



**San Diego County Orchid  
Society Newsletter  
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*Miltonia regnellii* 'aurea'  
Plant by Debby Halliday

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## President's Message

Text by Debby Halliday, President

Happy Thanksgiving! We are at that time of year when everything accelerates except the orchids. We have to restrain our desire to give them all drinks and carefully bring them through the winter months and a time of rest for many of them.

We had a very successful Orchid Show over Halloween weekend. See articles. We also had a good meeting on Nov. 2. Thank you to everyone who came in person – 30 of you – even though we were right on the heels of the orchid show. Betty Kelepecz gave a very entertaining and informative lecture about her trip to Papua New Guinea. She wove together wonderful images of both the orchids and the people of this exotic place. We were so happy to welcome Tom Biggart with his tips on wintering orchids for our culture class. Remember “Cold and Wet equals Dead Orchids!” We struggled a bit to get the plant forum up on Zoom but got there in the end. Thank you to our members who zoomed in. We will keep trying to improve your experience.

In December, we usually have a yearend banquet. However, with the continuing COVID restrictions and just sensible caution, we have opted to dial it back a little. As you should have seen in a recent email blast, we will meet in person at 7pm in room 101. We have asked Arthur Pinkers to present a slide show of the AOS winners in our region over the past year. There have been some! There will be a plant exchange managed by David Brown. If you have not done this before – bring in an attractive plant that someone is

likely to want. Put your name on it where it can be easily found. We draw to see who gets to choose first. After that, whenever your plant is chosen, you go next. Obviously, the nicer the plant you bring, the earlier you will get to choose a plant for yourself. It's fun. Dress up that especially nice division and bring it in!

We will have delicious snacks organized by Carey McCoy plus coffee and beverages. We will also have our SDCOS Holiday Gifts for members. You may recall that last year everyone chose the vendor they preferred, and we made the plants available for pick-up at several locations. This year we still want to know your preference – before November 30 please – and we hope you will come see your orchid friends and pick out your plant at the meeting. If you can't make it, we will still make your plant available for pickup somewhere convenient. Here is the selection form again, in case you missed the email blast. You can email your selection to me at [President@SDOrchids.com](mailto:President@SDOrchids.com) or call or text at 858-353-5392 if you don't have email.

Vendor:

- Casa de las Orquideas
- Sunset Valley Orchids
- Andy's Orchids

Pickup:

I'll pick up at the meeting \_\_\_\_\_

or

I need to pick up later \_\_\_\_\_ and my zip code is \_\_\_\_\_

I look forward to seeing many of you in person for this last meeting of 2021. Best wishes from all of us on the Board of the

SDCOS. We so appreciate your membership and participation in this great orchid club. 2022 is going to be a wonderful year for orchids!



Bulbophyllum Elizabeth Ann  
'Buckleberry'  
Debby Halliday

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**General Meeting, December 7th, in person at Balboa Park Room 101 and Simulcast on Zoom; 7:00 PM.**  
Text by David Vandebroek, First VP

Debby captured the meeting plan very well in her President's Message above, but to reiterate a few points: the general meeting this month will start at **7 PM** with the traditional Plant Exchange, followed by a presentation of awards by Arthur Pinkers, Holiday snacks, and our SDCOS Holiday Gift Plants for members – if you haven't done so, please let us know which plant vendor you'd like a plant from!

Very much looking forward to seeing you in 1.5 weeks for the party!



Arthurara Sea Snake 'Unforgettable'  
Neal Grant

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7/1/21 - 6/30/22	Annual Budget
<b>Income</b>	
Balboa Park Show Net I	\$4,375 *
Membership Dues	\$4,500
Other Types of Income	\$100
Raffle Income	\$2,500
SD Botanic Garden Net I	\$1,900 **
Spring Show Net Incomr	\$3,490
Supplies & Merchandis	\$1,505
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$18,370</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
Operations	\$8,050
Program Expenses	\$5,725
Speaker fees & expens	\$2,700
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$16,475</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$1,895</b>

\* Based on 2 shows - October 2021 & January 2022

\*\* Based on 2 weekends in May

Board approved 11/11/21

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## Successful October 2021 Orchids in the Park Show

Text by Debby Halliday, President

Our first orchid show since January 2020 was a resounding success. In spite of COVID protocols and some hiccups along the way, we had beautiful plants to show and lots of visitors. Dave Hoffmaster pulled together a full section of vendors and chaired the show in spite of his recent knee replacement surgery. Special thanks to Jack Schaefer and Bob Clark for saving the day when the truck rental fell apart, making multiple trips in their own trucks to get everything we needed to the park. We had hoped to have more volunteers, but those who came were dedicated and efficient, and together we pulled it off! Thank you one and all!

19 members brought in plants to give us a total of 169 orchids on display. Many of you tried out the new pre-registration system. It



Miltonia Anne Warner 'Ruth Kelly'  
George Pflaum

proved to be very important as we had over 40 full sized cattleyas and were able to plan in advance where to put them all. That saved a lot of time and effort. I hope more of you will try the system in January. It also makes creating tags at the show much more efficient. Pam Peters capably managed both our registration and ribbon judging, and the judging teams had much to enjoy. The quality of the plants was outstanding. Rarely have we seen so many well-deserved blue ribbons!

Our James & Lise Wright Best of Show winner was Miltonia Anne Warner 'Ruth Kelly' by George Pflaum. This well grown and glorious plant also won the Forrest Robinson Cultural Award. It was a huge plant, and totally covered with deep purple flowers. The Siv Garrod Most Unusual Species Award went to *Scaphosepalum gibberosum* by Bill Loy. This was also a well deserved win for this miniature specimen with its wonderful water buffalo horns. Bill's table display was a real treat filled with all sorts of fascinating species. See the complete list of Best of Section winners elsewhere in the Newsletter. Congratulations to the winning growers!

Our People's Choice voting was the best ever with over 700 votes cast. The whole point of the voting is to slow our visitors down and encourage them to really look at the orchids. It worked very well. As always, they choose a great variety of plants. 101 different plants received at least one vote. 18 of our 19 exhibitors had at least one plant chosen as a favorite by someone. The winner was *Dendrochilum cobbianum* brought in by Debby Halliday. The other top 10 winners are also shown in a following table.



*Scaphosepalum gibberosum*  
Bill Loy

From the ballots we also learned that 70% of our visitors came because they noticed our beautiful signs in the park. Carol Kerr both designed and placed our signs all over the park to let everyone know about our show. We are so grateful for her support and help.

Because of COVID rules, we had to cancel our popular Kids Corner, but were able to host orchid classes on the patio outdoors.

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This worked fairly well once Bob Clark got the speaker hooked up for us. He also kindly loaned us his canopy. Ben Machado, Alex Nadzan, Nico Goossens, Kay Klausung, and Debby Halliday all gave lectures and demonstrations to interested audiences. Band practice in the afternoon gave us some background noise, but we made it happen.

Our sales area had a banner weekend! Myra DeTate and her dedicated helpers processed over \$22,000 in gross sales, netting \$2300 for conservation and \$3800 for the club. Myra noted that more than 1000 individual items were sold. Rachel Burns

capably managed Conservation Sales. The volunteers in the plant hotel gave our guests a safe place to keep their purchases while they enjoyed the rest of the park.

Shows take a lot of effort from a lot of people, but the satisfaction of showing our beauties to an amazed and admiring public and giving them a place to buy special orchids makes it all worthwhile. Working as a team with other members to create such a positive experience always reinforces my love and appreciation for this great club. **Thank you all. Well done.**

Visit [SDOrchids.com/Gallery/Fall Awards](https://SDOrchids.com/Gallery/Fall_Awards) to see pictures of the winners.



Pictures from the Show

Show Winners, October 2021			
Sec	Award	Orchid	Winner
	James & Lise Wright Best of Show	Miltonia Anne Warner 'Ruth Kelly'	George Pflaum
	Forrest Robinson Cultural Award	Miltonia Anne Warner 'Ruth Kelly'	George Pflaum
	Siv Garrod Most Unusual Species Award	<i>Scaphosepalum gibberosum</i>	Bill Loy
	People's Choice Award	<i>Dendrochilum cobbianum</i>	Debby Halliday
1	Cymbidium Standard Hybrid	no entries	-
2	Cymbidium Hybrid Miniature	Cymbidium Hawaiian Gold	Jerry & Anita Spencer
3	Cymbidium Hybrid Pendulous	no entries	-
4	Cattleya Alliance Standard	Rlc. Anita's Surprise	Jerry & Anita Spencer
5	Cattleya Alliance Compact	Bc. Carnival Kid's 'Green Gem'	George Pflaum
6	Cattleya Alliance Miniature	Sc. Cosmos 'Laina'	Ken Campbell
7	Paphiopedilum Hybrid	Paph. Mem. Richard Allen Davidson	Debby Halliday
8	Phragmipedium Hybrid	Phrag. Cardinale 'Wilcox'	Debby Halliday
9	Oncidium Alliance Hybrid	Arthurara Sea Snake 'Unforgettable'	Neal Grant
10	Dendrobium Hybrids	Den. Woon Leng	Jerry & Anita Spencer
11	Vandaceous Alliance	Vanda Kulwadee Fragrance #27	Ken Campbell
12	Hybrids of Other Genera	Bulbophyllum Elizabeth Ann 'Buckleberry'	Debby Halliday
13	Phalaenopsis Alliance	Phalaenopsis Hybrid 'Spreckles'	Debby Halliday
14	Specimen Plants	Miltonia Anne Warner 'Ruth Kelly'	George Pflaum
15A	Species over 6" tall	<i>Miltonia regnellii</i>	Debby Halliday
16A	Species under 6" tall	<i>Oncidium coloratum</i>	Debby Halliday
17	Small Displays	Orchid Species Tree	Bill Loy



Pictures from the Show



People's Choice: *Dendrochilum cobbianum*, exhibited by Debby Halliday

Rank of Votes for People's Choice		
Rank	Plant Name	Exhibitor
1	<i>Dendrochilum cobbianum</i>	Debby Halliday
2	Bulbophyllum Elizabeth Ann 'Buckleberry'	Debby Halliday
3	Paphiopedilum Mystically Contrasting	Jane Wesley Brooks
4	Phal. Hybrid 'Spreckles'	Debby Halliday
5	Arthurara Sea Snake 'Unforgettable'	Neal Grant
6	<i>Paphiopedilum spicerianum</i>	Debby Halliday
7	<i>Oncidium coloratum</i>	Debby Halliday
8	D. Woon Leng	Jerry Spencer
9	Ctt. Camille Brandon 'Star Ascent' HCC/AOS	Jerry Spencer
10	Slc. Panache 'Colorwise'	Alex Nadzan



Pictures from the Show



Pictures from the Show



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**Judging at the San Diego Judging Center  
(Casa del Prado, Balboa Park),  
October 30, 2021, “Show in the Park”**  
Text and photos by Phyllis Prestia

There were seven orchids presented for judging. Four were awarded.

[1] Rlc. Anita’s Surprise ‘Rainbow Valley’  
AM/AOS  
Exhibited by Anita and Jerry Spencer  
Awarded Award of Merit, 82 points



[2] *Dendrobium laevifolium* ‘Little Joy’  
HCC/AOS  
Exhibited by Debby Halliday  
Awarded Highly Commended Certificate, 76 points



[3] Den. Adrien Loone ‘Purple Haze’  
AM/AOS  
Exhibited by Tom Biggart  
Awarded Award of Merit, 80 points



[4] *Dendrobium* Little Green Apple ‘Imp’  
AM/AOS  
Exhibited by Debby Halliday  
Awarded Award of Merit, 80 points



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Text and photos by Phyllis Prestia

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[1] *Vanda tricolor* var. *suavis* 'Jack' AM/AOS  
Exhibited by Jack Li  
Awarded AM, 80 points



[2] *Pleurothallis volans* 'Windflower'  
AM/AOS  
Exhibited by Betty Kelepecz  
Awarded AM, 85 points



[3] *C. coccinea* 'Paradox' AM/AOS  
Exhibited by Paul and Ann Tuskes  
Awarded AM, 80 points



[4] *Encyclia Fairie Glen* 'Arnie' AM/AOS  
Exhibited by Arnold Gum  
Awarded AM, 81 points



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## Addition to the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors is happy to welcome Stewart Walton back onto the Board. Stewart will be stepping into the open Director at Large position. We are happy that he will be able to continue to serve with us.



**Orchids**  
in the Park

San Diego County Orchid Society presents  
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## Orchid Dates to Remember:

December 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

December 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](mailto:president@sdorchids.com)

December 4th

### **SDCOS Species Group Meeting**

Socialization 8:30 AM, meeting 9:00 AM

First Saturday of the month

[firstvp@sdorchids.com](mailto:firstvp@sdorchids.com)

December 4th

### **Sunset Valley Orchids Open House**

9 AM – 4 PM

Details at [www.sunsetvalleyorchids.com](http://www.sunsetvalleyorchids.com)

December 7th

### **SDCOS General Meeting**

Holiday Party: 7 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](mailto:president@sdorchids.com)

December 7th

### **AOS San Diego Judging Center**

First Tuesday of the month

Casa del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 104

December 10th – 12th

### **Andy's Orchids Open House**

10 AM – 4 PM

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

## **2021 SDCOS Officers**

President:	Debby Halliday
First VP:	David Vandebroek
Second VP:	Ashley Grable
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*Dracula gigas* (L), *D. trigonopetala* (R)  
Dracula Reserve, Ecuador

*Dracula lemurella* (L), *Lepanthes escifera* (R)  
La Selva de Ventanas Reserve, Colombia

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**From the Editor:**

Hello everyone,

Happy Thanksgiving! I hope you all got the chance to check out our show in the park! It was lovely. Thanks to everyone who brought plants, too! I added a lot of pictures so anyone who missed it might be able to check it out :)

Just wanted to remind people to let Debby know ASAP if you want a gift plant for our December Holiday meeting – the **deadline is Nov 30**, and we will be ordering plants shortly thereafter. I hope several of you are able to make the December meeting, even with sunset so early...

Good luck wintering your orchids and I hope you enjoy the holidays!

As usual, if anyone has articles they wish to submit to the monthly newsletter, please continue to send contributions to me at [SDCOSNewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:SDCOSNewsletter@gmail.com). Deadline for submissions is end of day on the **second Friday of the month**.

All the best,

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