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Orchid Society Newsletter



Regular meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of the month.
San Bernardino County Museum
2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands, CA 92374

Regular Meeting
Thursday, February 12, 2009
No Plant Judging This Meeting
6 PM Auction Starts

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February Meeting:

Come and support your orchid society's annual auction! Our auction is a great way to unburden yourself of those cumbersome clones and clippings and support your society at the same time. No plants? What about your unused and unopened orchid care supplies. Bring them all to the auction.

Please arrive early; **logging incoming plants and supplies begins at 5:00 PM.** You will need to register for a paddle and preview the bidding lots before the auction starts. **Bidding will start promptly at 6:00PM.** Max Fisher has, once again, volunteered to be our auctioneer.

Come with cash in hand and checkbook in pocket as **no credit cards will be accepted.** Family and friends are welcome and there will be light snacks to keep everyone alert and energetic during the bidding frenzy.

If you would like to support your society's auction by volunteering your time to help, please contact Karl Trisler at 951 652-8015 or leetrisler@roadrunner.com.

March Speaker:

Come to the meeting on March 12th and hear our surprise speaker! We'll have a great time and learn more about orchids!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope all is well with everybody at the start of this New Year.

First, I'd like to thank Melinda Stiffler for taking over the responsibilities as newsletter editor in chief. If you have anything that you need included in the newsletter, she is the person to go to. Thanks Melinda for your service to the society and welcome to the team.

I'd also like to thank Karin Cleary-Rose for all the hard work she has done on the newsletter. You might think it's easy to coordinate all the little bits of information and get the newsletter out, but it's a little more difficult than one might think. Karin stepped up and volunteered when no one else was able. Thank you Karin for all you've done.

February is our annual Auction fundraiser. A fun time is usually had by all at this event. We need donations of your divisions, keiki's, clippings, duplicates and those "special plants" (you just can't seem to get blooming) to make this years auction a success. Donating gift certificates from local orchid nurseries to be auctioned off is also a great way to support the society if you don't have any plants. Auction details can be found elsewhere in this edition.

Well, it's that time of year again. Our Nominating Committee has been appointed and is beginning their task of developing a slate of Officers and Directors for 2009/2010. Please consider accepting if you are asked to serve. The future of the society depends on your participation. Most of our present slate of officers has been serving you and the society in some capacity for up to 6 years straight. Its time for some new faces with new ideas to join the team. Your participation is needed and will be greatly appreciated. If you would like to serve, please contact Dann Dunst.

Our society has raised enough from pocket change for the "Pennies to Pines" conservation program to purchase our first plantation of seedlings. Well done everybody!!

And lastly, memberships are due. Please send your renewals to Micaela Solis.

Thanks
-Your President-
Karl

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ticket for the snack
raffle. Both snacks
and beverages are
most welcome.



Roster Additions/Changes

New Member

Joyce Grace
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Welcome Joyce!



January Show 'n Tell Winners

Prepared by Karin Cleary-Rose

Standard Cattleya

Cultural - Jim Wheeler
1st - Jim Wheeler
2nd - Jim Wheeler
3rd - Montessa Holt

Miniature Cattleya

Cultural -
1st - Jim Wheeler
2nd - Joe Kles
3rd - Jim Wheeler

Standard Cymbidium

Cultural - Duane Mickelson
1st - Duane Mickelson
2nd - Karl Trisler
3rd -

Miniature Cymbidium

Cultural -
1st -
2nd -
3rd -

Dendrobium

Cultural - Montessa Holt
1st - Jim Wheeler
2nd - Karin Cleary-Rose
3rd - Karin Cleary-Rose

Odontoglossum/Oncidium

Cultural -
1st - Jim Wheeler
2nd - Jim Wheeler
3rd - Karin Cleary-Rose

Paphiopedilum

Cultural - Dann Dunst
1st - Mark Gerhard
2nd - Jim Wheeler
3rd - Mark Gerhard

Phalaenopsis

Cultural - Pam Knapp
1st - Jim Wheeler
2nd - Jim Wheeler
3rd - Jim Wheeler

Vanda

Cultural - Jim Wheeler
1st - Jim Wheeler
2nd - Jim Wheeler
3rd - Dann Dunst

Other Genera

Cultural - Yvonne Moore
1st - Karin Cleary-Rose
2nd - Pam Knapp
3rd - Karin Cleary-Rose

Species

Cultural - Karin Cleary-Rose
1st - Dan Dunst
2nd - Marty Shipp
3rd - Karin Cleary-Rose

Dues Are Due!

RSBCOS membership may be the best deal of the season. For only \$20.00, you get 12 evenings of education and enjoyment, a year's newsletter subscription, two pot lucks and a society activity or two.

To renew your membership see Micaela at the member ship table at our next meeting or mail your dues to our P.O. Box.

Dracula Orchids

The orchid genus *Dracula* consists of 123 species. The strange name *Dracula* literally means "little dragon", referring to the strange aspect of the two long spurs of the sepals. They were once included in the genus *Masdevallia*, but became a separate genus in 1978. This genus has some of the more bizarre and well-known species of the subtribe *Pleurothallidinae*.

Culture of Dracula Orchids

Temperature

Generally, *Dracula* demand cool growing temperatures. A handful of *Dracula* can tolerate slightly higher temperatures, although most cannot. Take note of the origin of the particular plants you are growing for a hint on their temperature requirements. Higher elevation plants tend to thrive in a cooler environment than lower elevation plants. In general, a range of 55° - 70° F is good for *Dracula*. Try to avoid temperatures above 80° F for a sustained period of time. If higher temperatures cannot be avoided, ensure that the night temperatures drop at least 10 degrees to give your *Dracula* a break.

Light

Draculas tend to be happy anywhere from 600 - 1500 foot candles of light. However, some folks have been known to successfully grow *Draculas* a bit "harder" with up to 2000 footcandles of light.

Air Movement

A subtle breeze will keep your *Draculas* happy and will help keep the bacterial infections away.

Fertilization

A very light feeding of a well balanced fertilizer will keep your *Draculas* blooming. Too much fertilizer will cause the tips of leaves to turn brown or black. A feeding of 100 ppm N every other watering or 2 out of 3 waterings is ideal.

Water Quality

Draculas require a high quality water. An investment in an RO system will make your *Draculas* happy. Rain water is also good. Try to keep your water below 50 ppm TDS, if possible.

Humidity

Humidity is one of the most important factors in successfully growing *Draculas*. A range of 80% - 90% is ideal.

(Thanks to Chad Sarles for allowing the use of his information. Visit his website at <http://www.draculaspecies.com/> to see all of his information on *Dracula* Orchids.)

Upcoming Orchid Shows & Events

March 7-8

Sat. 12-5 Sun. 10-5

South Bay Orchid Society

Spring Show and Sale

Torrance Cultural Arts Center

Admission: \$5 Free parking

www.southbayorchidsociety



March 13-15

San Diego County Orchid Society

63rd Annual Show and Sale

Scottish Rite Center, San Diego

www.sdorchids.com

March 20- 22

9 a.m.- 5 p.m

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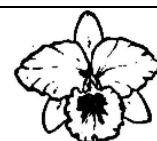
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 Mag-Pro Qts.: \$11
 PH-Down Qts.: \$8
 KLN- Half pt.: \$10 & Qts.: \$30

Grow More – Fertilizers

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 1 ¼ #: \$5, 3#: \$11
 Grow Formula 20-10-20 (Green)
 1 ¼ #: \$5.00, 3#: \$11

Superthrive 2 oz.: \$7, Pt.: \$34

Orange Guard

Pest Control Spray Bottle \$9

Physan 20

Half pt. \$5, Pt. \$8, Gal. \$34

Neem Oil Half pt. \$8, Qt. \$21

Phyton 27 – Systemic Disease Control

2 oz. \$18

Hozon Siphon Mixer \$22

Rexius – Orchid Bark (small, med or large bark)

4 Qt. Bag \$2 2 Cu. Ft. Bag \$13

#3 Pearlite/Sponge Rok 4 Qt. bag \$20

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¼ - ½ in. size 4 Qt bag \$5

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½ cu ft bale \$12 1 cu ft. bale \$22

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Deadline: Those wishing to have an announcement placed in the newsletter should get the information to the editor in the third week of the month. Contact Melinda Stiffler by email at stiffliermelindaa@yahoo.com or by phone at (951) 756-5673.

Corrections: If you have corrections or questions about newsletter content, please contact Melinda Stiffler by email at stiffliermelindaa@yahoo.com or by phone at (951) 756-5673.



The next **Board Meeting** will be at **6:30 PM on Sunday, February 15, 2009**, at the UC Riverside Botanical Garden. Board members unable to attend should notify Karl Trisler. All RSBCOS members are invited to attend.

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