

**San Diego County Orchid
Society Newsletter
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Cynorkis gibbosa
David Vandebroek

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President's Message

Text by Debby Halliday, President

Greetings and happy July. I hope you took advantage of the potting workshop. We are in repotting season! Our June banquet was well-attended, with more than 40 members enjoying a delightful meal together. It was so nice to gather for a celebration after our years of meeting virtually. SDCOS provided delicious Asian entrees and members brought a tasty assortment of sides and desserts. Paul Tuskes presented the wonderful pictures he and Ann took at the



Sobralia macrantha
Debby Halliday

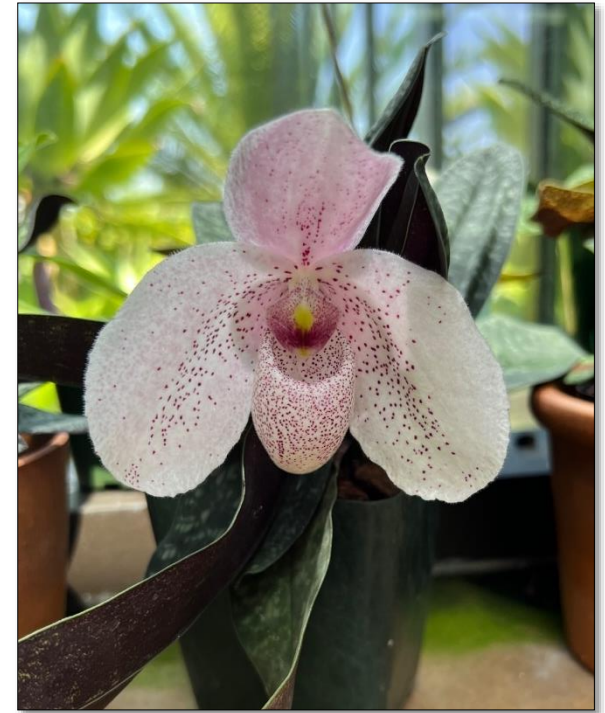
Spring Show. It was a treat to see our section winners and all the happy volunteers.

We also elected officers and directors for the coming year. Pam Peters presented the slate and it was approved by acclamation. Thank you for trusting me to be your President for another year. I can't believe it's already my third year. I love being your President!

The World of Orchids show at the San Diego Botanic Garden wrapped up while I was travelling, but fortunately Jack Schaefer and Ashley Grable made sure everyone got their plants back. Over the course of the show, 26 members of SDCOS or POS shared their plants to make this a very beautiful and memorable show. Thank you to everyone who participated.

There are still a few days left to visit the County Fair and see their orchid show. Then it will be all hands on deck for the Summer Orchids in the Park Show and Sale on July 30/31. The volunteer positions are up on the website. We hope you will plan to participate. Now is a good time to stake your buds and prepare to bring in your beauties. One of the great pleasures of orchid shows is surprising the public with the vast assortment of shapes, colors, and fragrances we grow in our collections. There will be ribbon judging, so come join the fun.

Installation of officers is in July, plus speakers and the plant forum. I look forward to seeing you there. Happy summer growing!



Paph. Vanda
Debby Halliday



Phalaenopsis Tying Shin Fly Eagle
'Wilson' HCC/AOS
Bruce Hubbard

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General Meeting, July 5th, in person at Balboa Park Room 101 and Simulcast on Zoom; 7:30 PM.

Scott McGregor: Searching for Blue

Text by David Vandebroek, First VP, and Scott McGregor

We are excited to have Scott McGregor back to speak with us, this time about the search for blue orchids.

Blue orchids have a mystique—exotic, rare and unobtainable. They are an object of



Cleisocentron gokusingii
Scott McGregor

desire for books, movies, perfumes and much more. This talk will explore the lore of blue orchids, delve into the biology of human color perception, expose many “blue orchids” as fakes, share a few that are actually blue, and talk about breeding possibilities with DNA modification for blue pigments.

Scott McGregor has been growing orchids since he was 12, when a neighbor gave him a plant. That plant had a short life, but the hook was set, and he found books and sources for orchid species while growing up in St. Louis. His collection has morphed over time, living in different locations around the world, but has always centered around the more unusual species. Scott grows all his plants outdoors, without a greenhouse, just “subtracting some sunlight and adding some water” to what nature provides in Southern California. He especially enjoys finding new species that grow well in our climate (many are far more adaptable than most people would believe), and now grows over 500 different orchid species, along with cloud forest companion plants such as *Heliophora* and epiphytic *Utricularia*. He rarely uses chemical insecticides or fungicides, preferring fresh air, beneficial insects, and our native tree frogs.

Scott retired from the corporate world a few years ago and stays active on corporate boards and working with non-profit groups that promote science education for kids. He resides with his family in San Juan Capistrano, California.

We are fortunate to have him coming to speak with us this month and I’m absolutely looking forward to it.



Thelymitra crinita x *Thelymitra nuda*
Scott McGregor

As we return to having in-person speakers, the society will also resume Speaker Dinners. You are invited to join us for dinner at the Prado Restaurant at 5:45 PM. Please send me an email by Friday, July 1, if you want to come by emailing FirstVP@sdorchids.com. As always, dinner is on you, but the conversation is free. This is a wonderful way to get to know our very interesting speakers on a more personal basis. Best wishes, and looking forward to seeing you next week!

Culture Class, July 5, 6:30 PM
Speaker: TBD

Culture class will be held at 6:30 PM as usual.



Dendrobium parvulum
Scott McGregor

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July Show in the Park

Text by Dave Hoffmaster, Show Chair

Mark your calendars. The next orchid show will be the weekend of **July 29 – 31** in Balboa Park so get ready as we have a lot to do. This event will be both a show and a sale so prep your orchids to display and make room on your bench for a new one.

The purpose of the show is to show the beauty of orchids to all the people that attend. If you have orchids in flower, please consider bringing them so we can show them off. We need to fill the room with blossoms and the more, the better. You may bring in your plants between 3 – 7 PM Friday evening or between 8 – 9 AM on Saturday morning. You will be able to pre-register your plants online as we did for the Spring Show or register them when you bring them in. The show will feature both ribbon and AOS judging so prep your orchids to show their best.

We request that any plant brought in for display be left at the show until closing which will be at 4:00 Sunday afternoon.

As always, we need help to pull off a show like this. It starts with a crew picking up all the materials we need from our locker and bringing them to Balboa Park. The show room then needs to be divided into display and sales areas with all the necessary lattice and tables. We are dependent on our members to set up the room, so if you are available, please consider working a shift. We have a range of jobs from setting up the room on Friday to taking it all down on Sunday. In between, there are lots of less

demanding jobs such as cashier and security that need people to work them. A complete list of the positions and the times we need can be seen on our web site, sdorchids.com. Just click on the volunteer tab on the left side of our home page and the list will appear. I should mention that you earn a Volunteer Reward Ticket for every day you volunteer, and that ticket can be your chance to win a plant at a raffle.

The sales area will feature a number of local growers and there will be quite a selection of plants available. We will also have a section for member sales so if you have an orchid you want to sell, this is your chance. Plants will need to be priced with bar codes and if you need them, you need to contact Myra DeTate at least 2 weeks in advance of the show to obtain them. Myra can be reached at treasurer@sdorchids.com.

Conservation will have a sales booth at the show so if you have plants to donate, bring them in Friday afternoon between 3 & 7 or Saturday morning before the show opens.

Thanks, and lets make this a great show together!

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**Judging at the San Diego Judging Center
(Casa del Prado, Balboa Park),
June 2022.**

Text and photos by Phyllis Prestia

There were 14 orchids presented for judging.
Three awards were given.

[1] *Paphiopedilum tigrinum* 'Cassandra'
AM/AOS

Exhibited by David Brown

Awarded AM, 81 points

[2] *Catyclia Louise Odom* 'Bravo Orchids'
AM/AOS

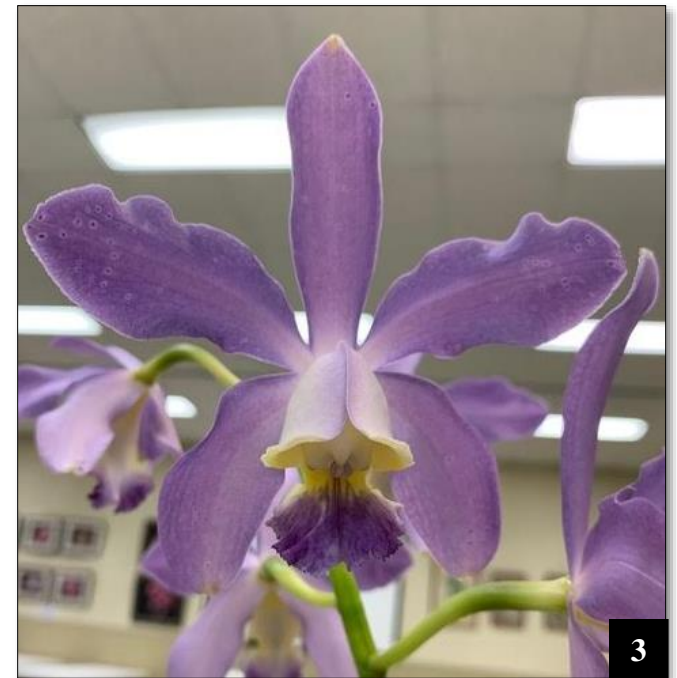
Exhibited by William (Bill) Tse

Awarded AM, 86 points

[3] *C. Dreaming of You* 'Cristina's
Moonstone' AM/AOS

Exhibited by Jose Carlos Lopez

Awarded AM, 81 points



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Species Group Auction for Conservation Text by David Vandebroek, First VP

This month the Species Group, a subset of SDCOS which meets to appreciate naturally occurring orchid species, held an auction to raise money for Conservation.

The auction, ran graciously by Ron Kaufmann, with Betty Kelepez and Pam Peters recording sales and collecting proceeds, raised \$1,192.

Plants were donated and purchased by Species Group members. Thanks to all who contributed plants!

For others willing to contribute plants to raise money for orchid conservation (through grants issued by the Society at the recommendation of the Conservation Committee), please consider bringing extra plants or divisions to our Summer Show in the Park for sale at the Conservation table.



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Rewards for SDCOS Speakers

Text by David Vandebroek, First VP

In the past, SDCOS members who gave presentations at our meetings did so *pro bono*. The Board decided that we should reward members for volunteering their time and energy to give talks, and since we've instituted a Volunteer Reward program, we opted to use that.

Now, each member who volunteers to present a culture class or general meeting presentation will be awarded two Volunteer Reward Coupons.

As noted previously, the society is now purchasing five additional plants for the Opportunity Table (raffle); members who have earned Volunteer Reward Coupons can enter any number of them in that month's drawings. Five tickets will be chosen every month.

We are always looking for more Culture Class speakers; if you have a topic you're interested in presenting, please reach out to Ashley Grable at:

SecondVP@sdorchids.com and let her know.

Election of 2022-2023 Board of Directors

Text by David Vandebroek, First VP

At the general meeting in June the society elected the 2022 – 2023 Board of Directors. I would like to thank the 2021 – 2022 Board for their service in the past year. The entire board agreed to stay on, and will continue to serve the society for the coming year.

In addition to any other volunteering the board members do, they meet on the first Thursday of every month at 7 PM to discuss the monthly meetings, shows, awards, finances, and everything else needed to keep the society running smoothly. Members are allowed to sit in on board meetings if they wish. Since we are on Zoom, please email President@sdorchids.com to request a link.

Next year there will be a need to fill a couple seats on the board. If you are interested in serving the society this way, please email President@sdorchids.com or FirstVP@sdorchids.com to ask about more information. The officers are elected to 1-year terms, and Directors at Large are elected for 3-year terms.

Thanks again to the nine society members who served last year and will serve again this year helping to make sure the society runs smoothly.

2021-2022 SDCOS Officers

President	Debby Halliday
First Vice President	David Vandebroek
Second Vice President	Ashley Grable
Secretary	Jack Schaefer
Treasurer	Myra DeTate
Director at Large, to 2022	Stewart Walton
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Past President	Kay Klausing

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Capanemia superflua
Scott McGregor

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Orchid Dates to Remember:

July 2
SDCOS Species Group Meeting
Socialization 8:30 AM, meeting 9:00 AM
First Saturday of the month
firstvp@sdorchids.com

July 5
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

July 5
AOS San Diego Judging Center
6 PM, first Tuesday of the month
Casa del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 104

July 6
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

July 7
SDCOS Board Meeting
First Thursday of the month, 7 PM
Zoom; for an SDCOS member to request a meeting invite, email president@sdorchids.com

July 30-31
SDCOS Summer Show in the Park
Details on Page 4

Board and General Meeting Minutes

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



Mystacidium aliciae
David Vandebroek



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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

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From the Editor:

Hi everyone,

Happy summer! I hope you and your plants are surviving the heat!

I admit, this NL felt a bit self-congratulatory: *Cynorkis gibbosa* is my favorite orchid and this year is the best it's ever bloomed for me, so I pretty much *had* to put that on the front page for you all to see too... and then an article thanking the Board that I'm on? Too much, David... But really, I see all the hard work the rest of the board members do behind the scenes for the society and I'm truly grateful that we have these people helping to make sure things are organized and run smoothly! Thanks team!

Of course, all the organization in the world won't help without people and plants to organize! Thanks are due as well to the other volunteers who help make our shows and meetings a success!

And speaking of volunteers... if anyone is willing to help out for the Summer Show, please [sign up online!](#) And don't forget: you'll get a shiny Volunteer Reward Coupon for every day you serve!

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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