



San Diego County Orchid Society

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NOVICE MEETING

November 2, 6:30 PM—Casa Del Prado—Room 101

As of the printing of this Newsletter, the speaker for the November Novice Meeting is yet unspecified. Regrettably, this talk will probably *not* involve naked unicyclists, talking goats, fire-eaters, or those guys who ride motorcycles inside giant wire balls. There probably won't even be a fleet of little people

from Finland all playing songs on their kanteles, either. But, it is guaranteed to be a stirring conversation on orchids by someone awesome. Also, since the AOS judges will be using room 104 for judging plants, **meet in room 101**, and if you'd like to socialize the President asks that you use the kitchen by

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GENERAL MEETING

November 2, 7:30 PM—Casa Del Prado—Room 101

By Bruce Berg, 1st Vice President

Thanks Chris Croom for your interesting presentation of Cymbidium species plants. Chris gave us a good introductory talk on the organization and world-wide distribution of one of our favorite orchids here in San Diego County. Chris enjoys his species orchids and we can only wonder how he and Eowyn will landscape their new yard.

Nico Goossens brought in some very interesting species Cymbidium plants from Lisa Humphrys' private collection for the opportunity table.

Our speaker for November will be James (Jim) Rose of Cal-Orchid . Jim will be talking about *Lycaste* orchids. *Lycaste* orchids are one of those orchids that reward us with beautiful blooms, tantalizing fragrances, and also very interesting foliage during the summer. They lose those leaves during their winter rest period when they need a dry cool place to get ready for those spring blooms. When I think of *Lycaste* orchids, I think of the *Lycaste aromatica* which is a very popu-

lar plant here. Members can go to Jim's website (<http://www.calorchid.com/>) before our meeting to see the assortment of *Lycastes* that Cal-Orchid is currently offering for sale. If you see something that you would like to purchase, send him an email and ask him to bring it when he comes here. Jim will be furnishing the plant opportunity table and we hope to see some of his new crosses there. Jim and his wife Lauris recently attended the Gauteng International Orchid Show held in Pretoria, South Africa.

Jim attended the University of California Santa Barbara as an anthropology major. In 1971 he began working at Santa Barbara Orchid Estate. After 16 years there, and becoming manager, he left to establish his own nursery with his wife, Lauris. In 1987 they purchased Orchids By Rowe, a 2 acre cymbidium nursery 2 blocks from the Pacific Ocean, and created a world renowned orchid nursery providing one of the largest varieties of orchid

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San Diego County Orchid Society

Purpose: To promote interest in orchids and their cultivation, to educate by exchanging information and experiences related to successful orchid culture, and to support the conservation of orchids in the wild.

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Meetings

San Diego Orchid Society meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at the Casa Del Prado in Balboa Park.

Novice Class: 6:30 PM, Room 104

General Meeting: 7:30 PM, Room 101

Newsletter Entries

If you have monthly meetings, classifieds, submissions of interest, photos, or announcements related to orchids, please contact Christopher Croom at (619) 583-3804 or batescroom@cox.net.

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Please contact Carol Berg at winklerca@yahoo.com.

Information for the December newsletter must be submitted by November 15.

ORCHIDS IN THE PARK

October 23

11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

October 24

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM



Balboa Park

Casa Del Prado—Room 101

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Orchid Dates to Remember

November 2, 6:30 p.m
SDCOS Novice Meeting
First Tuesday of the month
Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

November 2, 7:30 p.m
SDCOS General Meeting
First Tuesday of the month
Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

November 3
Palomar Orchid Society Meeting
Culture class at 6:30; meeting at 7:30
First Wednesday of the month
The Carlsbad Woman's Club
3320 Monroe Street, Carlsbad
Melana Walding (760) 295-7228

November 4, 7:00 PM
SDCOS Board Meeting
Thursday following the General Meeting
Balboa Park, Rm. 104

November 6
SDCOS Species Group Meeting
First Saturday of the month
Paul or Ann Tuskes (858) 274-5829

November 17
Cymbidium Society Meeting
Regular meeting, third Wednesday of month
Culture class at 6:30, Meeting at 7:00 PM
San Diego Cty. Botanic Gardens– Ecke Bldg
230 Quail Gardens Dr., Encinitas, CA 92024
orchldy2@mac.com or (760) 732-0055

November 19
San Diego Zoo's Orchid Odyssey
Third Friday of the month
10 AM-2 PM (orchid greenhouse is open)
Janette Gerrity (619) 231-1515 ext. 4306
September 18-19, 2010

October 23-24
SDCOS Fall Show in the Park
Balboa Park, Room 101 of Casa del Prado
www.sdorchids.com

November 6-7
**52nd Annual Santa Barbara
Orchid Estate Fall Open House**
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November 27-28
**Orchid Society of Santa Barbara
Fall Show and Sale**
Orchids Run Amok
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December 7
SDCOS Holiday Party
Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101
**Please R.S.V.P. to Bruce Berg at
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2010 Holiday Party

By: Bruce Berg

Who is ready for a party?! Your Society is having our annual Holiday Party on **December 7** this year in the main meeting room, Room 101. This will be in place of the regularly scheduled General and Novice meetings. There will not be speakers nor will there be a plant forum. There may be a slide show and music. Come and join your friends for an evening of good food, good company, and good treats.

The party will start at 6:30 pm with hors d'oeuvres with the meal starting about 7 pm. The party is a potluck dinner. We will continue the sign-up sheet tradition started last year. Sign-up sheets will be available at the November meeting. In addition, members can RSVP to Bruce Berg at b2berg@yahoo.com. It is important that members who are planning on attending let us know that you will be there. This will help us ensure that there will be enough food for everyone and that we will have an orchid gift for everyone who RSVPs.

One of the fun things we do at the party is to have a plant exchange. The way it works is like this: you can decorate an orchid and bring it to the tables set up for the exchange. Be sure to put a card on the plant with your name on it. When the exchange starts, one person who brought in a plant is selected at random. That person then goes to the table and selects the plant they want. The person who brought in that plant will then be called to select their plant and so on. The idea is that if you bring in a really nicely decorated plant, your plant will be selected early and you'll have a good choice of a plant to pick that you want.

The sign-up sheets will have the following categories: hors d'oeuvres, salads, breads, veggies, meat/main course (for those who don't eat meat), and desserts.

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Concerning Plants for Judging Sessions

By: Helmut Rohrl

The Pacific South Judging Center conducts each month three judging sessions in the Los Angeles and San Diego area. They are:

Encinitas (Quail Gardens) on the 1st Monday at 7 pm.

San Marino (Huntington Botanical Gardens) on the 2nd Saturday at 10 am.

Long Beach (Whaley Park) on the 4th Saturday at 7 pm.

Visitors—with or without plants—are welcome anytime. If a SDCOS member wishes to have flowering plants judged at one of these sessions but is unable to take the plants to the judging facility, please contact one of the following AOS judges:

Loren Batchman
Solana Beach, 858-755-7572

Helmut Rohrl
La Jolla, 858-452-0976

Ann & Paul Tuskes
Clairemont, 858-274-5829

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room 101 to do that, instead of the [previously occupied] room 104. Once again, **meet in room 101 for the novice meeting, as it has been moved to accommodate AOS judging.** Also, if you want to have your plants judged, bring them in by all means!

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Orchids in the Park Fall 2010

RIBBONS ARE WAITING.....for your prized plants at the Fall Show October 23 and 24. All Members are encouraged to bring lots of plants to show off their blooms, horticultural excellence and those special pots you've been collecting just for this event.

Here is the Show Schedule for the weekend:

Friday, October 22

4:30 - 8:00 pm

Set-up of display/support tables and vendors' booths

6:00 - 8:00

Placement of plants for display and judging

6:00 - 8:00

Vendors' initial Set-up

Saturday, October 23

8:00 - 9:30 am

Final placement of plants for display and judging

8:00 - 9:30

Vendors' final Set-up

9:30 - 11:00

Judging

10:00 - 5:00 pm

Sales to the public and members

11:00 - 5:00

Show open to public viewing

Sunday, October 24

9:00 - 4:00 pm

Show and sales

4:00 - 4:30

Check-out of last sales

4:00 - 5:00

Removal of display plants

4:30 - Finish

Removal by vendors; Break-down of display tables, panels

5:00 - Finish

Final breakdown, storage

In addition to our Conservation and Members' plants for sale, we're privileged to have a fine group of vendors including:

Calavo Gardens

Casa de las Orquidias

Rex Foster

Genie Hammond

Lico Orchids

Ian's Orchids

Dave Reid's Orchids

Sunset Valley Orchids

There will be more than 30 tables of plants, supplies and pottery to choose from, so come indulge your urge to splurge!

As a gentle reminder, we still need folks to help out with judging on Saturday morning and with security on both days, so please just come and spend some time helping your Society hold a successful show and sale. **Lunch will be provided on both days for our volunteers!** Please call us if you have any questions or need any help bringing in materials.

Respectfully,

Jan and Jack Dimond

760.738-7530

SDCOS Spring Show and Sale

The show committee has started work on the 2011 spring show and plant sale. We have a show theme, "Orchid Magic", as selected by the membership at the September general meeting.

The next item we need to accomplish is approval of a budget. The show committee has proposed a \$40,000 budget as shown below.

Item	Amount
Seed Money	\$ 1,500
Advertising, Marketing and Printing	\$ 5,500
Sales and Merchandise	\$ 1,000
Facility	\$19,000
Awards and Judging	\$ 3,500
Food	\$ 6,000
Supplies, Copies and Postage	\$ 3,500
Total	\$40,000

This budget will be presented to the membership at the November meeting for approval.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this budget, please contact Dave Hoffmaster, Co-chair of the show committee prior to the November meeting.

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Paphiopedilums

Ann Tuskes (858) 274-5829

Phalaenopsis, Cattleyas, Dendrobiums

Bob Swanson (619) 465-2297

Vandas, Ascocendas

Edith and Leno Galvan (619) 441-7503

Encyclias, Epidendrums, Laelias

[Christopher Croom](mailto:Christopher.Croom@orquideas.com) (619) 583-3804

Pleurothallids

[Christopher Croom](mailto:Christopher.Croom@orquideas.com) (619) 583-3804

Cymbidiums

Loren Batchman— casa@orquideas.com

Northeast County, all types

Dave Reid (760) 728-7996

San Diego Central

Outdoor, all types
Jim Wright (619) 276-5295
Fred Tomaschke (619) 276-3235

San Diego East County, all types

Bud Close (619) 444-8839

South County, all types

Genie Hammond (619) 422-2235

SDCOS Conservation Grant Awardees 2010

The SDCOS Conservation Committee met on September 20 to evaluate applications from a number of people and organizations. After careful consideration, the Committee recommended the following three grants for funding. All three of these recommendations were approved by the SDCOS board at the September board meeting.

A vote of the membership is required for all society expenditures in excess of \$750, and a motion to approve these three awards will be made at the monthly General Meeting on November 3. If you have any questions about these applications or the review or approval process, please contact Ron Kaufmann (kaufmann@sandiego.edu) by November 1.

Community Building for the Conservation and Annotated List of Orchidaceae, Wild Orchids Species in the Tropical Cloud Forest of Dapa, Colombia.

Submitted by Terry Lynn Gartelman-Gonzalez, Dapaviva Environmental Foundation, Dapa, Colombia.

The department (state) of Valle del Cauca is one of the most diverse geographic areas in Colombia and contains many different species of orchids. Human activities have produced habitat fragmentation in this area, but little research has been done to assess the effects of fragmentation on local orchid populations. This project includes surveys of orchids in various ecosystems within the Valle del Cauca, collections of reference material for local herbaria in Colombia and conservation education programs at schools and communities in the Dapa area. Total amount recommended = \$2,766

Developing Native Orchid Conservation Education with a New Conservation Park.

Submitted by Mizushi Satoh, APROVACA (Asociación de Productores de Orquídeas del Valle y Cabuya), El Valle de Antón, Provincia de Coclé, Panamá.

The nation of Panama is slightly smaller than South Carolina but is estimated to have approximately 1,500 different orchid species, a number far exceeding that of Canada and the United States combined. However, Panama's biodiversity is threatened by habitat loss. For instance, 70% of the land was covered by tropical rain forests thirty years ago, but this number has dropped to 30% as a result of deforestation. APROVACA is a small grassroots association dedicated to the conservation of endangered native orchid species in Panama. The central goal of this project is to create a native orchid garden to educate the public about orchids and their conservation and generate income to support future conservation efforts. Funds are requested to purchase materials and supplies for construction of the garden. Total amount recommended = \$2,701

Reintroduction of *Peristylus* (syn. *Platanthera*) *holochila* – a U.S. Federally Endangered Orchid from Hawaii.

Submitted by Lawrence Zettler, Erin Wood, Tegan Fugate and Lillian Moller-Jacobs, Illinois College, Jacksonville, IL.

In 2002, the Orchid Recovery Program at Illinois College began a collaborative effort with the National Tropical Botanical Garden in Hawaii to cultivate a U.S. Federally endangered orchid, *Peristylus* (syn. *Platanthera*) *holochila*, from seed. Only ca. 36 individual plants of this Hawaiian endemic remain across three islands (Kauai, Maui, Molokai), and only one specimen persists on Kauai. Seeds were collected between 2002 and 2006 from the Molokai and Kauai populations.

These seeds were sent to Illinois College, where they were sown, grown and now are large enough to be reintroduced to their native habitat. The researchers project that by March 2011 ca. 61-100 seedlings will be large enough to reintroduce into existing orchid habitats in Hawaii, more than doubling the total number of existing plants that currently remain in the archipelago. This project involves reintroducing seedlings from the Molo-kai and Kauai populations to the habitats from which seeds were collected. In addition, seeds that have been stored since they were collected will be distributed into the same habitat, with hopes for germination and growth. Funding is requested to support travel by three undergraduate students from Illinois College to reintroduce these endangered orchids in Hawaii in March 2011. Total amount recommended = \$2,500



Late Summer Bloomers

Clockwise from top: *Brassavola cucullata*,
Vanda lilacina, *Encyclia hanburyi*

All grow outdoors year-round in San Diego!



San Diego County Orchid Society August Board Meeting Minutes

October 7, 2010

Attendees: David Brown, Carol Berg, Bruce Berg, Bob Clark, Christopher Croom, Patti Hoffmaster, Dave Hoffmaster, Kevin Rynearson and Jack Schaefer.

President David Brown called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

Officers Reports

Minutes for the September meeting were approved prior to this meeting and were published in the newsletter.

Carol Berg presented treasurer's reports for August and September. Bruce Berg moved to file the reports for audit and the motion carried.

Committee Reports

Jack Dimond requested money for the Fall Show in the Park to cover anticipated materials and food costs. The Board approved \$64 in materials and \$200 for lunch for the volunteers on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The spring show committee has sent applications to 30 potential vendors for the spring show. To date, we have received acceptances from 13 of them while only 3 have declined.

The show committee would like to purchase Corel Draw software so we can update and make changes to the exhibit and display room floor plan. The Home and Student version will be sufficient for our needs and that is available on line for \$99. Dave Brown requested that we contact Ron Kaufmann to see if he can acquire it through his contacts at a better price. Dave Hoffmaster will contact Ron.

Prior to the Board meeting, Jack Schaefer met with Ron Kaufmann and Owen Smith regarding transfer of the webmaster position to Jack. Jack requested we purchase Dreamweaver software so we can enhance the material we post on our web site. This will permit us to provide items such as slide shows and video that we cannot currently do. David Brown requested that Jack contact Ron Kaufmann to see if he can obtain the software for us at a reduced cost.

Old Business

Dave Hoffmaster will form a committee to look at alternative sites to the Scottish Rite Center for our spring show starting in 2013. Bruce Berg will forward information obtained from prior searches.

David Brown requested \$100 for enhanced advertising with Sign on San Diego. This will be a trial run to see if advertising helps promote the October Fall Show in the Park.

As a thank you to Owen Smith for his years of service as our webmaster, Bruce Berg obtained Orchid Digest's Award of Excellence to be given to Owen prior to his leaving San Diego.

The plant tags for our monthly meetings are ready and David Brown will pick them up from Steve Mallory and deliver them to the next general meeting.

Ai Dang will film the next Show in the Park for stock footage. The film can then be used for numerous items such as commercials or web site content.

New Business

The speaker for the November general meeting will be Jim Rose discussing the genus *Lycaste*.

The novice speaker will be announced.

Kevin Rynearson suggested creating a Facebook page for the Society as a way to promote interest. Christopher moved that we authorize Kevin to create the page and the motion carried.

We agreed to have a sign-up sheet at the next meeting for the December pot luck dinner. The sign-up sheet will balance out the number of appetizers, salads, main courses and desserts while giving everyone a chance to decide which item to bring. The event will include plants for all in attendance as well as a plant exchange for anyone interested.

Patti Hoffmaster volunteered to head up an advisory committee with Christopher Croom to provide content and creativity for our web site. She will work with Jack Schaefer to enhance and update the web site. Anyone interested in helping should contact Patti.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

San Diego County Orchid Society Membership

We invite you to join the San Diego County Orchid Society! Receive this newsletter and many other benefits, including a holiday party and a free orchid at the end of the year!



To join, please send your check for \$20 for an individual membership or \$25 for a dual membership, payable to SDCOS , to:

San Diego County Orchid Society
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San Diego, CA 92176

For further details, contact membership@sdorchids.com

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species and hybrids in the U.S.

Cal-Orchid maintains an active breeding program and stud collection built upon decades of international travel. James is very well known for having a distinctively selective "eye" for the new unusual plant, and Cal-Orchid's new and long-time customers enjoy reaping the benefits.

The nursery's inventory features the Cattleya, Cymbidium, Odontoglossum, Masdevallia, Lycaste, Paphiopedilum alliances as well as a good assortment of African species. More recently, James and Lauris have become recognized for their superior "Pacific" line of reed-stem Epidendrums, which have evolved over 12 years of selective breeding.

James has published in the AOS, Orchid Digest, and CSA magazines, and is well respected for his knowledge as well as his distinctive sense of humor. He lectures all over the world...from Japan to South Africa, to Europe, at orchid shows and World Orchid Conferences.

He is a Cymbidium Society of America Judge, former member of the AOS Conservation Committee, and active member of the Japan Grand Prix Organizing committee where he has judged every year at the world famous Tokyo Dome.

Members who wish to join Jim for dinner before the meeting are requested to RSVP Bruce Berg by November 1 by email- B2berg@yahoo.com.



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Letter From the Editor

Dear SDCOS,

I am very grateful for all who came to see my talk last month. I hope you felt it was worth your time and that you learned a thing or two also, despite the fact that all of you could teach me many things. *Cymbidium* species can be just as fun to grow as their hybrids, and Nico raffled off some unbelievably valuable plants (thank you, Nico!).

Did you all notice that increase in growing activity when we had our heatwave the other week? Some of you may have perceived a greater vigor to your plants, and when the mercury rises, all biological processes of plants tend to take less time to complete. This is because each plant is taking in more water, transpiring more, and photosynthesizing more, so don't forget to water your collection during those high temperature spikes.

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Christopher Croom

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I apologize if the Newsletter came abruptly and early this month; I certainly hope we didn't throw off anyone's natural rhythms. Logistical issues stymied our usual procrastination. We'll get right back to the normal schedule of getting the Newsletter delivered to your mailbox on the day of (or the day after) the meeting next month.

November's general meeting speaker, Jim Rose, is talking about *Lycastes* (lie-CAST-eez), which are an awesome *Maxillaria* tribe genus that can produce some really large and fragrant flowers, and many of them can be grown outside year-round in San Diego (although others may require an intermediate house, but never a hothouse). More people should grow these things because their triangular flowers can be unbelievably spectacular.

Happy Growing,
Christopher