilum grower and an AOS Student Judge.

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Meeting Details

- Plant sales will open at 6:30 PM.
 - Pre-program culture session starts at 7:00 PM
 - Meeting starts at 7:30 PM.
 - Raffle table will be provided by Nick Burnett
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Dinner with the Speaker

The Speaker's Dinner will be at the Ta Ke Sushi Bar, 357 Grand Avenue, just south of the park. The restaurant serves a variety of cooked Japanese dishes as well as sushi and sashimi.

Dinner is at 5:30 PM

Dessert Assignments

Members with last names from "Klamath" to "Potomac" are responsible for bringing refreshments to the April meeting. If it is your turn to bring refreshments, you are also responsible for participating in the set-up and clean-up. If you are unable to bring refreshments, please make a monetary donation. Those that provide refreshments are entitled to participate in a drawing for the first choice of raffle plants.

Calendar

May 1-2

Carmel Orchid Society MayFaire, Crossroads Shopping Center, Hwy. 1 at Rio Rd., Carmel, CA. Contact: Ida Hale, 241 Lerwick Dr., Monterey, CA 93940; (831)

May 7-9

Orchid Society of California Mother's Day Show & Sale, Friday, 9:00am - 7:00pm, Saturday & Sunday, 9:00am - 5:00pm, Lakeside Garden Center - Lake Merritt, 666 Bellevue Ave. Oakland, California. Free Admission

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President's Message

Although this is still April, our thoughts are one month ahead, on weekend of May 7-9, for our annual Mother's Day show. This is the show that provides our expenses for an entire year and takes the most effort to organize and stage.

As announced at the March meeting, all volunteers signed up for setup on Thursday, May 6, from 2 PM onwards, will be eligible to purchase plants with the society picking up the sales tax. Due to limited supplies of some choice plants, we ask that anyone taking advantage of this benefit please take no more than two plants of any one kind. This year I am happy to say we have a wide range of plants, cool to warm growing, for everyone's collection and, of course, everyone's Mother!

We received numerous signups in the last meeting for volunteers, and hope to collect more during the April meeting. If you have not already done so, volunteer, and your fellow members at the show will appreciate your pitching in and helping, as will I. We will also have educational and plant displays during this show, and I'm asking all members to bring in some blooming plants to show off for the visiting public.

Everyone wants a membership roster, and now that renewals have come in, we have turned our attention to this vital item, and will have the first rosters for 2004 at the April meeting. Please see Maria Chow at the membership table for a copy.

Carol Klonowski

April in Your Orchid Garden

April brings us some of the most ideal orchid growing conditions of the year. Drier air and wide swings of day to night temperatures optimize both blooming and rooting of most orchids. In April, Nature gives those of us growing outdoors a sample of what life would be like within a covered greenhouse. If there's no additional water falling from the sky, we are in total control of our plants' needs. Now, we can water properly: very heavily, early in the day, and allow the plants to dry thoroughly before the next watering.

The growing conditions of April present a great opportunity to get our plants off to a super start for the new growing season. Those among us who have already re-potted their cattleyas and other sympodials as they have finished blooming across the winter, can smile and relax. For those of us who haven't yet done so, it is still not too late to catch up. In addition to flowered-out plants, now is also the time to replant those genera which are breaking or ready to break their dormancy; i.e. catasetums, mormodes, calanthes and those Himalayan species that have finished flowering.

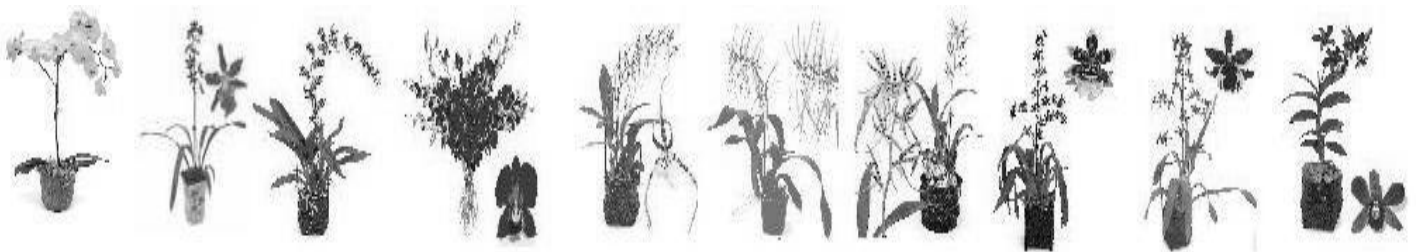
It is also an excellent time to re-pot those hard cane dendrobiums that need it, with the reminder that they really don't like to be disturbed and relish their roots being crowded in the pot. For those commercially mass produced plants grown in peat based mixtures, repotting is necessary in any case as the peat mix will not last out the summer and will likely rot all the roots. Rock, tree fern, coconut husk, charcoal/wood

chip mixes are best for the long haul. All of these materials have a life expectancy of several years before they break down.

Attention to fertilizer in April will pay high dividends later on. Now is a good time to apply slow release fertilizer to last the season. The 13-13-13, 180 day formula marketed at Home Depot as 'Dynamite' is good, although others swear by DynaGrow, Osmacote, and others. At any rate, with whatever you choose, apply it now so it will be exhausted by early autumn, when we want to slow our plants down in anticipation of bloom and dormancy.

Vandaceous orchids should be breaking vigorous new roots in April. This is the moment to top them if they have grown too tall and if they have three good roots on the top cutting. Conserving one or more leaves on the stump will insure a bountiful production of offshoots. Now is the ideal time to remove and reset offshoots of vandas and ascocendas. Again take care each has three or more roots and be sure you tie them firmly in their new container until they have rooted solidly.

April is also the month for acclimatizing sun-loving plants to full sun. Vandas, dendrobiums and reed-stemmed epidendrums that have not been blooming as they should because they are in too deep shade can be **gradually** moved to more light. This is best done in two or three stages, moving the plants a short distance every few days and always keeping them with the same side orientated towards the sun.



AOS Awards

Pacific Central Judging Center , Oakland

March 15, 2004

Coelogyne corymbosa 'Kathmandu'
Exhibited by: Cynthia Hill
CHM 81 (prov)

Paph. Terry Jarvi 'Golden Glow'
(Paph. Summer Sun x Paph. Forest Vale),
Exhibited by: Gary Jones
HCC 75

Paph. un-named hybrid 'Incantation'
(Paph. Red Maude x Paph. Shadowmaster)
Exhibited by: Sherwood Orchids
HCC 77

Pacific Central Supplemental Center, San Francisco March 2, 2004

Coelogyne xyrekes 'Lillian Sparks'
Exhibitor: Walter M. Shinn
CBR (prov)

Pleione pleionoides 'Belmont Highlands'
species, Exhibitor: Walter M. Shinn
CBR (prov)

Pacific Orchid Exposition, San Francisco Feb. 19, 2004

Bulbophyllum. sumatranum 'Taida'
Exhibited by: Taida Orchids
HCC 76

Calanthe sieboldii var. kawakamii 'Good Fortune'
Exhibited by: Valerie Handerson
HCC 79 CCE 91

Cattleya loddigesii 'Aranda B'
Exhibited by: Aranda Orchids
HCC 75

Masd. un-named hybrid 'Orange Sherbert'
(Masd. White Swallow x Falcon's Sunrise),
Exhibitor: Golden Gate Orchids
HCC 78

Maxillaria perryae 'Walter'
Exhibited by: Ecuagenera
CBR(prov)

Onc. croesus 'Pololei'
Exhibited by: Ontario Orchids
CCM 81

Paph. un-named hybrid 'Refreshing'
(Paph. Via Exacto x Voodoo Magic),
Exhibited by: McLellan Botanicals
AM 83

Paph. Norito Hasegawa 'Norito's Charm'
(Paph. malipoense x Paph. armeniacum),
Exhibited by: Sherwood Orchids
HCC 75

Phrag. besseae 'Sherwood'
Exhibited by: Sherwood Orchids
AM 84

Pot. Little Toshie 'Golden Fantasy'
(Sc. Beaufort x Blc. Toshie Aoki),
Exhibited by: Japheth Ko
HCC 75

Wilsonara Dangold 'Mark Daniel'
(Oda. Danilo x Odcdm. Isler's Goldregen),
Exhibited by: Golden Gate Orchids
HCC 77

For more information and pictures please
visit the Pacific Judging web site:

<http://www.aospacificcentral.org>

Orchid Society of California
2004 Member Plant SALE Instructions
(Orchid related items may also be sold: Books, pots, potting mix, etc.)

Notes to the Sellers:

- The Society keeps 20% of all the pre-tax price of each plant sold.
- Members are limited to 25 plants. No limits on non-plant items.
- Members who sell items must volunteer to **HELP FOR AT LEAST 3 HOURS**. If you have not already signed up for a position check in at the volunteer station when you arrive for a shift assignment.
- Please bring your plants after 5:00pm Friday and before 9:00pm Sunday. Present your list of plants at the volunteer station. **Only plants purchased by the society will be sold on Friday, May 7th from 9:00am to 5:00pm.** Pick up your plants after 5:00pm Sunday.
- **Before leaving home:**

1. DECIDE WHAT YOUR SALE CODE WILL BE:

- * *Seasonal Sellers*, please use whatever code you've used in the past.
- * *New Sellers*, please create a series of three letters that you'll recognize, then add a numeric suffix for each plant. For example, if you choose KDH, and have 4 plants to sell they should be numbered KDH1, KDH2, KDH3, and KDH4.
- * Using your code, fill out a Sale Plant **Tag** for each Plant or Item. Cut along the dotted lines so there is one long two-part strip. Tape only Part A to the plant. Part B should not be attached so that it can be removed when the plant is sold. Part B will be removed by the cashier and kept so that an accurate record of what was sold may be kept.
- * Again using your code, fill out the Sale Plant list.
KEEP A COPY OF THIS LIST FOR YOUR RECORDS!

- **When you arrive at the Show:**
- 2. Check in at the volunteer station to turn in your plant list and confirm that you have volunteered to help for at least one shift.**

Sellers Please Remember:

- All plants must be properly labeled.
- Price plants without sales tax (the cashiers will add that)
- Price plants in whole dollar amounts (no cents)
- Keep in mind the Society will retain 20% of the pre-tax price you place on each plant sold – the remaining 80% will be paid to you (the seller)

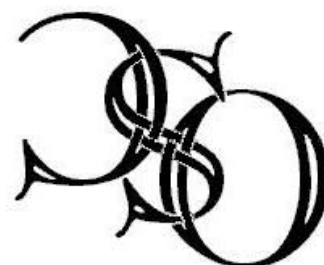
Note: The Society is not responsible for damages or losses.

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