



**San Diego County Orchid
Society Newsletter
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Phal. schilleriana
Plant by Debby Halliday

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President's Message

Text by Debby Halliday, President

Happy Spring! Our orchid buds are bursting into flowers, we're getting our shots, and life is starting to feel better. We can finally hope for a normal year! We had a very interesting presentation about the Maxillarias of Colombia from David Haelterman in March. He greatly improved my understanding of the unique geography of Colombia and the richness of orchids it supports. Thanks to all of you who came to the culture meeting to learn more about the San Diego Botanic Garden April Orchid Show. Many of you have signed up to exhibit. We will have over 160 orchids on display in the first week alone. That's impressive! Here's how the rest of you can participate.

Come to the show – See the ad in this issue for more information. The new conservatory is wonderful, and the gardens are well worth exploring as well.

Help with orchid sales – SDCOS will be having a sales tent for at least the first three weekends, more if we have the plants and helpers to continue. We will host member sales on the first and third weekends. Conservation will be selling on the second weekend. Conservation needs your plant donations and help. Member sales will need a few volunteers to assist with the sales. 20% goes to the club, so this is our first fundraising opportunity in over a year! Please send a note to Myra De Tate at treasurer@sdorchids.com if you can help for a few hours.

Sales are on the following dates and times. You can buy plants every weekend and there will be other vendors there as well! Don't miss it.

Hours: Set-up 9-10; Sales 10 – 5

Weekend 1: Sat-Sun, April 3 – 4
(Member Sales)

Weekend 2: Fri-Sun, April 12 – 14
(Conservation)

Weekend 3: Fri-Sun, April 19 – 21
(Member Sales)

Weekend 4: Fri-Sun, April 26 – 28

Weekend 5: Fri-Sun, April 30 – May 2

Pending Balboa Park's progress on its renovations of the Prado, we remain hopeful that there will be a July Orchids in the Park show.

As I mentioned last month, we have some positions to fill. Here they are again.

Park Show Co-Chairman – Dave Hoffmaster is willing to continue to lend his expertise and help with booking the vendors. He needs a co-chair to manage the physical logistics of setting up and taking down the show (with helpers, of course). If you are fit and organized, we need you! There are no more than two Park shows this year: last weekend of July and last weekend of October.

Volunteer Coordinator – Carol Berg will train a new person but can no longer fill the position. This is a very important job as it takes many volunteers to put on our shows, and they need to be signed up and kept informed. It is quite automated, so anyone can do it with a little training. Also, it is busy leading up to shows, and then pretty quiet.

Nominating Committee Chairman – In June every year we need to elect officers for the board. The committee is composed of 5 members who, in turn, come up with a slate of candidates. The main empty board position that needs to be filled is Second VP. We need to get this underway, so please consider helping out.

If you are able to serve in any of these positions, please contact me at president@sdorchids.com. Your club works because the members make it work. Join the volunteer team!

We had a record 75 plants in the March plant forum. Super! Keep sending in those pictures. Just attach your images to email and send them to president@sdorchids.com along with the information below.

Only 4 plants per person, but you can send multiple pictures of the same plant.

Plant Name

Species or Hybrid

If Hybrid - Parentage if you know it.

If Species - What country is it from?

How you grow it – Greenhouse, Shadehouse, Balcony, Etc.

Any comments

Please have your pictures to me by Sunday, April 4 latest.

Keep smiling and talking to your orchids. See you on Zoom!

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General Meeting, April 6, 7:30 PM
Meeting to be held via Zoom; details will be emailed to the membership before the meeting.

Glen Decker: My Life with Slippers
Text by Stewart Walton

This month we will explore a corner of the orchid world that never appears at Home Depot. Glen Decker will take us on a journey to see slipper orchids around the world, including Peru, Ecuador, and throughout Europe. He will share some of what he has learned about growing them. He will include history, travel, and culture, as well as stories about the people who share his obsession with slipper orchids.

Glen has been growing orchids for over 40 years and is well known in the orchid community. He owned Piping Rock Orchids in New York and has been a Director of the Orchid Digest Corporation and Chair of the AOS Publications Committee.

Glen has won numerous AOS quality and culture awards, including:

- The Butterworth Prize for most outstanding culture of any orchid
- The W. W. Wilson Award for most outstanding Cypripedium alliance plant
- The Herbert Hager Award for most outstanding Phalaenopsis genus plant
- The Carlyle A. Luer Award for most outstanding Pleurothallid alliance plant
- Nax Botanical Trophy for most outstanding species orchid

He has appeared in Martha Stewart's Better Living Magazine and on a PBS TV special "Orchid Delirium".

He rewrote the Slipper section of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden's "The Best Orchids for Indoors", and he was technical editor for the "Orchids for Dummies" book. He also has written many articles on Paphiopedilums and Phragmipediums, which have been published worldwide.



Phrag. Alfredo Manrique 'Haley Suzanne' AM/AOS



Paph. sangii 'Haley Suzanne' AM/AOS



Paph. Johanna Burkhardt 'Suzanne' AM/AOS



Glen Decker with *Phrag kovachii*

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Culture Class, April 7, 7:30 PM

Paul Tuskes: Phalaenopsis Culture and How to Re-bloom Them

Text by Debby Halliday

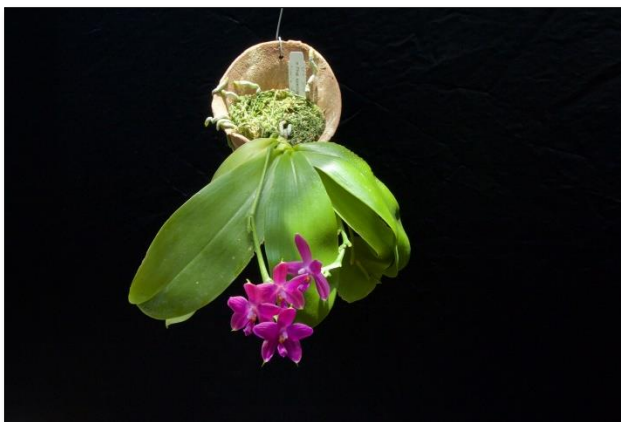
Phals are the most popular blooming house plants in the world, and with good reason. They are elegant, colorful, long lasting, and inexpensive to buy. They are most people's first introduction to growing orchids. Learning to succeed with these charming plants is the key to further orchid success.

Paul Tuskes will be giving the April Culture Class; his topic is "Phalaenopsis culture and how to re-bloom them". Paul and his wife Ann have grown Phals for about 35 years and have written articles for Orchid Digest and contributed illustrations to books on phals.

The first half of the talk will address culture, diagnosis of plant health issues, and what to do if you encounter one. The second half will focus on successful culture and reblooming your plants. Culture-wise, phals can be divided into three groups and he will review each, with a focus on modern complex hybrids. Bring your questions.

Paul & Ann are also AOS judges who have a wealth of knowledge about all kinds of orchids. Plan to tune in at 7:30pm on Wednesday for what promises to be a very informative and interesting talk. Watch your email for the Zoom link.

Some examples of Phalaenopsis orchids from Debby Halliday



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From the Membership Desk
Text by Bob Clark, Membership Chair

Please welcome our newest members –
Anne Jensen and Stephanie Siegel.



Ophrys lutea
Scott McGregor



Sophronitis bicolor
Betty Kelepecz

World of Orchids



San Diego BOTANIC GARDEN APRIL 3 - MAY 2, 2021

Wednesday - Sunday 10am-5pm, select days until 8pm
Orchid marketplace open weekends

Immerse yourself in the beauty of orchids throughout the month of April. The Dickinson Family Education Conservatory at the San Diego Botanic Garden will be transformed into a World of Orchids!

Orchids will be featured from the San Diego County Orchid Society and Palomar Orchid Society members' personal collections, along with selected plants from commercial nurseries, all on display in full bloom in the tropical Conservatory.

orchids from all corners of the world. Specialty specimens, unique cultivars and rare plants will be on stunning display.

In addition to the outstanding specimens, visitors will enjoy high-style artistic floral design ideas created with cut orchids and other unique flower arranging materials designed by Creative Director, Rene van Rems, AIFD.

The display will change and evolve throughout the month, so plan to visit frequently!

On weekends, visitors can shop for unusual and unique orchids at our grower direct orchid market.

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Orchid Dates to Remember:

April 1st
SDCOS Board Meeting
First Thursday of the month, 7 PM
Zoom; for an SDCOS member to request a meeting invite, email
president@sdorchids.com

April 2nd – May 2nd
San Diego Botanic Garden Orchid Exhibition
Details are included in the notice on page 5 and in the President's Message page 2. Additionally, you can visit
www.sdbgarden.org/orchids.htm for more details.

April 3rd
SDCOS Species Group Meeting
Socialization 8:45 AM, meeting 9:00 AM
First Saturday of the month
secretary@sdorchids.com

April 6th
SDCOS and POS Joint General Meeting
7:30 PM
First Tuesday of the month
Zoom; invites sent to membership prior to meeting.
For a nonmember to request a meeting invite, email president@sdorchids.com

April 7th
SDCOS and POS Joint Culture Class
7:30 PM
The Wednesday after the General Meeting
Zoom; invites sent to membership prior to meeting.
For a nonmember to request a meeting invite, email president@sdorchids.com



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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:

Hello everyone,

I hope you all are keeping well and keeping your orchids safe through these fluctuating temperatures...

The SD Botanical Garden show looks to be shaping up very well – thanks to the members who have been working a bit frantically to help put on this semi-surprise show!

If anyone has articles they wish to submit to the monthly newsletter, please continue to send contributions to me at SDCOSNewsletter@gmail.com. Deadline for submissions is end of day on the **second Friday of the month**.

All the best,

David Vandebroek
SDCOS Newsletter Editor

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