



**San Diego County Orchid
Society Newsletter
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President's Message

Text by Debby Halliday, President

We've had a very busy April with the World of Orchids show at the San Diego Botanic Garden. Over the 5 weeks of the show, ending May 2, thirty members of SDCOS & POS have brought in plants to show at one time or another. Jack Schaefer and Myra DeTate plus Dave Hoffmaster and Alex Nadzan helped week after week with pulling plants and managing change over day. The exhibit grew from 160 plants the first week to over 250 in the later weeks. The plants have been beautiful. We have had grand specimens, elegant hanging plants, and fascinating little species. Thank you so much to everyone who took part.

Together with the wonderful backdrops and staging by Rene Van Rems and his team, this has been a world class show and a wonderful experience for everyone involved. With no orchid shows for the last year, and the cancellation of our Spring Show for the second year in a row, we were hungry for a chance to display our plants to the world again. It has been an unexpected treat to see each other in person again at our drop off and pick up days.

We will have held four orchid sales during the show and so far are doing very well. The final show is the last weekend of April, and I do hope you will plan to attend. If you have plants to sell, or can volunteer a few hours, we'd love to have your participation.

The last sale is on the following dates and times.

Weekend 5 – Friday April 30, Saturday May 1, Sunday May 2
Hours – Set-up 9-10, Sales 10 - 5

We remain hopeful that there will be a July Orchids in the Park show. It will all depend on the rules that the county has in place as we get closer to the date. You can do your part by getting vaccinated as soon as you have a chance!

I am happy to report some success in filling our open positions. Thank you!

Park Show Co-Chairman – Kay Klausing has agreed to act as co-chair with Dave Hoffmaster. I do hope we can give them a project in July!

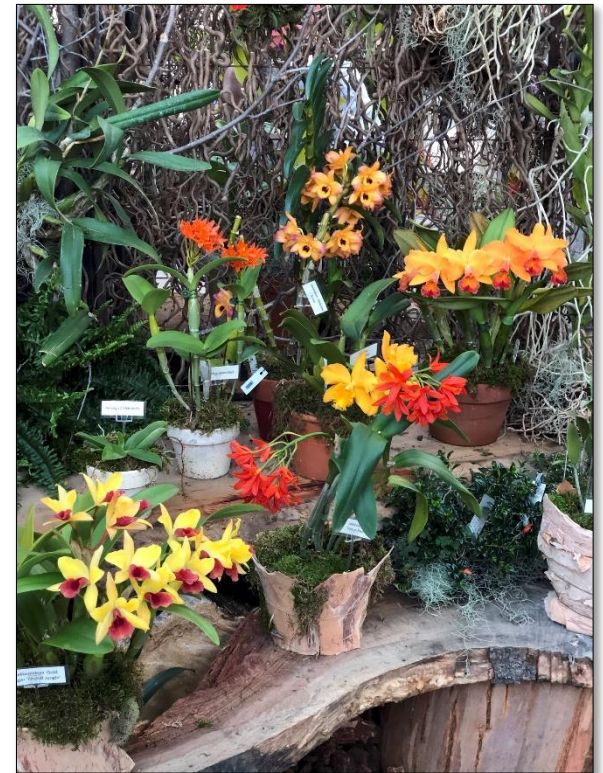
Nominating Committee Chairman – Tom Biggart has agreed to take on this position. He needs 4 committee members. Please contact him if you could help out!

Volunteer Coordinator – We have a possible person for this position, but if you are willing to help, that would make it easier for anyone who takes this on.

Please contact me at president@sdorchids.com. Your club works because the members make it work. Join the volunteer team!

We thought it would be fun to share pictures from the World of Orchids show for our plant forum in May. If you have any you like, please send them to me. We have taken lots, so there should be plenty to enjoy.

The outlook keeps improving! Enjoy the spring and keep tending your orchids.



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General Meeting, May 4, 7:30 PM
Meeting to be held via Zoom; details will be emailed to the membership before the meeting.

Gary Yong Gee: Epiphytic and Lithophytic Orchids of Southeast Queensland

Text by Gary Yong Gee

Gary Yong Gee [surname *Yong Gee*] is an Australian born Chinese, and lives in Brisbane, Australia. He began growing orchids around 40 years ago. These days, he maintains a large hobby greenhouse, cultivating Australian native and exotic species. He has over 100,000 orchid photographs taken on travels to parts of Australia, New Guinea, Asia, Europe, Central and South America, South Africa, and Madagascar, at shows and in situ. Gary is a judge with the Australian Orchid Council. He is also a member of several Australian orchid societies, the American

Orchid Society, and the Orchid Conservation Alliance.

Gary's main interest is species orchids. He has contributed an extensive monthly article to the *Orchid Species Bulletin*, published by the Orchid Species Society, for over 30 years. Gary has also written occasional articles for *Orchids Australia*, and the *Australian Orchid Review*, and given numerous talks to various orchid societies. He has a website, which shows some of his photographs at www.yonggee.name

“Epiphytic and Lithophytic Orchids of Southeast Queensland” will feature the species which can be seen close to Gary's home city of Brisbane. Some genera which you may be familiar with will be *Cymbidium*, *Dendrobium*, and *Sarcochilus*. An understanding of the habitat where these species grow will provide insight into how to better cultivate these orchids at home.



Sarcochilus fitzgeraldii



Den. speciosum



Den. canaliculatum



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Culture Class, May 5, 7:30 PM Debby Halliday, Jack Schaefer, Stewart Walton: Photographing Your Orchids

Debby, Jack, and Stewart all really enjoy taking photographs of their orchids. We all strive for accurate and vibrant color, perfect details, and a quiet background. We have different approaches to achieving these goals and thought you might enjoy knowing more about how we do it.

We also have various ways of managing our photo libraries and utilizing our photos. Debby uses hers as a primary means of documenting the progress of her plants from year to year. She also shares her hi-res images with the club to use in its promotional activities.

Jack is careful with the background and staging of his plants, to highlight the shape and color of the flower. Stewart looks for

good sharpness, contrast, and color in his photos, whether indoors or outdoors. He uses his cellphone, primarily, and often overrides its automatic features for the best shot. We will welcome your questions and hope you will come away with some ideas about taking better photos of your plants. Class starts at 7:30 PM via Zoom. The general meeting link will get you into the culture class as well.



Oncidium hastilabium
Debby Halliday



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Jack Schaefer



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Stewart Walton



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Orchid Dates to Remember:

April 30th – May 2nd

SDBG Show

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April 30th – May 2nd

Andy's Orchids Open House

10 AM – 4 PM

Details at <https://andysorchids.com/>

May 1st

SDCOS Species Group Meeting

Social time: 8:45 AM; meeting: 9:00 AM

First Saturday of the month

secretary@sdorchids.com

May 4th

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

May 5th

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

May 14 (Friday)

SDCOS Board Meeting

Usually First Thursday of the month, 7 PM

Zoom; for an SDCOS member to request a meeting invite, email

president@sdorchids.com

From the Membership Desk

Text by Bob Clark, Membership Chair

Please welcome our newest members – Roy & Nita Peace, Sean Hogan, Mitch Miller, and Jeffrey Motta.



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From the Editor:

Hello everyone,

I hope you all are keeping well and had a chance to stop by the SDBG show this past month – 1 more weekend to do it if you missed it! (April 30-May2); it really was beautiful – thanks to everyone who helped put it together!

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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