



San Diego County Orchid Society

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Holiday Party Set for December 7

By: Bruce Berg

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.

The party will start at about 6 pm with appetizers with the meal starting about 7 pm. The party is a potluck dinner. 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. Members can RSVP to Bruce Berg at b2berg@yahoo.com. When you RSVP, please identify what type of dish you will bring. We need the following types of dishes: appetizers, salads, breads, veggies, meat/main course (for those who don't eat meat), and desserts. The Society will provide wine, beer, coffee, water, and punch.

We will also have an orchid gift for each Society member who RSVPs. Only members will be given an orchid. Guests can purchase a raffle ticket for any plants not claimed by members.

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.

Come and join your friends for an evening of good food, good company, and good treats.



Holiday Party

Tuesday, December 7

6 PM

Potluck dinner

RSVPS required!

Contact Bruce at

b2berg@yahoo.com

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

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

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Orchid Dates to Remember

December 1

Palomar Orchid Society Meeting

Culture class at 6:30; meeting at 7:30
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The Carlsbad Woman's Club
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December 4

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December 4 and 5

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December 4 & 5
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December 7

SDCOS Holiday Party

Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101
RSVP to Bruce Berg at
b2berg@yahoo.com

December 9, 7:00 PM

SDCOS Board Meeting

Thursday following the General Meeting
Balboa Park, Rm. 104

December 15

Cymbidium Society Meeting

Regular meeting, third Wednesday of month
Culture class at 6:30, Meeting at 7:00 PM
San Diego Cty. Botanic Gardens– Ecker Bldg
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December 17

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

January 4, 6:30 p.m

SDCOS Novice Meeting

First Tuesday of the month
Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

January 4, 7:30 p.m

SDCOS General Meeting

First Tuesday of the month
Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

February 5, 11 AM

Annual Orchid Auction

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March 25-27

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Monthly Report on AOS Judging at Quail Gardens

By: Helmut Rohrl

Judging at the Encinitas site (Quail Gardens, Administration (Ecke) Building) begins at 7:00 pm on the first Monday of each month. The facility opens at 6:30 pm. Anyone interested in orchids is encouraged and welcome at the sessions. Visitors may join the judging teams at their tables, but cannot participate in the judging process. Anyone who wants to exhibit plants for judging but is unable to bring the plants to Quail Gardens, please contact one of the local judges or have others bring the plants to the facility.

At the November 1, 2010 Encinitas session four cultivars were shown.

Betty Kelepecz presented:

Dracuvallia Blue Boy (*Masd. uniform x Drac. Chimaera*) with two flowers on two inflorescences; the natural spread of the flower is 4.2 cm; the sepals are light lavender-purple, the lip is white with light purple markings. HCC/AOS.

Masdevallia lynchiphora with three flowers on three inflorescences; the natural spread of the flower is 3.1 cm; the sepals are light purple with white caudae proximally dark purple, the lip is white. AM/AOS.

Masdevallia venus with one flower on one inflorescence; the natural spread of the flower is 2.3 cm; the dorsal sepal is light tan, veined green; the lateral sepals are brown-mauve, striped darker; the lip is light tan.

Loren Batchman presented:

Propabstopetalum Copper Queen (*Z. New Era x Pbt. Kiwi Gold*) with twelve flowers and ten buds on six inflorescences; the natural spread of the flower is 7.1 cm; sepals and petals are light tan, marked brown, and the lip is white, heavily overlaid and veined dark purple. HCC/AOS.

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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
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Spring Show 2011 Update

By Bruce Berg

Mark your calendars for the 64th annual 2011 Spring Show “**Orchid Magic**” which will be held March 25, 26, and 27 of 2011. The show will be held at Scottish Rite Center again this year. The Show Committee will have their kick-off planning meeting on December 9, 2010, in Room 104 at 5:45pm. Members wishing to attend are invited to bring your ideas for making this show one of our best yet!

Dave Hoffmaster and Bruce Berg are the co-chairmen again this year. Helping them out will be Genie Hammond with Food and Beverage as well as corsage making and arranging, Carol Berg with Finance, Esther Sivila with Plant Hotel, Jack Schaefer and Patti Hoffmaster will be managing our website information, and Tom and Barbara Smith will coordinate Security. We need someone who can help us with Advertising and Marketing. And most importantly, all of you can help us with the many tasks at the show! We will start the sign-up sheets at the January Meeting.

We have already received 20 confirmations from vendors wishing to have booths. We are looking forward to having some really great plants for sale from our vendors.

Ticket changes

This year, we are going to make several changes to the ticketing. First, we will be keeping the price of the tickets the same as last year. That is, \$7 per ticket. We will print out coupons for \$1 off for persons bringing back a coupon. Last year, members were given packets to sell with 5 tickets for \$30. This year, members will be given packets with 6 tickets for \$30. We hope that each of you will help out by selling these tickets. This is the society’s big money maker for the show. We will also continue the weekend pass ticket sales. The weekend pass will be \$10. People who have purchased a one-day ticket before the show can have it converted to the weekend pass for \$3 more at the ticket sales booth.

Esther Sivila made a suggestion that we try the ticket sales competition that the society had a number of years ago where the person who sells the most tickets would be given a prize. We will try this again this year with the winner being given a gift subscription to Orchids Magazine or the cash equivalent. If you want to help out and try to be our top salesperson, just talk to Bruce or Carol so they can give you extra tickets to sell.

Tickets will be available at the January meeting. Please stop by and pick up the envelope with your name on it so we can save on mailing costs.



Felisa and Ernie Acantilado’s Phal. Mystical ‘Dream Come True’ earned 1st Place, Best of Section 8, and Best of Show at our Fall conflation in the Prado.



Edith and Leno Galvan capitalized nicely on the expansive Cymbidium categories in our judging schema with this C. unknown. (Good luck ever finding it if you’re smitten with this flower.) This earned a 1st Place, Best of Section 3, so take note ribbon-collectors: early-blooming Cymbidiums are the ticket for Fall Shows!

SDCOS Fall Show

By: Jack Dimond

Although we seriously missed so many stalwart members who were off trekking the wilds of Brazil, we're happy to report that our Fall Show was ably set up and staffed by so many other members. We were happy to present 12 great vendors and outstanding plants exhibited by 15 members of the Society.

Our Friday set-up was accomplished by 10 hard-working people: Helen Pfister (who graciously led the display-area efforts;) Linda Fiske; Susan Lewitt; Dave Hoffmaster; Ian Milley; Lynn Ford; Kevin Rynerson; Gabriel Reyes; and Jan Dimond.

On Saturday morning Jim Wright ably organized and led the judging, assisted by many of the members. The cashiering function was very ably fulfilled by Nancy and Carl Batchman, with great all-day assistance by Elaine Lueanos. The many other important functions of security and public assistance were handled by Ray Brandt, Leno and

Edith Galvin, Dave Hofmaster, Ian Milley, Dolores Maxwell, Genie Hammond, Lynn Ford, Susan Lewitt, Margaret Glover, and Jan Dimond.

On Sunday, as if just one full day wasn't enough, Nancy and Erica Batchman again kept our cashiering functions performing smoothly with all-day support by Barbara and Tom Smith. The rest of our operating crew included the Galvins, Kevin Rynerson, Rose Alessi, the Galvins, Genie Hammond, Jim Wright and Jan Dimond. Again our own CDR. Margaret Glover, USN (Ret.) managed our plant hotel with her usual fortitude and a full day's attention. (I wonder if she ever reviewed any of my messages from the fleet and wished I had done them better.) Many of these wonderful folks stayed beyond the call of duty to break down the displays and put away all our accoutrements.

Many thanks, again, to all who volunteered, judged, displayed their wonderful orchids, and attended another fine weekend in the Park.

Sincerely,
Jan and Jack Dimond

Fall Show Judging Results:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Plant</u>	<u>Award(s)</u>
12-E	Spencer, A.	<i>L. perrinii</i>	1 st , Best of Sec., Cultural
7-B	Gardner, L.	Paph. Avalon LoveStone (Stone Lovely 'Butter Puff Mist' x Avalon 'Sunshine')	1 st , Best of Sec.
11	Spencer, A. & J.	C. Laurie Lynn 'Western Berger'	1 st , Best of Sec., Cultural, Forest Robinson
10-I	Campbell, K.	Ascda. Princess Mikasa	1 st , Best of Sec.
9-F	Wright, J.	Colmanara Karma	1 st , Best of Sec.
8-H	Acantilado, F.	Phal Mystical 'Dream Come True'	1 st , Best of Sec., Best of Show
5-A	Wright, J.	Epc. Siam Jade	1 st , Best of Sec., Cultural
4-J	Spencer, A.	Ctt. Tristar Bouquet	1 st , Best of Sec.
3-F	Galvin, E. & L.	Cym unknown	1 st , Best of Sec.
2-E	Spencer, J.	Cym. Hawaiian Gold	1 st , Best of Sec., Cultural



The compact Cym. Hawaiian Gold brought Jerry Spencer a 1st Place and Best of Section 2 at the recent fall show. A very small number of Cymbidiums were displayed at the show due to most of them being very late winter or spring bloomers. This plant reminded me of a more vigorous and larger version of C. Golden Elf 'Sundust'.



Anita Spencer earned a 3rd Place in Section 4 for this Blc. Chia Lin. Angry epistolographers beware: yes, we *know* this picture isn't very good. (Buy us a \$3,000 macro and we'll happily fix the problem.) Also this isn't the kind of orchid that can be photographed well, as no amount of Nikkor VR lenses capture its resplendent velvety beauty the way the human eye does.



Dave and Patti Hoffmaster brought in this *Prosthechea radiata* species, formerly of the *Encyclia* genus. Like the other members of the so-called "cockleshell orchids," these resupinate blooms were sweetly and spicily fragrant, earning it a Special Award in section 12. *P. radiata* is very difficult to tell apart from *P. fragrans*.



Phyllis Prestia's Zyg. Blackii 'Negro' x Kiwi Geyser 'Surprise' earned a 1st Place and a Special Award for having the best of the Zygopetalum hybrid universe: richly colored flowers with great veination; a tremendous, room-filling, perfumey fragrance; and petals that think they're mostly lips (semi-peloric).



Anita and Jerry's Ctt. Tristar Bouquet earned a 1st Place and Best of Section 4 for this rich magenta, peloric, and somewhat cuppy, large Cattleya intergeneric hybrid. The Broughtonia (what makes a C. into a Ctt.) contributions are clearly evident in the color and shape of these blooms.



Jerry and Anita's C. Laurie Lynn Western Berger earned a 1st Place, Best of Section 11, a Cultural Award, and the Forrest Robinson Trophy. That said, it did not win Best in Show, although many of the judges voted for it. This was an exceptionally well-grown standard Cattleya hybrid specimen.



Here's Lynn Gardner's Paph. Avalon LoveStone (Stone Lovely 'Butter Puff Mist' x Avalon 'Sunshine') that swept group 7 with a 1st place and Best of Section. This hybrid draws many genes from the Cochlopetalum section of Paphs.



This *Laelia perrinii* species orchid was grown by Jerry and Anita Spencer and earned a Cultural Award, a First Place, and a Best of Section 12. This plant gave stiff competition to the one that won Best of Show during the judging process.



Jim Wright earned a 1st Place and Best of Section 5 with Epc. Siam Jade, a peloric, green-and-ivory, fragrant, cuppy little number. This one liked posing for pictures.



Lynn Ford brought in this *Oncidium* (probably a species), but none of us has found out what it really is yet due to lack of the 15 hours necessary to plow through the *Oncidium* section of the IOSPE. If you know the true identity of this plant, tell Lynn.



Ken Campbell's Section 10 entry of Asca. Princess Mikasa took 1st Place and Best of Section 10 for a particularly electric flower. *V. coerulea* provides much of the color and netting you see on the petals and sepals of this hybrid.



Jim Wright's Colmanara Karma won 1st place and Best of Section 12 and had the most exquisitely trained inflorescence ("carriage") I'd ever seen on an orchid. It was literally espaliere.

San Diego County Orchid Society August Board Meeting Minutes

November 8, 2010

Attendees: David Brown, Carol Berg, Bruce Berg, Christopher Croom, Genie Hammond, Dave Hoffmaster, Kevin Rynearson and Jack Schaefer.

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

Officers Reports

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

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

Committee Reports

The October show in the park went smoothly thanks to the efforts Jack Dimond and the volunteers that helped set up and worked during the show.

Work continues on the spring show with most of the effort going into vendors. So far we have sent invitations to 32 potential vendors with 17 accepting and 3 declining. The co-chairs will hold a meeting next week to draw up the subcommittees needed and contact people to head those committees.

Rom Kauffmann can get the student version of Corel Draw software for \$100 through the university. Dave Hoffmaster will check the price through local electronics stores and the internet to see if a better price is available.

Jack Schaefer has made considerable progress updating our website and has set up a test site with the new material. He asks that the board members access the site to review the material and to test the links between pages. The board is to comment on the material and report any problems they find to Jack.

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.

Ai Dang made a video of the October show in the part. It starts with a fast forward of the set-up followed by footage of the awarded flowers. The material is quite good. Jack Schaefer will include it on our web site and David Brown will look into making a possible commercial from it. David Brown picked up the plant tags from Steve Mallory and put them in our locker in Room 101 so they will be available at the next meeting.

We made a test run holding the novice meeting in room 101 at the November meeting just to see what problems will occur. Holding the novice meeting in room 101 will be necessary if AOS judging moves to Balboa Park next year. We did notice a fair level of background noise during the class but other than that, the meeting went well.

Kevin Rynearson is creating a Facebook account for us as a means to promote the Society.

So far sixty people have signed up for the holiday pot luck scheduled for December 7. Each participant must provide either an appetizer, salad, main dish or desert so sign-up is necessary to balance out the food available. We expect about 100 people to attend.

David Brown will set up room 101 starting at 2:30 Tuesday afternoon and would like a few volunteers to help. We will have the same table arrangement as last year. We will start the evening by serving wine at 6:00.

We will have a plant exchange as part of the holiday party and anyone is free to bring an orchid and participate. In addition Bruce Berg will contact several of the local vendors and purchase orchids to be given to Society members. Any leftover plants will be sold once each member in attendance has received a plant.

New Business

There will be no novice class or general speaker at the December meeting due to the holiday party. AOS judging at our meetings will begin between January and March.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

**San Diego County Orchid Society
General Meeting— Approval of 2011 Spring
Show Budget**

November 2, 2010

Dave Hoffmaster called for approval of the 2011 Spring Show budget from the Society membership at the November general meeting. The proposed budget was approved by the Board at the October meeting and published in the November Newsletter. It was moved, seconded and approved to adopt the following budget:

Expenses	Amount
Seed Money	\$ 1,500
Advertising & Marketing	\$ 5,500
Sales & Merchandise	\$ 1,000
Awards & Judging	\$ 3,500
Facility	\$19,000
Food	\$ 6,000
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Letter From the Editor

Dear SDCOS,

Last month we had a great Fall Balboa Park Show, and it was amazing we even pulled it off at all considering how many members who usually bring plants in for shows and have large collections that were gone in Brazil. Make sure to thank Jack and Jan Dimond heartily when you see them for pulling off this Augean (and consequently very daunting) task. A lot of other members were there to help out, too. I got to judge plants at a show for the first time, and it was a totally mellow and educational experience. Don't be afraid to sign up for jobs you're not necessarily sure you have the know-how to execute; experienced members will be there to help you every step of the way.

This month there are a couple of very important events to attend for our Society and its Membership. Make sure to catch the Casa De Las Orquideas open house on December 4th and 5th to check out the newest trends in Cymbidium hybridizing (Loren has many species as well), and don't miss our Annual Holiday Potluck on December 7th. All members will get a free orchid at the door (for the Potluck) and are allowed to bring a guest (who will NOT get an orchid), we'll sit down and eat and have a fabulous time, and later in the evening we'll have the plant exchange. If you want the best pickin's for this event, make sure to bring in something nice. Also, don't forget to RSVP to Bruce Berg about how many folks will be in your party and what you all will be bringing. We can't all eat tortas if we end up with 30 trays of bolillos and only one of carne de cabeza.

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Also, our spring show ("Orchid Magic"—March 25–27) will be coming up faster than any of us expect. Make sure to sign up with Bruce or Dave if you have the time to lend a hand!

Happy Growing,
Christopher