



*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 - April 7th, 6:30 PM

Mounting Orchids

Speaker - Peter Tobias

By Debby Halliday, 2nd Vice President

Our April culture class will feature Dr. Peter Tobias. He will be talking about mounting orchids and growing mounted orchids. Many of you will remember Peter's talk in January about the OCA orchid trip to Madagascar. Peter is passionate about orchids in the wild and is a founding member and president of the Orchid Conservation Alliance. This charity is dedicated to protecting and

preserving orchid habitat by supporting private reserves in important orchid areas of the world.

Peter has been an orchid grower for over thirty years, with a particular interest in odd and unusual species. He has traveled extensively to various jungles of the world to study orchids in their natural habitats. This interest has led him to

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GENERAL MEETING - April 7th, 7:30 PM

Pest Management in Orchids

Speaker - Bruce Kidd

By Kay Klausing, 1st Vice President

Bruce Kidd is a retired Agricultural Pest Control Advisor for Dow AgroSciences and holds a M.Sc in Plant Protection from the University of Arizona.

He and his wife Yasue live in Murrieta, where they wrestle with the challenges of growing a few hundred orchids in the hot, interior southern Californian climate.

His 30-year career at Dow brought him into frequent contact with ornamental growers around the country, including orchid producers in California and Hawaii. Bruce recalls that it was great fun

and a constant learning experience. For example, he remembers receiving this question on his first orchid grower call in 1987: "How do we control weeds growing on the hapu (tree fern) in *Vanda teres* cut flower production in Hilo, Hawaii?" It was like that; constant off the wall questions nobody could anticipate.

"Pest Management in Orchids" is a collection of stories about the various critters, bugs, maladies and mishaps that may throw a wrench into your chances of

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create a unique habitat in his own backyard. If you ever have the chance to visit Peter you will be amazed at the success he has had in growing orchids on his avocado trees. Encinitas isn't the first place to come to mind when you think of orchids growing happily in the trees, but Peter has made it work extraordinarily well. He clearly understands how to mount orchids and then how to make them grow in a very natural way.

Peter will offer a demonstration and discussion of what it takes to make your orchids thrive in much the way that nature intended. You should find this a very interesting talk that may lead you to try new methods with your own collection.

I hope you'll join us at 6:30.

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producing top quality plants. It's been said that the only growers who don't have bugs are growers with bad eyes. Or that there are two types of growers; those that have already endured a serious pest problem of some sort, and those who will. So if you have a problem, you also have plenty of company.

Although Bruce is a retired professional pest control expert, his talk will be geared toward preventative measures for the hobbyist to avoid pest problems in orchid collections, be they large or small. This is a very timely talk and should not be missed, since we are entering the spring and summer growing seasons when such pests become more active and require proactive steps to avoid problems.

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

The plant opportunity table for the April meeting will be provided by Cal Orchids.

Garage

A special thank you goes to Bruce Berg and Tom Ketelaar for all the hard work on repairing the lattice panels. Some repairs have been needed for awhile.

The garage has needed a lot of TLC. And thanks to a group of hardworking members we have new shelving and better organization in the garage. Thanks to Pam Peters, Jack Schaefer, Bruce Berg, Scott La Bouff, and Kay Klausing. Things look great up there. We'll put some finishing touches but a great job. Thanks for all the hard work. It looks wonderful.

Thank you,
Carol Berg



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Culture Article for April: Pots

By Ben Machado and Bruce Berg

This month Ben Machado will help me with information about how to select the right pots for your orchids. There isn't just one answer, it will depend on a number of factors. Remember, there are a variety of pots available for any number of uses. What works for you may be out of the question for someone else. This is a guideline, you will need to make final selection based on your growing conditions, watering frequency and media selection.

Why would we want to change the pot the plant is in? The first reason might be that the plant has outgrown the existing pot, with roots and pseudobulbs growing way out past the edges of the pot. Another reason might be that the bark medium that the plant has been growing in for many years has started to break down, turning into smelly mush which is slowly drowning the orchid because water does not properly drain anymore. Another

reason might be that the pot has become damaged or cracked, or you just want to replot the plant and try a different style of pot.

Why use a plastic pot vs a ceramic or clay pot? Many of us use the decorative ceramic pots as containers to display our plants in. A collection of a few decorative pots in sizes that plastic pots fit into lets us display blooming orchids when we want to and lets us grow the plants in plastic pots the rest of the time. Clay pots are useful where you are trying to control temperature and humidity around the plant because water will wick thru the clay pot, cooling by evaporation. In addition, clay pots make good homes to put your clear plastic pots into to keep the roots from getting mossy. Another benefit is that when your plant roots grow out of the plastic pot, they will be protected by the clay pot which will also protect the new roots from becoming dried out! Plastic pots are much less expensive. There are clear plastic pots that allow you to see the roots and the plant mix. These pots are especially useful if you



wish to observe and learn how watering and fertilizing affects your plants.

Some orchids, like Cymbidiums, do best in deep pots, while other orchids like some cattleyas do well in shallow “bulb pan” pots.

So, what are the different styles of pots? We have all seen the small square and round plastic pots that vendors use to sell the plants in. These pots are chosen by them because they fit into their system of growing up the plants from compot size plants to market “blooming size” plants. They are typically from about 2”x2” up to 4”x4” square. Round pots are available as the standard black nursery growing containers that range in size from 5” diameter to 14” and larger diameter. These are usually the least expensive pot but are not all that attractive for display purposes. Azalea pots are also round with a stepped edge go give it a little character and usually available in green or Terra Cotta (clay), ranging in sized from 2” diameter to 10” diameter round pots.

When you see green root tips growing out past the edges of the pots, it is time to get

ready to move the plant up to a larger size pot. The rule of thumb here is literally your thumb. The new pot should be about your thumb's width wider than the root tip distance to the edge of the pot. A trick that I use when I see roots growing out past the pot is to set the pot inside a larger size pot until I am ready to do some repotting. This protects the delicate roots while also keeping them moist.





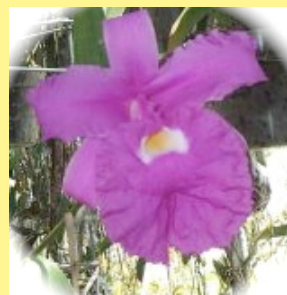
Another style of pot is the basket or hanging pot. These pots are either plastic, or wood and hold plants that have special rooting or flowering requirements. Some plants send their flowering inflorescence down, such as Stanhopea's, and need a pot and mix that will provide them with support, moisture control and a place for the inflorescence to emerge.

If the roots haven't outgrown the pot, or if I have divided the plant, can I reuse the old pot? In most cases the pots used for orchids are of a heavier gauge than simple nursery growing containers. If your plant is in one of these heavier gauge pots it is very likely that after the plant has been cleaned up, divided and is ready to be repotted, you can reuse the old pot if you take steps to make sure that the plant that came out of the pot goes back into the same pot. I'd recommend at a minimum that you dip or spray the pot with a sterilant first. Something like a solution of bleach and water or Physan 20 and water. If you are going to be mixing several used pots, then you should definitely take the time to sterilize them before reusing them. Unless the pot is a larger, more expensive or special purpose pot, then it might be easier to just throw away the old pots and start with new. Reusing old pots might be one way to infect plants with virus or other pathogens. In any case, sometimes roots will stick to the old pots and these pots are almost impossible to clean.

To clean a pot, I start with three large buckets. One filled partway with rinse water into which I toss pots that have been emptied of potting mix and brushed out. I use a dish brush to loosen any dust/mud adhering to the pot and then pass on to the second "muck bucket" which has a solution of ½ gallon bleach to 5 gallons of water. I let the pots soak in this for overnight and then put them into a clear water rinse "muck bucket" and then put them out where they can sun dry.

This cleaning method applies to reusing plastic pots, for reusing clay pots another further step of sterilizing with heat is required. Set the pots on cookie sheets in the household oven set at 220 degrees for one hour then let the pots cool down in the oven.

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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:

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President's Message

I am looking forward to a successful **“Around the World with Orchids” Show and Sale, March 27th – 29th**. I wish everyone an enjoyable time while exhibiting, judging, shopping, and volunteering at our show. Be sure to groom your plants. Remember the tips from last month's Culture Meeting. Plant Registration is a breeze and assistance is available. It's always a great feeling to display an orchid you've been nurturing for some time. I look forward to seeing you there. **Volunteers are needed! See page 11 for volunteer sign-up links. Please give four hours.** During one shift you have opportunities to visit with volunteer teammates and others. Sharing your orchid experiences, culture tips and general knowledge with others can improve your own culture; maybe even encourage you to venture into experimenting with a new genus or a particular species. **Come, and enjoy this week-end at the show.**

Join us for a **Re-potting Workshop and Pot-Luck** on **April 18th** at 10 am at the Berg's residence. Here is an excellent opportunity for those new to re-potting or those un-sure how best to repot a particular orchid. Supplies will be available for a nominal fee (\$3/plant). Bring your own orchid to re-pot. We'll have extra orchids for you to re-pot. Sign-up at: <https://www.volunteersignup.org/AWEYR>.

Next month we'll have fun at the **“Garden Party for the Century”** on **May 9th**, 10 am to 4 pm. We still have three Host positions open on Saturday afternoon, 1-4 pm. I encourage you to volunteer. Here you can share your knowledge and enthusiasm for orchids. You'll inform visitors about our society and the benefits of membership. Volunteer sign-up: <https://www.volunteersignup.org/4CTFB>. Other San Diego Botanical Garden Foundation societies will be participating in

this event. There will be various activities though out the day, kicked off with a parade.

Also, this same week-end, **May 8th – 10th**, the **San Diego Floral Association** presents **“Our Park-Our Treasure”**. Here is another opportunity for you to exhibit your orchids to the public. This event will be held at the Balboa Park Club, Friday May 8, 5pm-9pm, Saturday, May 9, 9am-9pm, and Sunday, May 10, 9am-5pm. Entries will be received on May 8, 10am-12pm. Please contact me for details if you interested in exhibiting. Also SDFSA is asking for the participation of anyone interested in judging entries. Please contact me if you are interested in being a judge at this event. Sections available for entry and judging opportunities include roses; container grown plants, including orchids; cactus and succulents; cut flowers from bulbs, corms and tubers; cut orchids; cut perennials; arboreal branches; plus educational exhibits. E-mail president@sdorchids.com

Enjoy Mother's Day week-end in Balboa Park by participating in or visiting both of these events.

Visit us at sdorchids.com/Links to view two newly added links to interesting orchid information.

[An Orchid Overview by Pollinator.org](http://AnOrchidOverviewbyPollinator.org) and goorchids.northamericanorchidcenter.org - *Go Orchids* is a tool to explore orchids native to the U.S. and Canada.

I wish you success in growing orchids!

Scott La Bouff

NEWCOMERS POTTING WORKSHOP - April 18

Attention New Members! It's that time again. We are having a potting workshop on April 18. The focus will be on repotting cattleyas and cymbidiums, but any orchids you have that need repotting are welcome. We will be meeting at Bruce & Carol Berg's house in Santee.

We will start at 10 am with potting demonstrations from Bruce & Debby. Then you will be able to work on your own plants. There will be experienced members on hand to help if you need it. There will be a few donated cymbidiums to repot as well.

This is another BYOP (bring your own plant) session with potluck lunch to follow. We are asking for a nominal fee of \$3 per plant to cover supplies. Ben Machado will provide medium and a range of pots. He will also have a few other supplies on hand for sale if you need them.

Please bring a lunch dish to share. We'll provide drinks and utensils. You are invited to enjoy the meal and conversation and take a tour of Bruce's growing areas.

Here are the details. We ask that you sign up in advance so that we can have a place for you to work and enough supplies. Here is the link for online signup:

<https://www.volunteersignup.org/AWEYR>

Date: Saturday, April 18
Time: 10 am
Address: 9228 Maranda Drive
Santee, CA 92071
Cost: \$3.00 per plant

Our previous workshops have been lots of fun. Here's your chance to find that "way in" to repotting orchids. You'll also get to enjoy socializing and becoming better acquainted with your fellow club members. Put it on your calendar!

NOTE – as always, you don't have to be a new member to come. If this session interests you, go ahead and sign up. You'll be welcome.

From the Membership Desk

Please welcome our newest members, Michelle Howe, Alfredo Guerrero Valdez, Victoria Cohen, Steven Casselman, Pedro Sanchez, Estela Flores. Also, welcome back Vanda Mumby and Amy Periales.

Bob



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Christopher Croom (619) 583-3804

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Karl Batchman casa@orquideas.com

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Board of Directors Meeting Summary

by Jack Schaefer

The San Diego County Orchid Society's Board meeting was held on March 5th, 2015.

Attending were Scott LaBouff, Kay Klausing, Carol Berg, Jack Schaefer, Carol Kerr, Felisa Acantilado & Bruce Berg. Bob Clark and Debby Halliday were excused absent. The meeting was opened at 7:09 by the President, Scott LaBouff.

The Secretary reported that the February Board minutes were approved by email and were published in the March Newsletter. The Treasurer presented the Financial report for February. A motion was made & passed to file the report for review. A claim has been filed with the City for damages relating to the water pipe break which forced cancellation of the February meeting. Our costs for Ron Parsons, our speaker for the evening, and the cost of the refreshments, were included in the claim. Carol reported on the cost of acquiring a Point Of Sale (POS) cash register from the local company Citywide. This is the same system used by the Cactus and Succulent Society. A motion to acquire a new cash register system not to exceed \$1,500 will be placed before the general membership in June. Also, Carol reported on the purchase of new shelving units for the garage and a work party to clean out the garage and install new shelving was scheduled for the 14th of March.

Our webmaster reported on the web activity for February. As expected, the hit count is significantly higher as we approach the Spring Show.

There was no Membership report as the Membership Chair was not present.

Our 1st VP, Kay Klausing, reported that Bruce Kidd will be speaking on Pest Management at the April general meeting. The Opportunity Table will be provided by Cal Orchids.

Our 2nd Vice-President, Debby Halliday was absent however Scott reported that Peter Tobias will be the culture class speaker. His topic will be mounting orchids. It was also noted that April 18th will be the next repotting seminar to be held at the Berg's home at 10:00 AM. This will be a potluck and all are welcome.

The Finance Committee met at the Berg's home on February 8th. The result of that meeting was a resolution to update the Garner Fund Trust documents. The updates to the documents were reviewed by the board and approved.

Our Past President Bruce Berg reported that the San Diego County Fair has designated June 9th as Floral Day with various activities. We will be represented with a booth and informational materials. Additionally, Charley Fouquette and Ben Machado will be speaking on June 11th. Bruce has previously pointed out that the judging activities for orchids at the County Fair have more sections for competition and that more prize money will be awarded this year. He encouraged all members to participate.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 PM and the next Board meeting is April 9th at 7PM.

Spring Show Update

by Bruce Berg

The Spring Show is almost here! It's time to start getting those award winning plants of yours ready to bring in for judging! We need all your blooming plants for filling the display tables to put on a massive display for the public. At our upcoming General Meeting for March, Debby Halliday will be giving you tips on how to prep your plants so that they can look their best for the judges, and Pam Peters will help you understand the judging categories.

We also need plants to put in our Society display booth. Be sure to put your name on the bottom of your plant pots so that it is easy to return your plants at the end of the show.

We will need a lot of help from our members to volunteer to fill the many jobs required to put on this show. To help us keep track of the volunteer schedules, and to give you a copy of the jobs and times that you have signed up for, please go to these web pages to sign up. There is a separate page for each day. We will have coffee and tea and donuts in the mornings, as well as lunch at noon for all volunteers, whether you work in the morning or in the afternoon. We will also have sign-up sheets at the meeting if you wish to sign up there, or you can call our volunteer coordinator, Ivan Allen, at (760) 533-4975. The Show Committee will also provide a gift to each volunteer at the end of the show who signed up and worked at the show.

Thursday, March 26th<https://www.volunteersignup.org/8LQJ7>Friday, March 27th<https://www.volunteersignup.org/TK9K7>Saturday, March 28th<https://www.volunteersignup.org/3RJ4Y>Sunday, March 29th<https://www.volunteersignup.org/JH8B8>

We will have a corsage and floral arrangements booth this year and need small decorative vases for floral arrangements. **We will also need orchid flowers** and floral greenery to make corsages. Please bring these materials to the showroom.

We will also need small boxes, paper and plastic grocery bags for the plant hotel. Please bring these to the Scottish Rite building to the plant hotel area.

The Show Committee along with Dave Hoffmaster and I are looking forward to a fun and smooth show with your support and help again this year.

A membership vote will be held at the June General Meeting for the approval to purchase a new Point of Sale (PoS) system for use at our "Orchids in the Park" Show and Sale events. The Board of Directors is asking the membership to approve an amount of \$1,500.00 for the purchase of an integrated register and barcode system with advanced capability for detailed sales recording sorted by vendor. An updated PoS system will have the added advantage of eliminating the need for sales ticket writing and significantly speeding up purchases for our customers.

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How to Register your orchids for the fair

by Bruce Berg

May 1st is the deadline for registering to compete at the 2015 County Fair Orchid Show.

The Orchid competition has changed this year from what it was last year. Last year, orchids were covered under the Garden Show section of the fair. This year, they were moved under the Flower Show section. You will want to read the rules published by the Flower Show section. I will give you a quick synopsis and list of web links. There will also be a meeting on Saturday morning, April 25, 9:30 am at the Fairgrounds in the Veranda Cafe on the second floor of the East Grandstand building where the staff there will go over the registration process and rules and help you with your questions. Call ahead for a vehicle parking pass and parking instructions.

You can start at several web pages to find information about registration and rules, but at some time, you should come to this page:

<http://www.sdfair.com/index.php?fuseaction=exhibits.flower>

At the page below, you can see the time line for registration, the awards available for all the ways you can make entries, and most importantly, the rules for orchid entries.

http://www.sdfair.com/pdf/2015/exhibits/departments/fs_2015.pdf

These are different from last year, so review them. Orchids are covered as "ORCHID SPECIMENS" Division 5100 "Orchid Specimen – Plants in Container". In addition, there may be a second Division 5101 "Orchid Specimen - Cut Blooms". Underneath the Division, there is a listing for "Class" for each of the two divisions that corresponds to a partial listing of what we call our "sections" (i.e., Cattleya, Cymbidium, etc). When you go into the actual registration screen, they change the word class to mean the number of weeks that you wish to enter your orchids in for judging. At this time, I do not know for sure if there will be a cut flower division.

After reading the rules, you will want to go to the following web page to begin actual registration:

<http://sdgard.fairmanager.com/>

At the top right of the screen, click "Sign In"

Choose: I am "Exhibitor"

and: fill in your name and select button " I am new exhibitor" even if you were an exhibitor last year. Then complete the registration form.

You then are ready to select the Division and Class for your registration.

Select "Flower Show"

Select "Orchid Specimen Show Registration"

Select "005 All 6 Orchid Specimen Shows=\$30"

and click "Add entry to cart"

From here you need to make payment with a credit card.

There will be further information later for people who have registered regarding where to take your plants for judging, general logistics and answers to any questions you may have.

Until then, I'd be willing to coordinate between the Societies and the Flower Show department. If you wish to have me help you and keep you informed on progress, please send me an email with your contact info. We can also do the online registrations from our house on the 18th when we are doing the newcomer meeting. My contact point at the Flower Show Department is Betty Patterson-del Sol 858-792-4207x2461.

Bruce Berg 610.258.1963 b2berg@yahoo.com

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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

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

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Orchid Dates to Remember

April 1st
Palomar Orchid Society Meeting
Culture class at 6:30; program at 7:00
First Wednesday of the month
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April 4th
SDCOS Species Group Meeting
First Saturday of the month
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April 9th, 7:00 PM
SDCOS Board Meeting
Normally the Thursday following the General Meeting, Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 104

April 15th
Cymbidium Society Meeting
Regular meeting, third Wednesday of month
Culture class at 6:30, Meeting at 7:00
Lake San Marcos Pavilion
331105 La Bonita Dr., San Marcos, CA 92078
orchldy2@mac.com or (760) 732-0055

April 17th
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



San Diego County Orchid Society
P.O. Box 161020
San Diego, CA 92176

1st Class
Postage
Required

A request from the editor - please send pictures!

A picture is worth a thousand words. There are very few pictures in this month's newsletter. No orchids were awarded in judging this month, and we put a lot of the pictures from the last show in the last newsletter. I would like to ask members that write contributions to the newsletter to provide photos to go along with them if possible. If you go to a society function and take pictures, send me a few of the best. I can't promise to put them all in the newsletter, but will put some in. We'll be putting a lot of photos from the show into a special show bulletin.

Now if there were only a way to capture the scent of the bloom, that would be great... the old scratch and sniff technology doesn't work very well over the internet.

Don't forget to bring in plants for the "Doctor is IN" if you want some expert advice, and bring the flowering ones to the show! We need your plants and your enthusiasm!

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