



**San Diego County Orchid
Society Newsletter
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C. hoehnii (formerly *L. mixta*)

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General Meeting, February 4th, 7:30 pm
Ron Kaufmann – Life on the Rocks: The World of Rupicolous Laelias
Text by Debby Halliday, First VP

Our speaker in February will be Ron Kaufmann, chair of the San Diego County Orchid Society Conservation Committee and a founding director of the Orchid Conservation Alliance. Ron has been growing orchids for almost 25 years and has travelled extensively to view orchids in the wild in Asia and South America, particularly Brazil, Ecuador, and Colombia. His talk titled "Life on the Rocks: The World of Rupicolous Orchids" will explore the habits and habitats of orchids that grow on rocks, with a focus on Brazil and species that grow well outdoors in coastal Southern California.

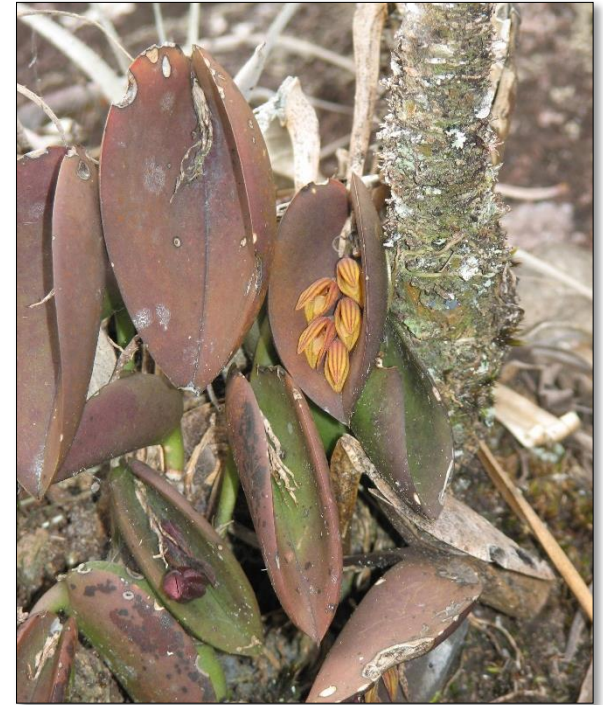


Laelia mantiqueirae/Cattleya caulescens

Ron is a marine biologist by training, and his scientific work includes studies of Antarctic and deep-sea ecosystems as well as marine communities in coastal Southern California. His orchid collection began with a reedstem *Epidendrum* and progressed to a diverse assemblage that contains mostly species orchids.

Ron has a long-standing interest in conservation and has been a member of the SDCOS Conservation Committee for more than 20 years and chair since 2004. Since 1991, the Conservation Committee has awarded nearly \$250,000 to support projects in 23 different countries. Ron also helped to found the Orchid Conservation Alliance and serves on the boards of the OCA and Orchid Digest, as well as the American Orchid Society Conservation Committee.

Ron grows most of his orchids in a 36 x 24 foot greenhouse and several outdoor shade-covered areas around his house in San Diego. Friends have suggested that he build a second, much larger greenhouse to accommodate the many plants that often



Acianthera prolifera

make walking through his greenhouse an exercise requiring extensive training in gymnastics and yoga to avoid serious injury. Thus far, this recommendation hasn't been followed, although the temptation is always there.

It is always nice to hear from one of our own! We have some very interesting people in this society. Rupicolous orchids are colorful and sturdy and everyone should grow at least a few. You should come away inspired to try some! We'll try to have a few on the opportunity table.

If you want to join Ron for dinner at the Prado, please let me know by Friday, Jan 31.

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Spring Show Update

Text by Debby Halliday, Spring Show Chair

Your Spring Show committee met on January 12 to review our progress on the show. We welcomed Jane Wesley Brooks as a new member. She has already been working on ideas for the new location we may need in 2021, as well as helping with our other planning.

Our posters will be printed and ready for distribution at the meeting. Please plan to take some and post them at your favorite coffee shop, garden center, post office, or wherever to help get the word out about the show. We'll have posters in several sizes with messages in various languages as well as our standard all-English version.

The postcards are printed and we have a lot of them. Spread them around to everyone you know. Each postcard has a coupon for \$2 off show tickets for up to 5 people. We're also printing new bookmarks with the show theme and they are very pretty. Libraries are always glad to hand some out to their visitors.

We have now heard from most of our vendors. We lost one of them this year due to a conflict with the World Orchid Conference in Taiwan. The good news is, that gives us more space for Member Sales and Conservation. Look around your growing area for those extra divisions or plants that no longer excite you like they used to. Plan to donate them to conservation or bring them in to sell. The Spring Show brings in a big crowd so it's a great time to "curate" your

collection and make room for something fresh and new.

We will have room for plenty of member exhibits. You can earn ribbons and there is a monetary prize for the best small display. We'll be going over this in more detail in the Culture Class at February's meeting. It's easy and fun and makes our show look even better.

Show tickets – if you didn't pick up your packet at the last meeting, please check with Patti or Dave and get them in February. Each packet has 5 tickets, discounted to \$35. You can sell them or give them to friends. Please help out your club by taking and paying for your set of tickets.

We will now be seriously pulling together our team of volunteers. This is a big show and it takes a lot of member power to put it on. It's also fun and exciting and includes free lunch and a gift orchid. One interesting way to volunteer is by helping with the SDCOS club display. We won first prize last year thanks to all the plants that were loaned and the good ideas and energy that went into building the display. See me if you are interested in working on it.

In just a few more weeks the spring spikes will start appearing. Take good care of them and bring your beautiful plants to the Orchid Magic Spring Show!



Orchid Magic

San Diego County Orchid Society Show and Sale

March 27-29, 2020
Scottish Rite Event Center
Mission Valley, San Diego

Friday 3-7 p.m.
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Sunday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
sdorchids.com/magic

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Member display, Spring Show 2019

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Culture Class, February 4th, 6:30 pm
Pam Peters & Debby Halliday: Preparing for the Spring Show
Text by Debby Halliday

Pam and Debby will be going over many of the details for participating as an exhibitor in our Spring Show in March.

Pam Peters is the head of our ribbon judging and plant registration. She will be going over the plant entry process, including the schedule for registering your orchids. She will also talk about how ribbon judging works at this show.

Debby Halliday, your first VP, will talk about prepping your orchid to look its very best. She will also discuss creating a small display, with a slide presentation to help you get inspired.

If you have never participated as an exhibitor in a show before, this presentation should take the mystery out of the process. It takes a lot of plants to make a great show. Any blooming orchid, looking well-groomed and healthy, will add to the magic of our show. It is really fun to watch the public experience the variety and beauty of these wonderful plants we all love so much.

From the Membership Desk
Text by Bob Clark, Membership Chair

Please welcome our newest members: Janice Wakefield, Barbara McCubbin, Julia Chimento, and Chuck McClung.



Member displays, Spring Show 2019

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President's Message

Text by Kay Klausing, President

Dear SDCOS Members,

With the January Show in the Park just past us, the preparations for the Spring Show are in full swing. Pam and Debby will be demonstrating in this month's Culture Class how to prepare your plants for the show. So please take this as encouragement to bring in well-groomed plants or even to make a small tabletop display.

The society needs every volunteer it can find to pull off this big effort, so please sign up on our website.

I presented the results of the volunteer survey at the last meeting and the board will try to implement actions to make volunteering an easier and more enjoyable experience. We are working on a rewards system similar to the "orchid bucks" program of past days but with an improved execution. To show our appreciation, we want to establish a system that is both fair and enticing enough to encourage members to volunteer.

See you all at the general meeting!

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**Judging at the San Diego Judging Center
(Casa del Prado, Balboa Park),
January 2020**

Text and photos by Arnold Gum

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

[1] *Cyc. warszewiczii* 'SVO Jumbo Super' AM/AOS

Exhibited by Fred Clarke

Awarded AM/AOS 83 points

[2] *Paph.* Toni Semple 'Arnie' HCC/AOS

Exhibited by Arnold Gum

Awarded HCC/AOS 76 points

[3] *Mormodes* Aftermath 'SVO Neon Blaster' AM/AOS

Exhibited by Fred Clarke

Awarded AM/AOS 86 points



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Orchid Dates to Remember:

February 1st

SDCOS Species Group Meeting

Breakfast 8:30 am, meeting 9:00 am

First Saturday of the month

Paul or Ann Tuskes, (858) 274-5829

February 4th

SDCOS General Meeting

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

First Tuesday of the month

Casa del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

February 5th

Palomar Orchid Society Meeting

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

First Wednesday of the month

1105 La Bonita Dr., San Marcos, CA 92078

February 6th

SDCOS Board Meeting

First Thursday of the month, 7 pm

Casa del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 104

February 19th

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

February 21st

San Diego Zoo's Orchid Odyssey

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

Third Friday of the month

March 9th

LABOS Annual Orchid Auction

6:00 pm – Finish

6201 E. Willow, Long Beach, CA

March 27th – 29th

SDCOS Spring Show

Friday 3-7 pm; Saturday 9 am – 6 pm;

Sunday 10 am – 4 pm

Scottish Rite Event Center

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Cattleya elongate

Board and General Meeting Minutes

The SDCOS Board meeting minutes can be found at:

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



From the Editor:

Hello everyone,

I hope you all had a chance to enjoy our January Show in the Park. It was a bit too close to this edition to include anything about it, but I'll be sure to have something for everyone to read next time. Thanks, though to everyone who volunteered to help make it possible!

We're already starting to think about our Spring Show. The biggest thing that we're going to need (my own perspective) is plants, so if you've got any promising looking flower spikes, consider nurturing them with the goal of bringing them in to help make this year's show as flower-packed as we can.

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

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