



**San Diego County Orchid
Society Newsletter
Volume 250:
January 2020**

Table of Contents:

General Meeting	Page 2
Judging Report	Page 3
President's Message	Page 3
January Show in the Park	Page 4
Culture Class	Page 5
Spring Show Update	Page 6
October Show Wrap-up	Page 7
Getting Ready for Summer	Page 8
Membership Report	Page 8
Board and Meeting Minutes	Page 8
Orchid Dates to Remember	Page 9



Psychopsis limminghei
Ron Parsons

San Diego County Orchid Society Newsletter – January 2020

General Meeting, January 7th, 7:30 pm Mary Gerritsen: Miniature Orchids and How to Grow Them

Text by Debby Halliday, First VP

Happy New Year! I can't believe it's already 2020! We have an excellent speaker lined up. Mary Gerritsen, PhD, will be talking to us about miniature orchids and how to grow them. If you are anything like me, your orchid collection always threatens to outgrow your available space. Miniatures are a great solution – more orchids in less space!

Miniature orchids, defined by Mary as those species whose individual growths are smaller than 6 inches (not including the inflorescence), are a popular choice for orchid hobbyists with limited growing space. In contrast to many of their larger counterparts, many miniature orchids are attractive in or out of bloom. Mary's lecture will cover many of her favorite species as well as the challenges and rewards of growing miniature orchids.



Amesiella philippinensis
Debby Halliday

Mary Gerritsen is an independent biotechnology consultant who has been growing orchids (mostly species) on and off for more than 30 years. Since relocating to the San Francisco Bay area in 1997, she started a collection of small cool growing miniature species such as Masdevallias, Porroglossums, Lepanthes, and other assorted tiny gems. She also has a second intermediate greenhouse, filled with larger species such as Angraecoids, Dendrobiums, Oncidiums, Laelias, Phalaenopsis, and Bulbophyllums. She loves to see orchids growing *in situ*, and has made it her mission over the last few years to see as many as possible, with trips to see and photograph orchids (and other flora as well) in Canada, many parts of the USA and Mexico, and countries in Central America, South America, South East Asia, western Australia, and Europe, as well as South Africa and Madagascar.

She is the co-author of several botanical books: *Masdevallias, Gems of the Orchid World; Calochortus, Mariposa Lilies and their Relatives; A Compendium of Miniature Orchid Species; A Bay Area Guide to Orchids and their Culture; and The American Orchid Society Guide to Orchids and their Culture*, with fellow San Francisco Orchid Society member and well known photographer, Ron Parsons.

Mary frequently lectures to orchid societies in the San Francisco Bay area and, on occasion, other societies throughout the US and Canada. She is on the board of directors of the Orchid Digest, the Chief Operating Officer and Treasurer of the Orchid Conservation Alliance, and is also a member

of the American Orchid Society, the San Francisco Orchid Society, the Peninsula Orchid Society and the Pleurothallid Alliance. It is a treat to have her visit us and you should come away inspired. We'll get the plant table from Andy's with an emphasis on interesting miniatures.

You are also invited to join us for dinner at the Prado Restaurant at 5:45pm. Please send me a text or email by Friday, Jan 3, if you want to come. (debhallid@gmail.com, 858-353-5392). As always, dinner is on you, but the conversation is free. This is a wonderful way to get to know our very interesting speakers on a more personal basis. Best wishes for an excellent start to a new year of growing and enjoying ORCHIDS!



San Diego County Orchid Society Newsletter – January 2020

Judging at the San Diego Judging Center (Casa del Prado, Balboa Park), December 2019

Text by Phyllis Prestia, photos by Phyllis Prestia
and Arnold Gum as marked

There were eight orchids presented for
judging. Three were awarded.

[1] *Paph. purpuratum* HCC/AOS
Exhibited by David Brown
Awarded HCC/AOS 79 points
Photo by Phyllis Prestia

[2] *Pot. Dogashima Paradise 'Strawberry'*
AM/AOS
Exhibited by Debby Halliday
Awarded AM/AOS 83 points (Upgraded from
HCC)
Photo by Phyllis Prestia

[3] *Paph. henryanum 'Arnie'* HCC/AOS
Exhibited by Arnold Gum
Awarded HCC/AOS 78 points
Photo by Arnold Gum



President's Message Text by Kay Klaussing

Happy New Year!

I hope all of you had a peaceful and relaxing
holiday season.

The year is starting up with another “Orchids
in the Park” Show and Sale on January 25th
and 26th! Let’s try to make it as much of a
success as the previous shows. As usual, we
still need volunteers so please sign up for the
open positions at the January General
Meeting or on our website (at
<https://www.volunteersignup.org/TCBTY>) -
we can’t do it without your help! See details
about the show program on the next page –
we are planning for a major re-design of the
layout to save on set-up and tear-down work.

The preparations for our big Spring Show are
also in full swing – you will soon hear more
about this.

The weather should still be cold and rainy,
and our orchids do very little in terms of
active growth so now is time to stock up on
supplies to be ready and prepared for the
repotting season coming up. I typically start
repotting in late January and try to have all
the major plant dividing done by March so
that the plants have the full growing season
for recovery.

See you all at the General Meeting on
January 7th!

San Diego County Orchid Society Newsletter – January 2020

January Show in the Park Text by Dave Hoffmaster, Show Chair

The next orchid show in Balboa Park is upon us. It's coming up the weekend of **January 25th & 26th**. All members are invited to bring in their blooming plants for judging and viewing. Plant registration will be Friday afternoon from 3 to 8 PM and again Saturday morning from 8 to 9:30 AM. Please bring in your plants as early as possible so we can have the room set up and ready for judging at 10:00 Saturday morning. A complete registration schedule is available on our web site should you wish to start early or, if you are like me, bring your plants the day of the show and fill out the registration on site. There will be volunteers available to help with registrations if you have questions. AOS judging will be available at this show for any wanting to participate.



Ribbon judging starts at 10:00 Saturday morning and I would encourage our members to consider participating as judges. Just be there by 10:00 and let Pam Peters know you are interested in joining a team. It is a good way to meet members of the society and to learn from them. Judging not only considers the flower and its beauty, but also the plant itself; it can even help you learn about how to grow such a plant. I know because I have picked a few tips during judging about how to grow orchids.

We need your help to set up and run this show. It's a lot of work starting with set up Friday afternoon and ending with take down Sunday afternoon. In between, we need help with security, sales, kid's corner, and a number of other functions that need your support. A list of all the jobs available is on our web site under the "Volunteers" tab.

Orchids will be available for sale at this show, so bring your money. A number of local vendors will have plants for sale and members will be allowed to sell as well. If you wish to sell orchids at this show, please contact us in advance. Any plants offered for sale will need to comply with our bar code



system. You need to contact Myra DeTate (treasurer@sdorchids.com) to obtain the necessary tags at least 2 weeks in advance of the show.

Our conservation group will have a booth at the show to raise money for their efforts. If you have plants to donate, please bring them in Friday afternoon or contact Betty Kelepecz (bettypk@aol.com) or Ron Kaufmann (rkaufmann@gmail.com) to make other arrangements.

One last thing: please consider volunteering to help with set up on Friday afternoon and with take down on Sunday afternoon. A few extra hands would go a long way towards helping out.

Andy's Orchids.com
734 Ocean View Ave. Encinitas, CA 92024 Phone (760) 436-4239
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC BY APPOINTMENT ONLY - Please Call

Species Specialist
Rare and Exotic beautifully mounted and potted orchids is **What We Do Best.**
Come Visit a One Of A Kind Nursery.
Make your personalized appointment today
(closed most weekends)
Over 7000 species to choose from



734 OCEAN VIEW AVE
ENCINITAS CA 92024
(760) 436-4239
WWW.ANDYSORCHIDS.COM

Culture Class, January 7th, 6:30 pm
Stewart Walton: Pest Control
Text by Stewart Walton

Pests are a fact of life for orchid growers, but we can benefit from a wealth of experience combating them. Stewart Walton will discuss best practices, based on Debby Halliday's research and experience. We'll talk about prevention, chemical agents, tests, and procedures, all leading to a healthy collection. Learn how to combat all the threats to our plants, and where to get information and supplies.



Cattleia reginae
Ron Parsons

CALAVO GARDENS

Orchid Supplies
Specializing in the needs of the orchid grower

GROW MORE FERTILIZER

10-30-20

BLOOM BOOSTER
WATER SOLUBLE

4044 Calavo Drive, La Mesa
619-948-5942 bmach16814@aol.com

Casa de las Orquideas

Southern California's leading source for Cymbidium and Zygopetalum seedlings. Over 30,000 plants in stock from 3" pots to blooming size. Our complete list of seedlings and flasks is on the web at www.orquideas.com

Open by appointment only!
170 S. Nardo Ave., Solana Beach, CA 92075
Phone and Fax: (858) 755-7572
Email: casa@orquideas.com



Enjoy
California Garden magazine
with your membership in
San Diego Floral Association.
\$45
619-232-5762 sdfloal.org

San Diego County Orchid Society Newsletter – January 2020

Spring Show Update: Orchid Magic Text by Debby Halliday, Spring Show Chair

We held another Spring Show meeting on Saturday, December 7th, after the species meeting. Our plans are coming together nicely. I have been in touch with the vendors and expect to have an interesting and varied sales room for the best orchid shopping all year.

The tickets are printed and will be available at the January meeting. Our list price for tickets is \$10, but member packs are only \$35 for 5 tickets. These tickets are an important part of our fundraising, so we hope you will take your packet, pay SDCOS, and either sell or give the tickets to your friends and neighbors.

Volunteering a few hours at the show will get you in for free. You also get free lunch and a lovely thank-you orchid at the end of the show. More importantly, you help put on a very beautiful orchid exhibition, which is seen and appreciated by almost 2,000 people. If you want to really feel like a member of the club, plan to volunteer at our biggest show of the year. Next month we'll give you a description of all the available positions. It's satisfying and fun!

We have already ordered many packets of show postcards for distribution. We will also have a selection of posters available at the next meeting. Please take a few to put in your neighborhood coffee shop, convenience store, etc. Getting the word out is very important. Watch for our beautiful half-page ad in the February and March issues of Orchids Magazine. We will be advertising

online through community calendars, Facebook, and Next Door. We'll also have notices on KPBS as we get close to the show.

Once we're in January, the time flies by. At our February meeting, Pam Peters and I will talk about orchid judging, prepping your orchids, and creating tabletop displays. So many ways to get involved! Please put it on your calendar!



Orchid Magic

San Diego County Orchid Society Show and Sale

March 27-29, 2020	Friday 3-7 p.m.	Admission \$10
Scottish Rite Event Center	Saturday 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.	Weekend Pass \$12
Mission Valley, San Diego	Sunday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Children under 12 Free
	sdorchids.com/magic	Free Parking

POSTER BY CAROLAN KIM © 2019
PHOTOGRAPH BY VIVIAN KIM

San Diego County Orchid Society Newsletter – January 2020

October Show in the Park Award Winners

(Right) Congratulations to Alex Nadzan for winning the People's Choice Award with his *Blc. Hausermann's Holiday*. This award goes to the plant voted by the people attending the show as their favorite flower.

(Below) Anita and Jerry Spencer won the Forrest Robinson Cultural Award for their *Laelia perrinii*. This award goes to a plant recognized for excellent growth.



(Below) Congratulations go to Debby Halliday for winning the James and Lise Wright Award for the Best of Show orchid for her *Oncidium Lemon Drop*. This award goes to the plant voted by the judges to be the best orchid in the show and it is quite an honor to receive.



(Left) We have established a new award for the most unusual species plant. There is a lot of diversity in the orchid world and this award recognizes just how different some of those plants can be. So, for the first time ever, we have awarded the Siv Garrod Most Unusual Species Award to Charley Fouquette and his *Catasetum schunkei*.

San Diego County Orchid Society Newsletter – January 2020

Getting Ready for Summer

Text by Bruce Berg

Now that San Diego's winter is almost over and we know that our plants will soon begin to start growing again we need to prepare our plants for the season when many of them will begin a period of rapid growth.

Some of us have kept our plants inside where they have been protected against cold wet conditions that are bad for orchids. The first thing to do is a bit of Spring cleaning: look over the area where we are going to move our plants for the summer. Do a check to see that the area can provide the basic requirements your plants will need: make sure light level is appropriate to the type of plant and check benches or mounting areas for structural soundness. Consider spraying with a fungicide like Physan 20 or diluted Clorox solution. Physan recommends using Physan 20 (1 tsp/52gal) in water barrels for algae control and for spraying walkways.

If you have a spraying or watering system, check and clean filters and valves. Test to make sure everything works. Test water quality if you are using RO or DI water. Check your drainage system to make sure you don't have a potential mosquito problem.

Check the plants over for bugs and any leaf damage. I get some sunburn as the days get longer and the sun angle gets higher.

My trigger point for moving plants is when nighttime temps start getting into the upper 40's for catts and the rest when temps at night hit 50. If I have bloomers in the greenhouse earlier, then they go outside

earlier too. Plants in bud may stay indoors until they bloom. Really, it's the growers call. These are just my guidelines.

Check your plants for green tips on the ends of the roots. That is the indicator that the plant is ready to start growing. If it is growing over the edge of the pot, consider if you want to divide and repot. I would think that our speakers will cover this topic at the upcoming winter show by some of our experienced growers, so, volunteer and be there to attend the presentation when your shift is over.

There is another related item about outstanding culture and recognition of good things happening in our society: I'd like to congratulate Anita and Jerry Spencer on their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

SANTA BARBARA ORCHID ESTATE

Every day a different orchid—check out "Orchid-of-the-Day" at www.sborchid.com

Specializing in outdoor-growing orchids for coastal California, incl. *Laelia anceps* and hybrids, *Cymbidium* species and hybrids, and species.

Open daily: Mon-Sat, 8 to 4:30, Sun 11-4
1250 Orchid Drive, Santa Barbara, CA 93111
(800) 553-3387 sboe@sborchid.com

From the Membership Desk

Text by Bob Clark, Membership Chair

Please welcome our newest member: Tim Culbertson. When you get your 2020 Spring Show tickets, look at the expiration date on the envelope label. Check with me if you have any questions or an address change.

Wishing you a merry holiday season,

Bob Clark



Laelia praestans
Debby Halliday

Board and General Meeting Minutes

The SDCOS Board did not meet this month due to a large number of absences.

Generally, meeting minutes can be found at: <http://sdorchids.com/Minutes.html>

San Diego County Orchid Society Newsletter – January 2020

Orchid Dates to Remember:

January 2nd

SDCOS Board Meeting

First Thursday of the month, 7 pm

Casa del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 104

January 4th

SDCOS Species Group Meeting

Breakfast 8:30 am, meeting 9:00 am

First Saturday of the month

Paul or Ann Tuskes, (858) 274-5829

January 7th

SDCOS General Meeting

Culture class at 6:30; program at 7:30

First Tuesday of the month

Casa del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

January 8th

Palomar Orchid Society Meeting

Culture class at 6:30 pm; program at 7:00 pm

Generally first Wednesday of the month

1105 La Bonita Dr., San Marcos, CA 92078

January 15th

Cymbidium Society Meeting

Meeting at 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm

Third Wednesday of month

111 Richmar Avenue, San Marcos 92069

aaallen@cox.net or (760) 533-4975

January 17th

San Diego Zoo's Orchid Odyssey

10:00 am – 2:00 pm (orchid space is open)

Third Friday of the month

January 25th – 26th

SDCOS Winter Show in the Park

Casa del Prado, Room 101, Balboa Park

Saturday 12:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Saturday 10:00 am – 4:00 pm



Dyakia hendersoniana
Debby Halliday

World Famous San Diego Zoo

All memberships listed below are for zip codes 91900-92899 and include unlimited admission to the San Diego Zoo and Safari Park for one year.

DUAL MEMBERSHIP (for two adults in the same household)

Yearly rate \$174.

Renewal Rate \$159.

SINGLE MEMBERSHIP (for one adult)

Yearly rate \$112.

Renewal rate \$102.

~ A year of **FREE UNLIMITED ADMISSION** to both the San Diego Zoo and Safari Park.

~ 2 discount guest coupons good toward admission.

~ A One Year Subscription to **ZOONOOZ**.

~ Free Zoo Skyfari.

Prices & benefits subject to change.

For more information, call

619.231.0251

Or call toll free 877.3 MEMBER

Visit our website:

www.sandiegozoo.org

Your membership supports our plant and animal collections and includes a monthly visit to our Orchid Odyssey on the third Friday of each month from 10am until 2pm.

From the Editor:

Happy New Year!

I hope you all are staying warm and enjoying the holiday season. I've been *trying to have some self-control and give my plants the winter rest they need, but it's just so tempting to water them all, regardless of what they want. ... I trust it will all work out :)

As Dave mentioned on Page 4 and Kay called out in his message on Page 3, our Winter Show in the Park is coming up in three weeks! I'm sure it'll be a huge success. If you want to volunteer to contribute to that success and help out the society, please sign up on our website:

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

I am always looking for more additions, so please feel free to send contributions to me at SDCOSNewsletter@gmail.com. Deadline for submissions is end of day on the **second Friday of the month**.

Best,

David Vandebroek
SDCOS Newsletter Editor

1st Class
Postage
Required

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

