



**San Diego County Orchid
Society Newsletter
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Den. victoriae-reginae 'Marci' CCM/AOS
Dave Rimlinger
Photo by Paul Tuskes

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President's Message

Text by Debby Halliday, President

Happy Holidays! Our next meeting is the December Holiday Dinner. Start time 6:00 PM. We'll have socializing, dinner, plant exchange, a presentation of the AOS winners by Arthur Pinkers, and orchid presents for everyone. SDCOS will provide beverages and a tasty entrée. The [signup sheet](#) is up on the website for your contribution of appetizer, side, salad, or dessert. David has sent out a form for you to indicate where you would like your orchid present to come from. The plant exchange is always fun, so if you have an orchid you'd like to swap, dress it up and bring it in. Remember, when your plant gets chosen, you go next!

I was very sorry to miss the November meeting. Thank you to David and Ashley for



R/c. Lai's Phoenix Angel
Debby Halliday

stepping in and keeping everything moving. I hear Peter Lin gave an interesting talk and provided nice plants for the opportunity table. It sounds like Ashley shared some very useful information in her culture class as well.

We had an excellent October Show in the Park. Our gross sales were the highest ever for a park show and conservation also did very well. It was a good fund raiser for SDCOS. Congratulations to Myra and the cashier team. With five stations running there was never a line, even at the busiest time. We had an excellent assortment of plants for sale. I hope something caught your eye!

The plants on display were beautiful and varied. I love that our species section just keeps getting bigger. As always, our guests were amazed and captivated by the glory of orchids. Thank you to everyone who brought their plants. See the awards article for details on the winning orchids. Congratulations to our winners!

Pam and Jerry made sure registration and judging went without a hitch. It really helps when you pre-register your plants. Please keep up the good work! We had enough volunteer judges for three teams and finished right on time. We offered classes both days on the patio and they were very well attended. A big thank you to our instructor volunteers. You do a wonderful job.

To all of you who volunteered - setting up, taking down, trucking to the storage and back, plant hotel, security, handing out ballots, bringing food, and, and, and... - you make our shows possible and together we

bring a lot of pleasure to our corner of the park. Thank you one and all!

I hope to see many of you at the December Party. We have had a good year of getting back together. May you have a warm and joyful holiday season!



Phragmipedium schlimii
Debby Halliday

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General Meeting, December 6th, in person at Balboa Park Room 101;
Appetizers: 6 PM
Zoom / Business Meeting / Awards: 7 PM
SDCOS Annual Holiday Banquet
Text by David Vandenbroek, First VP

It's that time of year! Our next meeting will be the annual SDCOS Holiday Party!

For those that don't know, every year in December we gather to celebrate the previous year with a potluck dinner, awards review, orchid exchange, and gift plant giveaway. We invite all our members to join us for this event in our usual meeting room, Casa del Prado, Room 101, starting at **6 PM**. The business portion of the meeting, including the Zoom portion and Arthur's presentation, will start at 7 PM.

Please note, we start this meeting a bit early with appetizers and plan to move to the main course around 6:30.

For the **potluck dinner**, SDCOS will be providing the main course of Honeybaked ham and turkey, as well as a selection of nonalcoholic drinks. Plates, silverware, and cups will also be provided. Members are asked to bring something to share with the group. Please briefly [sign up here](#), if you can, so we can try to get a balance of appetizers, sides, salads, and desserts. While SDCOS will not provide alcohol, members may bring something if they like. Additionally, members are encouraged to bring a decorative plant to serve as a table centerpiece; there will not be a plant forum this month.

We will also be having our annual **plant exchange**. To participate, members bring an orchid to contribute to the exchange table. Someone is selected to go first, and that person picks a plant to take home from the exchange table. Whoever's plant was chosen gets to pick a plant to take home next. This cycle continues until all the plants are chosen. Because of this selection order, the best looking plants usually go first, so try to bring something nice, and maybe dress it up a bit! :)

Last, a note on AOS judging: we plan to have judging this meeting at the new judging time: 6:30 PM. Registration starts at 6 and judging starts promptly at 6:30. The earlier people bring their plants, the easier a time the Judging team has, so please consider bringing plants nearer the start of the judging period, rather than at the end.

Looking forward to seeing you for this event!

People Who Entered Plants in the October Show
Text by Pam Peters

The following 25 people brought in a total of 122 plants for judging at the October show: Felisa Acantilado, Tom Biggart, David Brown, Rachel Burns, Myra DeTate, Natalia Gaidarenko, Debby Halliday, Lisa Humphreys, Betty Kelepecz, Carol Kerr, Bruce Kidd, Kay Klausing, Ben Machado, Carey McCoy, Alex Nadzan, Tom Osborn, Nicole Pejsa, Sima Perkins, Pam Peters, George Pflaum, Dave Rimlinger, Jack Schaefer, Anita and Jerry Spencer, Stewart Walton.



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SDCOS October Show in the Park Award Winners

Congrats to all our recent show winners!
Thanks so much for contributing beautiful plants and making our quarterly shows possible.

Jerry & Anita Spencer: Best in Show & Forrest Robinson Cultural Award

Kay Klausing: Siv Garrod Most Unusual Species Award

Debby Halliday: People's Choice Award



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Oct. 30, 2022 Show in the Park			
Sec	Award	Orchid	Winner
	Best of Show: James & Lise Wright Award	<i>Dendrobium</i> Enobi Purple 'Splash'	Anita & Jerry Spencer
	Forrest Robinson Cultural Award	<i>Dendrobium</i> Enobi Purple 'Splash'	Anita & Jerry Spencer
	Siv Garrod Most Unusual Species Award	<i>Microcoelia exilis</i>	Kay Klausing
	People's Choice Award	<i>Dendrobium</i> Samurai	Debby Halliday
1	Cymbidium Standard Hybrid	no entries	
2	Cymbidium Hybrid Miniature	<i>Cymbidium</i> Meglee	Lisa Humphreys
3	Cymbidium Hybrid Pendulous	no entries	
4	Cattleya Alliance Standard	<i>Cattleya</i> Laurie Lynn Westenburger 'Rainbow Valley' CCM/AOS	Anita & Jerry Spencer
5	Cattleya Alliance Compact	<i>Potinara</i> Star Fire 'Xmas Red' x <i>Potinara</i> Rubescent Magic 'SVO'	George Pflaum
6	Cattleya Alliance Miniature	<i>Slc.</i> Samantha Duncan x <i>Sophronitis coccinea</i>	Tom Biggart
7	Paphiopedilum Hybrid	<i>Paph.</i> Nancy Depauw	George Pflaum
8	Phragmipedium Hybrid	<i>Phrag.</i> Cardinale 'Wilcox'	Debby Halliday
9	Oncidium Alliance Hybrid	<i>Miltoniopsis</i> Bleuana 'Shawnee' AM/AOS	Debby Halliday
10	Dendrobium Hybrids	<i>Dendrobium</i> Samurai	Debby Halliday
11	Vandaceous Alliance	<i>Neostylis</i> Lou Sneary 'Blue Bird'	Alex Nadzan
12	Hybrids of Other Genera	<i>Epidendrum</i> Little Miss Sunshine	Stewart Walton
13	Phalaenopsis Alliance	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Liu's Cute Angels	Debby Halliday
14	Specimen Plants	<i>Dendrobium</i> Enobi Purple 'Splash'	Anita & Jerry Spencer
15A	Species over 6" tall A - S	<i>Dendrobium victoriae-reginae</i> 'Marci' AM/AOS, CCM/AOS	Dave Rimlinger
15B	Species over 6" tall T - II	<i>Maxillaria lineolata</i> 'Marci' AM/AOS, CCM/AOS	Dave Rimlinger
16A	Species under 6" tall A - S	<i>Dendrobium laevifolium</i>	Debby Halliday
16B	Species under 6" tall T - II	<i>Gomesa (Sigmatostalix) radicans</i> 'HMO Petite Prince'	Alex Nadzan
17	Small Displays	no entries	

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People's Choice

Text by Debby Halliday, President

The People's Choice Award voting again served its purpose and gave me some fun statistics to share with you. First and foremost – our visitors take their voting very seriously. It makes them slow down and really look at the plants. Exposing people to orchids is the main reason we do this show, so it's a win for everyone.

Our ballot crew did a phenomenal job of getting people to vote. 868 people voted this time. That is the most ever! Thank goodness I had some help in counting the ballots. Here is how the results broke down.

The winner with 88 votes was my own *Dendrobium Samurai*. They couldn't resist the horns!

The top five were:

Plant	Exhibitor	Votes
<i>Dendrobium Samurai</i>	Debby Halliday	88
<i>Dendrobium Enobi Purple 'Splash'</i>	Anita & Jerry Spencer	59
<i>Oncidium Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance'</i>	Betty Kelepecz	54
Blc. Sharon Forsythe 'Orange Red'	Alex Nadzan	43
<i>Dendrobium Woon Leng</i>	Anita & Jerry Spencer	43

There were 89 different plants from 22 growers that received at least one vote.

Section	Votes	# Plants	% of votes
Cattleya	226	25	26%
Species	212	39	24%
Dendrobiums	211	7	24%
Oncidium	89	5	10%
Phals, Paphs, and Other	130	13	15%

Dendrobiums got the highest number of votes per plant.

People chose 39 different species! That's very satisfying. Clearly our visitors are enjoying the great variety that is a hallmark of orchids.

We also learned how people heard about our show.

Signs in the Park While Walking By	58%
Previous Orchid Show or Bookmark	15%
Friend or Relative	10%
Facebook & Online Calendars	9%
All Other	7%

I'd like to give a shout-out to Carol Kerr and Carol Kerr Graphic Design for our beautiful and very effective banners and signs. Carol donates her design services to the club, and we appreciate it so much.

Getting feedback is fun and voting enhances the experience of the show for our visitors. It's also nice to have your plant chosen as someone's favorite. Congratulations!



Dendrobium Samurai
People's Choice Award Winner
Debby Halliday

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Judging at the San Diego Judging Center
(Casa del Prado, Balboa Park),
SDCOS “Show in the Park”
October 30, 2022

Text by Phyllis Prestia. Photos by Paul Tuskes

There were 7 orchids presented for judging.
Four were awarded, one plant receiving 2
awards.

[1] *Den. Aridang Green* ‘Key Lime’ AM/AOS
Exhibited by Deborah Halliday
Awarded AM, 87 points



[2] *Max. lineolata* ‘Marci’ AM/AOS
Exhibited by Dave Rimlinger
Awarded AM, 80 points



[3] *Max. lineolata* ‘Marci’ CCM/AOS
Exhibited by Dave Rimlinger
Awarded CCM, 82 points

[4] C. Laurie Lynn Westenberger ‘Rainbow
Valley’ CCM/AOS
Exhibited by Jerry and Anita Spencer
Awarded CCM, 87 points



[5] *Den. victoriae-reginae* ‘Marci’ CCM/AOS
Exhibited by Dave Rimlinger
Awarded CCM, 83 points



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**Judging at the San Diego Judging Center
(Casa del Prado, Balboa Park),
November 2022, 6:30 PM.**

Text by Phyllis Prestia. Photo by Arnold Gum

There were 6 orchids presented for judging.
One was awarded.

[1] *Encyclia plicata* 'Paradox' AM/AOS
Exhibited by Paul and Ann Tuskes
Awarded AM, 80 points

**Judging Time Change at the San Diego
Judging Center (Casa del Prado, Balboa
Park) – now 6:30 PM**

Considering the increased traffic, supper
hour, and in deference to society meeting
times, AOS judging will change as follows:

6:00 PM Plant Registration

6:30 PM Judging



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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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Blc. Lyn Evans
Debby Halliday

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Orchid Dates to Remember:

December 1st

SDCOS Board Meeting

First Thursday of the month, 7 PM

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

president@sdorchids.com

December 3rd

SVO Open House

9 AM – 4 PM

1255 Navel Place, Vista, CA

December 3rd

SDCOS Species Group Meeting

Socialization 8:30 AM, meeting 9:00 AM

First Saturday of the month

firstsvp@sdorchids.com

December 6th

SDCOS General Meeting: Holiday Party

Appetizers start at 6, main course at 6:30

Zoom Presentation of awards at **7 PM**

First Tuesday of the month

Casa del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

There will not be a Zoom broadcast this month.

December 6th

AOS San Diego Judging Center

6:30 PM, first Tuesday of the month

Plant registration starts at 6 PM

Casa del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 104

December 7th

Palomar Orchid Society Meeting

Business: 6:30 PM; main program: 7:00 PM

First Wednesday of the month

Carlsbad City Library

1775 Dove Lane, Carlsbad, CA 92011

December 9th – 11th

Andy's Orchids Open House

10 AM – 4 PM

734 Ocean View Ave, Encinitas, CA

Board and General Meeting Minutes

The SDCOS Board meeting minutes can be found at:

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

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From the Editor:

Hi everyone,

I'm looking forward to seeing you at the holiday party next week – hope you can make it! I hope you and your plants are doing well with this turn of the weather, too – I'm all bundled up.

We've also got SVO and Andy's Open houses coming up in the next two weeks – good luck making both smart and fun decisions there! >.>

Thanks as well to everyone who made the October show possible – it was a great success!

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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