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 - February 7th, 6:30 PM
Spring show preview and ribbon judging
Speaker - Debby Halliday

By Debby Halliday
Our big spring show will be here before you know it, so the culture class will be all about the Spring Show. We are talking about the show and how you might display your plants a little earlier this year to give you time to think and plan.

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 giving an overview of classes, entry requirements and entry procedures. She'll also talk about some of the special awards available only at the Spring Show and the criteria for judging.

Some of you may have participated on judging teams and seen first hand the

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GENERAL MEETING - February 7th, 7:30 PM
Paphiopedilums - The Huntington Way
Speaker - Brandon Tam

By Kay Klausing
The speaker at our February meeting will be Brandon Tam. The topic of his talk will be “Paphiopedilums - The Huntington Way”.

Brandon Tam is the Orchid Collection Specialist at The Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens in San Marino, California. Brandon currently oversees one of the largest orchid collections in the United States, which has grown from 2000 to 10,000 plants in just the past eight years. Brandon was first introduced into orchids at the age of seven when his grandmother gave him a white flowering Cymbidium. After being bitten by the orchid bug, he decided to pursue an education in the field of botany by earning Bachelor of Science in Plant Science, from the California State University Polytechnic, Pomona.

His career in orchids began after he graduated high school at the age of 16 when Dr. James P. Folsom, Director of the Botanical Gardens, offered Brandon a full-time position as the Orchid Collection Specialist, with the goal to reinvigorate and perpetuate The Huntington’s Orchid Collection.

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President’s Message

Our Winter “Orchids in the Park” Show and Sale is January 28th & 29th. Set-up is on January 27th. Sign up to volunteer during this show at https://www.volunteersignup.org/3DKQE. 55 positions are open for sign-up. Hurry to pick your preference of duty; these include: Hosts to welcome and inform visitors, Security, Speakers, Kid’s Corner activities, Cashier Assistants, Conservation, Plant Hotel, Set-up & Breakdown crew, and assistance at the garage. Your help is necessary for the show to run comfortably. Thank you! I look forward to seeing lots of beautiful blooms, including yours! Bruce Berg provides details on page 5.

Also mark your calendars for the Newport Harbor Orchid Expo & Sale, February 10th – 12th 2017. Our friends at NHOS will be happy to see you there. For details, visit http://nhosinfo.org/orchidshow/. SDCOS is participating with a display. Please contact Jack Schaefer if you want to help or loan your orchids in bloom. This is another opportunity for you to win more ribbons!

SDCOS is participating in the Master Gardener Spring Seminar Marketplace on Saturday, March 18. Join us to help promote our “Orchid Fiesta!” Spring Show as well as our “Orchids in the Park” shows. Share your joy and fascination for orchids! We’ll have orchids on display, membership information, lots of “Orchid Fiesta!” postcards and our bookmarks with future show dates to hand out. We’ll also have Spring Show tickets for sale. Sign up at https://www.volunteersignup.org/4W4TT. Team up with a friend! We need teams of 2 each for the following shifts; 8 am-10:30 am or, 10:30 am-1:00 pm or, 12:30 pm-3:00 pm. This event is at the San Diego County Operations Center, 5520 Overland Ave., San Diego 92123; 8am - 3pm.


You can help too by distributing our “Orchid Fiesta!” postcards to small businesses you frequent. Pick up a hand full at our next meeting.

On a personal note, I am excited to report that the Lepanthes calodictyon I purchased at the Huntington Botanical Gardens show in October is blooming now. I keep this plant in my terrarium due to its culture requirements. You'll see more buds developing on the lower leaf.

I wish you success in growing orchids!

Scott LaBouff
excellent job Pam does in managing our ribbon judging program. Pam has been the head of our judging program for many years and her experience shows. You can bring her all your questions, and she will help you through registering your plant and making sure it is where it belongs.

Debby Halliday will talk about prepping your plants to present them at their very best. She will also have pictures and suggestions for doing displays. Our floor and table displays really set the Spring Show apart from the other shows we do all year. The public appreciates and looks forward to these beautiful floral set pieces. It is not hard to make a beautiful, interesting, or even funny display. We have a great theme to work with in Orchid Fiesta! You can team up with a friend or try it on your own. Come get some ideas.

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 at the show.

It wouldn’t be spring in San Diego without the orchid show. This is our 71st year. We’ll help you make it one to remember. Ole!

He also cares for the Amorphophallus titanum collection, better known as the Corpse Flower. He manages and oversees over 50 titanums that grow alongside the orchid collection and which successfully bloomed during his tenure there in August 2014.

In total, The Huntington’s orchid collection is housed in over 26,000 square feet of growing area, which includes the Rose Hills Foundation Conservatory and three collection greenhouses, dedicated specifically for tropical plants.

Under Brandon’s direction, The Huntington has won over 100 awards from the American Orchid Society within the last two and a half years, which includes five First Class Certificates and three Certificates of Cultural Excellence. At the American Orchid Society Fall 2016 Members Meeting, The Huntington received The Merritt W. Huntington Award, which gives national recognition for the "Most Outstanding Orchid" in the year of 2015.

Join Brandon and fellow society members for dinner at the Prado Restaurant, before the general meeting (Our reservation is usually at 5:30). Please call 619-929-1452 to R.S.V.P.

SDCOS is now on twitter!

Check out https://twitter.com/SDOrchids
Twitter, with use by members, promotes our mission. Get regular meeting and show updates.
Try it out. Post your favorite orchid photo of the moment.
Perhaps share a timely culture tip. Sign-up is easy!

Text and photos as listed.

There were 7 orchids presented for judging. Two were awarded:

Paph. spicerianum ‘Arnie’ AM/AOS
Exhibited by Arnie Gum
Awarded AM/AOS 80 points
Photo by Phyllis Prestia

Dracula Raven ‘Midnight Windflower’
AM/AOS
Exhibited by Betty Kelepecz
Awarded AM/AOS, 81 points
Photo by Arthur Pinkers
January Show in the Park
By Bruce Berg

LAST MINUTE UPDATES FOR THE PARK SHOW THIS COMING WEEKEND:

We are in real need of more volunteers to help with the finance, plant hotel and security jobs. Please go to the website and sign up. We have many shifts where nobody has signed up to work.

https://www.volunteersignup.org/3DKQE

Please support your society and help us put on the show. If you can’t sign up on the website, please come in and help out. It makes scheduling more efficient when you sign up online.

Setup begins Friday the 27th. We need volunteers to help with setting up partitions and tables beginning 1 PM. The show starts with judging going on Saturday from 10 AM until noon and the show area opening after judging, usually about noon when judges have their potluck and closing at 5 PM. The show opens on Sunday at 10 AM and closes at 4 PM with plant removal and teardown beginning about 4:30 PM.

You can bring in your plants for registration from 4 until 7 PM on the 27th. You can also bring them in on Saturday the 28th from 8 until 9 AM.

Donate your extra plants or divisions to support Conservation and to make room for new plants.

Stay and help with ribbon judging which will start with orientation at 9:45 and include a potluck afterwards. Bring in a dish to share and have fun visiting with your fellow members!

AOS judging will occur on Sunday the 29th. Fees have been increased. See the last newsletter for details.

Visit the vendor booths and score that special plant to add to your collection.

Please bring in plastic bags and boxes to help with packaging sold plants.

Kid’s Corner:

Change of plans. We do not need Keikis for this show. We do, however, need donations of a few (10 or 12) plants to give to kids like we’ve done in past shows.

Carey has signed up the following speakers:

Saturday 28th
• 1pm Dave Hoffmaster
• 2pm Debby Halliday
• 3pm Ben Machado
• 4pm Karl Batchman – “Cymbidium Basics”

Sunday 29th
• 11am Betty Kelepecz
• 1pm Paul Tuskes
• 2pm Alex Nadzan – “Repotting Cymbidiums and Cattleyas”
• 3pm Kay Klausing – “Sterile handling techniques and repotting using rocks and bark”

Please stay and help us fold tablecloths and tear down the tables and partitions after the show ends at 4 on Sunday and the room is cleared of visitors after 4:30 PM.

THANK YOU.
Spring Show 2017 ‘Orchid Fiesta!’ Updates

by Debby Halliday

Only two months until the Spring Show! It’s coming up really soon now.

Your show committee is finalizing arrangements with all the vendors. We expect around 20 companies to be represented. Most of your favorites will be there including some of the new vendors from last year. Save up your pennies – this is the best shopping opportunity of the whole year!

SpinGo ads should start popping up online very soon. Please remember to NOT CLICK on the ads, as our fees are based on a set number of clicks and you already know about the show! You can visit the landing page directly at sdorchids.com/SpringShow_2017_SP.html. It’s still a work in progress and will continue to evolve over the next few weeks. We have EventBrite set up to sell tickets. The hope is that we can expand the reach of our advertising and attract more people to the show. Please tell your friends.

Here’s where you come in. We need your help to make this a great show. Start thinking about displays. We have reinstituted ribbon judging for all small displays – this includes table top 4x4 and 2x2 displays as well as small floor displays, both floral and educational. The 6x6 floor space by the hall door is also available this year because the member who exhibited there has moved away. The display spaces in the new islands are all 9x9 this year, which makes them eligible for AOS and CSA(Cymbidium Society of America) awards in addition to other cash prizes and trophies. “Orchid Fiesta!” should be a fun theme to work with. Bring your creativity!

You can also participate in the SDCOS display. We want it to be outstanding and to really show off what our club can do. Plants, props, help and ideas will all be welcome. Talk to Carey McCoy if you are interested.

Our culture class in February will focus on how to create a display as well as reviewing the rules and categories for individual plants. If you have an orchid in bloom in time for the show – please bring it in! More is better and every orchid improves the show. We will be having our People’s Choice award again, and your plant could be the one!

Other ways you can help –

Send a check for your presale tickets to Patti Hoffmaster. Then sell them or pass them out to your friends. It’s a great way to introduce people to our show and the tickets are a bargain at only $7.

Plan to volunteer. This show is the big one and it’s fun to be part of it. The lists of jobs to be filled will be at the meeting. There are many ways to help out. Please keep the show on your calendar and plan to be there.

See you at the Fiesta!

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San Diego County Orchid Society
General Meeting Minutes
January 3, 2017

Summary
During the “Announcements” section of the *SDCOS General Meeting* held Tuesday, 01/03/2017, Scott LaBouff, SDCOS President, requested Ron Kaufmann, *SDCOS Conservation Committee* Chair, approach the podium and provide the membership present with an update regarding the SDCOS Conservation Grant Awardees for 2016.

Ron reported the SDCOS Conservation Committee met on December 3, 2016 to evaluate applications from a number of people and organizations requesting funding of projects. Ron presented a brief explanation of the committee’s selection process in reviewing the submitted projects and naming the selected winners. For this recent SDCOS Conservation selection committee the following eight SDCOS members participated in the process: Bruce Berg, Charley Fouquette, Debby Halliday, Ron Kaufmann, Betty Kelepecz, Kay Klausing, Pam Peters, and Peter Tobias.

After careful consideration, the committee recommended six selected grants for funding. Available to the entire membership, a detailed review of the six selected grants appeared in the January 2017 issue of the SDCOS Newsletter.

As stated in the *SDCOS By-Laws Article IV Board of Directors Section 7. Powers and Duties of the Board of Directors, Section (d)*, “The Board of Directors shall have authority to incur any obligation up to $750 from the General Fund without approval of the members of the Society.” Following this rule, it was necessary to bring the request for funding before the general membership for a vote. A request for a funding approval motion from the floor was made. David Brown made a motion to approve funding for the six selected projects. The motion was seconded and a call for discussion or comments was made. There being no further discussion or comments, a verbal vote of the general membership present took place. With no abstentions or negative votes, the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Ketelaar, Secretary

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San Diego County Orchid Society
January Board Meeting

Due to a number of absences, the San Diego County Orchid Society Board of Directors did not hold a meeting for the month of January.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Ketelaar, Secretary

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**Cattleyas, Oncidium/Odonts, Phals, other**
Greenhouse grown, West SD County
Debby Halliday debhallid@gmail.com
858-756-3578

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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 (619) 583-3804

**Pleurothallids**
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**Cymbidiums**
Karl Batchman 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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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

January 28th-29th
SDCOS Winter Show in the Park
Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

Feb 1st
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

February 4th
SDCOS Species Group Meeting
First Saturday of the month
Paul or Ann Tuskes (858) 274-5829

February 7th, 6:30 PM
SDCOS Culture Meeting
First Tuesday of the month
Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

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

February 9th, 7:00 PM
SDCOS Board Meeting
Normally the Thursday following the General Meeting, Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 104

February 10-12
Newport Harbor Orchid Expo and Sale
Westminster Mall, Orange County

February 15th
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 or (760) 732-0055

February 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
From the editor -

We have gotten lots of rain this month and that’s good news. I have noticed on my trips into Penasquitos reserve that the wet weather has stimulated the growth - or fruiting - of many fungi. We all know that many orchids require fungi for the seeds to survive and grow into new plants, but for some orchids, fungi provide nutrients for the entire lifecycle and the presence of the right fungi in high amounts stimulates blooming! see

[link](http://www.smithsonianmag.com)

Bring your plants to the show at the end of the month and come yourself to see all the great flowers. It’s a bright spot in January that portends the warming trend and the end of winter here.

May your plants always grow!

David
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