



*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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CULTURE MEETING - November 4th, 6:30 PM

Preparing Your Plants for the Winter Season

By Debby Halliday, 2nd Vice President

Tom Biggart will present the culture talk in November. This is a timely topic as the days grow shorter, cooler, and we hope wetter. I'm sure you'll pick up some good tips for wintering your plants successfully. Tom Biggart is the owner and head grower of Granite Hills Orchids in El Cajon, a small town 15 miles east of San Diego. His nursery is a hobby business, which means he doesn't make a living

from growing plants. It is more a labor of love! Tom loves plants in general, and orchids are his main passion. He is very interested in Encyclias and has a large collection of Encyclia species and hybrids. The Australian cool growers are a current interest as well as Brazilian rupicolous Laelias. He is a retired elementary school teacher with orchids

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GENERAL MEETING - November 4th, 7:30 PM

Unique Outdoor Orchids for San Diego

By Kay Klausing, 1st Vice President

Paul is a longterm member of the SDCOS, the co-founder (with his wife Ann) of the species study group of the SDCOS and an initial member of the San Diego County Orchid Society Conservation Alliance. Paul is also an author, a frequent speaker at orchid society meeting and an AOS judge.

Paul grows his orchids in a greenhouse and a shadehouse but he also incorporates them into his landscape. He will share his experience in creating suitable conditions to successfully grow orchids in the yard with a focus on less commonly seen orchids.

Paul and his wife often travel to the Caribbean, Central and South America searching for orchids in their natural habitat and to scuba dive.

Paul will also provide the plant opportunity table.

Join Paul and fellow society members for dinner at the Prado Restaurant, before the general meeting. Please call 619-929-1452 to R.S.V.P.

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as his new students.

The past few years he and his wife, Neal, have gotten interested in ceramics. In typical Biggart fashion, they now have a throwing building, a glazing building, and a kiln yard with three kilns. His pottery is designed primarily for plants and can be seen and purchased at most of the local orchid shows and at the nursery. These are beautiful and interesting pots, which can really enhance the presentation of your orchids. He would love to have anyone stop by to talk orchids and pottery, should you happen to be in the San Diego area.

In his talk Tom will discuss all the basic growing conditions that matter to orchids including light, temperature, water, fertilizer and air movement. He will cover how these conditions must be altered during the winter season to ensure that the plants survive and thrive. He has gathered information from top orchid growers in the various geographic areas of San Diego County to add depth and breadth to the discussion.

We hope you will attend. There should be information that applies to every growing situation to help you improve your orchid culture during this challenging season.

Class starts at 6:30 pm. See you there!

From the Membership Desk

Please welcome our newest member, Katrin Graham, and welcome back Liz Hildreth.

The 2014-2015 Membership Roster and By-Laws has been printed. Members can pick up their personal copy at a Tuesday Society meeting as we will not be mailing the booklet this year. If you would like an electronic copy, email your request to Membership at membership@sdorchids.com. - Bob

THE DOCTOR IS IN (What is wrong with my plant??)

As we mentioned at the last meeting, we are offering a new service to members who are baffled by a culture problem. Here's how it will work.

- 1 – Bring in the affected plant in a bag or box to quarantine it, clearly marked with your name.
- 2 – Place it on the table to the right of the door when you arrive.
- 3 – Fill out the registration form, which will be available at the table.

We will find a suitable expert for you and talk about your plants directly after the culture presentation at the right front table where we have the culture class.

You will need this information:

Plant name

When you discovered the problem.

Where you live.

Where you are growing it.

What kind of water you use.

Any recent changes – extreme weather, have you sprayed it, repotted it, changed your fertilizer, etc.

A picture of the plant in your growing area if possible.

We'll do our best to help out!

Remember: If you suspect that the problem is infectious (insects, etc) please bring the plant sealed inside a plastic bag!

For your convenience the registration form is on the next page.

THE DOCTOR IS IN REGISTRATION

DATE _____

YOUR NAME _____

PLANT NAME _____

PROBLEM _____

WHEN DISCOVERED _____

WHERE YOU LIVE _____

GROWING AREA OUTDOORS ___ INDOORS ___ SHADEHOUSE ___ GREENHOUSE ___

WATER TYPE CITY _____ RO _____ DI _____

WATER FREQUENCY _____

CULTURE CHANGES & DATE:

FERTILIZER _____

SPRAYS _____

REPOTTING _____

EXTREME WEATHER _____

OTHER _____

PLEASE ATTACH A PICTURE OF PLANT IN GROWING AREA.

President's Message

Fall is here. It is a special time for reflection and expressions of gratitude for the good things in life and to friends and loved ones. It is also an important time to prepare your orchids for the change in season as they will require an adjustment in their culture and care through the winter. Tom Biggart will provide tips for winter preparation at the November Culture meeting. Also be sure to read Bruce Berg's culture tips in this newsletter.

Now is also the time to think about a favorite dish you want to share for pot-luck dinners during the holiday season. We will have our Holiday pot luck on December 2nd. Sign-up sheets will be available at the November meeting. SDCOS will provide a selection of main dishes and some desserts, as well as beverages. There is also our plant exchange to begin thinking about this month. Towards the end of month you will want to be on the look-out for an orchid in bloom from your own collection or a nice orchid to purchase for the gift exchange. SDCOS will also provide a gift orchid to all members attending our December party.

Thank you all who participated at our October 'Orchids in the Park' show. Your commitment to volunteer a hand full of hours is valued. I thank Bruce Berg for his dedication in organizing and managing another successful show.

New! SDCOS is now on **twitter**! Check out <https://twitter.com/SDOrchids>

Mary Ann Chanthala has done a fantastic job creating this social platform, promoting SDCOS' core mission with timely posts of meeting and show information. Try it out. You can post your favorite orchid photo of the moment or provide timely culture tips. Sign-up is easy!

I wish you and your family a happy Thanksgiving.

I welcome member's suggestions at president@sdorchids.com.

Scott La Bouff

SDCOS is now on Facebook!!

To find our Facebook page you can do one of the following:!

- * click the Facebook button on the SDCOS website!
- * search "San Diego County Orchid Society" in Facebook!
- * visit <https://www.facebook.com/pages/San-Diego-County-Orchid-Society/105488126182993>

We encourage all SDCOS members and orchid enthusiasts to "LIKE" our Facebook page and please invite your Facebook friends to "LIKE" us as well. SDCOS posts photos of shows, prizewinning orchids, information about meetings, and volunteer opportunities on our Facebook page.

Thank you for helping SDCOS expand its presence on social media.!

For more information about Facebook, you may contact our social media coordinator **Mary Ann Chanthala** by e-mail at: socialmediacoordinator@sdorchids.com.

Culture Tip for November

By Bruce Berg

In preparing for this month's column, I did some web research to see what culture tips I could find. What I found is that our neighboring society, the Palomar Orchid Society, has an excellent cultural tips section created and maintained by Helge Weissig at <http://www.palomarorchid.org/content/november-do-list.html>. This page has pretty much everything you'll want to think about doing in November listed. I recommend you visit the site to read what he has to say. The other site that I would recommend is the AOS website <http://www.aos.org/>. If you have a specific orchid question, there is quite a lot of good information on <https://www.youtube.com/>. Our Society has a subscription to Orchidwiz which is loaded onto our society computer which is available for browsing when not being used for presentations at our meetings. Ask Scott or Debby or me and we will help you.

What I would add to Helge's list is that before moving plants into my greenhouse area for the winter, I do several additional steps. First, I spray the area where the plants are going with a phytan spray to hopefully kill any latent fungus left over from last year. Secondly, I change the fertilizer I use during the growing season from "Grow More" to "Bayer All in One" for two weekly cycles to give the plants a systemic component to help keep any unwanted pests from getting a start in the greenhouse where things are always a bit more crowded. Then, forward into the winter season, I use the Bayer fertilizer once about every 90 days instead of the Grow More fertilizer. Thirdly, this is a good time to

realistically evaluate the plants going into the greenhouse and decide if triage is required. Some summers are hard on plants grown outside. It's always hard to look at a struggling plant and say "Good Bye," but this would be the time, unless you have a critical care area and like the challenge and rewards of orchid rescue. Another option is that, when moving plants, sometimes we discover duplicate plants that we have forgotten about that would be candidates to donate to Conservation for the October Show in the Park to help support conservation efforts.

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Sec	OCTOBER 2014	Orchid	Winner
	Best of Show	Dendrobium Enobi Purple	Jerry & Anita Spencer
	Forrest Robinson Cultural Award	Dendrobium Enobi Purple	Jerry & Anita Spencer
1	Cymbidium Standard Hybrid	none entered	
2	Cymbidium Hybrid Miniature	none entered	
3	Cymbidium Hybrid Pendulous	none entered	
4	Cattleya Alliance Standard	Blc. Guanmiao City 'Black Rosie'	Billy Baker
5	Cattleya Alliance Compact	C. Tropical Pointer 'Cheetah'	Anita Spencer
6	Cattleya Alliance Miniature	Lc. Fiery Fantasy x Sl. Pole Star	Tom Biggart
7	Paphiopedilum Hybrids	Paph. Ching Hua Dancer 'Oscar'	Alan Castillo
8	Phalaenopsis Alliance Hybrids	Phalaenopsis hybrid yellow/red	Debby Halliday
9	Oncidium Alliance Hybrids	Colmanara hybrid	Carol Kerr
10	Other Genera Hybrids	Dendrobium Enobi Purple	Jerry & Anita Spencer
11	Specimen Plants	<i>Laelia finkeniana</i>	Tom Biggart
12	Species > 6"	<i>Encyclia dichroma</i>	Tom Osborn
13	Species < 6"	<i>Aerangis luteo-alba</i>	Debby Halliday

Thanks also to our judges

AOS Judges		SDCOS Ribbon Judges	
Arnold Gum		Ernie Acantilado	Dave Hoffmaster
Phyllis Prestia		Felisha Acantilado	Linda Humiston
Steve Pryne		Ivan Allen	Tom Ketelaar
Renate Schmidt		Carol Berg	Scott LaBouff
Paul Tuskes		Mary Ann Chanthala	Vangie Nagrampa
		Odell Chanthala	Pam Peters
		Myra DeTate	Jack Schaefer
		Siv Garrod	Lena Shiroma
		Debby Halliday	Jerry Spencer
		Liz Hildreth	Anita Spencer
		Lou Wilson	

**San Diego County Orchid Society
Board Meeting Minutes
October 7th, 2014**

The San Diego County Orchid Society's Board meeting was held on October 7th, 2014. Attending were Scott LaBouff, Bruce Berg, Felisa Acantilado, Jack Schafer, Bob Clark & Carol Berg. Carol Kerr and Kay Klausung were excused absent. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM.

The Secretary reported that the September Board minutes were approved by email and were published in the October Newsletter. The Treasurer presented the Financial report for September. A motion was made & passed to file the report for audit.

Our webmaster reported on the web activity for August and September. He also discussed the possibility of uploading board minutes and other documents to the website. The Membership chairman reported on Membership levels and noted that the 2014-2015 Roster had been sent to the printers. Bob Clark also reported on efforts to find a future site for the Spring Show.

The President reported on several issues. First money has been allocated to purchase a new projector and a new laptop for the Society's use. He reported that we had purchased a projector and used it at the October Meeting. The new laptop purchase is still in progress. We are also looking for new lapel microphones & David Brown is in charge of this effort.

Scott requested the consensus of the board on provisions for the December Holiday Party. Generally the board supported the purchase of meats and vegetarian dishes. It was moved to allocate funds for main dish purchases. The motion passed.

The 1st VP was absent from the meeting but it was reported that the November speaker

would be Paul Tuskes and the topic for the evening would be Laelias. Paul will also provide the opportunity table which will be Laelia divisions.

Our 2nd VP, Debby Halliday, reported that Tom Biggar will be the Culture Class speaker for November. Tom will discuss prepping plants for winter. Debby presented a suggestion she had received for members to display orchid plants at Organ Recitals being held at the Episcopal Church on 6th Ave one Tuesday evening each month. The board asked for a fuller proposal.

A proposed addition to the Culture Class was discussed. Called "The Dr Is In", this would provide members with an opportunity to bring in plants that are not as healthy as they could be and have expert members of the Society offer suggestions about better care. Suitably labeled and quarantined (plastic bags if there are visible critters infesting the plants) orchid would be examined after the culture class by one of our experienced growers and suggestions as to care offered. Debby was asked to create a writeup for the newsletter explaining how this would work.

In her capacity as AOS representative, Debby noted the availability of webinars on various orchid topics provided by the AOS for member groups use. A webinar is an online seminar on a given topic. They are recorded and made available online. These could be scheduled for use during the Culture Class portion of the meeting.

The Past President, Bruce Berg, reported on several topics. First, the By-Laws changes are currently on hold. Next, he reported that the OrchidWiz subscription is now up for renewal. It was moved and passed to have the subscription renewed. Carol was asked to handle the renewal process.

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Bruce discussed the Garner Fund Trust legal issues. The text of the Garner Fund Trust instruments and the SDCOS Board motions regarding the Garner Fund Trust have been examined. The Trust instrument does not place restrictions on the use of the Funds. The Board motions regarding the Trust does place restrictions on the use of the Funds and the investment strategy. The current SDCOS Board recommended to the Finance Committee that the Garner Fund principle should be invested in funds yielding higher return rates than the current CD rates with an emphasis on preserving the principle.

Bruce noted that Balboa Park has changed the parking regulations adjacent to the Casa Del Prado building. This impacts the Society's parking access for meetings and shows.

The October Show plans were also discussed in this light.

Balboa Park's Centennial Plans were discussed. We have been invited to participate by having a booth and representatives on hand on May 9th. The board requested David Brown to reply to SDBGF confirming our participation in this event. Our focus will be on orchids of the Panama area and related Orchid Conservation topics.

Our participation in the San Diego County Fair (SDCF) for the coming year was discussed. The board nominated Bruce to be the SDCOS representative to the SDCF for discussing the theme, display requirements and liaison with the SDCF officers, primarily Cindy Benoit.

Bruce also noted that the Spring Show Budget must be approved by the membership. Dave Hoffmaster has drawn up a draft budget and this budget must be published in the November and December

newsletters and voted upon at the January meeting. A motion recommending the draft budget to the membership was passed.

In regards to early advertising materials for the Spring Show, funds for presale tickets, bookmarks and quarter-sheet flyers was requested. In separate motions, the board approved separate motions for 1) printing bookmarks; 2) printing presale tickets and quarter-sheet flyers. Debby Halliday volunteered to redesign the quarter-sheet flyers.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:14 PM & the next Board meeting is **November 6, at 7 PM.**

Concerning Plants for Judging Sessions

The Pacific South Judging Center conducts three judging sessions in the Los Angeles and San Diego area each month. They are:

San Diego

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

San Marino

Huntington Botanical Gardens
1151 Oxford Rd, San Marino, CA 91108
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:

Tuskes, Ann and Paul 858-274-5829

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 vacant - see Scott LaBouff if you are interested in volunteering for this position!

Species, all types

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Paphiopedilums

Ann Tuskes (858) 274-5829

Vandas, Ascocendas

Edith and Leno Galvan (619) 441-7503

Encyclias, Epidendrums, Laelias

[Christopher Croom](mailto:Christopher.Croom@sdorchids.com) (619) 583-3804

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Cymbidiums

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Northeast County, all types

Dave Reid, Reid's Orchids (760) 310-2153

San Diego Central

Outdoor, all types
Jim Wright (619) 276-5295

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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.
Culture 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

David Eveleth at develethos@gmail.com.

Information for the newsletter must be submitted by the 15th of the month.

Advertisers

Please contact Carol Berg at winklerca@yahoo.com.

Orchid Dates to Remember

November 4th, 6:30 PM
SDCOS Culture Meeting
First Tuesday of the month
Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

November 4th, 7:30 PM
SDCOS General Meeting
First Tuesday of the month
Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

November 5th
Palomar Orchid Society Meeting
Culture class at 6:30; program at 7:00
First Wednesday of the month
Lake San Marcos Pavilion
331105 La Bonita Dr., San Marcos, CA 92078

November 6th, 7:00 PM
SDCOS Board Meeting
Normally the Thursday following the General Meeting, Balboa Park, Rm. 104

November 1st
SDCOS Species Group Meeting
First Saturday of the month
Paul or Ann Tuskes (858) 274-5829

November 19th
Cymbidium Society Meeting
Regular meeting, third Wednesday of month
Culture class at 6:30, Meeting at 7:00
Lake San Marcos Pavilion
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orchldy2@mac.com or (760) 732-0055

November 21st
San Diego Zoo's Orchid Odyssey
Third Friday of the month
10 AM-2 PM (orchid greenhouse is open)
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From the editor

I hope you all had a chance to go to the October show and many of you won ribbons! Thanks again to all the people who brought in plants for the show. It's a great opportunity to show off your plants and an important way to get new people into the society. There were also some nice plants for sale, and we should thank our vendors as well for making the event a success.

With daylight savings time and thanksgiving, it comes time to winterize and enjoy the fall flowers. It's time to cut back on the watering. This is the month when I have to move all the "inside" plants back into the house in the few sunny windows. I also use this as an opportunity if needed to treat the plants with systemic insecticides like imidocloprid that I don't use outside so that the good insects like bees don't get exposed to it.

The long term forecast is for a mild winter with normal rainfall - let's see if the weather prognosticators get it right. I'm still stocking up on plastic sheeting in case we get a frost.

Don't forget that the next meeting happens on voting day - don't forget to vote, your voice is important.

As always, suggestions for the newsletter are welcome.

David
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