

**San Diego County Orchid
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Miltoniopsis Herr Alexander 'Floricultura'
Plant by Debby Halliday

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President's Message

Text by Debby Halliday, President

Thank you all for being so flexible with our late cancellation of the in-person part of our January meeting. It was very gratifying to see so many of you on Zoom. Brandon Tam gave a very interesting lecture on growing Stanhopeas and we even mustered up a decent photographic plant forum! For February, we are planning to have an in-person meeting including culture class. We will all need to wear masks and we ask that if you are unvaccinated, you please plan to attend by Zoom – just for now. As you have seen, the board decided to cancel the January Show in the Park, as it didn't feel like a good time to welcome the public at large, especially as the sales area can become quite crowded. As long as we are meeting in person, there will be AOS judging in room 104 starting at 6 PM.

Our planning for the Spring Show is moving along briskly. We are expecting to have



Slc. Aloha Jewel x Pot. Gold Medallions
Debby Halliday

about 17 vendors including conservation and a big member sales area. We have just posted the application for member exhibits on the website. These can be as small as 2x2 on a tabletop or as large as a 9x9 floor display and everything in between. We give ribbons and prizes, and the creativity on display is always great. You can even team up with a friend and create one together. It's fun to do and adds a lot to our show. You can still enter up to 7 plants from your display for individual competition so there's no down-side!

At the meeting we will have a lot of promotional materials for you to start spreading around your neighborhoods – new bookmarks (libraries will take these), beautiful postcards, and some lovely small posters to give to the local coffee shops. Our thanks to Carol Kerr for creating materials we can really be proud of! We will also have volunteer signup sheets at the meeting as well as on the website. If you only volunteer once this year, make it this show! It is really quite special and worth being part of. You also get rewarded with free admission, free lunch, and a gift orchid from our vendors at the end. Not to mention your volunteer rewards coupons for every day you help out.

Your Spring Show discounted pre-sale tickets are on their way to you. Please see Dave Hoffmaster's article on Page 6 for more details.

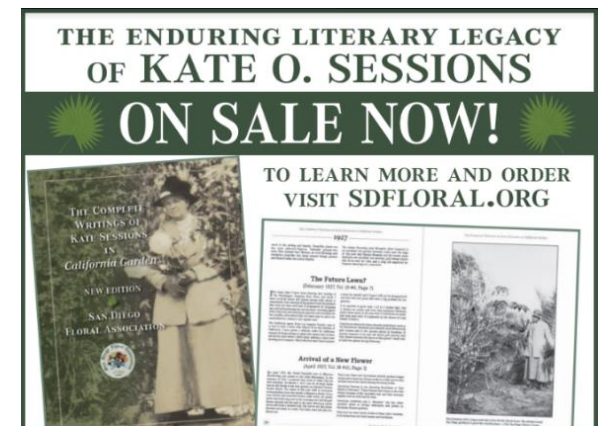
Please take especially good care of your plants so they will look their best in March! We have many tables to fill and loads of special awards you can win at this show

only. If you have any divisions or plants you are tired of, Conservation would love to sell them. Member sales is also available to everyone, so if you have plants you want to sell for your own account, contact Myra DeTate for pricing barcodes.

I'll see you on Feb 1. Happy Lunar New Year!



Angraecum Crestwood 'Tomorrow Star'
Debby Halliday



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General Meeting, February 1, in person at Balboa Park Room 101 and Simulcast on Zoom; 7:30 PM.

Norman Fang: *Phalaenopsis tetraspis*, Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow

We are pleased to welcome Norman Fang of Norman's Orchids to talk to us about *Phalaenopsis tetraspis*, a beautiful, hot growing phal. Norman's Orchids has long been a leading producer of *Phalaenopsis*, so he is the perfect person to tell us about the latest developments in these intriguing plants.

Even before 1988, when he received his degree in Ornamental Horticulture from California State Polytechnic University in Pomona, Norman Fang was immersed in orchids. While still a student, he managed the Raymond Burr Orchid Collection on campus. Two scholarships to study plant tissue culture also allowed him to study under Dr. Murashige at the University of California and Dr. Tanabe at the University of Hawaii.



In 1986, he started his nursery, Norman's Orchids, based in both California and Taiwan. His parents, brother, and sister soon joined him in the company as it grew, and he wisely was the first to secure the domain name of www.orchids.com. Exhibiting at shows across the US, he has received more than 400 American Orchid Society flower quality awards and 20 AOS Show Trophies. In addition, he was honored in 2005 with the Distinguished Alumni Award from the School of Agriculture at Cal Poly in Pomona.

As the second youngest judge to become fully accredited, Norman has traveled around the world to judge orchid shows, from Asia to South Africa, from Canada to South America. In 1996, with Paul Bechtel, he initiated AOS Judging at the Taiwan International Orchid Show and since then has served as the AOS Judging Coordinator for the show. He has also long served as the AOS Representative for the Taiwan Orchid Growers Association.

He is a former Vice President of the American Orchid Society and served as the Chair of their Development Committee. He is currently serving on their Public Relations Committee. In addition to these AOS

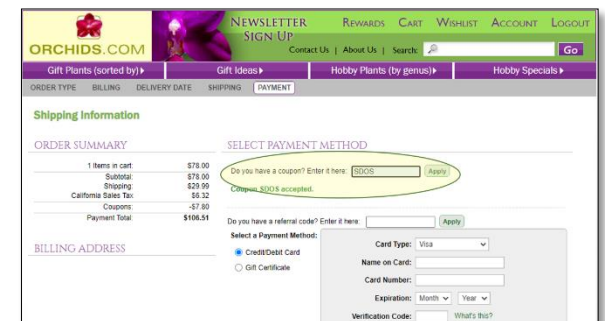
volunteer activities, he's a Founding Member and Regional Director of the International *Phalaenopsis* Alliance, currently celebrating its 25th year!

As an active member of several affiliated societies, Norman is a sought-after guest speaker for society meetings, shows, and conferences. He generously supports Judging Centers, societies and the AOS with financial, scholarship, and plant donations.

Norman has generously given our society a coupon code for 10% off orders of \$50 or more from his site. Enter the code: **SDOS** at checkout to claim the code. This code expires Feb 7th.

<https://www.orchids.com/Default.aspx>

Note: the code is entered after providing your address but before putting in payment information; Norman's Orchids asks you to make sure you apply the code at checkout as discounts can't be applied after you pay.



In addition, if users register with the site, they can start building 2% reward points starting 30 days after their first purchase.

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Culture Class, February 1, 6:30 PM
Peter Tobias: Mounting Orchids
Text by Ashley Grable, Second VP

Peter has been a member of the SDCOS since he moved to Southern California in 1980. He is a founding member of the society's Conservation Committee, established in 1991, for which he has also served as the chair. Peter is also the President of the Orchid Conservation Alliance (OCA), a non-profit organization he co-founded with friends in 2006 to protect orchid habitat. Peter received the prestigious Orchid Digest Medal of Honor for Meritorious Service to the Orchid World in 2018 for his efforts and those of the OCA to create protected reserves for orchids.

Peter's orchid hobby began with growing a white *Phalaenopsis* in Chicago in the early 1970s. After moving to Encinitas in 1980, his hobby really "bloomed." His collection – comprised primarily of species orchids – grows mostly outdoors. Peter is retired from his position as Associate Professor of Immunology at The Scripps Research Institute in La Jolla.



Orchid Magic

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San Diego County Orchid Society Show and Sale

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| 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 | Admission \$10 Weekend Pass \$12 Children under 12 Free Free Parking |
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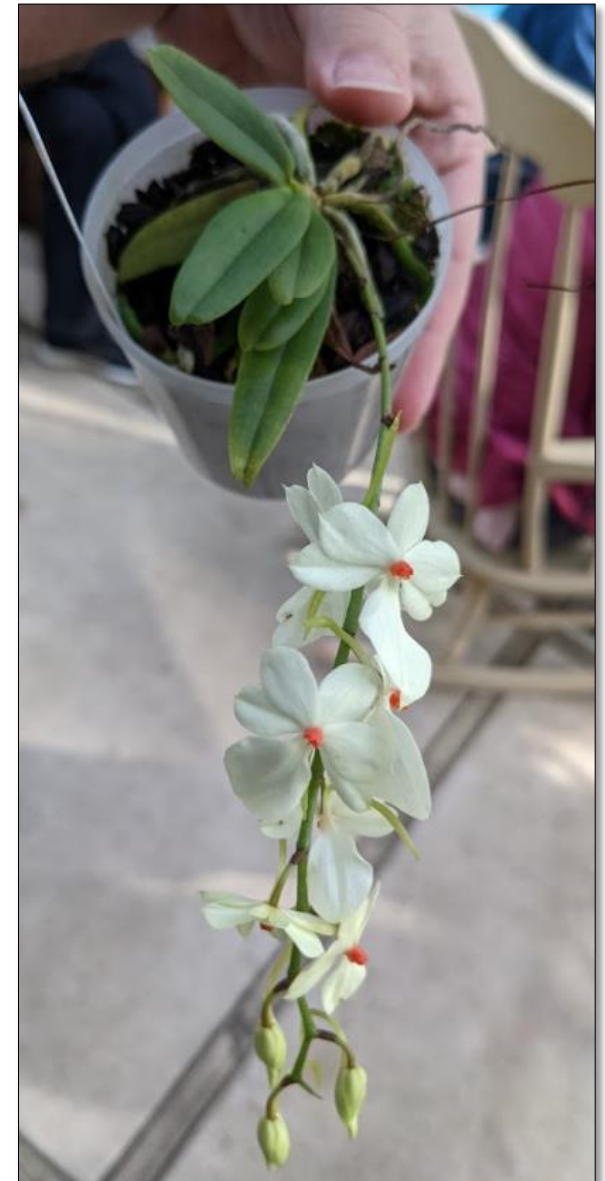
Latest event details at sdorchids.com



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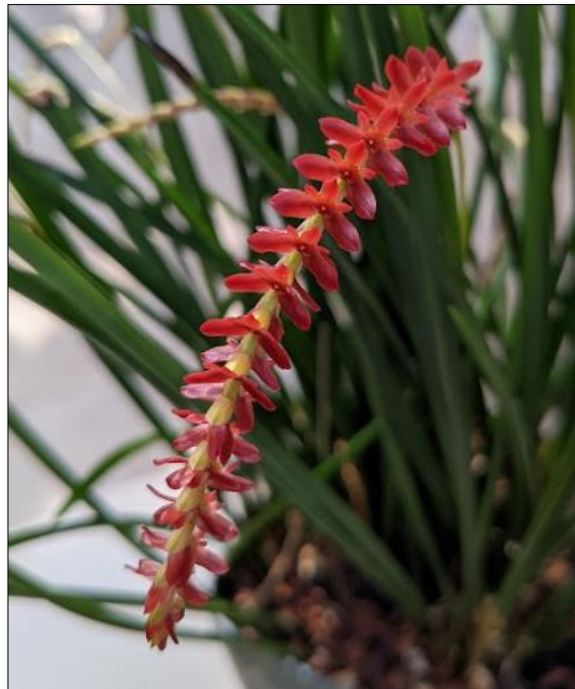
Text by Dave Hoffmaster

We are mailing Spring Show tickets to all members of the orchid society. This is an opportunity to save as these tickets sell for \$7 while tickets at the door will cost \$10. These are presale tickets and are being mailed only to society members. The show is our major fund-raising event and sales of these tickets are a major part of our revenue. Please make an effort to sell them or, if you prefer, pay for them and give them to your friends.

Another advantage with these tickets is that you can upgrade to a weekend pass good for all three days for an additional \$2. If you wish to take advantage of this feature, you will need to turn in the presale ticket at ticket desk during the show.

You are under no obligation to sell these tickets and may return them to the society at any time. Instructions are included with the tickets.

We are sending 5 tickets at this time and if you want more tickets, instructions are included in the mailing. You can pay for these by check at any time per the instructions or at our monthly meeting with either check, cash, or credit card.



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Orchid Dates to Remember:

February 1

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

February 1

AOS San Diego Judging Center

6 PM, first Tuesday of the month

Casa del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 104

February 2

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

February 3

SDCOS Board Meeting

First Thursday of the month, 7 PM

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

president@sdorchids.com

February 5

SDCOS Species Group Meeting

Socialization 8:30 AM, meeting 9:00 AM

First Saturday of the month

firstvp@sdorchids.com

March 18 – 22

SDCOS Spring Show

https://sdorchids.com/SpringShow_2022.html

Board and General Meeting Minutes

The SDCOS Board meeting minutes can be found at:

<http://sdorchids.com/Minutes.html>

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Dracula gigas (L), *D. trigonopetala* (R) *Dracula lemurella* (L), *Lepanthes escifera* (R)
Dracula Reserve, Ecuador 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.

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From the Editor:

Hello everyone,

I hope you all are keeping well. I was bummed to have to miss the January Show, but it's looking like we're planning to go ahead with the Spring Show, and I'm hopeful that will be a fantastic return for our society! We're actively looking for volunteers for that show, so if you're free and comfortable with participating, please sign up on our [volunteer's page](#) :)

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. 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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