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port the conservation of orchids in the wild.*

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San Diego County Orchid Society

2012 SDCOS Holiday Party and AOS Awarded Orchids by Arthur Pinkers December 4, 6 PM



The San Diego County Orchid Society is having our annual Holiday Party on December 4 this year in the main meeting room, Room 101. **This will be in place of the regularly scheduled Culture and General meetings.**

We'll start our party off right with yummy appetizers served at 6 pm with the main meal following. The party is a potluck dinner; no RSVP is required. It is important that all who attend bring a dish to share, providing 6-8 servings. We need the following types of dishes: appetizers, salads, breads, veggies, meat or vegetarian main course, and desserts. The Society will provide wine, beer, coffee, tea, water, and punch as well as plates and utensils.

SDCOS will present a gift orchid to each society member. In addition to the society's member gift orchid we will also have an orchid plant exchange where anyone attending can participate. The orchid plant exchange works as follows: Bring a nicely decorated orchid plant (well potted & pest free), with your name clearly labeled on the plant. The first person to select a plant of their preference is randomly chosen. Whoever's plant this person selects is then called to make their own selection and so forth. The more appealing plants are selected first, so the nicer you're exchange plant is, the sooner you will be called to select an exchange plant of your own.

Additionally we'll have a special presentation from Arthur Pinkers who will share official AOS photographs of this past year's award winners from San Diego. Come join your friends for a fun evening of delicious food, good company, and new orchids to begin a jovial holiday season!

Orchid Dates to Remember

December 1

SDCOS Species Group Meeting

First Saturday of the month

Paul or Ann Tuskes (858) 274-5829

December 4

SDCOS Holiday Party

Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

December 5

First Wednesday of the month

Palomar Orchid Society Meeting

Culture class at 6:30; program at 7:00

First Wednesday of the month

The Carlsbad Woman's Club

3320 Monroe Street, Carlsbad

Melana Walding (760) 295-7228

December 6, 7:00 PM

SDCOS Board Meeting

Normally, the Thursday following the General Meeting, Balboa Park, Rm. 104

December 19

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

December 21

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

Note: SDCOS January Meeting change!

The first Tuesday of January is a holiday and so the meetings will be on Thursday, January 3.

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

Annual Orchid Auction

Saturday, January 19, 2013

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Coming from the North: Take I-5 South exit and merge onto CA-78 E. Take the Rancho Santa Fe Rd. exit and turn right onto S. Rancho Santa Fe Rd. Turn left onto Lake San Marcos Dr. Turn left onto San Marino Dr. Take the 1st right onto La Bonita Dr. The Lake Pavillion is on the left.

Auction Chairperson: orchldy2@mac.com or 760-732-0055

Sponsored by the San Diego County Cymbidium Society

Meetings monthly (except July and August) on the 3rd Wednesday
at the San Diego Botanic Garden, Encinitas, CA
Culture class 6:30 p.m. - General meeting 7:00 p.m.

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Cattleyas, Oncidium/Odonts, Vandaceous

Greenhouse grown, West SD County
Helmut Rohrl (858) 452-0976

Species, all types

Indoor and outdoor
Ann & Paul Tuskes (858) 274-5829

Paphiopedilums

Ann Tuskes (858) 274-5829

Vandas, Ascocendas

Edith and Leno Galvan (619) 441-7503

Encyclias, Epidendrums, Laelias

[Christopher Croom](mailto:Christopher.Croom@sdcos.org) (619) 583-3804

Pleurothallids

[Christopher Croom](mailto:Christopher.Croom@sdcos.org) (619) 583-3804

Cymbidiums

Karl 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

From the Membership Desk

By Bob Clark, Membership Chair

I would like to welcome our newest members: **Dan and Sharon Kitchen.**

If you have any questions or suggestions for the Society please talk to one of your Board members. I wish each of you Happy Holidays and a happy and prosperous New Year.

San Diego County Orchid Society General Meeting Minutes November 6, 2012

Ron Kaufmann from the Conservation Committee asked the membership to fund the three projects selected by the Committee: These projects were published in the November 2012 newsletter on pages 8 and 9. Jack Schaefer moved that we accept the Committee's recommendation on the funding - the motion passed.

Dave Hoffmaster, co-chairperson of Spring Show, Orchids by the Sea, presented the show budget. Jim Wright moved that we accept the proposed budget as published in the November 2012 newsletter on page 5 - the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen R. Pfister
Secretary

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Fall Show in the Park a Big Success!

By: Helen Pfister co-chair

Our Society's volunteers made our Fall show in the Park a Big Success. Without your help there would be no shows and we would miss out on all the fun and of course the friendship of other orchid growers. We do enjoy our hobby.

I'll try to mention everyone who helped with the show, if I omitted your name, my apologies in advance.

Friday afternoon, David Brown and Jack Schaefer delivered the lattice work that is needed to separate the vendors area from the show. Helping with setup: Jack Schaefer, Dave Hoffmaster, Jim Wright, Betty Kelepecz, Thomas Ketelaar, Debby Halliday, and Susan Lewitt. Thank you all for lending your time and labor.

Early morning on Saturday we had many new faces to help with plant registration and judging. Dave Hoffmaster, our head judge for this show, did a wonderful job. Some (if not all) of his assistants were Felisa and Ernie Acantilado, Betty Kelepecz, Renate Schmidt, Jim Wright, Tom Ketelaar, Carey McCoy, Jerry and Anita Spencer, Tom and Barbara Smith, Scott LaBouff, Susan Lewitt, and Linda Gardner. A big thank you goes to you from your Society for your help.

Special thanks to all the members who brought in plants for ribbon judging. Also, a very big THANK YOU to Carey McCoy, Felisa and Ernie Acantilado and Susan Lewitt for all the goodies they brought in to share with all the hard working volunteers. Thank you's also go to Jim Wright for picking up sandwiches for the crew of volunteers on Friday afternoon and Bob Clark for manning the

membership and information booth both Saturday and Sunday. The Conservation table was manned by Betty Kelepecz with the help of other volunteers.

Our cash register did not work properly on Saturday so special thanks are reserved for Tom and Barbara Smith, not forgetting Jack Schaefer our stupendous cashier. Bruce and Carol Berg were greatly missed on Saturday but then they were there to visit with all of us on Sunday. Looking good, Bruce!

Our vendors as always put on a great show of beautiful orchids for sale. Thank you.

Volunteers on Sunday are too numerous to mention, you know who you are and thank you for making this another big event.

With this year's shows at an end it is now time to get ready for the coming year, 2013. Yes, it's just around the corner. January 19th and 20th are the dates for our Winter Show in the Park!



Anita Spencer posing with her Laeliocattleya Tristar Bouquet winner for both the Best of Show and the Forrest Robinson Trophy.

Fall Show in the Park Winners

Section 1 - No entry

Section 2 - Cymbidium Chen's Ruby grown by Debbie Halliday.

Section 3 - No entry

Section 4 - Cattleya Blue Boy 'Gainsborough' grown by Anita & Jerry Spencer.

Section 5 - Slc. Circle of Life 'Red Alert' x L. Pacavia grown by Alex Nadzan.

Section 6 - Lc. Simplicity grown by Tom Biggart.

Section 7 - Paphiopedilum Supersak 'Eureka' x Paphiopedilum Raisin Pie 'Hsinying' grown by Debbie Halliday.

Section 8 - Phalaenopsis unknown grown by Ken Campbell.

Section 9 - Oncidium Sherry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance' grown by Debbie Halliday.

Section 10 - Dendrobium Hanbun Beauty x Dendrobium Lois Anderson grown by Ken Campbell.

Section 11 - Laeliocattleya Tristar Bouquet grown by Anita & Jerry Spencer.

Section 12 - *Dendrobium eriaeflorum* grown by Helen Pfister.

Both the Best of Show and Forrest Robinson awards went to Anita and Jerry Spencer for their Cattleya Tristar Bouquet.



Both the Best of Show and Forrest Robinson awards went to Anita and Jerry Spencer for their Laeliocattleya Tristar Bouquet. This is a good example of a peloric intergeneric hybrid.



Cymbidium Chen's Ruby, grown by Debbie Halliday, is a cross between *Cymbidium iridioides* and *C. Golden Elf*. The Golden Elf genes keep the plant compact and the flowers bright yellow.



Lc. Simplicity grown by Tom Biggart. Remember Dave Reid's maxim: "Anything with Lc. in it can grow outside." This includes Slc.'s and Blc.'s.

San Diego County Orchid Society Board Meeting Minutes November 1, 2012

Attendees: Scott LaBouff, Helen Pfister, Ben Machado, Bob Clark, Kay Klausung, David Brown and visitor Jack Schaefer.

President pro tem Scott LaBouff called the meeting to order at 7:23 PM.

Officer Reports:

Minutes for the October meeting were approved via email prior to this meeting and were published in the November newsletter. Further discussions were held with the Secretary about the reporting of the Board minutes and the summary that is submitted for publication.

Committee Reports:

Jack Schaefer, our Webmaster, reported that he is working on security for our site in order to protect video and picture property rights.

Bob Clark, our Membership Chair, reported that we are up 1 new member. The Membership Roster and bylaws for the year 2012-2013 were mailed.

Helen Pfister and Jack Schaefer reported that the Fall Show in the Park was a huge success. There were a few minor problems but nothing that affected the success of the show.

Old Business:

Ben Machado presented the New Member Gift Certificate to the Board. David Brown moved that we adopt the measure. After much discussion, the following changes were made to the Certificate:

- The name will be First Time Member Gift Certificate.
- Open only to First Time members.
- The amount of the certificate will be

\$15.00.

- The Certificate will also state that it is good for participating Vendors and their designated retail products.
- On the reverse side of the Certificate under Vendors item 2, omit the Treasurers name.

The Society will start using the New Member Gift Certificate on January 1, 2013 and will review prior to the end of the year. David Brown then moved that we adopt the measure as amended - the motion passed.

Further discussion on the newsletter were tabled.

License plate frames were purchased and should be delivered mid November.

Scott LaBouff will write an article for the newsletter reminding members about the January 1 Holiday. ***The General Meeting will be on Thursday January 3, 2013. The Board Meeting will be on Monday January 7, 2013.***

New Business:

No Speakers for December, Holiday Party.
Helen Pfister has the signup sheets for the Holiday Pot Luck and will bring them to the November meeting. Party Set up will be done by David Brown, Jack Schaefer, Helen Pfister and other volunteers. Kay Klausung volunteered to pick up the wine for the Party. Scott LaBouff will write an article for the newsletter about the orchid plant exchange. Scott has commitments from several of our Vendors for orchid plants for the members.

Next Board Meeting is December 6, 2012.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Helen R. Pfister, Secretary

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)
858-452-0976

Tuskes, Ann and Paul (Clairemont)
858-274-5829

Judging at the San Diego Judging Center *Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park* **November 2012**

Text and photos by Phyllis S. Prestia Ed.D.

There were 5 orchids presented for judging.
One was awarded:



Wilsonara Tiger's Answer
Exhibited by Helmut Rohrl
Awarded HCC/AOS 76 points

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Letter From the Editor

Dear SDCOS,

It's getting to be that time of year again for those of us who grow plants outdoors to start worrying about them staying warm during the winter months. Luckily, our autumn has been extremely mild so far, but the lack of precipitation only suggests to me that we'll be in for a wet winter and spring. As the planet warms, more evaporated moisture ends up in the air, and since the jet stream still flows from west to east and we still have mountains to the east of us, this should only set us up well for future orographic rainfall.

But what to do about that Phalaenopsis hybrid you've been waiting to spike again? You should have put it inside a few weeks ago, before night time temperatures dropped below 55, spike or no spike. As for high-altitude or cloud forest orchids that you just bought but were living in pampered conditions and now have to tough it out on your 5th-floor balcony in the flightpath in Banker's Hill? We have some wiggle room.

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Yes, we bought them during the wrong time of year, so we make a mental note to always buy plants we're not sure will live outside in our growing area in late spring, so they have all summer to acclimate. Now, however, we need to act.

So we move the plants next to the wall, knowing that a heater heats the room on the other side of the wall. We shelter them with companion plants, to reduce blasts of cold wind. We bring them inside when the forecast says it is going to freeze for sure. We drape them with holiday lights and cover them with bedsheets. We protect them from evening rain. We even use outdoor electric heating pads if necessary—we're orchidists.

Happy Growing,
Christopher