

**San Diego County Orchid
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Gomea colorata 'Precious Treasure' AM/AOS
Jack Li
(See awards on Page 5)

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President's Message

Text by Debby Halliday, President

Happy Halloween! Our second in-person/hybrid meeting was very successful. We had more members attending in person and one of our favorite speakers, Tim Culbertson. He told us all about the *Parvisepalum Paphs* and provided many examples for our opportunity table. Ashley Grable gave a very informative culture class on building and managing an orchid collection. We had a wonderful plant forum table. It's so nice to see these mini orchid shows again.

I hope you will join us in Balboa Park for our first Orchid Show and Sale in over a year on Halloween weekend. Our vendor area is full, which is great news. We get to go orchid shopping again! The volunteer roster is starting to fill in, for which I thank everyone who has signed up. There are still some critical openings, so please sign up or show up. We need you!

We are also excited to see what everyone has in bloom. Please plan to bring in your plants. If you are a beginner or an expert, it doesn't matter. The more plants we have, the better the show! Do remember to groom them so they are looking their very best. We are introducing a new pre-registration system at this show. We hope you will try it out, but it is Voluntary. See the article in this newsletter for more details. There will be AOS judging as well as ribbon judging on Saturday morning. You are welcome to join a judging team if you would like to participate in ribbon judging. Just turn up at the registration table at about 9:30 am and speak

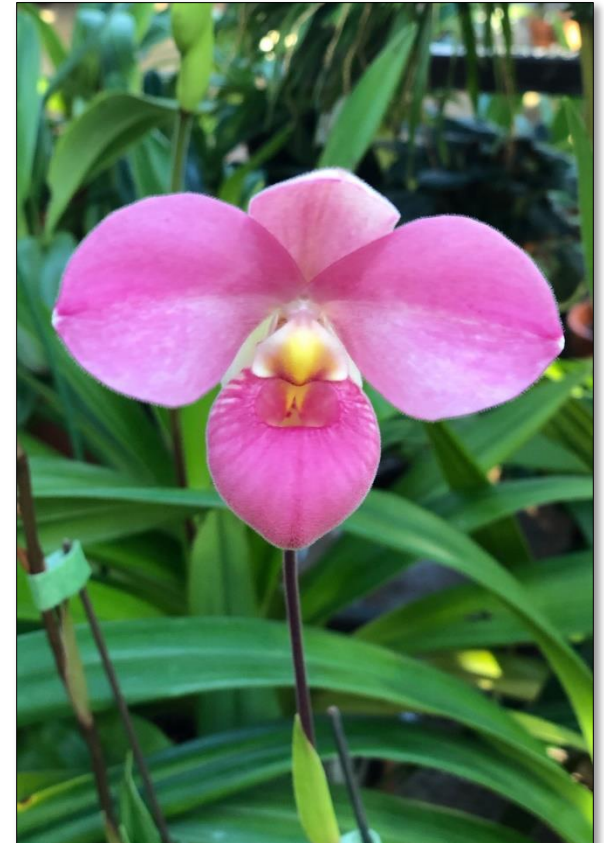
to Pam Peters. It's a great way to learn more about judging and get to know other members.

We do merit judging at park shows, which means if your plant deserves a blue ribbon, it gets one, even if another plant in the class gets one too. Every Section also has an overall winner. Finally, we award Best in Show, the Forest Robinson Cultural Award, and the Siv Garod Most Unusual Plant Award. We will again be giving a People's Choice Award as well. We ask our visitors to vote on their favorite plant in the show, and on Sunday afternoon we give the award. The fun thing is how many different plants receive at least one vote. The sneaky purpose behind this competition is to get everyone to slow down and really look at the plants. It works very well!

We plan to hold orchid classes on the patio this time rather than indoors so as not to bunch people together too much inside the building. These are very informative, and you are welcome to attend. Masks will be required while indoors for the protection of both our visitors and our volunteers.

We will soon be sending out a survey concerning the December meeting. This is normally a banquet, but with COVID still in the air, we wanted to offer some options and see what most people prefer. Please complete the survey when you get it. It's quite short (2 questions) and will help the board plan appropriately.

Our next meeting is November 2. Time flies when you're growing orchids!



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General Meeting, November 2nd, in person at Balboa Park Room 101 and Simulcast on Zoom; 7:30 PM.

Betty P. Kelepecz: The Orchids of the Western Highlands of Papua New Guinea
Text by Betty Kelepecz and David Vandebroek

For our November meeting we have the absolute pleasure of having our very own Betty P. Kelepecz speak to us!

Betty has been an orchid hobbyist in Southern California since the early 80's. She has grown orchids in Long Beach and Huntington Beach and since 2003 has been growing orchids in the Point Loma area of San Diego. Among her 1000 + orchids which grow outside, in a small greenhouse and a shade structure in San Diego; Betty grows a large selection of species orchids. Betty enjoys the challenge of replicating the oft-challenging environments required by species orchids and particularly enjoys the challenge of growing pleurothallids. She has received more than 60 AOS awards including the 2010 AOS Carlyle A. Luer Pleurothallid Award for her *Masdevallia ignea* 'Windflower' AM/AOS.

She has also established a small but, quite functional orchid flasking lab in her home where she has been hobby flasking and growing predominantly species orchids since 2008.

Betty loves to travel and, in an effort to better her orchid growing skills, Betty has traveled to observe orchids growing in the wild in several countries including Brazil, Ecuador, Peru, Austria, Costa Rica and Papua New Guinea. Betty is a life member of the San



Miltonia regnellii 'Starburst' AM/AOS
Debby Halliday

Diego County Orchid Society (SDCOS). She has been the Vice-Chair of the SDCOS Conservation Committee for many years and a member of the Orchid Conservation Alliance since its inception. In 2017, Betty joined the American Orchid Society (AOS) judging program and is currently an associate judge and the Treasurer of the Pacific South Judging Center.

This month Betty will be speaking to us about the orchids she saw as she traveled through Papua New Guinea. This promises to be a very fun talk – looking forward to seeing you there!

Culture Class, November 2nd, in person at Balboa Park Room 101 and Simulcast on Zoom; 6:30 PM.

Tentative: Wintering Your Orchids

The tentative plan for the culture class this month will be a discussion on what to do to prepare your orchids for winter.

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Judging at the San Diego Judging Center
(Casa del Prado, Balboa Park),
October 2021.

Text and photos by Phyllis Prestia

There were 8 orchids presented for judging.
Two were awarded.

[1] *Gomesa colorata* 'Precious Treasure'
AM/AOS

Exhibited by Jack Li

Awarded AM, 85 points

[2] *Cattleya pygmaea* 'Jack' AM/AOS

Exhibited by Jack Li

Awarded AM, 83 points



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For approval by the membership at the November Meeting

2022 SPRING SHOW BUDGET

Total Revenue:	\$32600
Expenses:	
Advertising, Marketing, and Printing	\$ 5,000
Awards & Judging	\$ 1,200
Facility and insurance	\$13,800
Food for Volunteers & Vendors	\$ 3,000
Program Printing	\$ 1,200
Set-Up Costs – Truck Rental, Bark, Lath, etc.	\$ 1,500
Merchandise & Supplies for Sale	\$ 3,000
Other –Copies, Materials, etc.	\$ 400
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Orchid Dates to Remember:

October 30-31

SDCOS Orchids in the Park, Fall Show

Casa del Prado, Room 101, Balboa Park

Saturday noon – 5 PM

Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM

November 2nd

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

November 3rd

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

November 6th

SDCOS Species Group Meeting

Socialization 8:30 AM, meeting 9:00 AM

First Saturday of the month

SDCOSNewsletter@gmail.com

November 11th

SDCOS Board Meeting

Usually the first Thursday of the month, 7 PM

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

president@sdorchids.com

December 4th

Sunset Valley Orchids Open House

9 AM – 4 PM

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From the Editor:

Hello everyone,

I hope you're all keeping well as we move into fall and winter (though it looks like summer is making one last grab for power...) I'm excited for the October show next weekend! Hopefully Halloween means we get a bit more than usual foot traffic!

Many thanks to the people who have volunteered to help out with running the show :) The society only functions because of the volunteers. I'd like to remind anyone considering helping out this weekend to remember we're setting up / trying out our new reward program! I'm looking forward to seeing it finally implemented! (The board was considering it before our first cancelled Spring Show of the pandemic, so this feels like it was a long time coming!)

Also looking forward to hearing about all the cool things Betty was able to find in Papua New Guinea next week!

As usual, if anyone has articles that 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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