



**San Diego County Orchid
Society Newsletter
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Chilochista sp.
Plant by J W Brooks

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President's Message

Text by Debby Halliday, President

Welcome May flowers! I will miss seeing everyone at the May meeting as I will be on a trip to the Netherlands. I need to visit the tulips! Since Pam Peters is joining me, the board has decided to postpone the usual May awards meeting until June. We will let you know whether it will include a banquet based on COVID conditions closer to the date.

We will also be electing officers and one board member in June. I am happy to note that the entire board is willing to stay if you still want us.

May 7 brings the start of the six week long Orchid World Show at the San Diego Botanic Garden. Ashley Grable will be handling registrations for the first week, as I won't be back until May 6. I am very grateful to have her help and am confident that all will go very smoothly. If you would like to participate at any point, just send me an email – president@sdorchids.com – and we will add you to the list and send you a registration form. There are fresh plants added every week, so you can decide to join the fun even after the show is underway. It is essentially six shows in one. In any case, do not miss seeing it. The Garden puts on a beautiful show and our plants never looked better!

The SDCOS is having a sales tent in conjunction with the show on May 13-15 and 27-29. These are great opportunities for member sales, and were very successful last year. If you have time to volunteer at some point, it will be much appreciated, as the

entire society benefits. Myra DeTate, treasurer@sdorchids.com – will be managing the member sales tent. The conservation committee will be looking for donations for their sale on May 20-22. If you have extra plants that need a new home, conservation will be happy to receive them. Contact Ron Kaufmann - rkaufmann@gmail.com - for details.

The San Diego County Fair also starts in June, Wednesday June 8 – July 4. It will again feature orchid shows. Go to sdfair.com under Flower Show for information and registration details. Deadline to register is May 20. There is a new show every week and judging for each show. Cash prizes for first, second, and third in each class.

Lots of opportunities for sharing our orchids! Have fun. See you in June!



Den. lindleyi
Debby Halliday



Den. pendulum and *Den. jenkinsii*
Debby Halliday



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General Meeting, May 3, in person at Balboa Park Room 101 and Simulcast on Zoom; 7:30 PM.

Carrie Buchman: Restrepia, the easy Pleurothallid

Text by David Vandebroek, First VP, and Carrie Buchman, speaker

We are pleased to have Carrie Buchman speaking to us this month from New Jersey about Restrepia: the easy Pleurothallid

Carrie Buchman been growing orchids for almost 40 years. She currently has over 300 orchids spanning the alphabet from Aerangis to Zygopetalum. She loves small, unusual and cute orchids. She grows in a converted sunroom, which is somewhere between a windowsill and a greenhouse, attached to her house with many going outside to enjoy the New Jersey summer. Her orchids have won ribbons in many shows including the prestigious Philadelphia Flower Show; and she has earned flower, cultural and botanical awards from the American Orchid Society.

Carrie is the president-emeritus and Show Chair for the North Jersey Orchid Society which is held annually at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, NJ, Co-chair of Orchids at the Philadelphia Flower Show, and an Associate Judge with the American Orchid Society's Northeast Judging Center.

Carrie is a native Pennsylvanian who grew up near Media and still has relatives in the Philadelphia area. She lives in Wyckoff, New Jersey with her husband, Tim, where proximity to New York City provides ample

opportunity to enjoy the theater and fine dining.

Carrie was graduated from Smith College with a double major in Physics and Math. She went on to earn a Master's Degree in Computer Science at Fairleigh Dickinson University. Much of her career was as a Software Quality Engineer in military, commercial and space aviation and, in the early days, anti-submarine warfare. She then moved to managing Quality Systems for Johnson & Johnson, from which she retired in 2012.

She is a frequent and popular speaker at Orchid Societies and Garden Clubs, and we're looking forward to hearing from her this month!



Cattleya intermedia var. *coerulea*
Stewart Walton

Culture Class, May 3, 6:30 PM
Ari Novy and Ashley Grable: SDBG's World of Orchids show

Text by David Vandebroek, First VP

Culture class this month will be presented by the President and CEO of the San Diego Botanic Garden, Ari Novy, PhD, and Ashley Grable, SDCOS Second VP. They will be speaking about SDCOS's participation in the upcoming SDBG *World of Orchids* show.

An extensive biography for Dr. Novy can be found here:

<https://sdbgarden.org/ari-novy-phd.htm>

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Proposed Slate of SDCOS Officers

Text by Pam Peters, Nominating Committee Member

The SDCOS Nominating Committee, comprised of Tom Biggart, Dave Hoffmaster, Betty Kelepecz, John Oswalt, and Pam Peters, is pleased to present the proposed slate for SDCOS Officers to serve the July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 term. They are:

Debby Halliday	President
David Vandebroek	1 st Vice President
Ashley Grable	2 nd Vice President
Myra DeTate	Treasurer
Jack Schaefer	Secretary
Stewart Walton	Director at Large: Term 7, 2022 – 6, 2025

Kay Klausung will continue to serve as Past President. Sima Perkins (term ends June 30 2023) and Carey McCoy (term ends June 30, 2024) will continue to serve their terms as Directors at Large.

Voting for each individual will be held at the SDCOS General Meeting on June 7, 2022 meeting. At that time, nominations from the floor will also be accepted if there are any. If there are other nominations, then a paper ballot will be used.

The new officers will be installed at the July 5, 2022 general meeting.

Respectfully yours,
Pam Peters
Nominating Committee Member



Ctt. Trick or Treat, the SDCOS 2022 Spring Show “Best of Show” winner
Grown by Anita and Jerry Spencer

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

Text and photos by Phyllis Prestia

There were 9 orchids presented for judging
Three awards were given.

[1] *C. intermedia* v. *orlata* f. *coerulea flamea*
'Arnie' HCC/AOS

Exhibited by Arnold Gum

Awarded HCC, 78 points

[2] Bullara Blue Ridge Sunset 'Arnie'
HCC/AOS

Exhibited by Arnold Gum

Awarded HCC, 76 points

[3] *Den. crepidatum* 'Sweet Thing' AM/AOS

Exhibited by Debbie Halliday

Awarded AM, 82 points



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Taking Care of Your Orchid after it Blooms

Text by Bruce Berg

After the flower has bloomed, with few exceptions, plants will not produce more flowers from the same pseudo bulb. This is the ideal time to do maintenance on the plant.

The object of maintaining your plant is to remove dead parts of the plant, including pseudo bulbs, dead roots; dead spikes; replacing old mix, and to repot or divide your plant. You also do not want to transmit plant virus from one plant to another. You must take care. Use disposable gloves. Keep your tools sharp and clean. Inspect your orchid, and if it looks like it may have a virus, test it. If it is infected, there is no way to cure the plant, toss it. I throw away the plastic pot also.

Smell the mix and if the plant looks good and the roots are not crawling out of the pot, you might just want to cut off dead flower spikes and let it go for another year. If the mix smells like a swamp, repot the plant.

Conventional wisdom tells us to wait to repot until you can see new green tips on the roots. This usually coincides with new growth. I repot once a year after the blooms drop.

First, remove the old flower stem. You can do this by using a sterilized pair of scissors or a razor blade, or other method that will remove the stem completely down to the pseudobulb. I remove the old wrinkly sheaths and inspect for scale or mealy bugs. If they are present, spray them with alcohol

and brush them away with an old soft toothbrush. Be sure to check both sides of the leaves.

Use sterilized tools. I recommend using either a solution of laboratory grade sterilant or Clorox. I also use a collection of scissors that I put back in a jar that has sterilant in it. Another option is to use flame used for soldering copper to sterilize the scissors by burning any virus that may be on the scissors. I prefer to use several pair of scissors so I can rotate using them. I use a pair of gardening shears for dividing large plant roots when I want to make a division.

Repot the plant. After washing out a pot for reuse, I clean it with a final rinse of a 1/4 strength Clorox solution. After using the potting mix to pot the plant, I add slow-release fertilizer (lawn fertilizer), and then I spray the newly repotted plants with “B 1” until liquid comes out of the bottom of the pot.

I have made a number of trades and gifts over time with members and, if they show me the plant, or a photo of their plant, we’ll talk about it! Remember this also when repotting and you have the chance to make a division.

If you see a plant at one of our meetings that you particularly like, you may ask the member to save a division for you when they next divide it and let them know what you have in trade. Use your best plants for trading. This is a good opportunity to introduce yourself to our members.

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Orchid Dates to Remember:

May 3rd
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

May 3rd
AOS San Diego Judging Center
First Tuesday of the month
Casa del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 104

May 4th
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

May 12th
SDCOS Board Meeting
Usually the first Thursday of the month, 7 PM; moved this month due to schedule conflicts
Zoom; for an SDCOS member to request a meeting invite, email president@sdorchids.com

May 7th
SDCOS Species Group Meeting
Socialization 8:30 AM, meeting 9:00 AM
First Saturday of the month
firstvp@sdorchids.com

May 7 - June 12
World of Orchids: San Diego Botanic Garden

May 11
Orchid Auction
By the San Gabriel Valley Orchid Hobbyists
Preview 6 PM, Begins 7 PM
Los Angeles Arboretum, Arcadia

June 11th – 12th
San Diego Bromeliad Society Plant Sale
10 AM – 4 PM
Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

June 8 – July 4
San Diego County Fair
Orchid Registration deadline: May 20

Board and General Meeting Minutes

The SDCOS Board meeting minutes can be found at:
<http://sdorchids.com/Minutes.html>



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Ovulabium gigas (L.), *O. frigidopetalae* (H) *Dracula inaequalis* (L.) *Leptochilus eschweyi* (H)
Dracula Reserve, Ecuador La Selva de Ventanas Reserve, Colombia

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For more information: www.orchidconservationalliance.org



Phalaenopsis I-Hsin Venus
Myra DeTate

2021-2022 SDCOS Officers

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First Vice President	David Vandebroek
Second Vice President	Ashley Grable
Secretary	Jack Schaefer
Treasurer	Myra DeTate
Director at Large, to 2022	Stewart Walton
Director at Large, to 2023	Sima Perkins
Director at Large, to 2024	Carey McCoy
Past President	Kay Klausning

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From the Editor:

Hi everyone,

Sorry for the late newsletters these past couple months! Between the new work finding speakers and a new job taking a lot more time I've been falling a bit behind. I've been working with Alex to coordinate some good, out of town in person speakers ideally starting in July (since our awards banquet is in June), so you should start looking 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**.

A special thanks to Bruce Berg, who, despite moving out of state, has still been regularly contributing articles for our Newsletter – it's these contributions from members that help add a bit of depth to the publication :) Additional thanks to Debby Halliday and Phyllis Prestia for consistently contributing great President's Message and Judging reports.

All the best,

David Vandebroek
SDCOS Newsletter Editor
SDCOS 1st VP

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