



*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 - March 1st, 6:30 PM

### *Spring Show Preview and Ribbon Judging*

Speakers - Pam Peters and Debby Halliday

By Debby Halliday

Our big spring show is almost here, so the culture class will be all about the Spring Show.

Pam Peters, our judging chair, will review the process of participating in the show competition. She is going to cover the overall Ribbon Judging program as well as getting into some of the detail of classes, entry requirements and entry

procedures, and most importantly the criteria used to determine the awards. She'll also talk about some of the special awards available only at the Spring Show.

Some of you may have participated on judging teams and seen first hand the excellent job Pam does in managing our ribbon judging program. Pam is a

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## GENERAL MEETING - March 1st, 7:30 PM

### *THAI ONE ON - some cultural tips on growing the orchids of Northern Thailand*

Speaker - Tom Biggart

By Kay Klausing, 1st Vice President  
The speaker at our March meeting will be **Tom Biggart**. The topic of his presentation will be "**THAI ONE ON - some cultural tips on growing the orchids of Northern Thailand**".

Tom Biggart has been growing orchids since 1972 and has been a SDCOS member for 42 years.

He is a retired elementary school teacher with orchids as his new students.

Tom is also the owner and head grower of Granite Hills Orchids in El Cajon. His nursery is a hobby business which means he doesn't make a living growing plants. It is more of 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.

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***Culture Meeting continued***

comforting and welcoming presence when you bring your plants to a show, always willing to answer questions and help your experience go smoothly.

Debby Halliday will talk about prepping your plants to win those coveted ribbons. We'll also have some pictures from previous spring shows to inspire you to participate.

The success of the show depends on the beautiful orchids our members bring to display and on the efforts of many volunteers. We hope you're tending and staking your plants and planning to join us in working the show.

It's our 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary show. Let's make it the best ever!

***General Meeting continued***

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 3 kilns. His pottery is designed primarily for plants and can be seen at most of the local orchid shows and at the nursery. He would love to talk orchids and pottery with anyone interested!

Tom will also provide the plant opportunity table for the March meeting with plants from his orchid business, Granite Hills Orchids.

Join Tom and fellow society members for dinner at the Prado Restaurant, before the general meeting. Please call 619-929-1452 to  
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## 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Show and Sale

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**From the Membership Desk**

Please welcome our newest members – Ed Marty, Tony Stiegler, Jessica Rode Salonen & Katie Miltenberger, Gabriel & Gabriella Penaloza, and Leo Sullivan. Also, please welcome Tom Osborn back into the fold.

Bob

## President's Message

I am looking forward to seeing you at our **SDCOS International Spring Show "Orchids in Paradise", March 11<sup>th</sup> – March 13<sup>th</sup>**. I always enjoy this time of year. It's wonderful to see everyone having a great time, enjoying the company of old friends and making new ones, all while savoring a magnificent display of exceptional spring time blooms. If you are new to this show or want a refresher on preparing your plants for show, be sure to attend our March Culture Meeting. Pam Peters and Debby Halliday will provide you with tips to get your plants ready for show and answer your questions. See

<http://sdorchids.com/SpringShowSchedule2016.html>

for show rules and plant registration section/class information. We have twenty-two vendors signed up for our show. You will certainly find quality plants and some unusual ones too. This is a great time to add to your collection.

**We still need many volunteers. I encourage you to sign up today** by visiting the following links: Thursday March 10<sup>th</sup>

<https://www.volunteersignup.org/7LXKX> ;

Friday March 11<sup>th</sup>

<https://www.volunteersignup.org/M3TAB>;

Saturday March 12<sup>th</sup>

<https://www.volunteersignup.org/QWT77> ;

Sunday March 13<sup>th</sup>

<https://www.volunteersignup.org/J3XDX> .

This event is our largest of the year and biggest fund raiser for the society. Encourage your friends, as well as family, to attend and share your interest in orchids. We'll have posters available at our March meeting. Please take these for display at your local coffee shop, library, favorite local eatery and

other establishments you frequent. I have found many proprietors are happy to display our poster and provides me an opportunity to tell them about our show. Some extra promotion the week leading into our show will be helpful to bring in visitors.

**We put on a great show at our "Orchids in the Park" Winter Show and Sale, January 30<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>**. There were many exceptionally beautiful flowers on display. Thank you to all participants, volunteers and vendors. Be sure to read our [Winter Show Supplement](#). Included in this supplement is a list and photos of top winners with articles by Bruce Berg, Jack Schaefer and Pam Peters. Also included is a photo of Dave Hoffmaster, Jack Schaefer, Bruce Berg and Carey Mc Coy at the **Newport Harbor Orchid Expo & Sale, February 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>**. They created a beautiful display, on behalf of SDCOS. Thank you to all who loaned a very nice selection of ribbon winning orchids to share at this show.

Included in the Winter Show Supplement is an article, **Campout at Agua Caliente** by Bruce Berg. This has become an annual excursion many of our members look forward to each year. If you are not a camper, you are welcome to join us for the day to take a relatively easy walk to check out the population of *Epipactis gigantea* growing in the **Anza-Borrego Desert**. Besides the native orchids, we hope to see many various wild flowers in bloom. Afterwards, a soak in the geothermal hot spring pool is a bonus. Sign up at <http://www.volunteersignup.org/BJJ77>. The Campout is March 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>. We'll visit the orchids on Saturday am, March 26<sup>th</sup>.

I wish you success in growing orchids!

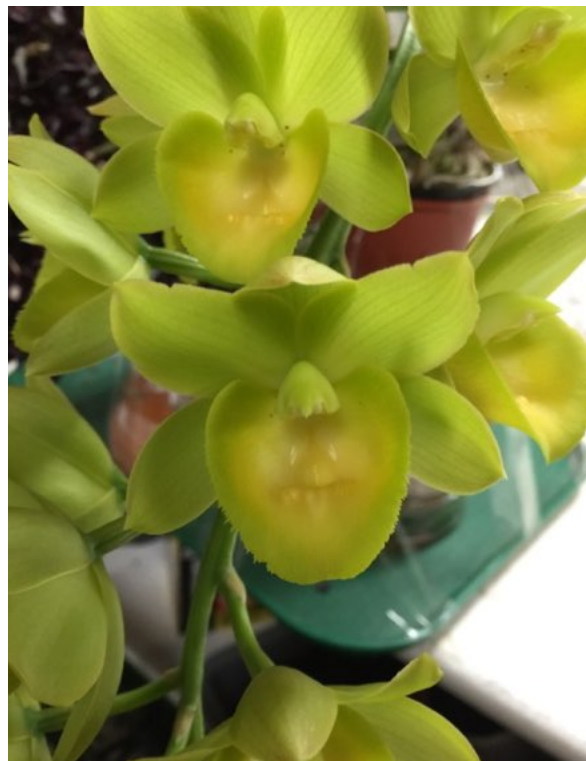
Scott La Bouff



Judging at the San Diego Judging Center (Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park), Feb., 2016.

Text and photos by Phyllis Prestia.  
There were 6 orchids presented for judging.  
Three were awarded:

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Exhibited by Fred Clarke  
Awarded AM/AOS 86 points



Mo. Barabas Collins 'SVO Dark Night'  
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Exhibited by Fred Clarke  
Awarded FCC/AOS 90 points



Fdk. Unregistered 'SVO Amazing'  
AM/AOS  
Exhibited by Fred Clarke  
Awarded AM/AOS 86 points



**Bonus question!** A visitor to the January show took the above photo and wants to know the name of this plant. If you are the owner, please forward the name to Scott so he can pass it on to our visitor.

Thanks!

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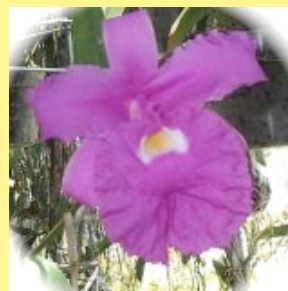
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**Orchid Hotlines**

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, Phals, other**

Greenhouse grown, West SD County  
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858-756-3578

**Species, all types**

Indoor and outdoor  
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Ann Tuskes (858) 274-5829

**Vandas, Ascocendas**

Edith and Leno Galvan (619) 441-7503

**Encyclias, Epidendrums, Laelias**

Christopher Croom (619) 583-3804

**Pleurothallids**

Christopher Croom (619) 583-3804

**Cymbidiums**

Karl Batchman [casa@orquideas.com](mailto:casa@orquideas.com)

**Northeast County, all types**

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

**San Diego Central**

Outdoor, all types  
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## Summary of Minutes from the SDCOS General and Board of Directors Meeting(s) for February 2016

By Jack Schaefer, Secretary

**General Meeting:** At the General Meeting, held on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, Ron Kaufmann presented the Conservation Committee's proposals for Grant Funding. A motion was made and passed to accept the proposals.

**Board of Directors Meeting:** The San Diego County Orchid Society's Board meeting was held on February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

Attending were Scott LaBouff, Kay Klausung, Bruce Berg, Carol Berg, Jack Schaefer, Bob Clark, Carol Kerr & Carey McCoy. Debby Halliday was excused absent. The meeting was opened at 7:03 PM.

The Secretary reported that the January Board minutes were approved by email and were published in the February Newsletter.

The Treasurer presented the financial report for February. A motion was made & passed to file the report for audit.

The webmaster reported on updates to the website including Winter Show Awards and Photos.

The current Membership was reported as 325 active members.

The By-Laws have been emailed for review & comment.

Spring Show Co-Chair Jack Schaefer reported on progress on the Spring Show. Since the next Show Committee meeting was scheduled for Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup>, there was no report from a Committee meeting. However, Jack did report that commitments had been received from over 75% of the expected vendors and at least 50% of the Display booths were committed. It was reported that fabrication of new lath sections for the

expanded Best of Section table was in progress. Jack moved to allocate funds for additional tracklights and equipment. After some discussion the motion was passed. Initial work on the Show program was in progress.

Scott LaBouff, Society President, reported that Bruce Berg, Carey McCoy, Dave Hoffmaster and Jack Schaefer would be doing setup and teardown of the Society's display at the Newport Harbor Orchid Societys Show and Sale and Westminster Mall.

Also, Scott reported on the formation of a Nomination Committee to nominate new officers for the yearly election and that the San Diego Botanical and Garden Foundation (SDBGF) was in the process of evaluating storage assignments in Rooms 101 and 104 in the Casa del Prado building. Our Society has made one locker and two shelves available for reassignment. The SDBGF has taken no immediate action.

He also reported on the Balboa Park App. David Brown has been asked to find out what is required to have SDCOS "***Orchids in the Park***" Shows listed on the App.

Our 1<sup>st</sup> VP, Kay Klausung, reported that Tom Biggart will present "Orchids in Thailand" at the March General Meeting. Kay is also working on the publication of our Spring Show dates in the *Orchids* and *Orchid Digest* magazines.

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President Debby Halliday was absent however it was reported that the Culture Class in March would feature Pam Peters and Debby Halliday discussing "Preparing your orchids for show".

Under General Board Member's Items, Carol Kerr discussed promotional materials.

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**SDCOS BoD meeting**

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**Past President's Items**

Bruce Berg reviewed the January "**Orchids in the Park**" Show. The show was successful and a very nice article covering the Show was written in the Union Tribune. Bruce noted that the Sale of the plants from the Jim Wright Collection has been completed. He also noted that the promotional quarter page flyers need to be reprinted using the coming year's dates. Our popular bookmarks will be reprinted after the Spring Show.

Bruce commented on the startup activities for the San Diego County Fair activities. He also reported on the upcoming Campout and Hike at the County's Agua Caliente County Campground March 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>. The volunteer sign-up sheet has been made available on the website.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 PM and the next SDCOS Board meeting will be on March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Jack Schaefer, Secretary

**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:

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### Board of Directors

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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](mailto: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](mailto:winklerca@yahoo.com).

### Orchid Dates to Remember

March 1st, 6:30 PM  
**SDCOS Culture Meeting**  
First Tuesday of the month  
Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

March 1st, 7:30 PM  
**SDCOS General Meeting**  
First Tuesday of the month  
Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

March 2nd  
**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

March 3rd, 7:00 PM  
**SDCOS Board Meeting**  
Normally the Thursday following the General Meeting, Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 104

March 5th  
**SDCOS Species Group Meeting**  
First Saturday of the month  
Paul or Ann Tuskes (858) 274-5829

March 11-13th  
**SDCOS 70th Annual Show and Sale**  
Orchids in Paradise  
Scottish Rite Events Center  
1895 Camino Del Rio South  
San Diego

March 16th  
**Cymbidium Society Meeting**  
Regular meeting, third Wednesday of month  
Culture class at 6:30, Meeting at 7:00  
Lake San Marcos Pavilion  
1105 La Bonita Dr., San Marcos, CA 92078  
[orchldy2@mac.com](mailto:orchldy2@mac.com) or (760) 732-0055

March 18th  
**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

## **Preparing Your Orchids for the Show – by Pam Peters**

Adapted with permission from author Iris Cohen from her article in *The Orchid Enthusiast*, Sept 2008.

Early preparation of your orchids for entering in the show will pay off and add to your enjoyment of the hobby and our spectacular plant display. February preparation for the March show is the perfect time to start.

First, thoroughly check plants to make sure there are no insects on the leaves and flowers. If aphids or scale are visible, spray with diluted isopropyl alcohol or a Captain Jack's mixture. Then very carefully remove aphids with a q-tip. Scale might need a little extra nudging to remove. Finish with a light splash of water. Check the potting medium to be sure there are no snails, slugs or ants.

Cymbidium, phalaenopsis, and cattleya leaves can be washed with a cut lemon, neem oil, milk, or diluted dish detergent to get rid of the fertilizer residue and salts. Rinse with water and dry immediately with a soft cloth.

Hopefully cymbidiums will be in bloom this year at show time. Stake the spikes early so the flowers are nicely presented. Trim off dead leaves and leaf tips with razor blades (one per plant).

Clean cattleya alliance orchids by wetting the stems and pseudobulbs under a faucet and remove all dead sheaths and other dead tissue. A toughie sponge is helpful in doing this. Remove yellow or dead leaves and leaf tips with a sterile disposable razor blade. Stake and secure the flowers so that they are looking up and visible to the judges. Flowers may be beautiful, but if not properly staked, they won't win those ribbons.

Put your orchid in a clean plastic or terra cotta pot with that has no salt or fertilizer build-up. You may also use a cache pot.

Make sure your plant is secure in its pot and won't tip over. Before or after judging, the plant most likely will be moved to another spot. Remove the plant tag but tape your name to the bottom of the pot. Keep a list of the plants you bring in and what section they are in.

The joy of seeing your beautiful orchids on a display table with other members' plants is a source of pride. Receiving your first ribbon is total elation and a reward for your good growing habits.

Plant registration is Thursday, Mar 10 from 3:00 PM – 8:00 PM, and Friday morning, March 11 from 7:00 AM – 9:00 AM. The Schedule of Classifications for Plant Registration can be found on the SDCOS website <http://www.sdorchids.com/SpringShowSchedule2016.html>

Amateur growers can register plants as Amateur or Commercial. Registration tags should have the correct plant name (registration clerks can help you). Plants may be entered for American Orchid Society or Cymbidium Society of America judging. Please bring in your orchids and participate in our show!!!





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From the editor -

Following the winter show, we produced a newsletter supplement focused on the show. This allowed us to provide the membership with a detailed report of the show with photos of all the winning plants (and some of the winning growers). Jack Shaefer deserves a lot of credit for many of the photos, but this highlights one challenge with the show supplement process - we need good photos of the winners consistently, as it would not be good to not have suitable photos for all. One advantage of the supplement process is that it can accommodate many photos without making the newsletter too thick to fold and mail. Unfortunately, it also means that members that do not have electronic access cannot access the supplements.

The editor and leadership would love to get some feedback on the show supplement. Conveniently, I will not be at the March meeting :), but would be happy to take feedback by email or please talk to a board member. If the membership likes this process, we will make show supplements a regular thing.

Suggestions for the newsletter always welcome.

David  
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