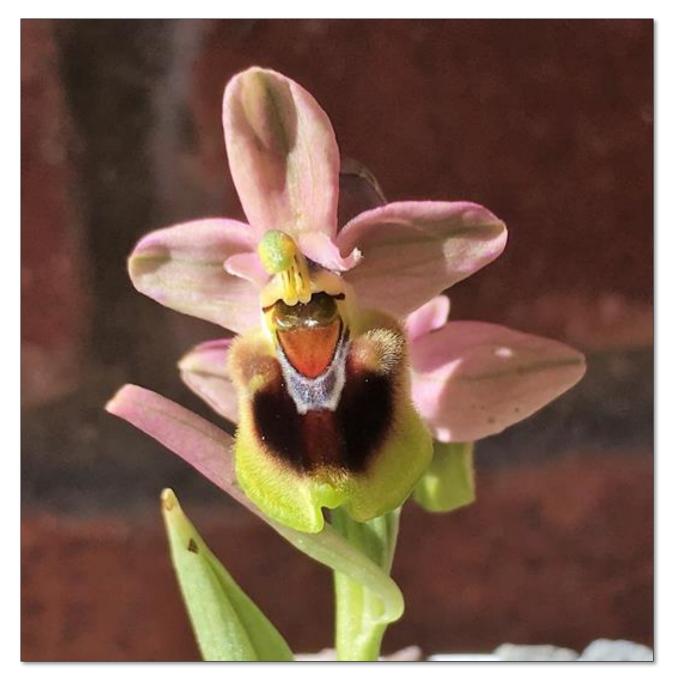


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Ophrys tenthredinifera

General Meeting, March 3rd, 7:30 pm Scott McGregor: Growing Terrestrial Orchids

Text by Debby Halliday, First VP

Our speaker in March will be Scott McGregor who will talk about growing terrestrial orchids. The terrestrial orchids of the Mediterranean climate regions are some of the most varied and interesting species, but are little known and even less frequently grown here in Southern California, despite our having an almost ideal Mediterranean climate ourselves! Scott will talk about the unique aspects of a Mediterranean climate, show a number of species he's been successful growing outdoors in Southern California, and talk about both culture and sources so others can try their hand at growing these fascinating plants.



Scott has been growing orchids since he was 12, when a neighbor gave him a plant. That plant had a short life, but the hook was set, and he found books and sources for orchid species while growing up in St. Louis. His collection has morphed over time, as he has lived in different locations around the world, but has always centered around the more unusual species.

Scott grows all his plants outdoors, without a greenhouse, just "subtracting some sunlight and adding some water" to what nature provides in Southern California. He especially enjoys finding new species that grow well in our climate (many are far more adaptable than most people would believe), and now grows over 500 different orchid species, along with cloud forest companion plants such as *Heliamphora* and epiphytic *Utricularia*. He rarely uses chemical insecticides or fungicides, preferring fresh air, beneficial insects and our native tree frogs.

Scott retired from the corporate world a few years ago and stays active on corporate boards and working with non-profit groups that promote science education for kids. He resides with his family in San Juan Capistrano, California.

Scott is a new member of our society, although he can't always make it down for the meetings. We're very pleased that he can join us in March. He will also be hosting the Species Group meeting on the 7th, for anyone who would like to see his orchid growing area in person.

Having toured France to look at some of these charming terrestrials, I'm excited to learn more about growing them here. This promises to be an interesting and inspiring talk.

We will be hosting Scott for dinner at the Prado Restaurant before the meeting. If you want to join us, please let me know in advance at debhallid@gmail.com so I'll have enough room at the table. We meet in 101 at 5:30pm for dinner at 5:45.



Diuris magnifica

Spring Show is Almost Here! Text by Debby Halliday, Spring Show Chair

Get ready for Orchid Magic the 27th – 29th of March. Be sure to stake your flower spikes and take extra good care of your plants so they'll be ready for the show. In addition to ribbons, there are also many special awards given out only at this show. We get many visitors from all over San Diego and we want to wow them with our flowers. If you have even one plant to bring in, it matters. The more flowers we have, the better the show!

It is shaping up to be a wonderful event. We'll have 18 vendors plus conservation, supplies, and member sales. It will be a great opportunity to find some special additions to your collection. We will have stunning floor displays and intriguing tabletop designs. There will be a full schedule of Orchid Classes and an Orchid Doctor booth to answer questions. And, of course, there will be tables full of the beautiful plants grown by our members. Spread the word. Put up some posters. Give out postcards and bookmarks. It will be well worth a visit by anyone.

Thank you to those who have already registered to put in displays. There is still time to fit in a few more, so please sign up at the meeting if you are interested.

If you have some extra plants, Conservation would welcome your donations. This is normally our best fundraiser for conservation, so treat yourself to some empty bench space and bring those divisions to conservation. We will also have a large section for Member Sales. If you want to participate, please contact Myra DeTate,

treasurer@sdorchids.com to order your barcodes. Sales will work just like the park shows, with SDCOS handling the transactions and taking 20%.

We also will need volunteers. There will be signup sheets at the meeting or you can sign up on line. Volunteering just takes a few hours and you will get free lunch before or after your shift, a beautiful thank you orchid at the end, and the fun of meeting the public and being part of this major orchid show.

You should have received tickets in the mail; we hope you will sell them or give them away to your friends and family (and pay SDCOS). Your participation matters. Let's make this the most successful Spring Show ever!

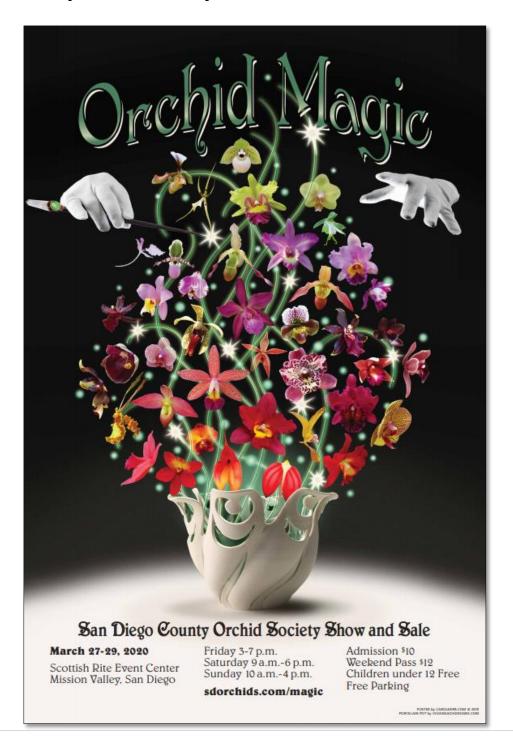
Check the website for times to register your plants and for other details: www.sdorchids.com.



Orchids from 2019 Spring Show







Andy's Orchids 2020 Spring Open House

March 27th – 29th, 2020, 10am to 4pm 734 Ocean View Ave. Encinitas, CA. www.andysorchids.com

Three complete days to explore our incredible collection of orchids; we will be having munchies, refreshments, and lunch free of charge, so you need not ever leave.

Note: Bring this ad and receive a free plant on qualified purchases; limit one per customer. Must be a society member.



Agua Caliente Campout Text by Bruce Berg

We are planning a campout and day hike the weekend of Friday, March 6th - Sunday, March 8th, 2020 at the Agua Caliente County Campground. The purpose of the campout is to visit a group of Epipactis gigantea orchids that we have been visiting for several years. It is unusual to be able to find our native orchids growing in the desert; we are hoping this little group of plants will be in bloom at this time. In addition, we should be able to see other desert plants in bloom. Nico Goossens will be our guide. He is a trained nature guide who guides groups with the Balboa Park Natural History Canyoneers.

Those members just wanting to hike need to contact Carol before the dates so you can verify the assembly point and come dressed for the weather.

We are going to be hiking in the desert, so dress appropriately (layer clothes). Hiking shoes, hat, it may be hot during the day or maybe rainy, and bring enough water for a 3 hour hike

The general plan is to do the orchid hike on Saturday morning, starting at 9:00 AM, so that hikers who only want to participate in the hike can drive up from San Diego in the morning and join the group. There is a nominal fee for day use for those hikers joining us for the day.

Also, there is a natural hot water springs pool available in the campground after the hike to soak in, so bring your swim suits. Showers are available, but you'll need quarters to use them.

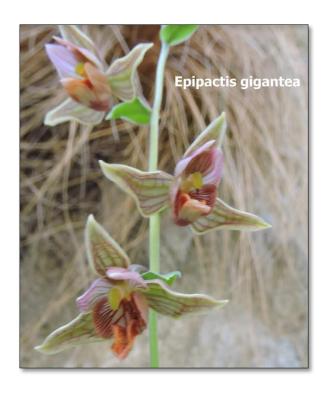
For those who wish to camp out, we have made reservations for three campsites. We have paid for the sites already. We made reservations for Friday and Saturday nights. Campsites can accommodate 2 tents and 2 vehicles per site. We had to pay for the sites when making the reservations. The sites cost about \$60 per site plus there is an entrance fee for the second vehicle per space to enter. Meals will be potluck. Carol and I will be cooking by Dutch oven. We'll collect the campground fee at the campsite.

If you are interested in participating, you can email Carol at 5CAB553@gmail.com or give her a call at 619.258.1963. We screen our calls, so leave a message. Or go to our society website and look for the hikes link under the volunteer button. There is no cell phone service at the campground, so if you need to get ahold of her at the last minute, you'll have to do so no later than Friday morning, March 6th, before noon. I'll be providing more information to the folks who are going on the trip, so let me know if you are planning on going.

Thanks, and I'll see you on the trail!

From the Membership Desk Text by Bob Clark, Membership Chair

Please welcome our newest members -Rosemariewyn Centero, Rita Gresco, Karen Miller, Geradeen Santiago & Anthony Wang, Wendy Pollock & Jason Chen, and James Lockman.



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Judging at the San Diego Judging Center (Casa del Prado, Balboa Park), January Show in the Park, 2020
Text and photos by Phyllis Prestia

There were 11 orchids presented for judging. Four were awarded.

[1] *C. coccinea* 'Paradox Ann' AM/AOS Exhibited by Paul and Ann Tuskes Awarded AM/AOS 84 points

[2] Paph. venustum 'Arnie' AM/AOS Exhibited by Arnold Gum Awarded AM/AOS 83 points

[3] Paph. Frank Zettle 'Shane' AM/AOS Exhibited by Debby Halliday Awarded AM/AOS 83 points

[4] Den. Anita Spencer 'Rainbow Valley' AM/AOS Exhibited by Jerry and Anita Spencer Awarded AM/AOS 82 points









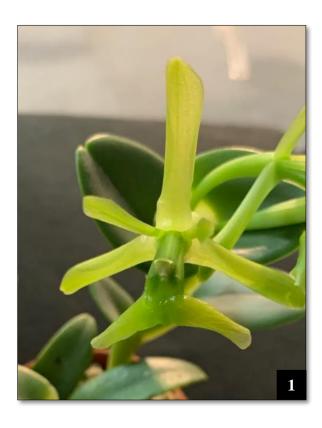


Judging at the San Diego Judging Center (Casa del Prado, Balboa Park), February 2020

Text and photos by Phyllis Prestia

There were several orchids presented for judging. One was awarded.

[1] *Epi. sympetalostele* CBR/AOS Exhibited by Deborah Halliday Awarded CBR/AOS for rarity



Westminster Show, 2020 Text by Dave Hoffmaster

We once again participated in the Orchid Expo show and sale sponsored by the Newport Harbor Orchid Society. The show was held inside the Westminster Mall and attracted people from all over the Orange County area, as well as a few Angelinos and San Diegans. Our participation was a display in the mail showroom, and I am happy to say that we took second place with it. We amassed a collection of some 70 plants from our members and hauled them up to Westminster for the show. That's an extraordinary number of orchids and it prompted the addition of an additional table to our display. But it all paid off as we came away with a number of awards. Dan Forbes got 2 AOS awards with his Phalaenopsis tetraspis, including an Award of Merit (88 points) and a Certificate of Cultural Merit (85 points). Debby Halliday won best of section awards for her Maxillaria sanguinea and Paphiopedilum Claire de Lune, while Jerry and Anita Spencer got best of section for their Epilaelocattleya Volcano Trick.

I would like to thank all the people that loaned us plants to build this display. The contributors included Bruce and Carol Berg, Tom Biggart, Dan Forbes, Debby Halliday, Bruce Hubbard, Betty Kelepecz, Alex Nadzan, Pam Peters, Jack Schaefer, and Anita and Jerry Spencer. I would also like to thank Alex Nadzan and Jack Schaefer for making the drive up to Orange County to put in this display.



Culture Class, March 3rd, 6:30 pm Nico Goossens: mounting Phalaenopsis Text by Stewart Walton

Nico Goossens will demonstrate a novel way to mount phalaenopsis, which he has developed. He has had good success with this new approach which capitalizes on the epiphytic nature of these orchids. Nico is a long-time member of our society, a frequent speaker and a very experienced grower of a wide variety of orchids. He is an engaging speaker and is sought out to present on greenhouse design and management, orchid pollination, local terrestrial orchids, and *Tolumnias*, to mention a few of his interests. Come join us to learn something really new.

Winter Show 2020 Text by Dave Hoffmaster

I would like to thank all the people that helped put on the winter show. It was quite a success in many ways. Participation was high and we filled the show room with beautiful orchids. In all, 31 members brought in plants to show. The total count was 188 plants on display, the most we have had at any show in Balboa Park in the last 5 years. It was a sight to see and it wowed all our visitors. So, thanks again to all of you who brought in plants.

We could not pull off a show like this without the help of all our volunteers. I would like to thank all those who helped load the truck and set up the room for the show. This includes Medrick Bullock, Bob Clark, Myra DeTate, Bill Loy, Carey McCoy, George Pflaum, Dave Rimlinger, Jack Schaefer, Paul Tuskes, Mike Waugh, Lou Wilson, and Bob Vatacco. I am sure I have missed a few of you and I apologize for that, but be assured your efforts were appreciated. This was a good crew and we got set up and tear down done in near-record time.





We had volunteers working into the night on Friday and again early Saturday morning registering orchids for the show. With the most plants at a show in 5 years, they were busy. Thanks to Pam Peters for organizing registration and judging. Thanks also to Julia Chimento and Jerry Spencer for their assistance. It's a lot of work registering and placing all these plants to show.

A special thanks goes out to Myra DeTate and all the people that worked the cash register in the sales area. We sold over \$15,000 worth of plants at the show with a record 1-day sales on Saturday of almost \$11,000. We probably could have sold more if we had more plants available on Sunday. We need to recognize Rafael Acosta-Jaramillo, Cheryl Adams, Deryl Adderson, Marie Gray, Laurie Lee, Ben Machado Dolores Maxwell, and Carey McCoy for their help manning the cash registers and boxing up plants for our customers.

A show like this requires several jobs to make it successful. We have security, conservation sales, plant hotel, and Kids' Corner, along with coffee and food for the



volunteers. Thanks go to Rachel Burns, Victoria Cohn, Ashley Grable, Shirley Hall, Betty Kelepecz, Carol Kerr, Chuck McClung, Sima Perkins, Nancy Walters and Sue Waugh. The show ran very smoothly due to the efforts of all people listed here.

I need to add one more note. We need to thank those who provided food to all the volunteers. In particular, we need to thank Anita Spencer and Ernie Acantilado for the pancit they brought in. It's a bit of a contest to see which of them make the best pancit and all I can say is that the winner was anyone who sampled the goods.



Show Winners, January 2020			
Sec	Award	Orchid	Winner
	James & Lise Wright Best of Show	Angraecum sesquipedale	Debby Halliday
	Forrest Robinson Cultural Award	Ascocenda Kulwadee Fragrance #27	Ken Campbell
	Siv Garrod Most Unusual Species Award	Epidendrum sympetalostele	Debby Halliday
	People's Choice Award	Ascocenda Kulwadee Fragrance #27	Ken Campbell
1	Cymbidium Standard Hybrid	Cym. Valley Olympic 'Pink Perfection'	Alex Nadzan
2	Cymbidium Hybrid Miniature	Cym. Teresa Patterson 'Pink Passion'	Alex Nadzan
3	Cymbidium Hybrid Pendulous	Cym. Dr. Len 'Geyserland'	Jerry & Anita Spencer
4	Cattleya Alliance Standard	Catt . Hybrid 'Barbara M.'	Tom Biggart
5	Cattleya Alliance Compact	Pot. Mem. Jim Nickou 'James'	Ken Campbell
6	Cattleya Alliance Miniature	Cattleya Sunrise Fantasy (SI. Pole Star x Slc. Fire Fantasy)	Tom Biggart
7	Paphiopedilum Hybrid	Paph. Claire de Lune	Debby Halliday
8	Phragmipedium Hybrid	No Entries	-
9	Oncidium Alliance Hybrid	Mtps. Bleuara 'Shawnee' AM/AOS	Debby Halliday
10	Dendrobium Hybrids	Den. Enobi Purple 'Splash'	Jerry & Anita Spencer
11	Vandaceous Alliance	Ascocenda Kulwadee Fragrance #27	Ken Campbell
12	Hybrids of Other Genera	Epilaeliocattleya Volcano Trick 'Fireball'	Jerry & Anita Spencer
13	Phalaenopsis Alliance	Phal. Hybrid 'Magenta Magic'	Pam Peters
14	Specimen Plants	Angraecum sesquipedale	Debby Halliday
15A	Species over 6" tall Classes A - S	Laelia anceps	Mary Ann Chanthala
15B	Species over 6" tall Classes T - II	Maxillaria sanguinea	Debby Halliday
16A	Species under 6" tall Classes A - S	Dinema polybulbon	Debby Halliday
16B	Species under 6" tall Classes T - JJ	Mediocalcar decoratum	Debby Halliday
17	Small Displays	Species Tree Display	Bill & Maggie Loy

Jan 2020 Show Award Pictures Text by Dave Hoffmaster

[1] Congratulations go to Ken Campbell for his *Ascocenda* Kulwadee Fragrance that won both the Forrest Robinson Cultural Award and the People's Choice Award. The cultural award is chosen by the judges as an example of a well grown, well groomed orchid and it is selected from all the other awarded plants. The People's Choice is decided by a popular vote by the people who attend the show. Congratulations to Ken for winning both awards.





[2] The Best of Show Award went to Debby Halliday for *Angraecum sesquipedale*. There are 18 different sections for orchid judging and there are winners in each of those sections. This plant was picked from the 18 winners as the best plant in the show.



[3] We have a relatively new award at our shows. It is the Siv Garrod award, named after one of our members who was very active in the species group; it is for the most unusual species plant. It emphasizes the diversity of the orchid world and it went to Debby Halliday for her *Epidendrum sympetalostele*.

An additional thanks to everyone who brought in orchids for display:

Fely Acantilado, Bruce Berg, Tom Biggart, David Brown, Rachel Burns, Ken Campbell, Mary Ann Chanthala, Julia Chimento, Charley Fouquette, Ashley Grable, Debby Halliday, Dave Hoffmaster, Rafael Jaramillo, Betty Kelepecz, Kay Klausing, Bill & Maggie Loy, Susie & Ben Machado, Alex Nadzan, Tom Osborn, Pam Peters, George Pflaum, David Rimlinger, Jack Schaefer, Anita & Jerry Spencer, Peter Tobias, Paul & Ann Tuskes, and Stewart Walton.

President's Message Text by Kay Klausing, President

Dear SDCOS Members,

Our Spring Show is coming up fast! The theme this year is "Orchid Magic" – let's enchant our visitors with the beauty of our plants. This should be easy since spring is the peak blooming season for orchids in Southern California. But we will need all the blooming orchids we can get, so please bring in your blooming plants – either to be displayed individually, as part of your own display, or as a contribution to our society's display. Pam and Debby gave a nice culture class on how to prepare your plants for the show.

We also still need quite a few volunteers, so please sign up for the open positions at the March General meeting or on our website (http://www.sdorchids.com/VolunteerLinks.ht ml) — this show can't be done without membership participation!

The show program is as usual: Set-up is Thursday, plant registration is Thursday afternoon and Friday early morning, judging is Friday late morning, and the show opens to the public Friday at 3 pm. There will be talks on Saturday and Sunday – please see the schedule and further details on our website. The show will close at 4 pm Sunday and we need volunteers for teardown and unloading of materials at the garage after that.

See you all at the General Meeting!

Spring Show Schedule for Plant Registration

Pam Peters, Judging Chair

The Spring Show schedule for plant registration is available on the SDCOS website at:

http://www.sdorchids.com/SpringShowSche dule2020.html.

There are 17 Sections separated by plant category (genus, species, and hybrids). There are separate sections for Open (Commercial) and Amateur. Open Sections are listed as whole numbers such as "1" and Amateur Sections end in "01" (i.e., 101). Amateurs may register in both Open and Amateur, but vendors may only register in Open.

Entrants must have grown the orchids they submit for at least six months. At registration, if pests or bugs are found in a plant, you will be asked to rid the plant of all pests before the plant can be registered and put in the show. If a plant is found with bugs during the show, it will be removed at the discretion of the judging chair.

All participants are requested to bring your plants to the registration table to ensure they are entered in the proper Section and Class. We will have members to place your plants in the correct Sections on the tables. Registration times are Thursday, March 26, from $3:00\ PM-7:00\ PM$ and Friday, March 27, from $7:00\ AM-9:00\ AM$.

There are several awards that will be given. They are listed on the website at http://www.sdorchids.com/SpringShowSchedule2020.html. Scroll down to "Awards for

Flowers and Displays." For questions on entering displays, scroll further down to "Rules for Displays & Plant Registration." Members wanting to enter a display should contact Debby Halliday at debhallid@gmail.com

Please enter your plants for judging and, if you have extra, lend them to our Society display booth.



Orchis italica

San Diego County Fair Flash News Update Text by Bruce Berg

Online registrations are now open for orchid ribbon competitions at the Fair. For information on how to register, go to https://downloads.delmarfairgrounds.com/downloads/2019/exhibits/entry/Flower-Show-Orchids-Info.pdf, or go to the Fair page, find the "Competitions" page, look for the floral show blooms competition section, and click on the Orchid link box. The deadline for entry is May 10.

There are five individual shows and ribbons are awarded for each show, listed below. When you sign up for all shows, you can enter for one or all of the shows. There is an Exhibitor's meeting, Saturday, April 4th, at 10 am, and final pickup will be Saturday, July 4.

This year there will be CASH PRIZES awarded for 22 hybrids or species of potted plants and 22 hybrids or species of cut flowers. More info on the rules can be found on the fair website. Note, we are looking for more judges. Please contact Lena Shiroma or me if you are interested. With this many plants to judge, we will need more help.

Show 1: Plants delivered on 5/30

Show 2: Plants delivered on 6/4

Show 3: Plants delivered on 6/11

Show 4: Plants delivered on 6/18

Show 5: Plants delivered on 6/25

AWARDS: 1st: \$40; 2nd: \$30; 3rd: \$20; 4th: \$10

PARKING: They will charge \$5 to park at the horse park during regular fair days, unless you park in front of the main entrance which is more expensive. When you bring in your plants for competition, those days are 'dark days' when the fair is closed and you can drive to the area where you drop off your plants for the next show and pick up your plants from the previous show. You will receive free tickets that will allow you to bring in family and friends when you bring in display plants. All these items and more will be explained at the exhibitor's meeting on April 4, 2020; 10:00am.



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Orchid Dates to Remember:

March 3rd

SDCOS General Meeting

Culture class at 6:30 pm; program at 7:30 pm First Tuesday of the month Casa del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

March 4th

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

March 5th

SDCOS Board Meeting

First Thursday of the month, 7 pm Casa del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 104

March 7th

SDCOS Species Group Meeting

Breakfast 8:30 am, meeting 9:00 am First Saturday of the month Paul or Ann Tuskes, (858) 274-5829

March 9th

LABOS Annual Orchid Auction

6:00 pm – Finish 6201 E. Willow, Long Beach, CA

March 18th

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

March 20th

San Diego Zoo's Orchid Odyssey

10:00 am – 2:00 pm (orchid space is open) Third Friday of the month March 27th – 29th

SDCOS Spring Show

Friday 3-7 pm; Saturday 9 am – 6 pm; Sunday 10 am – 4 pm Scottish Rite Event Center http://www.sdorchids.com/magic

March 27th – 29th

Andy's Orchids Open House

10 am to 4 pm 734 Ocean View Ave. Encinitas, CA. www.andysorchids.com

April 8

Cool Growing Orchid Society Auction

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Board and General Meeting Minutes

The SDCOS Board meeting minutes can be found at: http://sdorchids.com/Minutes.html

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From the Editor:

Hello everyone,

Hope you're enjoying the end of winter and the start of spring! I've been in Columbus, Ohio for work and it's still snowing there... we live in such a different world. But as a result, we've got some buds and blooms and are gearing up for a fantastic showing in the coming months:)

I hope you all get a chance at least to stop by the Spring Show this month - I know the Show Committee has been working hard to make sure everything goes well. There's still plenty of time to volunteer, so if you can spare a couple hours to help out, that would be awesome. I'll be there Saturday morning, and hope to see some of you then!

http://www.sdorchids.com/VolunteerLinks.html

Conservation is also collecting divisions, keikis, and plants that just don't quite spark joy in your collection anymore. If you have plants you're willing to donate to the society, please contact Ron Kauffman.

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.

I hope you all are doing well and that your plants are coming online.

All the best.

David Vandenbroek **SDCOS Newsletter Editor**

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