

**San Diego County Orchid
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Lc. Miss Wonderful 'Imperialis' AM/AOS
Plant by Debby Halliday

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President's Message

Text by Debby Halliday, President

Greetings everyone. I hope your orchids are surviving this hot and steamy August weather. Just tell them it's the jungle!

Thank you all for approving the show budget. We heard from over 60 members, which was very gratifying. We have since sent in our deposit, so the hall is ours. The show will be April 15–17, 2022. The Spring Show Committee will be meeting on Saturday, August 21st to start planning for this new venue. We are excited to be re-imagining our show after so many years at the Scottish Rite Center. The Liberty Station Conference Center should work well for us, with ample parking, a large attractive main hall and good



C. harrisoniana 'Volcano Queen'
Debby Halliday

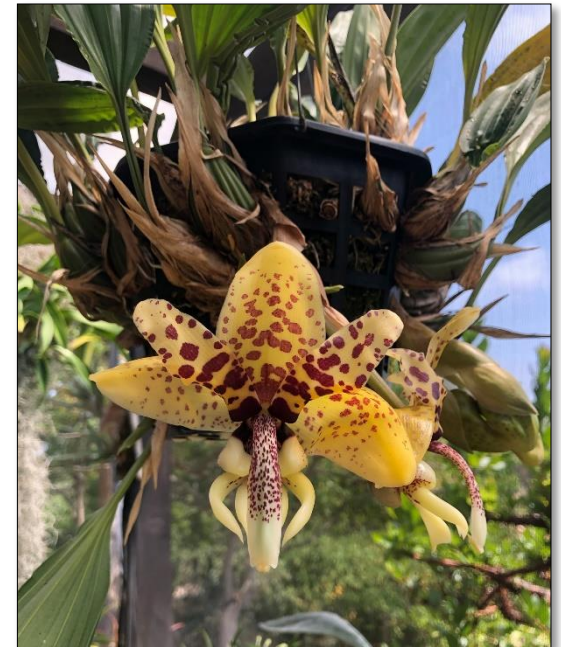
areas for our vendors, plant hotel and break room. Stay tuned for more reports as we get closer. Our theme will remain Orchid Magic, as we never got to use it in 2020. If you would like to join the committee, please let me know. We'd love to have you!

I hope you are looking forward to our September in-person meeting as much as I am! It will be so nice to see each other again. We will have Peter Lin, live, as our speaker. The plant opportunity table will be extra special, so plan to buy tickets. The plant forum will be live as well. Please start staking and grooming your nicest plants to bring and show to your friends. We have lots of table space, so it could turn into a real mini-show. Fragrances at last! Ashley will present the culture class, so please be ready to take a seat and learn at 6:30pm.

Myra and her husband, Jack, have been working on our audio/video and our meeting will go out on Zoom to members who can't be there personally.

Mask policy – Please bring and wear one. With the very contagious Delta variant out there, we need to look out for each other. The current CDC recommendations are that all people, regardless of vaccination status, wear masks indoors. As such, the SDCOS Board of Directors agreed that masks will be required to attend the in-person meetings.

In other news, we are planning to put on an Orchids in the Park Show in October on the very last weekend (Halloween). This is a fun time in the park as lots of children in costumes come through. For a good show, we will need volunteers. There will be sign up



Stanhopea hernandezii
Debby Halliday

sheets at the meeting. Please plan to come for at least a few hours to meet our guests and support your club. It's really a fun event to be part of. We are also starting a new **VOLUNTEER REWARDS PROGRAM**, beginning with this show. See the article in this newsletter for more details. We appreciate it when you donate your time, and we'd like to show it.

Important – we still need a Volunteer Coordinator. This job only happens around our shows, but is key to making everything run smoothly. If you are a good organizer with a few hours to spare only 4 times a year, we need you! Please consider it.

I'll see you in September. Stay safe and take good care of your plants.

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Reminder of our meeting schedules

Text by David Vandebroek

As it has been 1.5 years since we've had in person meetings, I wanted to publish a brief reminder of what we expect Society Meetings to look like.

6:30 – 7:15	Culture Class
7:15 – 7:30	Meandering, Social Time
7:30 – 8:00	Main Mtng / Society Business
8:00 – 9:00	Main Speaker
9:00 – 9:15	Refreshments
9:15 – 9:30	Plant Forum
9:30 – 9:45	Raffle
9:45 – 10:00	Cleanup

As many remember, this schedule is a bit fuzzier than stated, and the speaker usually starts a bit before 8, as Society Business often takes much less than 30 minutes. Additionally, we MUST be out of the room by 10 PM, so there is a bit of time pressure on the back end of meetings.

Looking forward to restarting these with you!



Mystacidium alicae
David Vandebroek

New Volunteer Rewards Program

From the Board of Directors

From now on, volunteers at our shows will be rewarded with a chance to win a plant!

One of the problems that we, as a society, have always had is how to reward the volunteers at our Show and Sale events. Of course, we orchid growers can never have too many plants, right?? So, at the July Board of Directors meeting, your board voted to approve a Volunteer Rewards Plan where you can win free plants. Here's how it will work:

- On each day that a volunteer works a shift, they will be given a Volunteer Reward Coupon at the beginning of their first shift of that day.
- This coupon gives the holder a chance to win a plant at any General Meeting by putting their ticket or tickets in the special Volunteer Rewards drawing for that night. Each person having Reward Coupons may participate in the Volunteer Rewards drawing on whatever evenings they choose.
- The board has authorized the purchase of 5 extra plants for each General Meeting. The drawing for the Volunteer Plants will be held before the regular plant drawing. We will draw five coupons. Winners may choose from any of the plants on the left side of the Opportunity table. Coupons remaining in the drum will be discarded.

Since we are expecting to have a Fall 'Orchids in The Park' show and sale on the weekend of October 30th & 31st, we will have the Reward Coupons ready for that show. Volunteers for the Garage Load crew, Setup

crew, Teardown and Unload teams, our Security Teams, the SDCOS Judging Teams and our Cashier/Plant Hotel teams will receive Reward Coupons. Volunteers do not have to have previously signed up online to be eligible. And, of course, we welcome non-members who volunteer to participate as well.

Thank you for volunteering!



Arpophyllum giganteum
Roberta Fox

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General Meeting, September 7th, in person at Balboa Park Room 101 and Simulcast on Zoom; 7:30 PM.

Peter Lin, Diamond Orchids: Compact Vandaceous Species and their Hybrids

Text by Stewart Walton, First VP

The speaker for our first in-person meeting after our long hiatus on Zoom will be our friend Peter Lin, well known to our members as a speaker and grower.

Vandas are not the most common orchid in most collections, but they offer some of the most dramatic displays of all the genera. They often display bright colors and lots of long-lasting flowers on big plants. If you are space-challenged and want to grow Vandas, this is the talk for you! Learn about the many compact species within the Vanda alliance and their hybrids. This is a fast-paced Powerpoint presentation that includes many pictures and cultural tips. Peter will be providing some of the plants for our raffle table.



Ascofinetia Cherry Blossom 'Pink Panther' HCC/AOS
Peter Lin

Peter is an avid orchid hobbyist, hybridizer, and AOS judge, and a fellow member of SDCOS. 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.

Due to limited growing space, Peter likes to specialize in miniature orchids, both species and hybrids, and has received numerous AOS awards. He maintains a collection of a thousand or more orchids at his home in Southern California in 3 small greenhouses, outdoors, 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.



Peter Lin
Photos taken from Peter's Flickr, linked above

Culture Class, July 7th, in person at Balboa Park Room 101 and Simulcast on Zoom; 6:30 PM.

The Culture class will resume its original time: 6:30 PM before the general meeting on the 1st Tuesday of the month. We will also attempt to broadcast this over Zoom.



Neofinetia falcata Hakuun
Peter Lin



Ascofinetia Lionstar
Peter Lin



Eplc. Volcano Trick 'Paradise'
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San Diego Judging Covid-19 Protocols for Exhibitors

Health Protocol:

The following protocols will be used to keep judges and exhibitors safe.

Upon arrival at the judging site, personnel and exhibitors will be asked the following questions:

- Have you had contact in the last week with anyone who has been ill or documented to be positive for COVID?
- Do you have any symptoms (Fever, dry cough or tiredness, loss of taste or smell, headaches, sore throat, diarrhea)?

If the answer is yes to either question, they will be asked to return home.

Face Coverings:

Considering the increased risk of contagion with the current variants, masks are mandated in the judging room.

Plant Entry:

One person will be designated as the greeter. Exhibitors will be greeted at the door and asked the above health protocol questions.

One exhibitor will be permitted in the room at a time to fill out the entry form at the front desk and drop off the plant(s). If there is more than one exhibitor at a time, others are asked to wait in line outside the room following social distancing.

Once the plant has been screened or judged and photographed, the exhibitor will be called to pick up the plant at the front desk.



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Orchid Potting Workshop Was a Great Success!

Text by Debby Halliday, President

We finally got to have another potting workshop. We had sixteen attendees, which was a nice, easy number to work with. The workshop was on my patio in Rancho Santa Fe. It was warm, but not too hot. People brought delicious treats for lunch. Ben Machado provided ample supplies, so everyone could find just the right pot/bark combination for their plants. He had extra supplies for sale, which was a nice bonus for anyone who was there.

We started with pot-luck lunch at 12. After lunch, I gave a Phalaenopsis repotting demonstration. Ken Campbell followed with an excellent demonstration of Cattleya dividing and repotting. He very kindly brought in two compact Cattleyas which he used for his talk. He then gave us several divisions and one of the plants to work on ourselves. We all appreciated his generosity very much and several members went home with new plants.

Next, we found places to work at the tables, people brought out their plants, and the real fun began. Our more experienced members happily helped anyone who wanted advice or assistance. I was very pleased to note that almost all the SDCOS officers were there: President Debby, First VP Stewart, Second VP Ashley, Secretary David, and Treasurer Myra. This was perfect for our newer members who got to chat and work with the officers of their club. Everyone worked hard and ended the afternoon with fresh, newly potted orchids and a new sense of confidence in their skills.

At the end there were greenhouse and garden tours, and everyone helped clean up. Group repotting can be a messy affair. If you have never attended one of these workshops, be sure to sign up the next time. It is a great opportunity to get to know other members and become a better orchid grower. Thank you all for coming!



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Orchid Dates to Remember:

September 1st

Palomar Orchid Society Meeting

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

First Wednesday of the month

Carlsbad City Library

1775 Dove Lane, Carlsbad, CA 92011

September 2nd

SDCOS Board Meeting

First Thursday of the month, 7 PM

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

president@sdorchids.com

September 4th

SDCOS Species Group Meeting

Socialization 8:30 AM, meeting 9:00 AM

First Saturday of the month

secretary@sdorchids.com

September 7th

SDCOS General Meeting

Culture Class: 6:30 PM; Program: 7:30 PM

First Tuesday of the month

Casa del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

Also broadcast via Zoom; meeting link to be emailed to members prior to meeting. For a nonmember to request a meeting invite, email president@sdorchids.com

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From the Editor:

Hello everyone,

I hope you're all keeping well! Definitely looking forward to our 1st in person meeting in 1.5 years! The Board has been discussing what reopening would look like for a long time now, and I'm feeling good about what we've come to. If you're feeling unsafe, though, we do have the Zoom option still available – big thanks to Myra and Jack for working to make sure we have that option! Here's hoping things go as well on game day as they did in practice haha

Absolutely looking forward to seeing everyone's (masked) faces again and all the plants. The Board authorized the purchase of a bit better quality and a few more plants for the opportunity table, so if you do come in person, look forward to that!

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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