

**San Diego County Orchid
Society Newsletter
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Den. Avril's Gold 'Dark & Spotty'
Plant by Debby Halliday

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President's Message

Text by Debby Halliday, President

It's almost March! As the days grow longer, more and more orchids come into bud. The orchid show season is also about to get going in a serious way. March will feature the Santa Barbara Orchid show on the 10th - 12th and the five-week World of Orchids show at the San Diego Botanic Garden also starts that same weekend. In April, the Coronado Flower Show is on the 15th & 16th, followed immediately by our own Orchids of the Earth Spring Show on the 21st – 23rd. It will be a busy time, but lots fun as well.

We had an excellent meeting in February. Kay Klausing gave an orchid potting presentation complete with videos that was



Lc. Tropical Orange
Debby Halliday

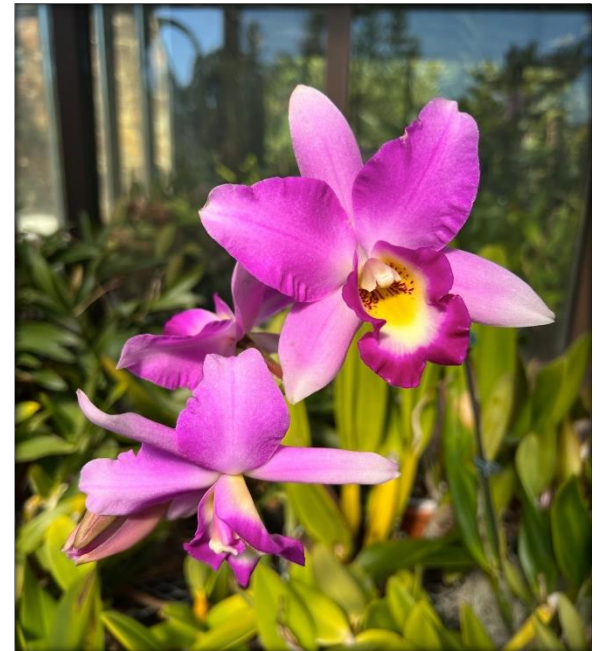
very well done and quite instructive. He was followed by Tim Culbertson who gave us an in-depth discussion of *Laelia anceps* and its many clones and hybrids. I learned a lot. The plant table from Tim was full of goodies as well. The membership also approved the Spring show budget, so the committee can continue moving forward.

At the March meeting, Pam Peters and I will present the culture class. We will be focusing on the Spring Show and will go over judging, prepping your plants, and putting in a small display.

The registration forms and rules for small displays are available on the website and printed copies will be at the meeting. Member table displays are always a feature at our spring show and we hope you'll consider putting one in. Creativity and expression of the show theme is important. You can do one by yourself or join in with a friend. We will go over the various classes of displays at the meeting. There are classes for orchid plants, cut flowers, terrariums, and even orchid art in sizes from 2x2 to 5x8ft. You can win ribbons, trophies, and cash prizes. Turn in your registration by early April to make sure you get a spot.

The AOS is having their spring meeting in San Diego in conjunction with our show. They will bring many guest judges from all over the US. We will need lots of individual plants as well as displays, to help us put on a show we can really be proud of.

Please check out the article about participating in the World of Orchids show in March. It's coming up soon and is a great



L. anceps Hybrid
Debby Halliday

event. The garden gets visitors all month long making it an amazing way to showcase our hobby.

The other opportunity is the Coronado Flower Show where we help with their display of orchids. This show is in the park in Coronado and has all sorts of plant and flower displays in addition to orchids. If you have something in bloom that weekend, I hope you'll bring it to Coronado.

Busy season! I look forward to seeing many of you as we race from here to there showing off our fabulous orchids!

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

Pankaj Kumar: Orchid Diversity of Hong Kong S.A.R. (P.R. China)

Text by Pankaj Kumar, MSc, PhD, FLS, and David Vandebroek, First VP

We are excited to have Dr. Pankaj Kumar speak with us virtually this month about the orchids of Hong Kong.

Dr. Pankaj Kumar is a renowned expert in orchid ecology and taxonomy, with over 21 years of experience in this field of study. After his doctoral and post-doctoral training on the systematics and ecology of orchids in Central India and the Western Himalaya, whilst based at two of the most prestigious Indian institutes, Wildlife Institute of India and Forest Research Institute, he worked at Kadoorie Farm and Botanic Garden (Hong Kong) as a Botanist, focused on taxonomy, ecology, and conservation of orchids and other plants in the Indo-Myanmar Biodiversity Hotspot and South Asia in general. Dr. Kumar is now a visiting scholar at Texas Tech University. He has published widely (126 total publications) on taxonomy, ecology, illegal orchid trade, and conservation assessments. His publications include new species descriptions and taxonomic appraisals, habitat ecology, plant-pollinator interactions and wild orchid trade in reputed peer-reviewed journals and a book on orchids of Laos PDR. He is an active member of various IUCN SSC Specialist Groups, Hong Kong Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan and is the Red List Authority for Orchids of Asia. Besides orchids, Dr. Kumar enjoys archery, birding,

botanical/digital illustration, hiking, and wildlife photography in his leisure time.

Dr. Kumar will be speaking to SDCOS about the orchid diversity of Hong Kong. Located on the easternmost margin of Indo-Myanmar Biodiversity Hotspot, Hong Kong has a very small land area of around 1100 km², the third highest population density in Asia, and yet harbors a very high biological diversity. The area probably had tropical seasonal rain forest in past that was denuded primarily for agriculture for hundreds of years, and then some vegetation was burnt during the World War II along with occasional man-made fires. With plantations and better legal protection, the remnant primary vegetation in small patches thrived, expanded, and gave way to colonization of new species through gradual succession.

Today Hong Kong harbors nearly 2100 species of vascular plants including around 140 members of family Orchidaceae with representation from all five subfamilies. At the same time, new species as well as new records are being reported frequently. The presentation is based on 11 years of orchid study and hikes in Hong Kong. It is an attempt to showcase the colorful world of native orchids of Hong Kong.

Our opportunity table this month will be provided by El Jardin Tropical, a relatively new local orchid vendor. Juan Bonilla spoke to SDCOS in January and we are excited to receive some plants from El Jardin Tropical.

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Some of the Plant Forum plants at the February meeting.

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Culture Class, March 7th, 6:30 P M Debby Halliday & Pam Peters: Preparing for the Spring Show

Text by Debby Halliday, President

Our spring show, Orchids of the Earth, is debuting on Earth Day weekend in Balboa Park, April 21-23. We will be devoting the entire room 101 to exhibiting our orchids. This includes table displays. The AOS is holding their spring meeting in conjunction with our show, so we'd like to have some beautiful displays to make our society proud.

Pam will be going over judging, the new plant registration schedule, and the awards and trophies available at this show. Debby will share ideas and techniques for creating table displays. It is fun and creative. Displays can be as small as 2x2 or as large as 8x5 feet. Your imagination is the only limit. We will have registration forms for displays available at the meeting and on the website. We hope you'll join us for some inspiration and encouragement. It's always fun to Show Your Orchids.

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Den. Chrysopense
Debby Halliday

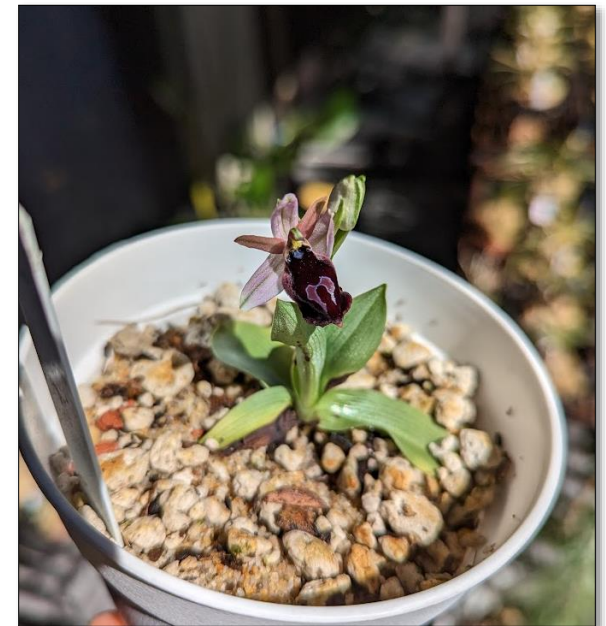


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Ophrys labiosa
David Vandebroek

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World of Orchids at San Diego Botanic Garden: How to Participate

Text by Debby Halliday, Plant Coordinator

From March 10 to April 09, the five-week World of Orchids show will take place in the elegant conservatory at the San Diego Botanic Garden in Encinitas. The plants that our members and the members of POS bring to display are what make this such a beautiful show. If you have not participated before, here's how it works.

All plants must be pre-registered so the garden can prepare name tags. I have emailed out registration forms for the first week. If you haven't received a registration form and would like to participate in the upcoming weeks, please email me at President@sdorchids.com. Because we are displaying blooming plants, we will need to take out the faded ones and bring in fresh ones every week after that. Tuesdays are the designated change-over days. I will send out plant registration forms each week on Wednesday. They will need to be filled out



and returned to me by the following Saturday. I forward that information to the gardens so they can prepare the name labels.

Pre-registered plants are brought in every Tuesday. The gardens are closed, but the gates are open for us on Tuesday morning. The plants will remain in the show until the following Tuesday, or longer if their flowers still look nice. Because the show is in a greenhouse, the plants do well, even if they are there for more than a week.

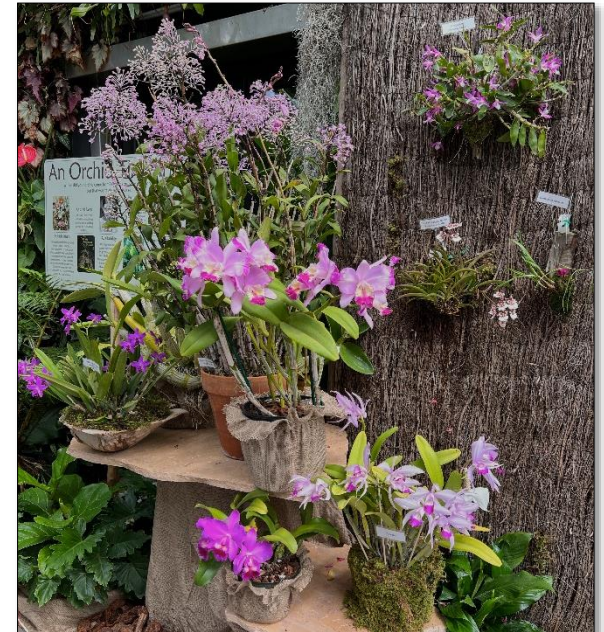
When you bring your plants, you will receive number tags to attach to each plant and the laminated plant name labels prepared by the garden. We prefer that you bring only the plants you registered, so they will have appropriate name labels. The numbering system allows us to track the plants and make sure you get them all back again. On the same day you bring in your plants, any plants being removed from the show will be available for pick up. We give everyone a delivery time to make sure there is always plenty of table space for dropping off your plants.

You do not have to bring plants every week to participate. We are excited to display your plants whenever they might be in bloom. It is quite a special show. The designer, Rene van Rems, always creates spectacular displays. If you want to be part of it, just send an email to president@sdorchids.com and we'll include you.

We will also be selling plants on some of the weekends. Member sales will be March 11-12 and 24-26. Conservation sales will be on

March 17-19. We will need both plants and volunteers. Sign up information will be at the meeting.

I hope you'll plan to be part of this month-long orchid event!



World of Orchids 2022

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**Judging at the San Diego Judging Center
(Casa del Prado, Balboa Park),
February 2023, 6:30 PM.**

Text by Phyllis Prestia. Photos by Arnold Gum.

There were seven orchids presented for judging. Four were awarded.

[1] *Bulb.* Wade Hallenbach 'Sunset Valley Orchids' AM/AOS

Exhibited by Fred Clarke
Awarded AM, 86 points

[2] *Paph. fairrie anum* 'Ruby Red' AM/AOS

Exhibited by Fred Clarke
Awarded AM, 80 points

[3] C. Candy Sparks 'SVO Super Flare' AM/AOS

Exhibited by Fred Clarke
Awarded AM, 86 points

[4] *Paph. wardii* 'Oceanside Garnets' AM/AOS

Exhibited by Tim Culbertson
Awarded AM, 81 points

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



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**Judging at the San Diego Judging Center
(Casa del Prado, Balboa Park),
January 2023, Winter Show in the Park.
Text and photos by Phyllis Prestia**

There were six orchids presented for judging.
Three were awarded, with one earning two
awards.

[1] *Angraecum sesquipedale* 'Star Shine'
FCC/AOS
Exhibited by Debbie Halliday
Awarded FCC, 91 points

[2] *Phalaenopsis* Chia E. Yenlin 'Grape Lace'
HCC/AOS
Exhibited by Debbie Halliday
Awarded HCC, 76 points

[3] *Bulbophyllum treschii* 'Daddy Long Legs'
AM/AOS
Exhibited by Debbie Halliday
Awarded AM, 84 points



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2023 Monthly Judging

Center	San Diego	San Marino	Santa Barbara	Yorba Linda
Location	Balboa Park Casa del Prado, Room 104 1600 Village Place San Diego, CA 92101	Huntington Botanical Gardens, Mishler Resource Building 1151 Oxford Road San Marino, CA 91108	Trinity Lutheran Church 909 N La Cumbre Rd Santa Barbara, CA 93110	Yorba Linda Community Center 4501 Casa Loma Ave Yorba Linda, CA 92886
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Judging Start Time	6:30 pm	10:00 am	7:00 pm	7:00 pm
Held Every Month on the	First Tuesday	Second Saturday	Second Wednesday	Third Wednesday

2023

January	3, 29**	14	11	18
February	7	11	8	15
March	7	11	8	15
April	4	8	12	19
May	2	13	10	17
June	6	10	14	21
July	3*, 30**	8	12	19
August	1	12	9	16
September	5	9	13	20
October	3, 28**	-	11	18
November	7	11	8	15
December	5	9	13	20

Notes:

* Note date change due to July 4 holiday

** San Diego "Orchids in the Park" judgments

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Cymbidium Sale for Conservation

By Ron Kaufmann, Ph.D. Chair, SDCOS Conservation Committee

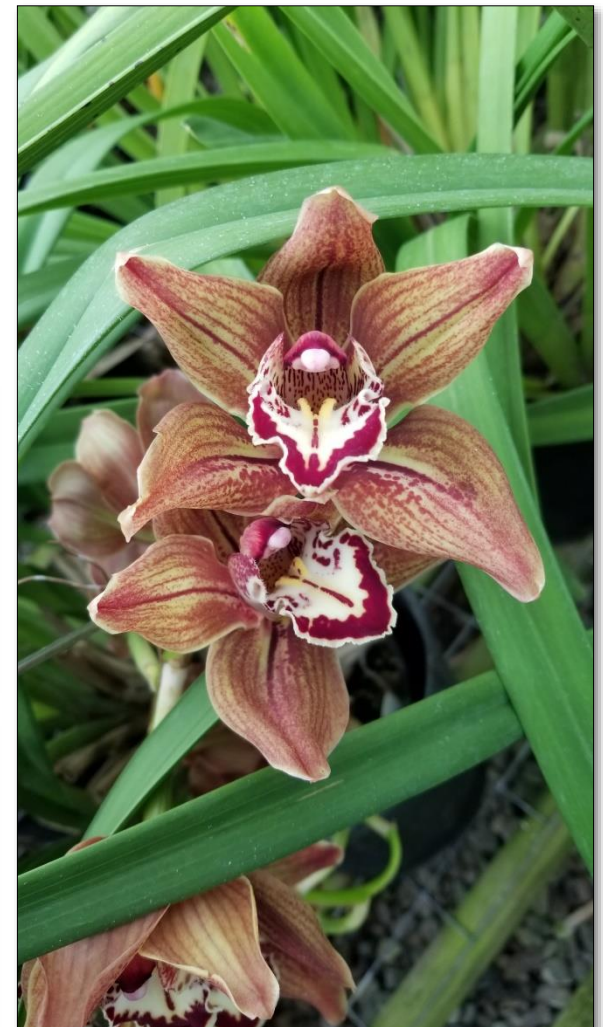
A long-time orchid grower and former member of the San Diego County Orchid Society has donated his extensive *Cymbidium* collection to the SDCOS Conservation Committee. These plants will be available for sale at an open house on **Sunday, March 12, from 11 AM – 4 PM**. There are more than 200 plants, which were collected over the past 40 years from nurseries in San Diego and Santa Barbara. The collection includes primarily hybrids spanning a range of colors from white and yellow to red and spotted. Most of the plants are in 2-3 gallon pots.

Many of the plants will be in spike or in flower on March 12, and most have labels with plant names in the pots. Based on a sample of 12

plants, about 90% of the collection tested positive for Odontoglossum Ringspot Virus (ORSV). Despite this, the plants are vigorous and clearly have been cared for very well.

In addition to the plants, there are two greenhouses that also will be available when the plants have all been moved.

The plants are located at a private home in Poway. Because of limited space, people who are interested in attending the sale will need to make a reservation during a one hour time window between 11 am and 4 pm. Please send your reservation request to conservation@sdorchids.com or call Ron Kaufmann (619-994-7584). Reservations will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis. The home address will be provided when your reservation is confirmed. Some photos from the collection are included.





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SDCOS Spring Show April 21 - 23

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.

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Saturday 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Sunday 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
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Orchid Dates to Remember:

March 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

March 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

March 4th

SDCOS Species Group Meeting

Socialization 8:30 AM, meeting 9:00 AM

First Saturday of the month

firstvp@sdorchids.com

March 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

March 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

March 10 - 12

Santa Barbra Orchid Show

<https://sborchidshow.com/>

March 11 – April 9

World of Orchids

<https://sdbq.org/world-of-orchids/>

April 15 - 16

Coronado Flower Show

<https://coronadoflowershow.com/>

April 21 - 23

SDCOS Spring Show

Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

[More details coming soon!](#)



Cattleya Orchidglade x Pot.
Rubescence
The Hoffmasters

Board and General Meeting Minutes

The SDCOS Board meeting minutes can be found at:

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

2022-2023 SDCOS Officers

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Dracula gigas (L), *D. trigonopetala* (R)
Dracula Reserve, Ecuador

Dracula lemurella (L), *Lepanthes escifera* (R)
La Selva de Ventanas Reserve, Colombia

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From the Editor:

Hello everyone,

Hope you and your plants are surviving this rain – and hail! It looks like my plants are starting to wake up – and just in time for all these orchid shows! In the next couple of months there will be tons of opportunities for members to show off their treasures or to help the society by contributing time. If you have some of either to spare, please consider contributing! Our members and their plants are what makes this society the great thing it is :)

Hope to see you in balboa next week for what promises to be a cool talk – and if I don't catch you there, hope to see you at one of the many upcoming orchid events!

As usual, 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 1st VP, Newsletter Editor

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