

Palomar Orchid Society

Dates to Remember:

- **Sept 7, Wednesday**
POS General Meeting
- September 14-16
South Bay Orchid Society Show and Sale
Palos Verde
- September 24 & 25
Fascination of Orchids
Santa Ana
- Sept 30, October 1-2
San Diego International Orchid Show/Sale
San Diego Botanic Garden

September Meeting - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, September 7

Paul Gripp, Santa Barbara Orchid Estates

“A Topic of His Choosing”

This month we are truly honored to have one of the most revered and most respected orchid growers in the nation, no, make that the world! Paul Gripp, of Santa Barbara Orchid Estate fame, is one of the world's foremost collectors and propagators of orchid species and hybrids. It is truly exciting to be able to have him speak at our meeting. We do not know what topic he has selected, but whatever it is, it is sure to be interesting and educational. You want to make sure you attend the meeting to learn from one of the pioneer's of the industry!

How Paul began with orchids is a great story. An article from The Santa Barbara Independent, written by Ethan Stewart, tells it the best: Originally from Topanga Canyon, Paul and his brother made some failed first attempts at orchid growing during what he calls the “chinchilla-like craze” of cymbidium orchids shortly after World War II. Though they “did some of the dumbest things you could have ever done” with those orchids, invariably killing them all off, Paul used the knowledge he gleaned from his early trials and errors to impress his future boss during an interview for a gardening job - an act of gumption that would determine the rest of his life.

Orchid hobbyist Robert Chrisman was the vice president of Farmers Insurance when UCLA student Gripp came to his Los Angeles estate to apply for a \$1.25-an-hour gardening job. He got the job and began a friendship and business partnership that lasted until Chrisman's death in 1965.

Paul graduated from UCLA in 1954 with a degree in horticulture and botany. He then joined the Navy. While stationed in Tokyo, he received word that Chrisman had purchased five acres in Goleta to start an orchid business and wanted Paul to join him. Remembering with fondness Chrisman's invitation and the significance it played for the rest of his life, Paul said, “And then I never did another thing. I moved up here and it turned out to be a pretty happy life.”



Paul Gripp

Paul Gripp, the Orchid Man, will tell us about his life and his nursery.



Paul Gripp speaking with Huell Howser on the tv program “California Gold”.

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July Culture Class 6:30 pm

Surprise Topic!

By Paul Gripp

This will be an exciting Culture Class - taught by none other than Paul Gripp! He has not let us know what the topic will be, but you can be sure we will all learn something! Don't miss this class, and bring any orchid questions you may have to be answered by the original Orchid Man!

Don't be late...class starts at 6:30 pm sharp!

We need help!

San Diego International Orchid Show!

We will have an information booth at the upcoming San Diego International Orchid Show at the San Diego Botanic Garden (formerly Quails). No experience needed to volunteer! October 1 or 2.

With your badge you can get in free when you are working. We will be talking more about it at the meeting, but if you are not going to be at the meeting, please call Sandi Sandquist at 760-918-2408 and let her know when you can help.

Besides the displays and the vendors, there are also educational seminars throughout the weekend so it's another opportunity to learn.

The society needs your help! Volunteer now! Thank you!

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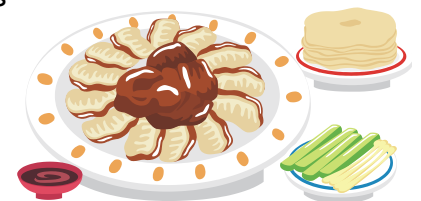
Refreshment Committee: WE NEED YOU TO BRING FOOD!

Remember: All members with last names beginning with **N-S** share at break time! And you can bring food even if your name doesn't start with N-S!

We appreciate everyone's effort in supplying our meeting with goodies. A snack is appreciated by everyone, and everyone seems to enjoy what is brought, but we never have enough.

Please try to help us in this area.

It makes for a great meeting all around!
Thank you!

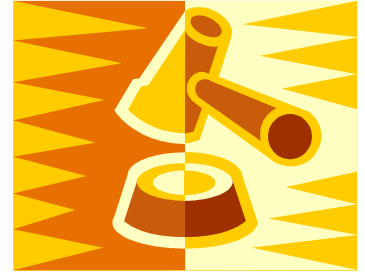


President's Message

Dear POS Members and Friends,

As usual, the summer months leading up to the POS Auction has been a busy time. Once again, donors and volunteers pulled through, and the Auction was a great success. Again, I'd like to thank the many folks who helped the POS raise around \$4,000 in funds this go around, which will ensure that the POS can continue to operate for another year. The list of donors and volunteers will be posted in the newsletter. Thanks!

The next major orchid event coming up for POS members will be the San Diego International Orchid Fair, which this year will be a two-day weekend event on Oct 1 and 2, and will again feature vendors, displays, plant judging and speakers. We will be hearing more about the details upcoming, and POS involvement. We have been challenged by the San Diego Orchid Society to a potential "orchid display" throwdown to see which society can put up the best table display. I would like members to comment on whether we want to answer this challenge with a display.



On a sad note, we mourn the passing of an orchid legend, Mr. Frank Fordyce. He was a founding member of our Palomar Orchid Society and was President from 1964-1965. Beginning his first orchid nursery in Oceanside, CA, he had been all over the orchid world with Stewart and others, ultimately settling in Livermore, CA and producing some of the best known cattleyas ever. We will miss him dearly and express condolences to his family from myself, the board members, and the POS (see separate article).

The September meeting will feature the wonderful Paul Gripp from Santa Barbara Orchid Estate. With his long experience in growing orchids of all types in Santa Barbara, this will be a great treat for the members. Make sure you mark your calendars! Happy Summer Growing!

Gil Ho



Slc. Hazel Boyd

(Slc. Jewel Box 'Beverly' AM/AOS
X Slc. California Apricot 'Orange Circle' HCC/AOS)

While working at the Rod McLellan Company, Frank Fordyce made one of the most distinguished and well-known orchid hybrids of all time,

Slc. Hazel Boyd.

This hybrid has received 56 AOS awards, the third most highly awarded cattleya hybrid. This hybrid is so highly regarded that it has been used 155 times as a parent. From its introduction in 1977, it has received a string of awards including an AQ/AOS (Award of Quality) recognizing Fordyce Orchids.



A BIG Thank You - A Great Auction!

Once again, we had a fantastic auction this year! The success of our auctions is only because of the wonderful people who work hard to make it happen. It takes a team to pull it off, and a great team we had this year. They called and picked up plants from vendors, donated their own plants, brought food for the hungry participants, setup and cleaned up the Woman's Club, ran the plant hotel, manned the cash register, publicized the auction, brought friends to the auction, served as auctioneer, recorder, or runner, helped with outside plant sales, and of course bought a few plants. Please thank the following members that help to make it possible for us to pay for our monthly speakers and rental of the Woman's Club:



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June Andersen, Cathy Belt, Cecily Bird, Harry Clyde, Pearl Crosier, Nancye Doros, Judy Dyer, Tom and Gisela Felter, Debra Funakoshi, Jerry Goode, Gil Ho, Marita Hoit, Christina Hsing, Maryanne Kind, Janice Krause, Harriet and Enrique Laso, James Mickelson, Elf Mitton, Alex Nadzan, Charlie Padelford, Phyllis Prestia, Merle Rob-boy, Pat & Linda Rusnell, Sandi Sandquist, Renate Schmidt, Lena Shiroma, Jerry and Anita Spencer, Warren Stehle, Helge & Bryn Wessig, Cher Whelan, Derek Woodman, Charles & Carol Young, and Iso Zehner.

We also thank our generous vendors. Please remember them when on your next orchid shopping trip!

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Frank Fordyce

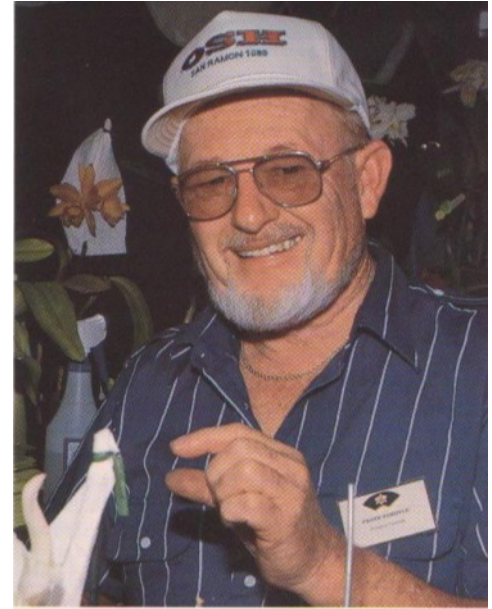
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In Memoriam

James Frank Fordyce, passed away on August 17, 2011, after a brief illness, at the age of 87. Frank was one of the orchid world's most revered and iconic figures. He is survived by his wife of sixty-six years, Virginia "Madge", his daughter, Lila Susan "Sue", and his son James Stephen "Steve".

Frank and Madge were childhood sweethearts, having known each other for eighty years. During his military service in WWII, Frank was captured by the enemy and was a POW from 1943-1945. In 1946, he began his career in orchids that spanned the remainder of his life when he was hired by Mr. Fred Stewart of Stewart Orchids. Frank worked at Stewart's from 1946 until 1960, when he opened his own orchid business in Oceanside, California. In 1970, he closed his business and began a ten year career with the Rod McLellan Company. In 1980, Frank and his able partner, Madge maintained their "Orchid Ranch" business in Livermore, California, until it was closed in 2006. Frank Fordyce was one of the most gifted hybridizers of cattleyas and his legacy continues to glean countless awards to the present day.

A private interment will be held in Livermore. However, a "Celebration of the Life of Frank Fordyce and his Passion for Orchids," will be held on Saturday, September 17, 2011, at the Trinity Baptist Church, 557 Olivevina Avenue, Livermore, California, at 1:00PM, with a reception and buffet dinner following. All are invited to attend this public tribute to the life of a legend in the world of orchids.



The following article is comprised of excerpts from Frank's autobiography which has never been published but was given to his great friend, Ernest Hetherington on September 26, 1984.

Parts of an Interview September 26, 1984.

.....Out of the service, November or October of 1945, I went to work for Coolidge Rare Plants Gardens in Pasadena, California, that specialized in Epiphyllums, Camellias, Azaleas, and Orchids. I began to work with Cymbidiums there with James Carberry, a crusty Englishman.

.....I married Madge Ramsey, a childhood sweetheart, whom I knew when I started first grade with her. She is the only date I have ever had in my entire life! We have two children, Stephen and Susan.

.....When Fred Stewart went into the orchid business at the Burton Avenue address, he leased an existent nursery. James Carberry went with the Fred Stewart organization. He suggested that I come along, which I did.Ernest Hetherington was brought in as manager from Armacost & Royston because of his experience in growing orchids on May 27, 1947. I had been with Stewart's two months prior to Ernest's coming.

.....A fond memory is being in on the making of Slc. Jewelbox, and Slc. Paprika and the Cymbidium hybrids bred out of the Balkis 'Silver Orb,' Lillian Stewar, San Francisco, Edna Cobb. Another memory is the beginning of the popularity of miniature cymbidiums.

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Frank Fordyce, 1984

.....I saw an opportunity to go into business for myself by purchasing the collection of Albert Stephenson, of Carlsbad, California. I entered into that particular agreement and left the Stewart company. I purchased the property next door to Mr. Stephenson...My wife, Madge, and I worked round the clock. As a matter of fact, I was so involved in orchids that I finally wound up as the president of three orchid societies the same year. They were The Cymbidium Society of America, The Palomar Orchid Society, and The Orchid Grower's Association of San Diego County.

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...From Stephenson I had purchased a superb cattleya collection....In the 1960's I was approached by Maurice Lecoufle of Vacherot and Lecoufle of France to be their sales representative in California. After some consideration I decided to do so and sometime later they told me by letter that they were progressing with a means of reproduction of orchids called meristem tissue propagation. This was new, of course, to the orchid industry, having been developed by a research scientist in France and put to commercial use by the firm of Vacherot and Lecoufle.

.....As I reviewed the varieties of orchids that were to be introduced from France, I told Maurice that there were not things that would sell in America. They were basically cymbidiums of older vintage. They were fine breeding plants, but Americans had already passed these by the use of Balkis 'Silver Orb' in hybrids. I and my close friend, Doc Miller gathered together some of the finest cymbidiums and presented 110 superior clones to the Lecoufle firm for reproduction by meristem tissue culture. We also submitted 14 plants of the cattleya alliance for meristem reproduction.

.....As the Rod Mclellan Company reorganized, Rod Mclellan, himself, came to visit me and asked that I join his team....We moved to San Mateo, California and

worked in South San Francisco and Watsonville, first as manager of the orchid department and then later as the sales manager of that department. Rod Mclellan was the first who wanted to bring orchid plants to the general public, not only the hobbyist.

....This met with some hobbyist resistance, but was actually the first company to stock an orchid sales house in quantity and maintain it 365 days a year. To serve the general public adequately and give them an opportunity to speak personally with growers, I established the now well-known clinics at the Mclellan Company....We would seat anywhere from 100 to 250 people at a free lecture and question session.

.....Hybridizing has always been my pleasure and challenge. It was at the Rod Mclellan Company that I began to do more and to train younger people in hybridizing to fit the specific needs of that company.

.....When I joined the Rod Mclellan Company, Bob Jones, president at that time, asked me if I would like to bring some of my hybrids along with me. Naturally I was delighted....They were entered into the breeding program.

.....While at Mclellan's I was privileged to work with a man by the name of John Germanske, who was an old-timer and had been in phalaenopsis and cattleya hybridizing before he joined that company. ...One day he came to me and said that Rudy Pabst, of the famous Pabst Blue Ribbon Beer Company, had given to him Slc. Jewel Box 'Beverly' AM/AOS, a superior clone of that fine red hybrid. He said it was in bloom and why didn't we hybridize with it? So he and I walked through the greenhouse, looking for something to hybridize. I noticed Slc. California Apricot 'Orange Circle' HCC/AOS. I suggested that this was the finest of that particular hybrid that I had seen. He agreed and we made the hybrid that eventually turned out to be Slc. Hazel Boyd.

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Angulocaste Paul Gripp

Managing and eventually owning the Santa Barbara Orchid Estate, Gripp became known for his informed and fun-to-read monthly column in the American Orchid Society Bulletin as well as his peerless collection of "outdoor" orchid species that are easy to grow in the Southern California climate. Further, though he might be the last person to brag about it, he traveled the world, often alone, seeking out new and rare orchid species in some of the most remote places imaginable. At a time when many Americans didn't own a passport, let alone venture to unknown Third World countries, Gripp was making regular visits to Central America, Brazil, the high Andes, India, Burma, New Guinea, and two trips to the Solomon Islands in 1969 and 1973 that the well-traveled Birk calls "legendary." Gripp dismissed these travels as being "never very risky" and summed up expeditions to exotic locales with a simple: "Orchids are really the weed of the tropics and I always liked those jungle flowers : so I just went to most of the places [where they grew]."

Showing pictures of flowers, rubbing dollar bills between his fingers, and relying on the knowledge and kindness of locals, Gripp made his way through mysterious faraway cultures-sometimes with miraculous results. During one of his trips to the Solomons, Gripp became deathly ill while living in the jungle with the islanders. He had been searching fruitlessly for a particularly rare type of lady slipper, but had given up and was preparing to begin the long journey home when a man came walking out of the mountains with two massive buckets full of blooming lady slippers-the very green and maroon

varieties that Gripp was seeking. He bought them all for \$25-a kingly ransom for the islander but a small price to pay for Gripp, who came home and sent more than 100 of the plants "all over the world" at \$175 a pop. In his estimation, only one or two of these plants survive today outside of their native habitat.

Paul has held many distinguished offices: President, Cymbidium Society of America; President, Santa Barbara Orchid Show (four times); Member, Research Committee of the American Orchid Society (fifteen years); and a certified American Orchid Society Judge. Paul retired from running the business in 1986, and currently his two children, Parry and Alice, are the owners.

But of course, his love of orchids did not retire with him! Paul's favorite saying is: "When you can say you like all orchids equally, you can call yourself and orchid man." And Paul's favorite orchid: "All orchids, equally!"

You really, really do not want to miss hearing Paul speak. In addition, he will be teaching the Culture Class at 6:30 and he will be bringing the raffle table plants - Oh my gosh - plants from the Santa Barbara Orchid Estates! What more could an orchid lover want! See you at the meeting!

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Hours: 8am-4:30pm (Monday-Saturday)

11am-4pm (Sunday)

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*We are all familiar with Santa Barbara Orchid Estates hybrid,
Laelia Santa Barbara Sunset*

Photos from the Auction

All Photos by Debra Funakoshi



Adel Bautista of Vista, posing with an orchid she won, a beautiful cattleya.



A bidder in action !



POS member Jerry Goode, at work in the plant hotel.



Brin Wessig, POS member Helge Wessig's daughter, who worked as a runner during the auction. She was really cute; she helped us in other ways before the auction as well. Behind her is Pat Rusnell.



Dennis Wharton of Del Cerro checking out the orchids during the preview.



Recorders Christing Hsing and Linda Rusnell



Alex Nadzan holding up the impressive mounted orchid for bidders to see.



Our efficient and expert auctioneers, Merle Robboy and Charlie Padelford.

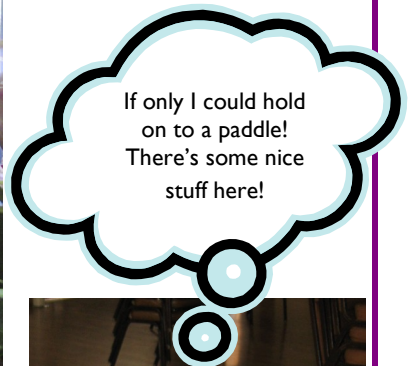


POS member Patti Nelson and visitor Carol Carrillo of Escondido at the preview; they look like they're enjoying themselves!



POS member Maryanne Kind working in the plant hotel.

JoAnne Ellerbrock of Fallbrook posing with a couple of orchids she won at the auction.



If only I could hold on to a paddle! There's some nice stuff here!



Linda Espino of San Diego! (Banker's Hill) putting all her winnings in the car.



POS member Cher Whelan's dog, Yoda

Upcoming Events

San Diego International Orchid Fair 17th Annual Orchid Show and Orchid Sale

San Diego
BOTANIC
GARDEN

An AOS Sanctioned Judging Event
with 25 Vendors and Ongoing Lectures on Culture and Care

**September 30 - Member's Only Presale
& Exhibit Preview**

October 1 - 2, 2011 - Open to General Public

Friday, September 30 • 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm
(Members Only)

Saturday, October 1 • 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Sunday, October 2 • 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Costs:

Saturday: Free in Celebration of
Encinitas' 25th birthday

Sunday: Free with admission to
the Garden or with membership.



2010 Participating Vendors:

- • Andy's Orchids
- • Aroma Orchids of Rowland Heights
- • Blossom Planting Supplies
- • Cal-Orchid
- • Calavo Gardens
- • Casa de las Orquideas
- • Daniger Orchids
- • Encinitas Orchids
- • Everything Orchids!
- • Floralia
- • Fouquette Orchids
- • Granite Hills Orchids
- • Haute House Orchids
- • Ontario Orchids
- • Orchids and Gardens
- • Rex Foster Orchids
- • Rio Mojave Orchids
- • Seed Engei
- • SLO Orchids
- • Sunset Valley Orchids
- • Tayama Greenhouses
- • The Orchid Place
- • Water Orchids

San Diego Botanic Garden will again be hosting and sponsoring the splendidly colorful San Diego International Orchid Fair. Thousands of orchids will grace the grounds, some in exhibits and some for sale.

Orchid related products, artistic pottery, paintings, and books will also be available and there will ongoing lectures on culture and care.

The show is an official AOS (American Orchid Society) judging event and there will be ribbon judging as well . Have your orchid judged.!

To register your plants for judging bring them to the Ecke Building on Thursday, September 29, 4 – 7 pm and Friday September 30, 9 am – 1:30 pm. Someone will be available to help you classify your plants. Please make sure they are pest-free, flowers are staked, and plants are clean. Judging begins at 2 pm sharp.

Fascination of Orchids Show and Sale

September 24 & 25, 2011 10 am to 5 pm
South Coast Plaza Village
1631 West Sunflower
(Corner of Sunflower & Bear)
Santa Ana, CA 92704

Exhibits • Seminars • Sales

Experience thousands of exotic orchids in a beautiful outdoor setting and learn how to grow and exhibit orchids from local experts.

Parking and admission are free

For more information please call 949.735.2930 or visit www.ocorchidshow.com



Orchid Show and Sale

September 17th & 18th

Orchids-R-Easy Classes All Weekend

Sales: Sat & Sun 9-5
Show: Sat 11-5 & Sun 9-5
Location: South Coast Botanic Garden
26300 Crenshaw Blvd., Palos Verdes

- Buy direct from commercial growers
- See award winning orchids/displays
- All day demonstrations on orchid care and repotting
- Stroll the botanical gardens

Admission: \$8 Adults \$6 Seniors
Free Parking

For all show information and map to gardens:
www.southbayorchidsociety.com

Information: (310) 707-7097

Beauty and the Bees



The 2011 Southland Orchid Show

October 14-16, 2011

at the Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens

October 14-16, 2011

Friday 12:00pm - 4:30pm

Saturday & Sunday 10:30am - 4:30pm

Exhibits by Southern California Orchid Societies & International Orchid Growers

Orchids & Supplies for Sale by Vendors from Around the World

Orchid Symposia on Saturday and Sunday

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Pictured: *Ophrys fuciflora*, commonly referred to as "The Bee Orchid"

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San Francisco Orchid Society
presents

Orchids in the Park

A Sale and Exhibition



PHOTO BY RON PARSONS

Saturday Sept 17, 2011
Sunday Sept 18, 2011
10 am-5 pm

County Fair Building
9th Ave & Lincoln Way
San Francisco

Admission \$4, Seniors \$3
Children under 16 free

Demonstrations, Lectures, Raffles
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Next Meeting
Wednesday,



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Meeting Information

The Palomar Orchid Society meets the **FIRST WEDNESDAY** of every month at the Carlsbad Women's Club, 3320 Monroe, Carlsbad. Go east off 5 on Carlsbad Village Drive 1/2 mile to Monroe, turn South on Monroe to Women's Club. OR go west off El Camino Real at Carlsbad Village Drive to Monroe and turn south to the Women's Club. Beginner's Culture Class starts at 6:30 pm. The regular meeting begins at 7:00 pm. The next regular meeting will be on October 5, 2011.

Other Nearby Orchid Societies

San Diego County Orchid Society: First Tuesday of the month, 7:30 pm, Room 101, Casa del Prado, Balboa Park. Membership: Bob Clark, 858-270-8352, email bclark@sdorchids.com

San Diego County Cymbidium Society: Third Wednesday of the month. Always a speaker, Q&A session and raffle. 7:00 PM. Free admission and refreshments. San Diego Botanic Garden, 230 Quail Gardens Drive, Encinitas. (760)732-0055.

Open Houses\Other Orchid Sightings

San Diego Zoo Orchid Greenhouses: Third Friday each month, 10 am to 2 pm. Free with admission. Contact: Janette Gerrity 619-231-1515, ext. 4306