

**San Diego County Orchid
Society Newsletter
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Laelia gouldiana
Plant by Debby Halliday

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President's Message

Text by Debby Halliday, President

Happy February! I hope you and your collections survived the recent heavy rains with no problems. I find this a tricky time of year with the cold nights making watering more challenging. Lots of rain and humidity added to that makes it even more difficult to keep our plants from staying too wet. As we have all learned, cold and wet can spell disaster for your orchids. On the bright side, those of you with rain barrels must be rejoicing to have them filled already.

We had a good meeting in January. Carol Klonowski spoke on Tolumnias. She is a very engaging speaker with a wealth of orchid knowledge. I think you'll agree it was a treat to have her. She has other interesting lectures, so we do plan to invite her back. Ashley gave us an overview of terrarium culture which opens more possibilities for successful growing in limited space. Lisa Humphreys was the source of an enticing plant opportunity table.

This month we had our Winter Orchids in the Park Show and Sale on January 28 and 29. Thanks to everyone who volunteered to make this show possible, as well as to everyone who contributed plants for display.

As we move into spring, there will be another Orchid World show at the San Diego Botanic Garden conservatory. This show will run for 5 weeks starting on March 10. Our members will once again be loaning plants to make this an outstanding event. The designer, Rene Von Rems, is very talented and creates a stunning show. Ashley and I do the logistics

of rotating orchids in and out as they bloom and fade. You'll be hearing more about this next month. We hope you'll plan to participate.

Your Spring Show committee is working hard on our own show, April 21 – 23, in Balboa Park. Our event will be on Earth Day weekend, and we expect it to be very well attended. We'll have gorgeous postcards for you at the meeting, so please plan to take some and spread them around your neighborhood in March. I think you'll love our poster design for "Orchids of the Earth". Carol Kerr outdid herself with a fabulous orchid tree covered with over 40 different

species and hybrids from our collections. We have now figured out the tenting for our sales area on Patio B and will devote the entire room 101 to displays of our plants. You will have the chance to create a small tabletop display and compete for cash prizes, in addition to showing your individual plants on our show tables. Please plan to volunteer and take part. It's going to be fun.

As you can see, there are lots of orchid activities coming up. Take good care of your plants so they will be looking their best and ready to party! In the meantime, I look forward to seeing you at our meeting on February 7.



Vanda foetida
Debby Halliday

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

Tim Culbertson: *Laelia anceps*, a Treasure of Mexico

Text by Tim Culbertson, followed by David Vandebroek

Although I teach middle school kids for a living, one of my passions has always been plants. I began growing orchids as an offshoot from working at Longwood Gardens in Philadelphia just after college. From the very beginning it was all about Paphs, particularly awarded and select clones of historic importance, of which my collection numbers nearly 3000. While I love finding old, rare stepping stones in paph breeding, I also do a little hybridizing of my own, and growing up my own babies is a blast. I am an accredited judge with the American Orchid Society, and have served in various capacities with various orchid societies in California and on the East Coast. I love meeting other people who like orchids too, and doing so often finds me traveling to shows, vendors, and peoples' greenhouses to see the latest and greatest in new hybrids and to get the best orchid gossip. I like to be involved in plants as much as possible: in addition to Longwood, I've worked at the Smithsonian Institution tending to their orchids, and for years for the United States National Arboretum, collecting rare plants and documenting cultivated species and hybrids for their herbarium. In short, I really like plants.

For your meeting, I'll be sharing a presentation on *Laelia anceps*, a Treasure of Mexico. Although large, these spectacular

cattleyas grow well outside in our subtropical climate, and with their myriad colors and free-blooming tendencies, these are great plants for every collection. California is a hot-bed of interest in *Laelia anceps* types and hybrids, and has been for years; we will explore its influence in hybrids, and how breeders have made combinations of naturally occurring forms to create entirely new strains of this lovely species. By the end of this presentation, you will have a new appreciation of the range of color forms of *Laelia anceps* and its hybrids, as well as an appreciation of their beautiful flowers and ease-of-growth.



Laelia anceps v. *coerulea*
Debby Halliday

Tim will be supplying our plant table, so come prepared and excited for some great plants!

You are also invited to join us for dinner at the Prado Restaurant at 5:45pm. Please send me a text or email by Sunday, Feb 5, if you want to come (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.

Culture Class, February 7th, 6:30 PM
Speaker: TBD

We will be having Culture Class as usual before our General Meeting

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**Judging at the San Diego Judging Center
(Casa del Prado, Balboa Park),
January 2023, 6:30 PM.**
Text by Phyllis Prestia

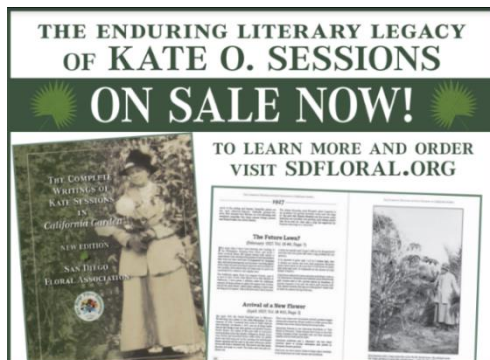
There were 7 orchids presented for judging.
None were awarded.

Please remember: judging starts promptly at
6:30, so please have your plants in before
then.

People who brought in plants for display at the January 2023 show

Thank you to all the people who brought in
plants for display at the January Show! We
wouldn't have a show without the beautiful
plants our members contribute.

Tom Biggart, David Brown, Rachel Burns,
Alan Castillo, Michael Chanco, Julia
Chimento, Bob Clark, Debby Halliday, Dave
& Patti Hoffmaster, Lisa Humphreys, Betty
Kelepecz, Carol Kerr, Carla Leonida, Ben &
Susie Machado, Alex Nadzan, Tom Osborn,
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Show Winners, January 2023			
Sec	Award	Orchid	Winner
	James & Lise Wright Best of Show	<i>Angraecum sesquipedale</i> 'Star Shine' FCC/AOS	Debby Halliday
	Forrest Robinson Cultural Award	<i>Dendrobium</i> Hilda Poxon	Tom Biggart
	Siv Garrod Most Unusual Species Award	<i>Bulbophyllum treschii</i> 'Daddy Long Legs' CCM, AM/AOS	Debby Halliday
	People's Choice Award	<i>Dendrobium</i> Samurai	Debby Halliday
1	Cymbidium Standard Hybrid	<i>Cymbidium</i> Hybrid	Jaclyn Young
2	Cymbidium Hybrid Miniature	<i>Cymbidium</i> Snow Court 'Cathy'	Alex Nadzan
3	Cymbidium Hybrid Pendulous	<i>Cymbidium</i> Dr. Len 'Geyserland'	Anita & Jerry Spencer
4	Cattleya Alliance Standard	<i>Lc.</i> Hsin Buu Lady 'JY' AM/AOS	Betty Kelepecz
5	Cattleya Alliance Compact	<i>Slc.</i> Golden Wax x <i>Sophronitis cernua</i>	Tom Biggart
6	Cattleya Alliance Miniature	<i>Slc.</i> Mini Fantasy	Tom Biggart
7	Paphiopedilum Hybrid	<i>Paph.</i> Hung Sheng Spice	Debby Halliday
8	Phragmipedium Hybrid	<i>Phrag.</i> Jason Fischer	Debby Halliday
9	Oncidium Alliance Hybrid	<i>Oncostele</i> Midnight Miracles	Pam Peters
10	Dendrobium Hybrids	<i>Dendrobium</i> Samurai	Debby Halliday
11	Vandaceous Alliance	<i>Vanda</i> Chulita	Debby Halliday
12	Hybrids of Other Genera	<i>Lysudamuloa</i> Red Jewel 'Hilo Girl'	Jaclyn Young
13	Phalaenopsis Alliance	<i>Phal.</i> Jiuhbao Graphic 'Rainbow Tattoo'	Alan Castillo
14	Specimen Plants - Species	<i>Angraecum sesquipedale</i> 'Star Shine' FCC/AOS	Debby Halliday
14	Specimen Plants - Hybrids	<i>Dendrobium</i> Hilda Poxon	Tom Biggart
15	Large Species: <i>Angraecum</i> - <i>Masdevallia</i>	<i>Dendrochilum cootesii</i>	Debby Halliday
16	Large Species: <i>Maxillaria</i> - <i>Zygopetalum</i>	<i>Pleurothallis truncata</i>	Betty Kelepecz
17	Small Species: <i>Angraecum</i> - <i>Masdevallia</i>	<i>Dendrobium vexillarius</i> v. <i>microblepharum</i>	Dave Rimlinger
18	Small Species: <i>Maxillaria</i> - <i>Zygopetalum</i>	<i>Oncidium onustum</i>	Tom Biggart
19	Small Displays 4' x 4' or less	<i>Terrarium with Jewel Orchids</i>	Julia Chimento
20	Large Displays 6' x 4' or greater	No Entries	-
21	Vendor Displays 6' x 4' or greater	No Entries	-



Announcing Orchid Digest's Spring 2023 Orchid Tour to Provence and Rhône-Alpes, France

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- **Dates:** 18-28 May 2023
- **Price:** \$4,000
- **Single supplement:** \$300
- **Deposit:** \$1000 per person. Due by February 22, 2023.
- **Final Payment due:** April 3, 2023.
- **Price includes:** lodging, meals, ground transportation, drivers, guides, entry to culture, and speleological sites included in the itinerary.
- **Not included:** round-trip travel to France, travel insurance (required), alcohol, tips, and personal purchases.
- **Orchid Digest Donation:** \$500.00 per person donation to the Orchid Digest Corporation is included in the tour price. Donations to the Orchid Digest (a 501(c)3 organization) may be tax-deductible depending on the fiscal policy of your country of residence.
- **Leaders:** Nancy Benay and Corinne Georjin Legendre. Local orchid experts will join us at several different sites.
- **Group Size:** Minimum of 10 and a maximum of 12 (plus the two tour leaders). Activity level: moderate.

For additional information and registration: orchiddigest.org/events



The Orchid Digest Presents the Paphiopedilum Guild

February 18, 2023

Hybrid event: In-person and Virtual at the
Huntington Library, Art Museum, and Botanical Gardens
1151 Oxford Rd, San Marino, CA 91108

The RECORDING of the event will be available to ALL that register!

Speakers

Theresa Hill: *Paphiopedilum charlesworthii*, a Giant Among Miniatures
Frank Cervera: The Phragmipediums of Brazil
Brandon Tam: Culture of Slipper Orchids
Harold Koopowitz: How Slipper Orchids Have Sex

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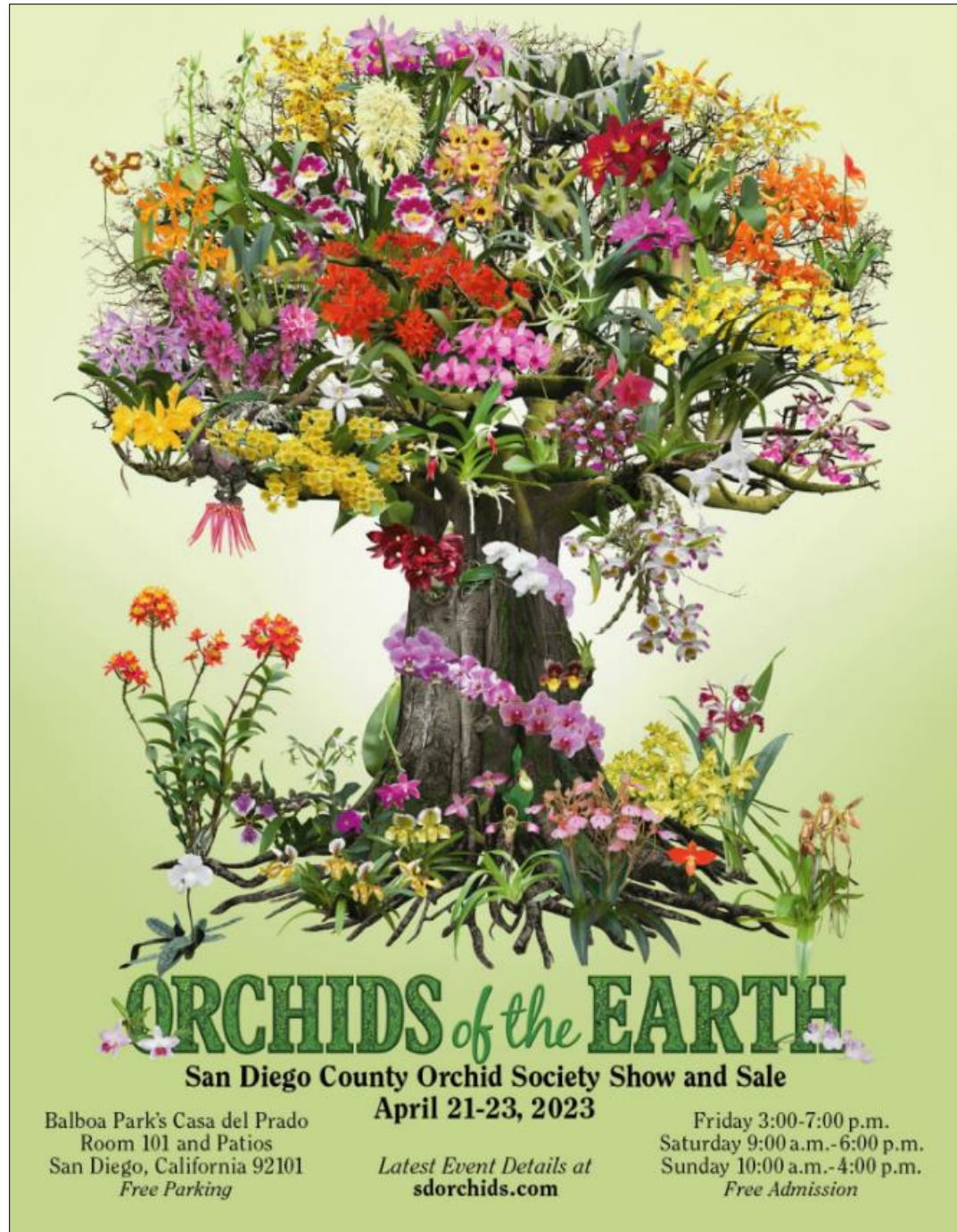
Members: \$49.00 includes lectures, lunch, snacks, recording
Nonmembers: \$59.00 includes lectures, lunch, snacks, recording
Virtual \$30.00: lectures, recording

Registration: <https://orchiddigest.com/event-5082711>

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SDCOS Spring Show

Join us in Balboa Park at the historic Casa del Prado for our largest orchid event of the year. The San Diego County Orchid Society is celebrating Earth Day with a fanciful tree of our own creation. It honors the over 25,000 orchid species that grow in the wild on six continents in trees and on the ground. Our Orchid Tree features 40 epiphytes, both species and hybrids - *Angraecum*, *Brassanthe*, *Brassolaeliocattleya*, *Bulbophyllum*, *Catasetum*, *Cattleya*, *Cycnoches*, *Dendrobium*, *Encyclia*, *Epidendrum*, *Masdevallia*, *Miltoniopsis*, *Odontocidium*, *Oncidium*, *Phalaenopsis*, *Prosthechea*, *Psychopsis*, *Rhyncattleanthe*, *Rhyncholaelia*, *Rhynchostylis*, *Rosioglossum*, *Stanhopea*, *Vanda* - and 15 terrestrials - *Bonatea*, *Cymbidium*, *Cypripedium*, *Epidendrum*, *Habenaria*, *Paphiopedilum*, *Phaius*, *Phragmipedium*, *Sobralia*, and *Zygopetalum* - grown locally by San Diego County Orchid Society members. Admire their award-winning plants in person and shop from local and international growers on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Parking and admission are free.



2023 Proposed Spring Show Budget

Advertising and marketing	\$5,000
Awards and judging	\$1,500
Food	\$2,500
Merchandise and Potting Supplies	\$ 750
Security	\$1,800
Set up costs and supplies	\$1,500
Tents and tables rental	<u>\$5,000</u>
Total	\$18,050

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Orchid Dates to Remember:

February 1st

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

February 2nd

SDCOS Board Meeting

First Thursday of the month, 7 PM

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

president@sdorchids.com

February 4th

SDCOS Species Group Meeting

Socialization 8:30 AM, meeting 9:00 AM

First Saturday of the month

firstvp@sdorchids.com

February 7th

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

February 7th

AOS San Diego Judging Center

6:30 PM, first Tuesday of the month

Registration starts at 6 PM

Casa del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 104

February 18th

Orchid Digest Speaker's Day

<https://orchiddigest.com/>

April 21 - 23

SDCOS Spring Show

Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

More details coming soon!

Board and General Meeting Minutes

The SDCOS Board meeting minutes can be found at:

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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 New Year! I've made it back in town from my trip abroad and am back getting ready to give my orchids the spring care they so sorely need. I hope you all had a great holiday season and a lovely January Show! Thanks to all the volunteers and people bringing plants – without you, our shows couldn't happen!

Less than a week after the last show seems a bit early to start talking about the next show, but the Spring Show is coming up! If you haven't put it in your schedules yet, it will be April 21-23.

Last, if anyone is willing to give a culture class talk to the society, or knows someone willing, please reach out to SecondVP@sdorchids.com – we're always looking for more people to talk to the group :)

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, 1st VP

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