

**San Diego County Orchid  
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*C. tenebrosa*  
Debby Halliday

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## President's Message

Text by Debby Halliday, President

Summer travel season is competing with growing season, but somehow we get the plants repotted and keep them looking beautiful. It is Sobralia, Dendrobium, Oncidium, and Cattleya time, plus all the other fabulous species who make their appearance in July and August.

Last month we had an outstanding lecture from our own Scott McGregor called "Searching for Blue". As you all know, true blue is a rarity in orchids. Scott gave an amusing and very informative talk about the facts and fantasies of blue orchids. Very enjoyable. For the culture class Stewart Walton shared some very useful thoughts and suggestions about preparing our collections for the inevitable time when we can no longer care for them. He emphasized curating and record keeping so that our plants can be managed and ultimately passed on successfully to new homes when it becomes necessary.

Thank you to both speakers! If you have a topic you'd like to share with the group, we'd love to hear from you. We are now rewarding our member-speakers with two volunteer coupons in appreciation of their efforts. One of the main reasons people join orchid societies is to learn more about growing from the other members. Please consider giving a talk or class.

We also installed the new board members at the July meeting. We thank you for your confidence in us and look forward to steering the club for the coming year.

The next big event is our Summer Show in the Park on July 30/31. I hope you'll bring in your plants and [sign up to volunteer](#). We expect lots of visitors on these lovely sunny days, so it should be a fun show. In July, we are open until 6 PM on Saturday and it usually stays busy until the end.

We will again be offering pre-registration for your plants. Watch your email for the registration form. Just fill it out in Word, attach it to email and send it back to me. We

will have name stickers waiting for you when you arrive on Friday afternoon/evening or Saturday morning. Pre-registration saves you time, makes the names easily readable for our visitors, and allows us to lay out the display area efficiently. (We also accept late entries, so if it's in bloom, bring it in!)

It takes a lot of orchids to make a good show. Don't be shy. We need your flowers! People take pictures, they marvel, they sniff, and you can win ribbons. I hope you'll join the fun.



*Stanhopea tigrina*  
Rachael Burns

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**General Meeting, August 2, in person at Balboa Park Room 101 and Simulcast on Zoom; 7:30 PM.**

**Jose Carlos Lopez: The Four Seasons of Cattleyas**

**Text by David Vandebroek, First VP, and Jose Carlos Lopez, speaker.**

This month we're excited to have a new local speaker talk to us in person in Balboa Park; Jose Carlos Lopez will be presenting one of his talks, The Four Seasons of Cattleyas, as well as providing plants for the opportunity table.

Jose Carlos Lopez is a Business student at Mira Costa College who has been cultivating orchids for over seven years. His orchid venture began at the age of 13 years old when he started to follow his father to work at Sunset Valley Orchids. Before he knew it, he was volunteering at the nursery and was helping clean orchid flasks, re-potting orchids, and doing small tasks. Carlos eventually began to become more involved in the nursery's operations and maintenance and started to take part in attending orchid shows. He is currently the manager of Sunset Valley Orchids and has



years of experience with Cattleya, Catasetum, Australian Dendrobiums, and Sarcocylus. Jose Carlos Lopez is currently training to become an American Orchid Society Judge and works with Orchid Digest as well.

This presentation will include information on caring for Cattleyas throughout the year and will include cultural cues for species and hybrids that root at different times. We will explore the species that bloom in each season, discussing their different varieties and important cultural requirements. From the large flowered unifoliate species to the fragrant and colossal bifoliate Cattleyas, this talk will also showcase a few hybrids too.

**Culture Class, August 2, 6:30 PM  
Speaker: TBD**

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

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## July Show in the Park (Reprint)

Text by Dave Hoffmaster, Show Chair

The next orchid show will be **THIS WEEKEND, 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 Friday afternoon between 3 and 7 or between 8 and 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](http://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.

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 let's make this a great show together!



*Mystacidium* sp.  
Philip Lowrey



Plants ready for judging at the SDCOS October 2021 Show

# Orchids

## July 30–31

Saturday Noon – 6 p.m.  
*Early bird sales start at 10 a.m.*

Sunday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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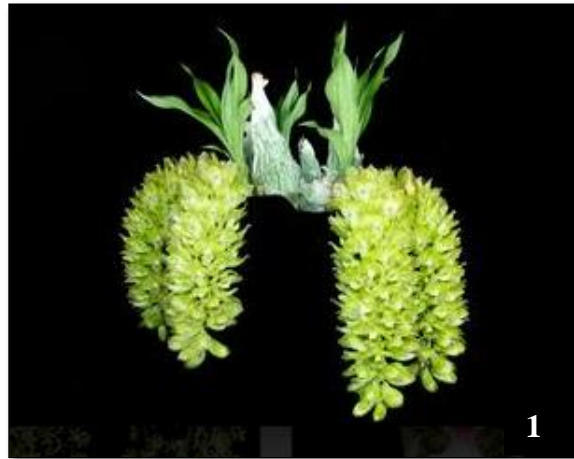
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## Judging at the San Diego Judging Center (Casa del Prado, Balboa Park), July 2022.

Text by Phyllis Prestia; photos by Arnie Gum

There were 22 orchids presented for judging.  
Five awards were given.

[1] *Clowesia thylaciochila* 'Edith' CHM/AOS  
Exhibited by David Brown  
Awarded AM, 82 points



[2] *Encyclia Ruffy Profuse* 'Myakka River'  
AM/AOS  
Exhibited by George Pflaum  
Awarded AM, 82 points



[3] *Paphiopedilum Carolyn Buther* 'Sunset  
Valley Orchids II' HCC/AOS  
Exhibited by Fred Clarke  
Awarded HCC, 77 points



[4] *Papilionanda Naoki Kawamura* 'Earnest'  
HCC/AOS  
Exhibited by Jack Li  
Awarded HCC, 77 points




[5] *Galeottia burkei* 'Sunset Valley Orchids'  
AM/AOS  
Exhibited by Fred Clarke  
Awarded AM, 84 points



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### Fūkiran Society of America Show

Text by David Vandebroek, First VP

The [Fūkiran Society of America](#) held its 12th Annual Exhibition and Judging this month.

*Neofinetia falcata* (now *Vanda falcata*) has been collected and appreciated in Japan for centuries. There, these orchids are primarily collected and displayed for characteristics other than flowers, including leaf shape, leaf texture, leaf variegation, root tip color, and the shape of the ridge where the leaf joins the main plant. During judging, the quality of the pot and the moss ball the plants are potted in are also heavily evaluated.

At this event, Jason Fischer, Satomi Kasahara Davis of [Seed Engei](#), and Satomi's father Mr. Kasahara, who flew in from Japan, served as judges for plants brought from across the United States. They also took time to provide feedback on plant culture to all who asked. Five winners were chosen, including our very own Phyllis Prestia!

This event also included speakers on everything from newly recognized varieties, to potting techniques, to how to make Fūkiran pots, and more.

The event was hosted by [Cal-Orchid](#), in Santa Barbara, directly across from the [Santa Barbara Orchid Estate](#), during their annual Summer Hummer event. The three exhibitions, open houses, and sales make for a great excuse for a weekend trip to Santa Barbara – or a very long day trip for this author... :)



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## Orchid Dates to Remember:

July 30-31

**SDCOS Summer Show in the Park**

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August 2nd

**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](mailto:president@sdorchids.com)

August 2nd

**AOS San Diego Judging Center**

6 PM, first Tuesday of the month

Casa del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 104

August 3rd

**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

August 4th

**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)

August 6th

**SDCOS Species Group Meeting**

Socialization 8:30 AM, meeting 9:00 AM

First Saturday of the month

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September 23-25

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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're all keeping well and ready for our summer show this weekend! If you haven't signed up yet, we're always looking for people to help out – it takes our members to put on these shows, so please consider taking a shift if you have time. As always, you can [sign up on our website in the volunteers section](#).

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,

David Vandebroek  
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