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San Diego County Orchid Society

AWARDS POTLUCK BANQUET

By Bruce Berg, 1st Vice President

The May meeting of the San Diego County Orchid Society will be our annual awards banquet to celebrate the successful Spring Orchid Show and Plant Sale held last month.

This potluck banquet will replace the Novice Meeting and the General Meeting regularly scheduled for the May 3, 2011.

Please also do not bring in your plants for the Plant Forum. We will, however, have a plant opportunity table with plants the Society picked up at the Show. Tickets will be the same price as for a regular meeting. Please help your society by purchasing tickets.

Ann and Paul Tuskes will present a slideshow of the plants, people, and displays

from the show. Please come and join us for an evening of socializing and a good meal.

The potluck will begin at 6 pm with wine, coffee, tea, water, and punch. Dinner will start at 6:30 pm. If you did not have a chance to sign up at the April meeting, you can still sign up to bring a food item. We have the following categories:

- Appetizers**
- Salads**
- Breads**
- Vegetable or side dish**
- Main Dish**
- Dessert**

Please contact Bruce Berg and let him know what you will be bringing. Firstvp@sdcos.com.

GENERAL MEETING

By Bruce Berg, 1st Vice President

Thank you, Ron Kaufmann, for your presentation last month on the Orchids of Columbia. We learned that Columbia has perhaps the greatest diversity of orchid species in the world due to the location close to the equator and the great elevation diversity. At the end of the presentation, Ron invited members who would be interested in joining him on an Orchid Conservation Alliance expedition to Columbia this summer. You can contact Ron via email at:

kaufmann@sandiego.edu.

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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 bates-croom@cox.net.

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Orchid Dates to Remember

May 3, 6:00 PM SDCOS Annual Awards Banquet Potluck dinner

Our May meeting will be our annual awards banquet. The Novice Meeting and the General Meetings will be replaced with a potluck dinner for members and guests. Please read the article on page one for more details.

May 4 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

May 5, 7:00 PM SDCOS Board Meeting Normally, the Thursday following the General Meeting (usually the first Thursday of the month; second Friday of the month in rare cases)

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Balboa Park, Rm. 104

May 7 SDCOS Species Group Meeting First Saturday of the month Paul or Ann Tuskes (858) 274-5829

May 18 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

May 20 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

July 8-10 The 31st Santa Barbara Orchid Estate International Orchid Fair July 8 and July 9, 9 AM to 5 PM July 10, 10 AM to 4 PM www.sborchid.com

If you have any announcements that you would like included in the "Dates to Remember" section of the newsletter, please e-mail batescroom@cox.net.

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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 any time.

If a member of the SDCOS 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 and Paul Tuskes
Clairemont, 858-274-5829.



The Laughter Trophy for best Phalaenopsis went to Phal. San Jacinto Rose, exhibited by Glenn Stall. This is what happened to the starrier, waxier hybrids when they bred the "windowing" out.

Monthly Report on AOS Judging at Quail Gardens

By: Phyllis S. Prestia

There were 4 orchids presented for judging at the Encinitas Judging Center on April 4, 2011. Some of these things may have won AOS awards, or maybe not. Further reports are unconfirmed as of press time.



Blc. Beautiful Morning
Exhibited by Renate Schmidt



Cym. (Lemon Butter x Comanche 'Goldie')
Exhibited by Harry Polis



Cym. Amelia Earhart 'Sharon Tagami'
Exhibited by Naty Ang



Cym. Calli Night
Exhibited by Harry Polis

Spring Show a Success

By Bruce Berg and Dave Hoffmaster

The Show Committee thanks the members of the Society for their great support of the 2011 Spring Show and Plant Sale. Most important though were the efforts of all the members who volunteered their time to help with all the details of putting together and hosting the show.

The sights and smells of the orchids brought in for display by members at the exhibition hall at the Scottish Rite Center were almost overwhelming. Vendors, Members, and five orchid societies put together display booths highlighting the theme of the show, "Orchid Magic." In addition, many of our members also put together tabletop displays showcasing their artistic talents on a smaller display scale.

Two special stories from the Show:

One of our members, Kay Klausing, entered a 2x2 tabletop display that was designed and assembled by his seven year old daughter, Isabella, complete with butterflies, little fairies, and magical frogs. The display earned Isabella a blue ribbon! She is perhaps the youngest person to be awarded a blue ribbon by the Society!



The second fun story involves one of our newer members, Lena Shiroma. Lena bought plant opportunity tickets at one of our meetings last year and won a *Zygopetalum*. She gave it all the good attention and care to be awarded an AOS award at the show, her first! Lena was so excited that she was still bouncing up and down at the end of the show when her friend Cory took this picture.



Tickets

Please send in your money for the show tickets to Carol Berg. The tickets can also be paid for at the next General Meeting.

Volunteers

Thank you to all who volunteered to help out with the show. Volunteers who worked at least one shift during the show were given a canvas tote bag. In addition, at the April General meeting, volunteers present were given orchids which were donated by our vendors. If you did not receive your gifts, please contact Bruce Berg. Any plants not claimed by volunteers by the May meeting will be added to the plant opportunity table.

Thank you for your support! Your Show Committee members: Dave Hoffmaster, Bruce Berg, Carol Berg, Pam Peters, Genie Hammond, Esther Sivila, and Tom and Barbara Smith.



This Cym. Scooby Doo ‘Daphne’, exhibited by Casa De Las Orquideas, earned a 1st place and Best of Section 1 at the big spring show. It had very rich and lightly cupped flowers.



This great *Lepanthes calodictyon* exhibited by the San Diego Zoo (Jeanette Gerrity) was a fantastic specimen of this difficult-to-grow plant that requires nearly pure water, earning it several ribbons.



The Canale Trophy for best colored Cattleya hybrid went to Sunset Valley’s Lc. Brian Wheeler ‘Grandson’. Remember, Lc.’s can almost always be grown outdoors year-round.



The Thorne Trophy for the best colored Cattleya Alliance (hybrid) went to Debby Halliday for this Lc. Mini Song ‘La Primera Morada’, which surprisingly evokes *Miltonia regnellii*.



Lena Shiroma’s Zygo. New Era ‘Mahogany’ x Zba. Leopardinum ‘La Jolla’ earned her 1st place and Best of Section 1301. Zygopetalinae like these can sometimes scent an entire room.



The Bishop Trophy for the best miniature Cattleya hybrid in the show went to Bruce and Carol Berg for their Lc. Koolau Seagulla x Slc. Golden Treat.

Spring Show Winners

Trophy Awards for Orchids	Description of Award	Name of Winning Orchid	Winner
Abernathy Trophy (Amateur)	Best Cymbidium in Show	Cym. Splatters 'Flamenco'	Dave & Judy Smith
Bean Trophy (Open)	Best of Vanda Alliance in Show	Vasco Viboon Velvet 'Perfection'	Ken Campbell
Bertsch Trophy (Open)	Best Intergeneric Hybrid excluding Cattleya or Cymbidium	Burr. Nellie Isler	LICO Orchids
Bishop Trophy (Open)	Best Miniature Cattleya Hybrid in show	(Lc. Koolau Seagulls x Slc. Golden Treat)	Bruce & Carol Berg
Bliss Trophy (Open)	Best Species in Show	<i>Coelogyne cristata</i>	Andy's Orchids
Canale Trophy (Open)	Best colored cattleya hybrid in show	Lc. Brian Wheeler 'Grand Son'	Sunset Valley Orchids
Casa Herbita Trophy (Open)	Best Sophronitis hybrid in show	Slc. Hsin Buu Lady	Marv & Elaine Dellinger
Casamajor Trophy (Amateur)	Best of Paphiopedilum Alliance in show	(Paph. Toni Semple x <i>Paph. liemianum</i>)	Debby Halliday
Casey Trophy (Open)	Best Oncidium Alliance in show	<i>Cohniella cebolleta</i>	San Diego Zoo
Cobb Trophy (Open)	Best Cymbidium in Show	Cym. <i>eburnum</i> 'Burma'	Andy's Orchids
Crosby Trophy (Open)	Best American Hybrid Cymbidium in show	Cym. Rebel Yelll 'Passion'	Casa de las Orquideas
DeMaria Trophy (Open)	Best reed stem Epidendrum in show	(Epi. Pacific Girl 'Primavera' x Pacific Glory 'Spike')	Cal Orchid
Doros Trophy (Open)	Best intergeneric Hybrid of Phalaenopsis Alliance in show	Doritis Yu Pin Lady 'Sweetheart'	Lee Landes
Dugger Trophy (Open)	Best species or hybrid Odontoglossum in show	Not Awarded	Not Awarded (no entries)
Trophy Awards for Orchids	Description of Award	Name of Winning Orchid	Winner
Foster Trophy (Amateur)	Best 3 Cymbidiums in containers - not in a massed display	Cym. Pacific Express 'Sorcerer' Cym. Moondog 'Memory Starburst' Cym Dr. Len	Elma Lager
Geer Trophy (Open)	Best Specimen Plant in show	Den. Mousmee	Ron Dier
Hadacheck Trophy (Open)	Best of Dendrobium Alliance in show	Den. Mousmee	Ron Dier
Laughter Trophy (Open)	Best Phalaenopsis in show	Phal. San Jacinto Rose	Glenn F. Stall
Miller Trophy (Open)	Best of Paphiopedilum Alliance in show	Paph. Mount Toro 'Sunset Valley Orchids'	Sunset Valley Orchids
Moore Trophy (Amateur)	Best White or Semi-Alba Standard-sized Cattleya in show	C. Henrietta Japhet	Crest Orchids
Pacific Trophy (Open)	Best 3 Cattleyas in containers - not in a massed display in show	C. Snow White C. <i>intermedia</i> 'alba' C. Heathii	Anita Spencer
Peterson Trophy (Amateur)	Best 3 Cattleyas in containers - not in a massed display in show	Blc. Plum Islands 'Newberry' Lc. Aloha Case 'Ching Hua' Lc. Orlgades Grand 'Tien Mu'	Craig Johnson
Snyder Trophy (Open)	Best 3 Cymbidiums in containers - not in a massed display	Cym. Dorothy Stockstill Cym. Ruby Sarah 'Gemstone' Cym. Mary Green 'Springwind'	Edith & Leno Galvan
Sweepstakes Vase	Best Orchid in Show	Den. Mousmee	Ron Dier
Thorne Trophy (Amateur)	Best Colored Cattleya Alliance in show	Lc. Mini Song 'La Primera Morada'	Debby Halliday
Van Kekerix Trophy (Open)	Best of Pleurothallid Alliance in show	Masd. Kiki Romona	LICO Orchids
Wilson Trophy (Open)	Most Unusual Orchid Flower in show	<i>Lepanthes caprimulgus</i>	San Diego Zoo

DISPLAY AWARDS	DESCRIPTION OF AWARD	WINNER
Alesi Trophy (Open)	Best Small Display: 16B 4 x 4 Floor Display	Tom Osborn
Balboa Trophy (Amateur)	Best Exhibit illustrating show theme to include 10 or more flowering orchid plants with background material covering 100 sq ft or more. Display area does not include tabletop displays. Amateur entries only	Palomar Orchid Society
Coronado Trophy (Open)	Best Exhibit of Non-Orchid Material	Not Awarded
Marosz Trophy (Open)	Most educational exhibit. All displays are eligible. 1st prize \$150 - Floralia 2nd prize \$125 - Not Awarded 3rd prize \$100 - Not Awarded	Floralia
Pinckney Trophy (Open)	Most artistic exhibit. All displays are eligible.	Sunset Valley Orchids
President's Trophy (Open)	Best Exhibit illustrating show theme to include 10 or more flowering orchid plants with background material covering 100 sq ft or more. Display area does not include tabletop displays.	Sunset Valley Orchids
Robinson Trophy (Amateur)	Best Small Display: 1601 A: 4 x 4 Tabletop	Dave & Patti Hoffmaster
SDCOS Cash Prize (Open)	Best exhibit to include 10 or more flowering orchid plants with background material, covering 100 sq feet or more. All displays are eligible. 1st prize \$250 - Andy's Orchids 2nd prize \$200 - Sunset Valley Orchids 3rd prize \$150 - Aroma Orchids	see left
SDCOS Cash Prize (Amateur)	Best exhibit to include 10 or more flowering orchid plants with background material, covering 100 sq feet or more. All displays are eligible. 1st prize \$250 - San Diego Cymbidium Society 2nd prize \$200 - Palomar Orchid Society 3rd prize \$150 - Jerry & Anita Spencer	see left
SDCOS Trophy (Open)	Best exhibit in a natural setting to include 10 or more flowering orchid plants with background material covering 100 sq ft or more. All displays are eligible.	Andy's Orchids
Winship Trophy (Amateur)	Best exhibit in a natural setting to include 10 or more flowering orchid plants with background material covering 100 sq ft or more. All displays are eligible.	Newport Harbor Orchid Society

NATIONAL ORCHID SOCIETIES' AWARDS	DESCRIPTION OF AWARD	WINNER
American Orchid Society Show Trophy (Open)	Best exhibit of orchid plants or cut flowers covering 25 sq. ft or more, awarded by American Orchid Society judges.	Andy's Orchids
Orchid Digest Show Trophy (Amateur)	Best exhibit by an Amateur grower, covering 30 sq ft or more, demonstrating high flower quality and excellence of culture, awarded by American Orchid Society judges.	Newport Harbor Orchid Society
Cymbidium Society of America	Best exhibit of at least 12 cymbidium orchids with a minimum display area of 80 sq. ft. awarded by Cymbidium Society of America judges.	Not Awarded
Paphiopedilum Gold Medal (Open)	Best exhibit of at least 12 Paphiopedilum or Phragmipedium orchids with a minimum display area of 25 sq. ft. awarded by Cymbidium Society of America judges.	Not Awarded

Sect.	BEST OF SECTION	PLANT NAME	OWNER
1	Standard Cymbidium - Open	Cym. Scooby Doo 'Daphne'	Casa de las Orquideas
101	Standard Cymbidium - Amateur	Cym. Featherhill Fanfare 'Sanbar Deco'	Lorin Ellsworth
2	Medium Cymbidium - Open	Cym. Last Tango 'Geyserland' x Cym Abacus	Edith & Leno Galvan
201	Medium Cymbidium - Amateur	Cym. Splatters 'Flamenco'	Dave & Judy Smith
3	Miniature Cymbidium - Open	Cym. Fatal Beauty	Edith & Leno Galvan
301	Miniature Cymbidium - Amateur	Cym. Unknown 'Cascading Brown'	Tom Smith
4	Standard Cattleya - Open	Blc. Carolina Golden Lenette #2	Sunset Valley Orchids
401	Standard Cattleya - Amateur	Lc. Trick or Treat	Anita & Jerry Spencer
5	Compact Cattleya - Open	Not awarded	Not Awarded
501	Compact Cattleya - Amateur	Blc. Hawaiian Wahine	Marv & Elaine Dellinger
6	Miniature Cattleya - Open	No entries	Not Awarded
601	Miniature Cattleya - Amateur	Lc. Koolau Seagulls X Slc. Golden Treat	Bruce & Carol Berg
7	Phalaenopsis - Open	Not Awarded	Not Awarded
701	Phalaenopsis - Amateur	Phal. San Jacinto Rose	Glenn F. Stall
8	Paphiopedilum - Complex Hybrids - Open	Paph. Mount Toro 'Sunset Valley Orchids'	Sunset Valley Orchids
801	Paphiopedilum - Complex Hybrids - Amateur	Paph. Toni Semple x <i>Paph liemianum</i>	Debby Halliday
9	Phragmipedium/Cypripedium Hybrids - Open	Not Awarded	Not Awarded
901	Phragmipedium/Cypripedium Hybrids - Amateur	Not awarded	Not Awarded
10	Vanda Alliance Hybrids - Open	Not Awarded	Not Awarded
1001	Vanda Alliance Hybrids- Amateur	Vasco. Viboon Velvet 'Perfection'	Ken Campbell
11	Dendrobium - Open	Den. Dark Charm 'Blue Star'	Paul T. Smith

Sect.	BEST OF SECTION	PLANT NAME	OWNER
1101	Dendrobium - Amateur	Den. Mousmee	Ron Dier
12	Oncidium Subtribe Hybrids - Open	Not Awarded	Not Awarded
1201	Oncidium Subtribe Hybrids - Amateur	Bllra Smile Eri	Debby Halliday
13	Other Genera Hybrids - Open	Zygo. Kiki Korker 'Klassy'	Casa de las Orquideas
1301	Other Genera Hybrids - Amateur	Zygo. New Era 'Mahogany' x Zba. Leopardinum 'La Jolla'	Lena Shiroma
14	Species - Open	<i>Pleurothallis dylema</i>	San Diego Zoo
1401	Species - Amateur	Masd. Rosea	Betty Kelepecz
15	Specimen Plant - Open	<i>Pleurothallis schiedeii</i>	San Diego Zoo
1501	Specimen Plant - Amateur	<i>Ansellia africana</i>	Renate Schmidt
16	Open Table Display	16 B 4 x 4 Floor Display	Tom Osborn
1601	Amateur Table Display	1601 A: 4 x 4 Table Top	Dave & Patti Hoffmaster



Best of Show
Den. Mousmee
Exhibited by Ron Dier



San Diego County Orchid Society Board Meeting Minutes

April 7, 2011

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

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

Officers Reports

Carol Berg presenter the Treasurer's Report for March, 2011. Dave Hoffmaster moved that we file the report for audit and Christopher Croom seconded. The motion carried.

Carol presented the preliminary numbers for the spring show at Scottish Rite. Not all of the expenses are in yet but the Society will turn a profit again this year.

Committee Reports

Spring show. The overall consensus of the Board was that the show was a success. Participation from the membership was quite good. We had enough volunteers to cover all aspects of the show from set-up to security and judging. The number of plants brought in by the members for show tables and displays was outstanding. We thank all those that participated for a successful show.

Web Committee

Jack Schaefer has added a member's page to our website. There are levels of access for Board members and for Society members. Board members and the webmaster will be able to send email messages to the membership. There will be an announcement page where information relative to the Society's activities can be posted. Members will be able to access the page while nonmembers will not.

Old Business

David Brown will talk to Paul Tuskes regarding the date to move AOS Judging to Balboa Park. It is not clear if the local judging center has notified AOS of the move and when the move will be effective. We

need to clarify the exact date of the move.

David Brown has found someone at a local university that may be able to upgrade our logo to higher resolution for the web site. David will work the issue and provide the logo to our webmaster.

Genie Hammond suggested that we sponsor a floral arrangement competition between local colleges and universities as a way to attract college-age people into the Society. Bruce Berg will work with Genie to draft a proposal outlining the criteria for school age and college membership and they will email the proposal to the Board.

There was some discussion regarding the Society's funds and how they are invested. Some of the funds, such as the Garner Fund that is intended for education, are currently in a savings account that is paying a minimal return. The Board felt that we could accept a moderate amount of risk for some of these funds in return for a better return. Bruce Berg will look into several investment possibilities and make a recommendation to the Board.

Scottish Rite has indicated a willingness to negotiate with us regarding a price for their facility for 2013 and beyond. Dave Hoffmaster will propose a 3% price increase per year from the current contract and see if they can accommodate us.

New Business

The meeting in May will be the awards banquet so there will be no novice or general meeting next month. The banquet will be pot luck and there is a sign-up sheet for members indicating if they will bring appetizer, salad, main course or desert. The festivities will start at 6:00 with happy hour in Room 101. The Society will provide drinks, plates and eating utensils for the members. There will be a plant table and raffle after dinner is served.

David Brown will set up Room 101 for the banquet starting at 2:00 Tuesday afternoon. Help setting up would be appreciated and anyone wishing to help should come between 2 and 6:00.

Steve and Teresa Mallory would like to be replaced as the members in charge of plant sales at our monthly meetings. We will need to find someone else to fill that responsibility.

Ron Kaufmann will announce the nominating committee recommendations for the SDCOS Board at the May general meeting. The names will be published in the May Newsletter and voted on by the membership at the June meeting.

We currently spend about \$30/month in fees to have a credit card reader available at Society meetings and shows. This often more than we take in at meetings. Carol Berg will look into the matter to see if a less expensive option is available and will advise the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.



Debby Halliday took the Casamajor Trophy with her Paph. Toni Semple x *Paph. liemianum*, which gets its hairy petal warts from the most recent species part of its parentage.



Betty Kelepecz's *Masdevallia rosea* took 1st place and Best of Section 1401 (Amateur) at the big spring show. This cool grower must be given reverse-osmosis water.

Help Hotline

The SDCOS offers this service to members who seek cultural information about their orchids. Here are some friendly hobbyists with a great deal of experience about certain types of orchids, and they have kindly volunteered to answer your questions.

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Letter From the Editor

Dear SDCOS,

Another year and another big show have come and gone, and once again, the Society is deeply indebted to all the driven and meticulous volunteers who helped the show run smoothly all weekend long. There were no shortages of labor from a lack of volunteers this year, and that is far more than most orchid societies can say if they ever have the opportunity to pull off events this large (much less every year like we do). We are an extremely lucky society to be blessed with so many hard working and committed individuals and the best growing climate in the world for producing an abundance of temperate and tropical plants.

The Newsletter apologizes for not having the space to print a picture of every winner from the sprig show, given the cost of printing and mailing, which we'd like to keep as low as possible. Also, Paul and Ann Tuskes do a traditional awards slide show at the general meeting following the spring show, and we chose not to steal their thunder by including blurry pictures of *every* winner in this issue.

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My favorite show entries were the two *Masdevallia igena* brought in by Betty Kelepez and Dave and Patti Hoffmaster, and I was sad to see they didn't win trophies or even best of section, as these plants were immaculate. Personal Pleurothallid fetishes aside however, our show looked just like how one of the largest orchid shows in the richest state of the richest nation on earth *should* look, and we owe the fruits of this magnum opus again to our show committee: Bruce, Dave Hoffmaster, Carol, Patti, and everyone else they cajoled into helping (and from the looks of it, the list is 500 people long).

Forgive me for not thanking everyone who helped to make our show such a raving success in this tiny space. That's what the awards banquet is for.

Happy Growing,
Christopher