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*Dendrobium speciosum* curvicaule 'Kabi 2010' HCC/AOS  
Tom Biggart

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## President's Message

Text by Kay Klausung, President

Dear SDCOS Members,

I hope this message finds you well.

This will be my last president's message. My term is expiring in July after having been president for three years. It was an honor to serve the society and I hope some useful changes - based on the results from the surveys I initiated - were implemented during my presidency. I hope the society can soon resume its normal activities. California is slowly reopening, but rooms 101 and 104 in Balboa Park Prado are still closed. So, for the near-term future, we will have your general and board meetings via Zoom. It worked very well the first time and I do not see a reason to abandon this format until we really know all our members will be safe at our general meetings.

Unfortunately, the BoD has voted to cancel the July Show in response to the increasing case numbers in San Diego, as well as the fact that the patio in the Prado has not yet reopened. We will keep members updated as things develop, but for now we're hoping we may be able to see each other for the Fall Show, if things are looking better.

I wish my presidency would have ended under better circumstances, but I know the society will be in good hands with Debby as the new President!

Happy growing!

Kay



*Phal equistris*  
Bruce Hubbard



*Anacamptis papillionachea v. expansa*  
Scott McGregor

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*Masdavallia schroederiana*  
Dave Rimlinger

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## July Meeting Details: Tuesday the 7th Text by Debby Halliday, Incoming President

Our July meeting will once again take place through the magic medium of Zoom. Please watch your inbox for an email with the meeting code and instructions for joining us. Start time will be 7:30 pm. At the meeting we will have the formal installation of the officers elected in June. In addition, we will have Peter Lin as our main speaker. See Stewart's article for details. We are also going to try a virtual plant forum. Here is how it will work this time.

I am creating a PowerPoint presentation with slides of various member's plants. We will show them full screen one by one and I will give a brief commentary. If you would like your plants to be featured, please do the following:

Email me at [firstvp@sdorchids.com](mailto:firstvp@sdorchids.com) with 1 to 4 images of plants you would have brought to this meeting. Include the data that normally appears on the plant tag. (See below.)

I will put them all together and we will get to enjoy the fruits of everyone's labors once again.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY	
PLANT NAME	_____
PARENTAGE	_____
CIRCLE ALL CORRECT DATA -	
MINIATURE	FRAGRANT
OUTSIDE GROWN	HYBRID
HOUSE GROWN	NEW CROSS
GREENHOUSE GROWN	SPECIES
SPECIES - FROM WHICH COUNTRY? _____	
COMMENTS	_____
EXHIBITOR	_____

Here is a sample of the screen you will see for the forum. We'll see how this format works. We can change it going forward if we want to. I hope you will participate. Seeing what everyone has in bloom is one of my favorite parts of an orchid meeting.

Additionally, the Palomar Orchid Society will be joining us on Tuesday so we can all hear from Peter Lin together. We are excited for this opportunity for collaboration with our sister society.

I would also like to thank you for electing me to be your next President. I really love this society and I'll try to lead us forward through this difficult time and beyond, when we can once again enjoy all the fun and companionship of the SDCOS in person.

Kay has set a high standard with his very able leadership of our society. I know you will join me in thanking him very much for all his dedication over the past three years.

So on we go. Keep growing and enjoying all your wonderful orchids!



## Den. unicum

- Species, outdoor grown.
- Native to Thailand.
- Light fragrance of Apricot.
- No flowers last year, over 30 now.
- Exhibitor - Debby Halliday



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**General Meeting, July 7th, 7:30 pm**  
**Meeting to be held via Zoom; details will be emailed to the membership before the meeting**

**Peter Lin – Diamond Orchids: The Genus Dendrobium, A Family Portrait**

**Text by Stewart Walton, Incoming First VP**

The speaker for our second virtual meeting will be Peter Lin, well known to our members as a speaker and grower. Peter will discuss and illustrate the huge genus Dendrobium, populated with over 1,000 species, native to Asia, New Guinea, and Australia in a wide range of habitats.

There are many different classifications within the genus, with species ranging from tiny miniatures to huge giants. They grow in climates ranging from hot and steamy lowlands, cool and moist mountain ranges, to seasonally dry savannas. Many are quite temperature-tolerant and can be grown very successfully outside in San Diego's frost-free areas. Peter will review a few of the important species in each classification and will provide some basic cultural advice for each species. There will be time for questions at the end of the program.

Peter is an avid orchid hobbyist, hybridizer, and AOS judge. He grows primarily mini-catts, Sophronitis, Dendrobiums, and miniature species. He is a frequent speaker at orchid societies and has written articles for the Orchid Digest and ORCHIDS magazine. His success at growing Sophronitis has earned him the nickname of 'Mr. Sophronitis', and his experience with Neofinetia has led to an on-line tutorial on potting this Japanese specialty.

Peter started growing orchids over 35 years ago, but then stopped due to school and starting a career. About 15 years ago the orchid "bug" came back and he is now heavily involved once again. He is an accredited judge with the American Orchid Society and a respected hybridizer of mini-catts. He enjoys meeting with other orchid enthusiasts and can often be found at orchid shows and societies around the country.

Due to limited growing space, Peter likes to specialize in miniature orchids, both species and hybrids, and has received numerous AOS awards. In addition to mini-catts and Sophronitis, his collection includes Dendrobiums, Angraecoids, and Neofinetias. He maintains a collection of a thousand or more orchids at his home in Southern California in three small outdoor greenhouses as well as an offsite greenhouse.

He has made photographs of his collection available online at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/minicatt/collections/>, which is well worth a visit.

Don't miss this opportunity to visit some unexplored corners of the orchid kingdom with an expert.



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## First Virtual Meeting a Success!

Text by Debby Halliday, Incoming President

Our first Zoom meeting in June was definitely a success. We had 37 members attending and it was so nice to see people's faces and hear their voices again. The nominating committee presented a slate of officers for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

Kudos to Jack Schaefer and Kay Klausing for figuring out how to hold a virtual vote. The slate was elected by acclamation with all but one member voting in favor. The officers will be installed at the July meeting. Here they are:

President	Debby Halliday
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Stewart Walton
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	No Candidate. -Volunteers needed!
Treasurer	Myra DeTate
Secretary	David Vandenbroek
Director	Sima Perkins

Thank you to everyone who attended and made it possible to elect our new officers.

We had a very interesting speaker in Jaspreet Kaur from Texas Tech University, one of the recipients of a conservation grant from SDCOS. She gave a PowerPoint presentation about her research on multiple populations of the endangered native species, *Plantanthera cooperi* in Southern California. She was studying the relationship between population sizes and the mycorrhizal fungi in the soil and in the roots. It was a very clear explanation of a complicated topic; we also learned that a PowerPoint presentation is very effective

over Zoom. It is so clear and right there on your screen.

With the continued presence of Corona virus in San Diego county, we will have our meetings over Zoom until we all agree it is safe enough to meet in person once again.

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## From the Membership Desk

Text by Bob Clark, Membership Chair

Please welcome our newest members: Bill McPike, Sally O'Neil & Ed Daniels, and Greg Corrales.

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## Tips for Registering Your Orchids

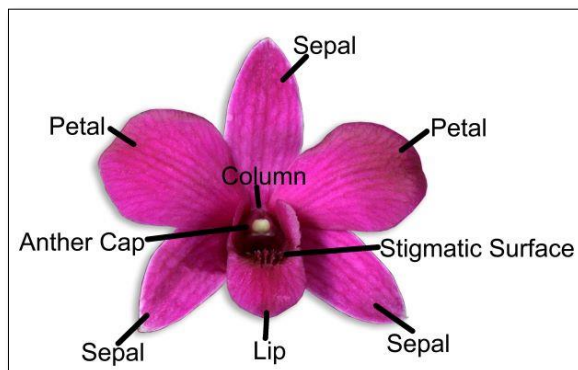
Text by Bruce Berg

Unfortunately, due to park buildings being closed for the time being, the AOS judging center is also closed. There is, however, another way to register clonal names for your orchids directly through Kew Gardens. The benefit of registering your plant with Kew is that you get to name your cultivar. The AOS registers awarded plants at Kew after they have been evaluated and given an appropriate award. You will need the following information:

- Check that the clonal name you want to use hasn't been used before by checking it out in either "Orchid Wiz" or AOS's "Orchids Plus". Check the parents of the plant to be documented by Kew. Also check your preferred name to make sure it hasn't been used before.
- If you have "OrchidWiz", use the "Label" tab to find the registered names of plants. Our society has a copy of this program on our laptop.
- Measurements of the petals to fill out the online form.
- Flower picture photos (mug shots).
- Flower, bud, and inflorescence counts.
- I've attached screenshot with the headers that I use to collect my data.
- The breeder should be asked if they are Ok with you registering the plant, as a courtesy.

If you would like some help looking up data about your plants on OrchidWiz, give me a call and I'll try to help you. I'm still learning how to use the AOS program. I have to ask Betty K. for help. If you are good friends with

an AOS judge, you might ask them; I've found them quite helpful and willing to help. You do have to be a member of AOS to access their program, which costs much less than a subscription to OrchidWiz.



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**From the Editor:**

Hello everyone,

I hope you all are doing well in these strange times. Getting to spend time working from home right next to all my orchids has been a good consolation, though, of course, I miss being able to see all of you at meetings.

As we resume monthly meetings via videoconferencing, I will resume compiling the monthly newsletters. If anyone has articles they wish to submit, please continue to send contributions to me at [SDCOSNewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:SDCOSNewsletter@gmail.com). Deadline for submissions is end of day on the **second Friday of the month**.

I hope you all are staying well and safe as the state begins to tentatively reopen.

Best,

David Vandebroek  
SDCOS Newsletter Editor

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