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CULTURE MEETING- January 3, 6:30 PM ***Jim Wright - Orchid Potting Demonstration***

By Ben Machado, 2nd Vice President

Not once, not twice, but on three different occasions members have asked for a repeat of Jim's presentation on potting orchids. Jim, very generously, has agreed to repeat his demonstration. He plans on demonstrating with some of his overgrown orchids how to break the plants loose, divide and repot, along with how to select the appropriate pot, and a sample of his favorite orchid planting medium.

Potting is one of those basics of orchid growing that continues in importance throughout every orchid grower's growing experience. In the beginning, everyone is baffled about potting. With some

guidance we all develop our own routine. That's what Jim's presentation is all about: giving you enough information to get you started in that never-ending task.

Jim Wright is one of our long standing members who is always there for every society event. He usually takes plenty of awards at our shows and is always available to answer questions as well as providing advice about orchid culture. He grows most of his collection outdoors at his home above Mission Bay. When you get to know Jim you soon find out he is

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GENERAL MEETING- January 3, 7:30 PM ***Sarcochilus, Exciting Modern Hybrids from Australia***

By Scott Labouff, 1st Vice President

Alan Koch will introduce modern hybrids of the genus *Sarcochilus*. This genus consists of species endemic to the northern and eastern regions of Australia as well as Tasmania, New Caledonia and other islands in the region. Incidentally, there is an article titled "Sarcochilus: These Compact Relatives of Vandas Are Gaining Popularity" by George F. Kenner Sr., reprinted from the February 1998 issue of *Orchids* available at http://www.sdorchids.com/articles/sarco_article.htm

Alan Koch owns and operates Gold Country Orchids where he specializes in miniature and compact *Cattleya*'s. Alan started growing orchids in 1969 with 3 *Cymbidiums* given to him by an aunt. While in college he became interested in other orchids and discovered many would grow outdoors in Southern California. He has moved five times as his orchid obsession has led to the need for more growing space. With the last move, he purchased 10 acres of land in

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Orchid Dates to Remember

January 2

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

THURSDAY, January 3

SDCOS Culture Meeting

First Tuesday of the month

Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

THURSDAY, January 3

SDCOS General Meeting

First Tuesday of the month

Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

Melana Walding (760) 295-7228

January 5

SDCOS Species Group Meeting

First Saturday of the month

Paul or Ann Tuskes (858) 274-5829

MONDAY, January 7 7:00 PM

SDCOS Board Meeting

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

January 16

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

January 18

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

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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San Marcos, CA 92078

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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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Orchid Hotlines

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.

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

Winter Show in the Park 2013

By: Helen Pfister and Jack Schaefer co-chairs

Well, here it is a New Year and another Orchid Show. Our **Winter Show in the Park** is coming and as usual it will be fun to join with our other orchid friends and have a great weekend. Dust those Cymbidium and other great orchids that you've been getting ready to show off after a year at rest!

Set up will be Friday with the help of David Brown and Jack Schaefer bringing all the lattice work from the garage. Then others will join in, setting up the room for the Vendors and the display area for the Winter Show.

Friday, January 18, 2013

Set up 2 PM

Plant Registration 3 PM to 8 PM

Saturday, January 19, 2013

Plant Registration 8 AM to 9:30 AM

Judging information 9:30 AM

Judging starting at 10 AM

Show open to public for vendors at 10 AM

Orchid Show opens after Judging is finished around 11:30 AM

Closing time 5 PM

Sunday, January 20, 2013

Doors open at 10 AM

Doors close at 4 PM

Plants cannot be removed from show area until an announcement is made. Usually around 4:15 PM but no later than 4:30 PM.

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Lincoln, California for his 250,000 orchids. He is recognized as an expert in the Brazilian Cattleya alliance and a trend setter in miniature Cattleya breeding. Alan has been published in *Orchid Digest*, the American Orchid Society magazine, as well as many international publications. He has also been published in several proceedings of the World Orchid Conference. He is an internationally known speaker, a past member of the AOS Judging Committee, the Research Committee, an Accredited Judge, and is Training Coordinator for the California Sierra Nevada Judging Center. Alan also served two terms on the *Orchid Digest* Executive Committee and Board of Directors, and is one of the current directors, as well as a Trustee for the AOS.

Alan is offering a pre-sale opportunity for interested members. This offer provides a 20% discount and free delivery of your order for pick-up at our general meeting. Visit: <http://www.goldcountryorchids.com/>. Enter discount code: GCOD (case sensitive). Under shipping, enter: "Deliver to Society" and under comments enter "San Diego Orchid Society." This will give members a 20% discount and free freight.

Additionally a limited availability list follows which provides members free freight and the 20% discount. All orders from this list must be submitted by email or phoned in to: Alan Koch; Email: gcorchids@aol.com ; Telephone: [916-645-8600](tel:916-645-8600).

Alan will also speak at the Palomar Orchid Society on Wednesday, January 2nd, presenting "Species Habitat and Hybrid Culture" This program teaches novice and advanced growers to link how a species grows in the wild, as how to grow it and the hybrids from it in your collection. Program is strong on orchid culture and helps everyone to be a better orchid grower. Bring a notepad so you can remember all the information given in this program .

Gold Country Orchids Limited Availability

<i>Angraecum didieri</i> Miniature species 2 inch BS	\$12.50
<i>Bulbophyllum tingabarinum</i> Bright red-orange miniature BS	\$12.50
<i>Cattleya araguaensis</i> Miniature species 2 inch BS	\$12.50
<i>Cattleya kerrii</i> Miniature species very rare 2 inch NBS	\$15.00
<i>Cattleya lueddemanniana</i> v. <i>coerulea</i> 4 inch BS	\$25.00
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Ctna. Starrlyn Rose and lavender Mini-cat for the home BS	\$10.00
<i>Dendrobium lanyai</i> Orange miniature in bud	\$15.00
<i>Dendrobium olygophyllum</i> Miniature species 2 inch BS	\$12.50
<i>Dendrobium tannii</i> v. <i>alba</i> Miniature related to <i>bracteosum</i> BS	\$12.50
<i>Dyakia hendersoniana</i> Fragrant mini Vanda 2 inch BS	\$20.00
<i>Laelia cinnabarina</i> Sibling cross 2 inch BS	\$15.00
<i>Laelia flava</i> Superb cross 2 inch BS	\$15.00
<i>Laelia harpophylla</i> Great cross out of Brazil 2 inch BS	\$20.00
<i>Laelia milleri</i> Sibling cross of the red form 2 inch BS	\$20.00
<i>Podangis dactyloceris</i> Sibling cross 4 inch BS	\$20.00

Judging at the San Diego Judging Center

Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, December 2012

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

There were 12 orchids presented for judging. 10 were awarded, including 2 FCC's!

Cycd. Chiriqui 'SVO' FCC/AOS
Exhibited by Fred Clarke
Awarded FCC/AOS 90 points



Cycd. Chiriqui 'SVO' FCC/AOS
Exhibited by Fred Clarke
Awarded FCC/AOS 90 points

Cyc. Kevin Clarke 'SVO' FCC/AOS
Exhibited by Fred Clarke
Awarded FCC/AOS 90 points



Cyc. Kevin Clarke 'SVO' FCC/AOS
Exhibited by Fred Clarke
Awarded FCC/AOS 90 points

Fdk. After Dark 'Black Cherry Red' AM/AOS
Exhibited by Fred Clarke
Awarded AM/AOS 87 points

Cycd. John Naugle 'SVO' AM/AOS
Exhibited by Fred Clarke
Awarded AM/AOS 85 points

Fdk. After Midnight 'SVO' AM/AOS
Exhibited by Fred Clarke
Awarded AM/AOS 85 points

Cycd. John Naugle 'SVO II' AM/AOS
Exhibited by Fred Clarke
Awarded AM/AOS 81 points

Bulb. spathulatum 'Windflower' AM/AOS
Exhibited by Betty Kelepecz
Awarded AM/AOS 80 points

Onc. Green Valley Sweet 'Heavenly' AM/AOS
Exhibited by Helmet Rohrl
Awarded AM/AOS 80 points

Cyc. Spotted Hornet 'SVO II' AM/AOS
Exhibited by Fred Clark
Awarded AM/AOS 80 points



Fdk. After Dark 'Black Cherry Red' AM/AOS
Exhibited by Fred Clarke
Awarded AM/AOS 87 points

Ctsm. vinaceium 'SVO' HCC/AOS
Exhibited by Fred Clarke
Awarded HCC/AOS 77 points

January 2013 Update from your SDCOS President

By: Bruce Berg

What a great Holiday party we had in December! Thanks to Scott, Helen, David, and Jack for their work in organizing and setting up the party. Thanks to all the great cooks out there for sharing with us. I always look forward to Ernie's pancit. In addition, we all enjoyed all the other great salads, main course meals, and the desserts. It wouldn't be a holiday party without the plant exchange and orchid gifts from the society.

REMEMBER THAT THE JANUARY MEETING DATE WILL BE THURSDAY, JANUARY 3RD BECAUSE THE FIRST TUESDAY IS JANUARY 1, A HOLIDAY WHEN ROOM 101 WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR OUR USE.

I've missed posting updates for the last two months. In October, I had a surgery and now, I'm almost done with chemo and radiation treatments. I feel good and am ready to get back to work.

We have our Winter Show and Sale in the Park coming up this month on the 19th and 20th of January. This is a good time to share your plants in bloom with the many visitors to the park. Plants can be brought in for registration Friday after 3 pm until 8 pm or on Saturday morning from 8 until 9:30 am. David Brown can use some help with setup on Friday afternoon and take-down on Sunday after the show is over at 4:30 pm. Helen and Jack will need help at the show with security and with marking sales tickets.

Plans and activities for our Spring Show are going full speed ahead. There will be volunteer signup sheets available at the meeting in January. It really helps when you can sign up ahead of time so that we will know that we will have enough people to fill the many jobs needed to put on another great show. We will also have the pre-sales tickets ready for you to pick up. A packet of 6 tickets only costs \$30, which is \$5 per ticket instead of \$7 at the door. We need your support in purchasing or selling these tickets because they account for a large portion of our total revenue for the show.

This year we are hosting the national AOS members meeting. There will be people from around the country coming to the AOS meeting. In addition, they will be participating in the AOS plant judging. If you see some folks with name badges identifying them as visitors from the AOS, be sure to say "Hi!" In addition, the AOS folks will be hosting a dinner party on Friday the 22nd from 7 pm to 9 pm at the Sheraton Hotel. We've been invited to join them. In addition to the opportunity to listen to current topics and interact with these folks, they will have a plant raffle with some unique plants to possibly add to your collections. Please let Dave Hoffmaster know if you wish to take advantage of this opportunity. He will have more details about the dinner. Carol and I will be there.

Speaking of AOS judging, the Board has requested the local judging team to provide AOS judging at our shows in the Park. We anticipate having them judge our plants beginning with our Summer show in July.

We have ordered license plate holders with a logo: "I love orchids, SDORCHIDS.COM." We will have these for sale for \$10 ea, or 2 for \$15. These will also be used as thank you gifts for members who sign up to work at the Spring Show ahead of time.

San Diego County Orchid Society
Winter Show and Sale

Free Admission
Casa del Prado Room 101
Balboa Park
Saturday January 19, 2013 12:00 pm-5:00 pm
Sunday January 20, 2013 10:00 am-4:00 pm

New Member Benefits and visits to local orchid nurseries

By: Ben Machado and Bruce Berg

Your Board of Directors has come up with a way to extend an extra welcome to our newest members by providing a New Member Gift Certificate.

Starting with the New Year, each new joining member will receive a gift certificate good for \$15 of product from designated vendors. The designated vendors are the local vendors who advertise in our newsletter. The cost of the certificate is shared between the vendor who redeems the certificate, and our society. For a minimum cost to the vendor and the society we expect to open the door just a little bit, introducing our new members to our local vendors. The Board decided to put the certificate program on a one year trial period to see how well this works out.

Jim Wright has already reserved Monday, Feb 11 at Andy's Orchids. There will only be room at Andy's for the first 20 members who sign up. There will be a sign-up sheet at the January meeting, or contact Jim to reserve your spot! Jim will be contacting the other vendors to set up more visits. We encourage our members to join us on these visits to support our local vendors and find some great new additions to our collections.



Cygd. John Naugle 'SVO II' AM/AOS
Exhibited by Fred Clarke
Awarded AM/AOS 81 points
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San Diego County Orchid Society's

Orchids by the Sea SHOW & SALE

In memory of Loren Batchman

SHOW DATES:

March 22, Friday
3 PM – 7 PM

March 23, Saturday
9 AM – 6 PM

March 24, Sunday
10 AM – 4 PM

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Contact: (760) 529-2947



Bulb. spathulatum 'Windflower' AM/AOS
Exhibited by Betty Kelepecz
Awarded AM/AOS 80 points
December Judging from page 7

San Diego County Orchid Society Board Meeting Minutes December 6, 2012

Attendees: Bruce Berg, Ben Machado, Carol Berg, Helen Pfister, David Brown, Bob Clark, Kay Klaus-ing, Jim Wright and visitor Jack Schaefer

President Bruce Berg called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Officer Reports:

Minutes for the November meeting were approved via email prior to this meeting and were published in the December newsletter.

Treasurer Carol Berg reported that on January 1, 2013, the State sales tax will be 8%. Treasurer's reports for October and November will be sent out via email for discussion and approval at the next Board meeting.

Committee Reports:

Jack Schaefer, our webmaster, reported that the number of views was down this month. He is also working on a calendar page for 2013.

Bob Clark, our membership chair, reported that we are down 5 members.

Old Business:

Bruce Berg will write an article about the New Members Certificate. This certificate will have no cash value. A discussion was held on whether the expiration date should be 90 or 120 days. The Board decided to leave it at 90 days unless a problem arises.

David Brown moved that the Newsletter be printed by BK Printing—the motion passed. The quote from BK Printing is \$195.00 plus tax for 215 copies and \$85.00 plus tax for 50 copies of the newsletter. Helen Pfister will contact both BK Printing and Christopher Croom, our Newsletter Editor, about the above change.

The license plate holders have been received and will sell for \$10.00 each or 2 for \$15.00.

Jim Wright volunteered to be the coordinator for Nursery Tours. He will write an article for the January 2013 newsletter detailing some of our

prospective tours. Helen Pfister will check on the weekend dates that the Zoo's Orchid House is open.

New Business:

Helen Pfister and Jack Schaefer volunteered to host the Winter Show in the Park on January 19 and 20, 2013.

David Brown volunteered to write an article for the local area newspapers. Members of the Board were asked to please get this to their local newspapers for publication prior to the Winter Show in the Park.

Bruce Berg moved that we request AOS Judging at the 3 Shows in the Park starting in July of 2013—the motion passed. Bruce Berg will work with Paul Tuskes to make this possible.

Ron Kaufmann, will write articles for a SDCOS Website called Net Nuggets. He has also requested of the Board permission to do a Facebook page to promote the SDCOS Conservation Group. Bruce Berg moved the Board to approved the request—the motion passed.

David Brown moved to purchase an extension cord and cover for the meeting room, spending no more than \$50.00—the motion passed.

Speakers for January will be as follows:

Culture Class—Jim Wright, repotting demonstration

General Meeting—Alan Koch, Gold Country Orchids, subject to be announced

Plant Opportunity Table—Gold Country Orchids

Next Board Meeting—January 8, 2013

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 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

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not only an excellent grower of orchids, he is also very involved in palms and succulents. How is it that such a busy man can be so good at all that he does?

At our last culture class, last November, Jerry Spencer was a hit. Not only was he full of wit and chatter, he had some real information for us. You could tell from the flurry of conversation that those who attended his presentation left with information that was of benefit. Thank you! Jerry for your exceptional presentation.

Tour of Andy's Orchids Monday, February 11

The Orchid Society Board of Directors has instituted a program to hold quarterly tours. The venues will include private gardens & orchid nurseries. In some cases a limit of participants will be in place.

The 1st of these tours will be to Andy's Orchid Nursery (734 Ocean View Avenue, Encinitas) on Monday, February 11, 2013 at 10 AM. Andy can only accommodate 20 people.

To sign up or for any questions, please contact James Wright at jwright7@san.rr.com or call (619) 208-7272 or (619) 276-5295. You will need to provide your own transportation for this event. In the future we hope to have bus trips.

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Letter From the Editor

Dear SDCOS,

Since I have heard no encouraging words from Ray Bradbury, President Obama, Joel Osteen, Angela Merkel, the sitting President of the AOS, Quetzalcoatl, or anyone deciding to speak for Science Itself, I can only assume that the Apocalypse that was scheduled for December 21, 2012 (that most deceptively non-palindromic of dates) continued as planned. Therefore, if you are reading this, you are among the extraordinarily lucky who 1) survived Hellfire, and 2) survived it so well that you have the time and resources left for a very time- and resource-intensive hobby. So I can only assume (if you're reading this) that you're some sort of Warlord Pharaoh of the New World Order and you have an army of minions and/or flying monkeys to do your bidding.

Dear Warlord Pharaohs of the New World Order,

Contact Information:

Christopher Croom

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batescroom@cox.net

I hope the locusts aren't eating your orchids. If they are, I hear permethrin comes from chrysanthemums and is pretty innocuous towards the central nervous systems of most highly complex social species, such as humanoid mammals. Not that you are humanoid mammals or are even like them, or anything.

Remember that while the Earth may still be smoldering from having been destroyed by fire, the surviving orchids will counterintuitively need temperatures well below those at which most vegetative materials combust at, and will likewise need copious amounts of pure water. You will know which plants are orchids, because you will find shrines with large numbers of them everywhere. Strangely, these will be located in the ugliest edifices possible. Enjoy your new planet and hobby, try organic growing media to buffer the alkaline effects of the ashes, and above all:

Happy Holidays,
Christopher