



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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NOVICE MEETING

By Scott LaBouff, 2nd Vice President

Julian Bromfield will be conducting an orchid mounting workshop. Julian will demonstrate orchid mounting technique and share with us the proper care of mounted orchids. Bring an orchid along with the mount you want to use with materials such as fishing line and moss. This will be a fun and instructive class.



GENERAL MEETING

By Paul Tuskes 1st Vice President

If you need to find me before or during the early part of the meeting...I should be in room 104 dealing with the AOS judging that starts at 6:00 PM. If you wish to enter plants for judging....or attend judging to see what happens, please be there about 10 minutes early. Our speakers for this fall will be: Harry Phillips in August, Paul Tuskes in September (Encyclia), Betty Kelepeca in October (Peru), and Fred Clark in November (Catasetum update).

Below is some information of Harry Phillis who will discuss **Marvelous Miniatures, Gems of the Orchid World**, this month. The plant table will be provided by **Andy's Orchids**.

Harry Phillips was born in San Diego and his father taught him to appreciate plants at an early age. In 1986

Harry, with his soon to be wife Leslie, moved with Andy and his orchid collection to Encinitas, California. Being constantly exposed to all of Andy's orchids was beginning to have an effect on Harry. Shortly after, Andy left for four months in Costa Rica, and placed Harry in charge of the collection. When Andy returned he found that Harry had not killed too many plants and managed to become even more addicted. After that it was all over for Harry—he was completely addicted to orchids.

Harry works with his brother, Andy (of Andy's Orchids) full time. His interest in miniature orchids began several years ago while constantly being exposed to Andy's minis. He decided he

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San Diego County Orchid Society

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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 101

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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Information for the September newsletter must be submitted by August 15.

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Orchid Dates to Remember

July 23-24

SDCOS Summer show

Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

August 2, 6:30 p.m

SDCOS Novice Meeting

First Tuesday of the month

Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

August 2, 7:30 p.m

SDCOS General Meeting

First Tuesday of the month

Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

August 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

August 4, 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)

Balboa Park, Rm. 104

August 6

SDCOS Species Group Meeting

First Saturday of the month

Paul or Ann Tuskes (858) 274-5829

August 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

August 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

October 22-23

SDCOS Fall show

Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

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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Spring Show Update

By Bruce Berg and Dave Hoffmaster

Get your pencils out and start brainstorming those show themes! We will have a cut-off date for receipt of your submittals by the August General Meeting. We will go over the list and get it ready for the Society Members to vote on the topic they like best at our September General Meeting.

We have received proposed contracts from Scottish Rite and are evaluating them. There is a cost increase proposed and we need to see if we can cover the increase and still make some money for the society. Dave and Bruce will be visiting some possible other locations in July to see if we have any other options that would work better for us.

We are looking at having a show program this coming year if we can get enough corporate sponsorship to fund the printing cost.

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3 spikes

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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:

San Diego

Balboa Park, Casa del Prado, room 104
1st Tuesday of the month at 6 pm

San Marino

Huntington Botanical Gardens
2nd Saturday of the month at 10 am

Long Beach

Whaley Park
4th Saturday of the month at 7 pm

Visitors—with or without plants—are welcome anytime. 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:

Rohrl, Helmut (La Jolla)

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Update from your SDCOS President

By Bruce Berg

As I write this, I know many of you are getting your plants ready for our Summer Show in the Park. Those of you who are hesitant to bring in your plants, we'd really like to see them! It's a great opportunity to make some new friends by visiting and asking lots of questions. I've found out that if you ask three orchidists a question about an orchid related issue, you will receive at least three answers and many times four or more! If you miss this show, our next one is the weekend of October 22, 23.

We have a new Board this year. If you have a burning issue, please contact one of the Board members or Officers. Board members are Lila

Wagar, Jim Wright, Bob Clark. The past president position is filled by David Brown. The Secretary is Helen Pfister; the Treasurer is Carol Berg; the First Vice President is Paul Tuskes; and the Second Vice President is Scott La Bouff. Our website has the email addresses for the Board members and Officers.

I'm looking forward to our Culture Class and General Meeting Speaker presentations. There's always something new to learn about our plants and how to take care of them. The opportunity table is being furnished by Andy's. I'm hoping to have the winning ticket for the bonus plant selection!

From the Membership Desk

As a reminder please read the Membership Privacy Policy in the **Membership Roster and By-Laws of the Society**. It describes the Society position on the use of the Membership Roster to protect your privacy.

If you would like your address or phone number or both withheld from the Roster, please contact Membership at a meeting or via email membership@sdorchids.com or leave a message at (858) 270-8352. If you have any changes to your information in the Roster, please get them to Membership by August as we will be printing a new Roster shortly after that.

Membership Report

To join the Orchid Society or renew membership via PayPal, go to the Membership page at this link: <http://www.sdorchids.com/membership.html>. A name badge can be ordered on the same page. The Membership Application is available on the same page or through this link: <http://www.sdorchids.com/membershipform2009.pdf>. Membership Applications are also available at the Membership table at the monthly meetings. Keep a few on hand for potential members. Please continue bringing potential members to the Society meetings and orchid shows.

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San Diego County Orchid Society Board Meeting Minutes

July 8, 2011

Attendees: Bruce Berg, Carol Berg, David Brown, Bob Clark, Scott LaBouff, Helen Pfister, Jack Schaefer and Paul Tuskes

President Bruce Berg called the meeting to order at 7:04 P. M.

Officers Reports:

Minutes were discussed with new Secretary Helen Pfister. She will e-mail minutes to board members for a majority approval and then send to Christopher Croom for printing in the next newsletter.

The previous (12) twelve months minutes are to be sent to the new board for information purposes only.

Carol Berg presented the treasurer's report for June. David Brown moved to file the report for audit and the motion carried.

Adding the new president to the check account was discussed because of the relationship of Bruce and Carol. No problem was addressed. Helen Pfister moved to add Bruce Berg to the checking account and the motion carried.

State Board of Equalization needs name and driver license number of Board Officers, Carol Berg will bring the forms to the next board meeting.

A new advertiser has been added to our newsletter and Carol Berg will send out letter of interest to those who have advertised in the past.

Names for the Spring Show must be submit-

ted by the August meeting. Show name will be selected at the September general meeting.

Programs for our Spring show was a topic of discussion with Corporate sponsors. Marketing and Advertising was addressed.

Opening the Spring show to other types of flower/plant vendors was discussed no decision made.

Clean up of our storage facility was addressed and David Brown and Helen Pfister will do some purging on the 22nd before the summer show at the park.

Fall show in the Park to be co-chaired by Scott LaBouff and Paul Tuskes.

Jack Schaefer presented the Webmaster report, alias should be up and running suggested that we each e-mail ourselves to make sure they are correct. There was discussion that the facebook that was set up by Kevin Rynearson be taken over by Jack Schaefer the Webmaster. Bruce was asked to contact Kevin to discuss this item.

Old Business:

Will be discussed at the next board meeting.

Review of Meeting dates:

David Brown will check on the 2 missing dates for the coming years board meeting.

New Business:

The speaker at the General Meeting will be Harry Phillips who will talk on miniature orchids.

Scott LaBouff announced that Julian Bromfield will be the speaker at the novice meeting.

Scott LaBouff talked about changing the name of the Novice meeting to the Culture meeting.

Bruce Berg proposed the following people as

Committee Chairperson, David Brown moved that the Society appoint the following people as Committee Chairpersons. The motion passed.

Advertising	Carol Berg
AOS	Siv Garrod
Botanical Garden Rep	David Brown
Conservation	Ron Kaufmann
Garner Fund	David Brown
Historian	tbd
Hospitality	Genie Hammond
Librarian	Ron Verlarde
Membership	Bob Clark
Newsletter	Chris Croom
Orchid Digest	tbd
Park Shows Chairpersons	tbd
Parliamentarian	Bob Clark
Plant Opportunity	Rosie Gamby
	Joy Cisco
	Corky Zumstein
Refreshments	Rose Alesi
SD Floral Association Rep	tbd
Special Activities	tbd
Spring Show Chair	Dave Hoffmaster
	Bruce Berg
Webmaster	Jack Schaefer

David Brown requested \$25.00 for S.D.G.B.F. annual banquet dinner, Bob Clark moved that we pay the money for David to attend. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 PM

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would try some for himself, and that was the way the story starts. Harry would like to share some of his thoughts on growing and choosing the right mini for your conditions, or creating a growing area with miniatures in mind. Once you get to know and appreciate them, miniatures will be a larger part of your collection.

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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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](#) (619) 583-3804

Pleurothallids

[Christopher Croom](#) (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

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Letter From the Editor

Dear SDCOS,

I apologize in advance for this anemic newsletter. In an era in which everyone is tightening their belts, I hope you appreciate our homage to impecuniousness.

In this issue, you'll find our new Board members on pg. 2, an update on the spring show on pg. 4, and a letter from our new president on pg. 5. We have a lot of new leadership on the Board; hopefully this will breathe new life into the Society. You'll find all the other items you normally expect in all the usual places also. Normally our mini-show pictures for July would be in this issue, but at press time, the mini-show hasn't happened yet, so you'll find out the results long after everyone knows who won and just in time for our Fall mini-show.

I'll be headed up to the SBOS to do a presentation in August and will have some fresh new ideas about how they do things up there to suggest to our Society. (One thing we won't want to do, probably, is spend only \$150 on the plant table for our monthly meetings. This goes to show you how hard the SDCOS works to please our members.) As one of the three largest orchid societies on the west coast of North America, we have our act together in ways that cannot be fully appreciated until you spend time with other societies. This also means that we have a potential to yet realize as a society. All we have to do is figure out how to put on a show that rivals the scope and size of the shows put on by the SBOS and the SFOS (in a town where adequate and affordable convention space for such shows generally sucks), and no one will ever doubt our top three-ness (at the very least). All we need is a few more bold and unconventional ideas (and their subsequent implementation) and we will arrive. If you have a bright idea, don't forget to share it!

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Happy Growing,
Christopher