

**San Diego County Orchid
Society Newsletter
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Coelogyne nitida
Roberta Fox

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President's Message

Text by Debby Halliday, President

Happy June! June is the official Annual Meeting when we elect officers for the coming year. Our nominating committee, headed by Tom Biggart, has been working hard to be sure we have all the positions filled. The proposed slate is included in this newsletter and also in an email blast. We will be voting at the June meeting, so please plan to Zoom in. Your voice and vote matters.

We hope the state will loosen restrictions on June 15 so that the Park will allow the Prado to reopen by July. We expect to know more after the SDBGF meets on June 17. If the Prado is open, we will have the July Orchids

in the Park show, including a tent on the patio, on July 24/25. This is a great reason to get vaccinated if you haven't done it already! We hope you will plan to volunteer, and we will be welcoming plants from everyone! We are also trying to arrange AOS judging in conjunction with the show. Watch this space.....

Once the Prado is open, we can get back to meeting in person. We'll let you know as soon as we know.

Alex Nadzan has informed us that POS will be starting in-person meetings in June. We'll miss seeing members from our sister organization, but they are all still welcome to Zoom in on Tuesday night. Fortunately, a number of people belong to both clubs, so we'll still get to see each other.

I am happy to welcome Jane Wesley Brooks as part time volunteer coordinator. She would like someone else to step up as well, so they would need to manage only two shows each. If you are a good organizer and planner, you will find this an easy job. It is also an important job, as it takes many volunteers to put on a show. We will be rolling out our new volunteer rewards program once we are back underway, so you'll have even more incentive to get involved. If you can help, please contact me at president@sdorchids.com. Your club works because the members make it work.

We will be having a plant forum in June. Choose your best images, whether the plants were in bloom in April or in May. I look forward to catching up. 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, May 30th latest.

Keep smiling. You're an orchid grower!



Onc. Gower Ramsey
Debby Halliday



Dendrobium pendulum
Dave Rimlinger

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General Meeting, June 1, 7:30 PM

Meeting to be held via Zoom; details will be emailed to the membership before the meeting.

Tom Mirenda: Orchids of Hawaii's Big Island

Text by Stewart Walton, First VP

Tom Mirenda will take us on an orchid tour of Hawaii's Big Island to get an insider's view of some legendary orchid nurseries. Tom is probably best known to us as a columnist and frequent contributor to the AOS magazine, ORCHIDS, where he advises his readers on topical issues and activities in the world of orchids. His monthly checklists are very useful, and his stories about life in Hilo make me want to visit, at least when the lava is not flowing.

Tom has been raising orchids professionally for over 30 years, 17 years of which he curated the Smithsonian Institution's orchid collection. He is an AOS judge and, in addition to his columns in ORCHIDS, he co-authored "The Book of Orchids". He maintains an active Facebook presence, with a constant update of interesting photos and people. In fact, he has many of our past speakers as FB friends.

Join us for Tom's tour of the Big Island.

Culture Class, June 2, 7:30 PM

Meeting to be held via Zoom

Kay Klausing: Water: What it is and how we use it

Text by Stewart Walton, First VP

Kay Klausing will address purity, frequency, media, and species requirements.



Slc. Tokyo Life x Pot. Telling Lies
Debby Halliday



Sarco. Kulnura Rusty x Sarco. Kulnura Rosetta
Debby Halliday

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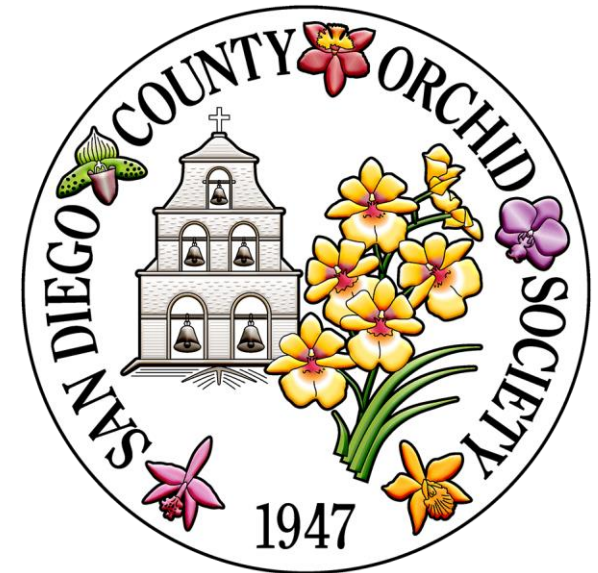
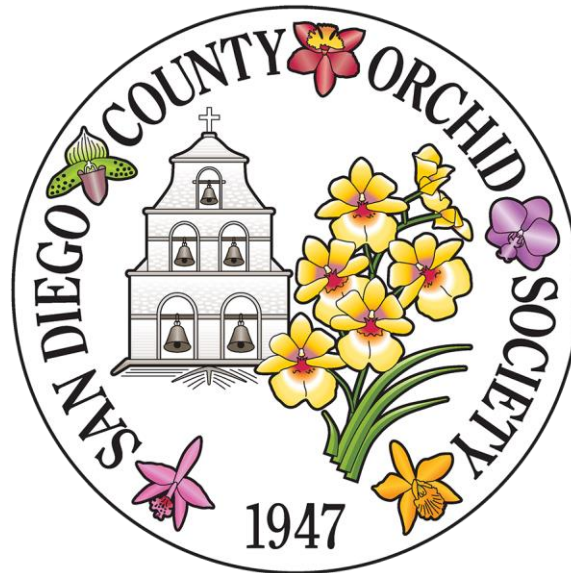
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Updated Logo for SDCOS

Text by Debby Halliday, President

SDCOS has a fresh, updated logo thanks to Carol Kerr and Jennifer Buckner at Carol Kerr Graphic Design who donated their time and expertise. Carol and Jennifer have created a fresh new logo that can be upsized to meet whatever advertising needs we may have. Featuring two cattleyas, a paphiopedilum, an epidendrum, and a phalaenopsis, with a dramatic yellow miltoniopsis at the center, the logo also retains its classic design from the original in 1947. As an added bonus, we can have it in three forms, flat, 3D, or 3D with a bronze background making it look like a medallion. Perfect for our show posters!

The Board approved the new designs at our recent meeting and here they are. We hope you like them as much as we do.



Paphiopedilum hirsutissimum var. *esquirolei*
Dave Rimlinger



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Getting your plants outdoors for a breath of fresh air for the summer

Text by Bruce Berg

So, if you are like me, summertime is the time to get my plants outside where they can get fresh air and bright sunlight and be happy, happy, happy! So how and what do we do to get our plants out there?

First, we need a place for them to go where they can get bright, but not direct light, as much of it as we can provide. Some growers have spreading trees or patios, where we just need some way to keep the creepy crawlies away from our plants. Years ago, I bought a steel frame canopy from Harbor Freight for about \$100 and modified it by cementing a length of 2" PVC into the ground. It fits into the pipe of my kit car canopy to provide wind shear protection. I found that Farm Tec will custom cut heavy clear tarp with grommets spaced to your specifications. I hang some mesh screen under the plastic tarp using some PVC pipe to support the mesh when I think the sunlight will be too intense during our summers.

The only thing left to do is to build shelves. I haven't done it yet, but I think that I can buy some ABS pipe and put together a shelving unit. I put cross bars on my shelves, and then lay corrugated tin sheets on top. If you do some head scratching and figure things out ahead of time, you should be able to put everything together without doing any cutting, except for PVC pipe. The thing you might want to do is make your shade structure wide enough so one corrugated tin covering can fit over the supports, making each bench four feet wide.

Likewise, you can mount your plants by mounting a piece of 4x4x10x10 galvanized chicken wire fencing to your vertical tubing. Larger mounting pots can likewise be hung from the rafters. If you have pressurized water system to water your plants, use PVC pipe, using galvanized wire to hold the pipe from the roof framing. Then support a 1/2" watering tube wired to the PVC pipe that you can use to connect misting heads. If you want to aim the heads, use the PVC pipe and use #12 or #10 wire to wrap around the pipe and also around the 1/4" hose to aim the spray heads. The pipes can be supported by the same wire. If you are worried about the weight of the water bending the PVC pipe, add another support wire. One wire per leg of your structure should do the trick. It would also work better if your shade frame used ABS pipe. I used wood to make the framing inside my shade area and also my greenhouse, but now that a 2x4 costs about \$8, you might look for alternative building materials. The greenhouse kits that I looked at cost several thousand dollars, before adding pumps and fans.

A little trick when working with PVC is that you can make a bend of any angle by using 2 "T" connectors, and a short piece of pipe between them. Dry fit the pieces and then glue the pieces that you want to stay tight. Double check alignment moving any sections in place, and then finish gluing!



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2021-2022 Board of Directors Election

On behalf of the SDCOS Nominating Committee comprising of Tom Biggart, the Chair, Nancy Benay, Dave Hoffmaster, Pam Peters, and Paul Tuskes, below is the slate of candidates for financial year 2022 to be voted on by the general membership at the June 2021 meeting:

President	Debby Halliday
First VP	Stewart Walton
Second VP	Ashley Grable
Secretary	David Vandebroek
Treasurer	Myra DeTate
Director at Large	Carey McCoy

Note:

Sima Perkins and Jack Schaefer continue for another year as directors.
Kay Klausing remains a member as past president.

The election will take place at the start of our general meeting on June 1st. Please attend so we can count your vote.



Vanda rothschildiana alba
Bruce Hubbard



Ryncholaelia (Brassavola) Glauca
Bruce Hubbard



Dracula benedictii
Roberta Fox



Mexicoa ghiesbreghtiana
Scott McGregor



Cypripedium parviflorum var.
pubescens (Yellow Lady's Slipper)



Galearis spectabilis
(Showy Orchis)

Cypripedium acaule (Pink Lady's
Slipper)



Wild orchids from Ashville, North
Carolina, presently in bloom

Photos by Rachel Burns

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Orchid Dates to Remember:

June 1st

SDCOS 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

June 2nd

SDCOS 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

June 2nd

Palomar Orchid Society Meeting

Society business at 6:30 PM; main program at 7:00 PM

First Wednesday of the month

1105 La Bonita Dr., San Marcos, CA 92078

June 3rd

SDCOS Board Meeting

First Thursday of the month, 7 PM

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

president@sdorchids.com

June 5th

SDCOS Species Group Meeting

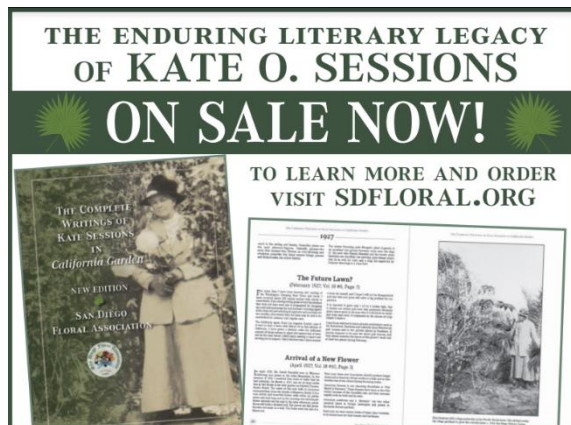
Socialization 8:45 AM, meeting 9:00 AM

First Saturday of the month

secretary@sdorchids.com



Paphiopedilum micranthum
SD Zoo Orchid House



Current SDCOS Officers

President: Debby Halliday

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Second VP: ---

Secretary: David Vandebroek

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From the Editor:

Hello everyone,

I hope you're all doing well as we move from spring towards summer – and as we move from less to more vaccinated and opened! As Debby notes in her President's Message, the Board is discussing reopening and a possible show at the end of July – I'm definitely excited for us to be in a place where we can see each other like we used to.

For now, thanks everyone for submitting pictures to Debby's virtual Plant Forum for our general meetings. If we can't see each other just yet, I love seeing everyone's plants! :)

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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