

**San Diego County Orchid
Society Newsletter
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Cattleya dolosa

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President's Message

Text by Debby Halliday, President

Happy Fall! We're about to head into the season of shorter days and longer nights. Ashley Grable gave an excellent presentation on the changes and challenges of this season for our September culture class. As she noted, there are still a few cattleyas popping out new roots that will tolerate repotting now. Otherwise, it's mainly time to pause and enjoy the flowers that bloom in the Autumn.

Our October Show in the Park is coming up at the end of the month – October 29 & 30. Start grooming your plants and staking your new flower spikes. It will be here before we know it. We'll be looking for volunteers at our October meeting. We hope you can spend a few hours helping at the show and enjoying the beauty on display.

Speaking of orchid shows, we had a very enjoyable review of the San Diego Botanic

Garden World of Orchids shows from Rene Van Rems. He is the designer who makes these shows look so amazing. It was really fun to see how he puts it all together. Of course, it is the flowers from our members that make this show so special. If you would like to be part of it next year, the dates are March 6 – April 14 (5 weeks plus set-up & teardown). Come join the fun. You can participate as much or as little as you like. Don't worry, you'll hear more about the show as we get closer.

Your Spring Show Committee is already working hard on the 2023 Spring Show. For a full update, see my article on page 6 of this newsletter. We're working hard to pull it together.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting October 4. It is gratifying to greet more and more of you in person. Please bring whatever is in bloom for the plant forum. We all get a kick out of looking at each other's orchids. It doesn't have to be perfect, and you are good enough to show off your flowers too! This is one of my favorite parts of the meeting and more is always better. Keep on growing!

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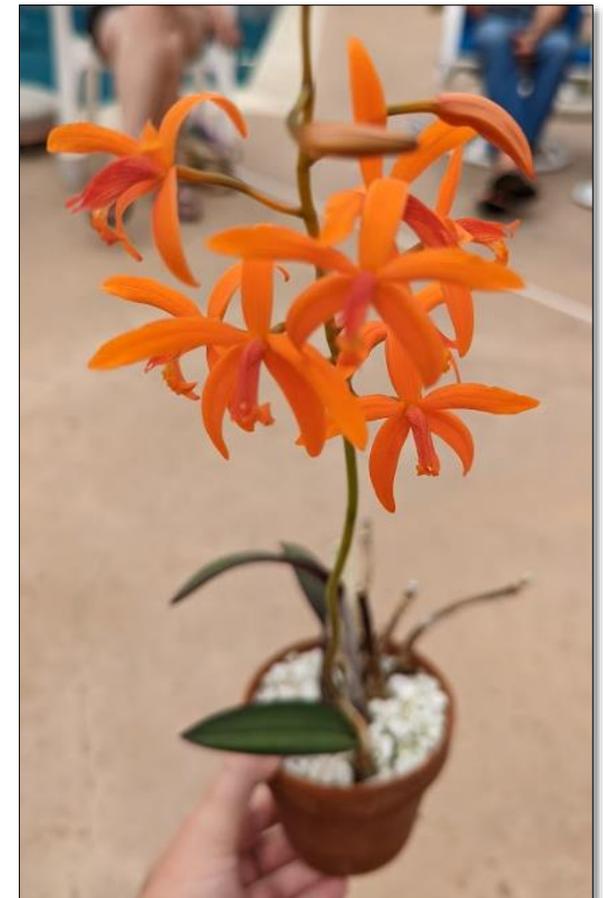
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Debby Halliday



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

Russ Vernon: Miltoniopsis Judging and Their Culture

Text by Russ Vernon, with remarks by David Vandebroek, First VP

This month we are excited to welcome Russ Vernon, a founder of New Vision Orchids and an AOS trustee, to speak to us about one of his specialties: Miltoniopsis.

Russ grew up in Cleveland, Ohio. Early on he had an interest in plants, helping in the yard and growing cacti purchased with his allowance. His parents and grandparents were all interested in various aspects of horticulture.

When Russ was 12 years old, his uncle arrived with six orchids saying, "If you can grow those darned cacti, you ought to be able to grow these." And a career was launched.



Russ is a graduate of Ohio State University majoring in horticulture/floriculture. He has worked for Orchid by Hausermann, A&P Orchids, Ball State University's Wheeler Orchid Collection and Species Bank, and Jim Davis, the creator of Garfield the Cat.

In 2004, Russ and his wife Anita started New Vision Orchids. The company specializes in Phalaenopsis, Odontoglossums and their intergenerics, Miltoniopsis, Cattleyas, and Lycastes. The biggest area of focus is hybridizing, wholesale and retail sales. Russ also lectures to various orchid societies across the country and conducts workshops on orchid culture.

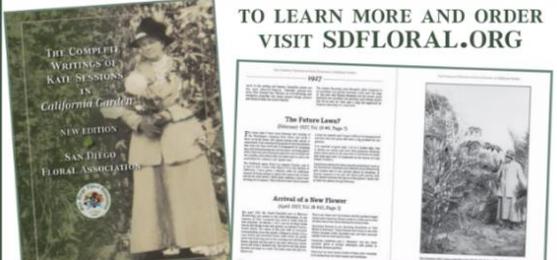
Russ has been a judge of the American Orchid Society for more than 37 years and is Past President of the International Phalaenopsis Alliance, and Past President of the Mid-America Orchid Congress and serves on their Conservation Committee. He and Anita have two daughters.

For this meeting, Russ will be speaking to us remotely from Indiana.

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Culture Class, October 4, 6:30 PM
Debby Halliday: Tips & Tricks for Easier Orchid Growing

Text by Debby Halliday, President

It will be fun to give a culture talk again. It feels like ages since I gave one here at home. I have a Power Point presentation full of some tips about how I like to grow orchids. It is a broad-based talk that includes the techniques, supplies and equipment that I like best. Every orchid grower does things a bit differently. This talk is about how I do it. I hope you enjoy it and come away with a few useful tips.



Orchids

San Diego County Orchid Society presents

October 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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Fall Show in the Park

Text by Dave Hoffmaster, Show Chair

We have a show coming up the weekend of October 29 & 30 in Balboa Park, so mark your calendar and start prepping your plants. To make the show a success, we need to fill the room with flowers so please bring in your plants to display. You may bring in your plants Friday afternoon or early Saturday morning. Plant registration is from 3:00 – 7:00 Friday or between 8:00 and 9:00 Saturday morning. We will offer both ribbon and AOS judging. Ribbon judging will start at 10:00 Saturday while AOS judging will take place Sunday morning due to a scheduling conflict. If you wish to participate in ribbon judging, please contact Pam Peters and let her know. Working as part of a judging team is a good way to learn about orchids and meet others from the society

As always, we need people to volunteer to help for the show to be a success. Work starts on Friday with set up and continues until we pack it all up Sunday afternoon. If you have time and can work a shift or two, please check our website, sdorchids.com, and click on the volunteer tab. It will give you the list of positions along with the days and shifts available. As a reward for your work, you will receive a volunteer reward ticket for every day you volunteer. These tickets can be used at the plant opportunity table for a chance to win a plant at our monthly meetings, so please sign up to help.

There will be orchids for sale just to tempt you. There will be a number of local vendors selling all kinds of orchids along with conservation and members. If you have plants you wish to donate to conservation, bring them in Friday afternoon or early Saturday so conservation can price them before the show opens. If you have plants you wish to sell yourself, we will have a table for member sales. Just remember, if you wish to sell your plants, they must be properly tagged and priced with a bar code so the cashiers can ring them up. If you need bar codes, please contact Myra DeTate (treasurer@sdorchids.com) at least 2 weeks prior to the show with your request. Good news for sellers – SDCOS commission has been lowered to only 15%!

We look forward to the show and hope to see you there. It is the last weekend before Halloween and there will be plenty of activity at the park with ghosts and goblins in addition to orchids.



Pictures from a previous show

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**Judging at the San Diego Judging Center
(Casa del Prado, Balboa Park),
September 2022, 6 PM.**

Text and photos by Phyllis Prestia

There were 8 orchids presented for judging.
Three were awarded. Remember, judging
starts promptly at 6, so please have your
plants in before then.

[1] *Bulb. claptonense* 'D&B' AM/AOS

Exhibited by Betty Kelepecz

Awarded AM, 86 points

[2] *C. pumila* f. *coerulea* 'Zach' HCC/AOS

Exhibited by William (Bill) Loy

Awarded HCC, 77 points

[3] *Papilionanda* James Craig Adamson
'Shining Man' AM/AOS

Exhibited by Jack Li

Awarded AM, 85 points



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Spring Show Committee Report

Text by Debby Halliday, President

Your Spring Show committee has already met several times to work out the details for the 2023 spring show. We would like to update you on our planning. The big change is that we will not be in the Scottish Rite Event Center. Their pricing has gone up dramatically to where it no longer makes sense to hold our show there. Fortunately, we were able to secure space in Balboa Park, so we are creating a brand-new show experience for 2023.

Date: April 21-23 (Set up on April 20)

Theme: Orchids of the Earth

Location: Balboa Park

- Room 101 for displays and ribbon judging
- Room 104 for catering and AOS judging
- Patio A for Orchid Classes and some sales
- Patio B for Vendor and Member Sales plus the Plant Hotel

Admission: Free - No member ticket sales!

Vendor/member sales: Charge 15% of gross sales. No charge for booth space. All sales handled by SDCOS cashiers.

We will be putting up tents on the patios and providing tables and security for vendors and member sales. We will likely need to rent some extra tables for the patios. We plan to purchase tents as they are not expensive and can be used again. We will provide lunch each day for our volunteers and vendors.

We are working now on the design for posters and postcards to promote the show. There will be artwork coming soon. The

program will be on-line this year instead of printed, but we will provide a handout with a show map and club information.

We are happy to report that the AOS is holding their Spring Members Meeting in San Diego during our show, so the visiting AOS judges will be joining us for AOS judging on Friday morning before the show opens. We are pleased the delegates will be able to enjoy our show throughout the weekend as well.

This is Earth Day weekend. However, we have just learned that the EarthFair in the park will not be held in 2023. An orchid show is still a great way to celebrate Earth Day and we will be emphasizing that in our promotion. It should make the park less crazy on the Sunday of Earth Day than it was last year, so that's probably a good thing.

We plan to have displays as well as plant tables in room 101. SDCOS will put in a nice display, and we will make sure there is room for members to do table displays. The AOS display award no longer has a size limit and the Cymbidium Society Award is no longer being given. This means that Vendor, Club, and Member displays can and will be significantly smaller and much easier to build. We are still working on our layout for that room and the patios and will share them with you when we have them finalized.

We're looking forward to an exciting 2023 Spring Show. We hope you'll be part of it!



Laelia gracilis
Tom Biggart



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Debby Halliday

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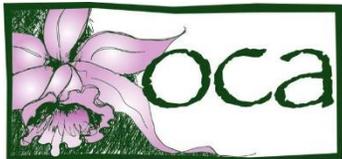
Thank you from the OCA

I wanted to say a special thank you to the San Diego County Orchid Society for their recent donation to the Orchid Conservation Alliance. With the help of the SDCOS, as well as many other orchid societies and individuals, we are very close to our fund raising goals for the Dracula Reserve. We hope to be moving forward very soon to complete the purchase of the lot that the OCA committed to raise funds for.

Thank you to you and all of the members of the SDCOS for your continued support!

Sincerely,

Mary Gerritsen, Ph.D.
Chief Financial Officer



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Orchid Dates to Remember:

October 1st
SDCOS Species Group Meeting
Socialization 8:30 AM, meeting 9:00 AM
First Saturday of the month
firstvp@sdorchids.com

October 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

October 4th
AOS San Diego Judging Center
6 PM, first Tuesday of the month
Please have plants registered before 6 PM
Casa del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 104

October 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

October 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

October 29-30
SDCOS October Show in the Park
Saturday: noon – 5 PM
Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM
Casa del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

Board and General Meeting Minutes

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



Orchid Conservation Alliance

Conserving Orchids by Conserving Orchid Habitat

The OCA conserves orchids by funding habitat preservation. Since inception in 2005 we have helped with the purchase of over 3000 acres of orchid habitat, protecting hundreds of orchid species in Brazil, Ecuador and Colombia. Many species of rare birds, trees, frogs, mammals also find refuge in these reserves.



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.

For more information: www.orchidconservationalliance.org

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From the Editor:

Hello everyone,

I hope you all are keeping well. Fall is already upon us! Where did the summer go... But, in addition to all the pumpkin spice and (*hopefully*) cooler weather, we have our October show! As usual, this will be the last weekend in October. If you have a few free hours, the society always needs volunteers to help put on the show. As always, our [volunteer sign up page](#) will tell you what positions and shifts we're looking for (... it's all of them ...)

I hope you've managed to keep your plants happy through all this heat, and good luck helping them transition to the cooler weather.

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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