
Questions and Answers: Session III, Friday, 2 October, 10:30 AM–12:00 PM[©]

Fred Ceballos: Christy, you mentioned plant confiscations. Where were they confiscated and by whom?

Christy Powell: These were border confiscations. This often happens when bringing plants from Mexico. There have also been confiscations in Florida. If the plants don't have the proper permits they're confiscated and given to us.

Mike Evans: Have you met any resistance from plant collectors and hobbyists regarding the rarity and scarcity of certain variegated plants, succulents, and orchids that will now become available in mass quantities as a result of tissue culture?

Susanna Vanzie-Canton: Actually, it's been quite the contrary. Many people feel that our tissue culture propagation is almost a form of conservation and will discourage people from harvesting these plants from the wild. There is very high demand and we receive many calls for the variegated plants. This is something we've observed over the past 6 months or so. Many people want to send us variegated plants.