

**San Diego County Orchid
Society Newsletter
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Pot. Dogashima 'Paradise' AM/AOS
Debby Halliday

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President's Message

Text by Debby Halliday, President

I hope you had a very happy Holiday season. When we meet again it will be 2022! The year has really flown by. It was so nice to see everyone at the yearend party/meeting. Over 50 members & guests were there. The food was delicious, the plant exchange was full of beautiful plants, and there were gift orchids for members. A few of you missed the sign up for gift plants, so we'll bring a few extras to the January meeting. We don't want anyone to lose out. Arthur Pinkers gave a



Laelia rubescens
Debby Halliday

review over Zoom of the AOS awarded plants from 2021. It was nice to see that there were some to talk about. I brought in a new microphone to improve our audio on Zoom but neglected to bring batteries for it. Added to that was interference in the usual room speakers, so my apologies if you couldn't hear us very well over Zoom. We'll try again!

We had an important presentation at the meeting. Our congratulations again to Jerry and Anita Spencer who were granted Life Memberships in recognition of their years of service and support to our club. We also retired the perpetual trophies for the park shows, since we now give plaques to our winners instead. We decided that the Spencer's should take home the Best of Show and Forrest Robinson trophies, since they have won them more often than any other members. I was granted custody of the People's Choice trophy, which pleases me very much.

Our main business of the evening was the approval of the new budget for the Spring Show. Everyone approved, so we're on our way! Orchid Magic will be happening at the Scottish Rite Event Center in Mission Valley on March 18 – 20, 2022. We expect to have all your favorite vendors there, plus lots of orchids on the plant tables and fabulous floor displays. One of my favorite features of the Spring Show is the table displays our members create. Anyone can do it. They are easy and fun. We will be talking more about these as we get nearer to the show, so start thinking creatively!

The Spring Orchid Show is our biggest show of the year, and we sell tickets to the public

to help finance it. They cost \$10 for one day or \$12 for the weekend. This show is an important fundraiser, and we also ask our members to help out by selling or giving away 5 tickets each, priced at only \$7 (\$35 for 5). In the coming weeks we will be mailing out tickets to you and we would appreciate your support by paying for your tickets and sharing them with your friends.

The January Orchids in the Park show is also coming up January 29/30. Use January to stake and groom your plants and bring them in. October was a wonderful show and January can be even better. We'll need volunteers to put on both of these events, so please plan to participate. Check the website under Volunteer to find both sign-up sheets. Remember, you earn a Volunteer Reward Ticket for every day that you work. In addition, everyone who helps at the Spring Show gets a free plant on the last day, courtesy of our vendors. Volunteers also get free admission and lunch on their work days.

Lots to look forward to! Stay well, nurture your orchids and I'll see you in January!



Cattleya brevipedunculata
Debby Halliday

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General Meeting, January 4th, in person at Balboa Park Room 101 and Simulcast on Zoom; 7:30 PM.

Brandon Tam: Growing Stanhopeas outdoors in Southern California
Text by David Vandenbroek, First VP

Our speaker for December will be Brandon Tam, from The Huntington in San Marino, CA. His talk will be on "Growing Stanhopeas outdoors in Southern California".

Brandon is the Orchid Collection Specialist at The Huntington Library, recently served a 3-year term as a Trustee of the American Orchid Society, and has spoken to SDCOS several times in the past. His years of experience overseeing and working with the Huntington's orchid collection, one of the largest collections in the United States, as well as his worldwide travels give him an excellent perspective on orchids to share with us.



Brandon Tam

Given uncertainty with the omicron variant, this presentation may be given in person or online through Zoom as health and safety information becomes available closer to the event. I'm looking forward to hearing from Brandon again, and hope you're able to join!



Oncidium unguiculatum

Culture Class, January 4th, in person at Balboa Park Room 101 and Simulcast on Zoom; 6:30 PM.

Peter Tobias: Mounting Orchids
Text by Ashley Grable, Second VP

Peter will be speaking on Tuesday at 6:30 about mounting orchids.

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Mtps. Bleuana 'Shawnee' AM/AOS
Debby Halliday

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

Text and photos by Phyllis Prestia

There were 6 orchids presented for judging.
Two were awarded.

[1] Unnamed hybrid (Pot. Circle of Angels x
C. Mem. Trudi Marsh) 'Arnie' AM/AOS
Exhibited by Arnold Gum
Awarded AM, 81 points

[2] Dendrobium Enobi 'Purple Splash'
CCE/AOS
Exhibited by Anita and Jerry Spencer
Awarded CCE, 94 points



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From the Membership Desk
Text by Bob Clark, Membership Chair

Please welcome these members who joined the Society in 2021:

Rich Geary, Patricia Stuart, Nora Weiss, Dr. Maki Goskowicz, Christopher Romero, Sherry Smith, Omid Mehdipour, Jair Siqueira & Miriam Giardini, Mel Willard, Leslie Stephens, Julie Bonsack, Betty Meredith, Lilli Morse, Nicole Larson, Ally Sands & Leticia Sands, Ray Conser, James Parker, Tracy Buchanan, Cristina Abell, Beth Hiseler, Elisabeth Freeman, Jan W. Anderson, Doreen Hidalgo, Cas Sermak, Sandy Watt, Kyle Goodman, Michael Ludwig, Cynthia Pieronek, Franco Bressanutt, Christina Buster, Bill Mous, Sue Knop & Dave Knop, Philip Lowrey, Hyein Ahn, Scott MacLean, Magdalena Rios, and Ruben Guerra & Maribel Guerra.

If your email address, phone, or mailing address change please send an email to membership@sdorchids.com or mail to the Society's post office box.

Have a Happy New Year,

Bob Clark
Membership Chair

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Orchids

San Diego County Orchid Society presents

January 29–30

Saturday Noon – 5 p.m.

Early bird sales start at 10 a.m.

Sunday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Balboa Park's
Casa del Prado, Room 101

Near the Natural History Museum

Free Admission

Show and Sale
in the Park



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Orchid Magic



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San Diego County Orchid Society Show and Sale

March 18-20, 2022

Friday 3-7 p.m.

Saturday 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

Sunday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Scottish Rite Event Center

1895 Camino Del Rio South

San Diego, California 92108

Latest event details at
sdorchids.com

Admission \$10

Weekend Pass \$12

Children under 12 Free

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How to stake up your blooms Text by Bruce Berg

One of my most frustrating things is to find a plant in bloom with the bloom not visible in the vertical position so that the flower can be seen head on. I think that our AOS judges will scratch plants for this flaw.

Staking up the plant: The solution is pretty simple, you must visit your plants often enough to observe the growth of new spikes, and stake them up. Many spikes can be carefully bent up while they are still growing. However, do not use a clamp that holds them

too tight to the stake. This may make the spike bend, turning the bloom.

Stakes and clips: Use a stake that will be approximately the length of the expected height of the blooms at full height. The stake can be saved for use in the future with the same plant. I keep mine in the pot after the plant is finished blooming, so that it can be used next year without worrying about spread of virus.

Here is an example of a plant clamped correctly.



Masdevallia decumana



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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

We hope you will join us in promoting this important work. We invite you to become a member of the OCA, to make a donation, to take a trip with us to see Orchids in the Wild®, and to purchase merchandise through our website. Since we have no paid staff, all proceeds support orchid conservation. The OCA is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation.

For more information: www.orchidconservationalliance.org

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Orchid Dates to Remember:

January 4th

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

January 4th

AOS San Diego Judging Center

First Tuesday of the month

Casa del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 104

January 5th

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

January 6th

SDCOS Board Meeting

First Thursday of the month, 7 PM

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

president@sdorchids.com

January 8th

SDCOS Species Group Meeting

Socialization 8:30 AM, meeting 9:00 AM

First Saturday of the month

secretary@sdorchids.com

January 29 – 30th

SDCOS Winter Show in the Park

See details on flier above or on [our site](#)

March 18 – 20th

SDCOS Spring Show: Orchid Magic

See details on flier above or on [our site](#)



Gongora gratulabunda



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First VP:	David Vandebroek
Second VP:	Ashley Grable
Secretary:	Jack Schaefer
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Director at Large:	Stewart Walton
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From the Editor:

Hello everyone, and Happy New Year!

I hope you all had a great and safe time celebrating the holidays this year. Here's hoping 2022 looks a bit less virus-y than the last two years...

Apologies for getting this out a bit later than usual – classic holiday crunch. But I'm excited to hear Brandon speak this week, and hope you are all able to either join in person or on Zoom!

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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