

**San Diego County Orchid
Society Newsletter
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Note: all photos in this issue are member- or visitor-submitted pictures from our show unless otherwise noted.



Tom Osborn Best in Show and Best Small Display

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President's Message

Text by Debby Halliday, President

I'm so proud of this club! Orchids of the Earth was a terrific show. So many members stepped up to volunteer and bring in beautiful plants. Your show committee worked for many months to completely reinvent the Spring Show and we hosted 70 AOS judges in the bargain. I think our club did itself proud.

The showroom was beautiful on the first time we have ever tried to fill it completely with displays and plants. The displays were creative, and the quality and variety of orchids on the tables was very impressive. All the classes were well attended. The

delicious box lunches seemed to suit everyone perfectly. The sales patio worked really well and had a great marketplace vibe on a lovely sunny weekend. A number of people commented that they liked it even better than Scottish Rite. Our vendors sold lots of plants for gross sales of around \$87,000. One vendor made a point of telling me how much he enjoyed having our cashiers take care of the money, so he could focus on selling plants. The public seemed to thoroughly enjoy it and kept both rooms busy all the time. In spite of a few minor hiccups, I would call it a great success. Congratulations! Give yourselves a pat on the back.

Whew. This show took a lot of effort from a lot of people. It turned out better than we had dared to hope! We'll have an awards dinner in May to relive all the best moments. Thank you one and all!

Show Committee:

- Myra DeTate
- Ashley Grable
- Debby Halliday
- Patti Hoffmaster
- Dave Hoffmaster
- Carol Kerr
- Pam Peters
- Jack Schaefer



SDCOS Show Display



SDCOS Show Floor

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General Meeting: Spring Banquet

May 2nd, 6 PM, in person at Balboa Park, Casa del Prado, Room 101. A simulcast on Zoom will start at 7 PM for the presentation of awards.

Text by David Vandebroek, First VP

Hi everyone, we will be holding the annual Awards Banquet next week! The society will be providing two main dishes (including one vegan dish) as well as water and soda; feel free to bring your own beer, wine, or whatever else you would like. A couple of important points:

- The banquet will **start at 6 PM**
- Zoom will start at **7 PM** for awards.
- Please go to the [Volunteers page on our website](#) and sign up for something to share – this gives us an estimation for how many people will be coming, and thus how much food / drinks to order.
- There will be no Plant Forum or Opportunity Table, but feel free to bring a plant to serve as the centerpiece to your table!

At about 7 PM, Ann Tuskes will present the plants and displays awarded at the show. It should be a lovely dinner! Hope you all can make it.

General Meeting: July Date Change

Text by David Vandebroek, First VP

Because July's meeting falls on the 4th of July, the **General Meeting will be held Monday, July 3rd**, at the usual time. Please note that June will be on the regular day.



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2023 – 2024 Board of Directors Election

Text by Dave Hoffmaster, Nominating Committee Chair

We will have an election at the beginning of the June 2023 general meeting to elect the Board of Directors for the 2023 – 2024 season. The SDCOS Nominating Committee recommends the following people for the listed positions:

2023-2024 Proposed Officers

President	David Vandebroek
First Vice President	Ashley Grable
Second Vice President	Open
Secretary	Jack Schaefer
Treasurer	Myra DeTate
Director at Large, to 2026	Sima Perkins

Stewart Walton and Carey McCoy will continue as Directors and Debby Halliday will continue on the Board as the Past President.

The election will take place at the start of our general meeting on June 6th so please plan to attend. We need as many members as possible to cast their votes.

We will continue to look for a 2nd VP but until a volunteer is found, the duties of this position will be filled by the Board of Directors. If you are interested in this position and would like more information regarding the duties, please contact Dave Hoffmaster (davehoff5@yahoo.co).

The Nominating Committee is comprised of Dave Hoffmaster, Chair, and the following members: Tom Biggart, Pam Peters, Bill Loy and Nancy Walters.



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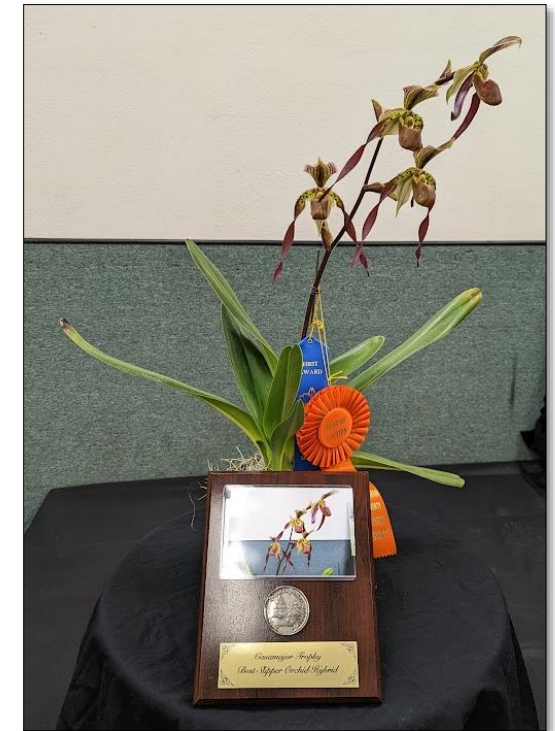
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Best of Section Winners			
Sec	Award	Orchid	Winner
	BEST OF SHOW	<i>Cattleya skinneri</i>	Tom Osborn
	SECTION	BEST OF SECTION	OWNER
1	Standard Cymbidium Hybrids	<i>Cymbidium</i> Yamanashi Fire x <i>Cymbidium</i> Pele	Casa de las Orquideas
2	Medium & Miniature Cymbidium Hybrids	<i>Cymbidium</i> Yamanashi Fire x <i>Cymbidium</i> Vogelsang 'Merlot'	Casa de las Orquideas
3	Pendulous Cymbidium Hybrids	<i>Cymbidium</i> Devon Jade	Alex Nadzan
4	Standard Cattleya Alliance Hybrids	<i>Brassocattleya</i> (Bc.) Sunny Delight	Ruben Colmenarez
5	Compact Cattleya Alliance Hybrids	<i>Cattleanthe</i> (Ctt.) Rocky Road (Slc. Granata Sunrise 'SVO Tequila Sunrise' x Slc. Rockette 'Little Rock')	George Pflaum
6	Miniature Cattleya Alliance Hybrids	<i>Cattleya</i> Rosa Navarro (Lc. Blue Rose 'Dark Blue' x Lc. Love Knot)	George Pflaum
7	Paphiopedilum Hybrids	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Pride of York	Debby Halliday
8	Phragmipedium & Cypripedium Hybrids	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Jason Fischer	Debby Halliday
9	Oncidium Alliance Hybrids	<i>Tolumnia</i> Pretty in Pink	Debby Halliday
10	Dendrobium Alliance Hybrids	<i>Dendrobium</i> Matos (<i>Den. officinale</i> x <i>Den. unicum</i>)	Orchid Design
11	Vandaceous Alliance Hybrids	<i>Vanda</i> Newberry Apricot 'DO'	Orchid Design
12	Other Genera Hybrids	<i>Masdevallia</i> Pixie Shadow 'Lock Raven'	Debby Halliday
13	Phalaenopsis Alliance Hybrids	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Brother Sara Gold x <i>Phalaenopsis</i> Soga Berry	Arnold Gum
14	Specimen Plant	<i>Cattleya skinneri</i>	Tom Osborn
15	Large Species - More than 6" Angraecum - Masdevallia	<i>Cattleya mossiae</i>	Tom Osborn
16	Large Species - More than 6" - Maxillaria - Zygopetalum	<i>Maxillaria picta</i> CCM/AOS	Betty Kelepecz
17	Small Species - Less than 6" Angraecum - Masdevallia	<i>Dendrobium cuthbertsonii</i>	Orchid Design
18	Small Species - Less than 6" - Maxillaria - Zygopetalum	<i>Mediocalcar versteegii</i>	Dean Shoffeitt - Newport Harbor Orchid Society
19	Small Displays 4' x 4' or less	Orchid Tree with Hanging Orchids	Tom Osborn
20	Large Displays (Orchid Society)	Variety of Beautiful Orchids and Waterfall	Palomar Orchid Society
21	Large Tabletop Display (Vendor)	Zygopetalum and Paphiopedilum Medley	Sunset Valley Orchids



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Award	Display Winners Description	Winner
Alesi Trophy	Best Display Illustrating Show Theme \$100 "Orchids of the Earth"	Casa de las Orquidas
Henry & Alma Marosz Trophy	Best Educational Display - \$100 "Orchids of the Earth" miniature orchid paintings and world map	Pam Peters
Forrest Robinson Trophy	Best Small Display - \$100 "Hanging Orchids Floor Display"	Tom Osborn
James Wright Trophy	Most Artistic Display - \$100 "Variety of Beautiful Orchids and Waterfall"	Palomar Orchid Society
SDCOS Grand Prize	Best Display in Show - \$250 "Medley of Zygopetalums and Paphiopedilums"	Sunset Valley Orchids



National Orchid Societies Winners		
Award	Description	Winner
American Orchid Society Show Trophy	Best Outstanding Exhibit in Show of plants or cut flowers with points for general arrangement, quality, variety, and labeling of flowers. Awarded by the American Orchid Society Judges.	Newport Harbor Orchid Society
Orchid Digest Show Trophy	Shall be given to recognize artistry and innovation in orchid display design and presentation. It rewards and encourages the growing of high flower quality and orchid culture excellence. Education value and rarity of plant materials may also be rewarded. Awarded by the American Orchid Judges.	Palomar Orchid Society
Slipper Orchid Alliance Award	Best Slipper Orchid Alliance orchid demonstrating exceptional color and form. Awarded by the American Orchid Society Judges.	Paphiopedilum Bryce Larkin Fred Clarke Sunset Valley Orchids

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Flower Awards Winners				
Award	Description	Orchid	Winner	
Sweepstakes Trophy	Best Orchid in Show	<i>Cattleya skinneri</i>	Tom Osborn	
Abernathy Trophy	Most Unusual Large Species	<i>Dendrobium tobanense</i>	Debby Halliday	
Batchman Trophy	Best Cymbidium Hybrid	<i>Cymbidium</i> Ernesto Y. Gonzaga 'Amber Glow'	Ed Danielwicz	
Bean Trophy	Best of Vanda Alliance Hybrid	<i>Vanda</i> Newberry Apricot 'DO'	Orchid Design	
Bertsch Trophy	Best Colored Cattleya Alliance Species including Laelia & Sophronitis	<i>Cattleya coccinea</i> (community stick)	John Snyder	
Bishop Trophy	Best Miniature Cattleya Hybrid	<i>Cattleya Rosa</i> Navarro (Lc. Blue Rose 'Dark Blue' x Lc. Love Knot)	George Pflaum	
Bliss Trophy	Best Large Orchid Species	<i>Cattleya maxima</i> 'Chadwick'	John Oswalt	
Canale Trophy	Best Colored Cattleya Alliance Hybrid	<i>Cattleya Fire Magic</i> (Lc. Tokyo Magic x Slc. Fire Fantasy)	Newport Harbor Orchid Society	
Casa Herbrita Trophy	Best Sophronitis Hybrid	<i>Sophrholaeliocattleya</i> (Slc.) Jewel Box 'Scherazade'	Debby Halliday	
Casamajor Trophy	Best Slipper Orchid Hybrid	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Pride of York	Debby Halliday	
Casey Trophy	Best Oncidium Alliance Species	<i>Oncidium trilobum</i>	Peter Tobias	
Cobb Trophy	Best Vanda Alliance Species	<i>Holcooglossum repustre</i>	Kira Jones, Newport Harbor Orchid Society	
DeMaria Trophy	Best Dendrobium Species	<i>Dendrobium pendulum</i>	Dave Rimlinger	
Doros Trophy	Best Phalaenopsis Alliance Species	<i>Phalaenopsis bastianii</i>	John Oswalt	
Dugger Trophy	Best Oncidium Alliance Hybrid	<i>Tolumnia</i> Pretty in Pink	Debby Halliday	
Foster Trophy	Best Standard Cattleya Hybrid	<i>Brassocattleya</i> (Bc.) Sunny Delight	Ruben Colmenarez	
Geer Trophy	Best Specimen Plant	<i>Cattleya skinerii</i>	Tom Osborn	
Hadacheck Trophy	Best Dendrobium Alliance Hybrid	<i>Dendrobium Matos</i> (Den. officiale x Den. unicum)	Orchid Design	
Laughter Trophy	Best Phalaenopsis Alliance Hybrid	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Brother Sara Gold x <i>Phal.</i> Soga Berry	Arnold Gum	
Miller Trophy	Best Slipper Orchid Species	<i>Paphiopedilum villosum</i>	Debby Halliday	
Moore Trophy	Best White or Semi-Alba Standard-sized Cattleya Hybrid	<i>Cattleya</i> Vickie Andrews 'RJM'	Anita & Jerry Spencer	
Pfister Trophy	Best Small Species Orchid	<i>Mediocalcar veristeegii</i>	Dean Shoffeitt - Newport Harbor Orchid Society	
Siv Garrod Trophy	Most Unusual Small Species Orchid	<i>Chilochista parishii</i>	Rachel Burns	
Sprague Trophy	Best Compact Cattleya Alliance Hybrid	<i>Cattleanthe</i> Rocky Road (Slc. Granata Sunrise 'SVO Tequila Sunrise' x Slc. Rockette 'Little Rock')	George Pflaum	
Van Kekerix Trophy	Best of Pleurothallid Alliance Species (incl. Masd & Drac)	<i>Dryadella zebrina</i>	Jane Wesley Brooks	

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

Text by Phyllis Prestia. Photos by Arnie Gum.

There were several orchids presented for judging. Four were awarded. One received two awards. One was awarded an Award of Quality for 12 orchids presented from one grex and two from that grex received two quality awards.

[1] *Holcovanstylis* Ping Pong AQ/AOS
Exhibited by Peter T. Lin
Awarded AQ, 0 points

[1] *Holcovanstylis* Ping Pong 'Diamond Orchids' AM/AOS
Exhibited by Peter T. Lin
Awarded AM, 80 points

[1] *Holcovanstylis* Ping Pong 'HQ' AM/AOS
Exhibited by Peter T. Lin
Awarded AM, 82 points

[2] *Coelogyne pangasinanense* 'Arnie' CBR/AOS
Exhibited by Arnold Gum
Awarded CBR, 0 points



[3] *Vanda* A.F. Buckman 'Diamond Orchids' AM/AOS
Exhibited by Peter T. Lin
Awarded AM, 81 points

[3] *Vanda* A.F. Buckman 'Diamond Orchids' CCE/AOS
Exhibited by Peter T. Lin
Awarded CCE, 92 points

[4] *Ophrys spegodes* var. *helenae* 'Cassandra' AM/AOS
Exhibited by David Brown
Awarded AM, 82 points



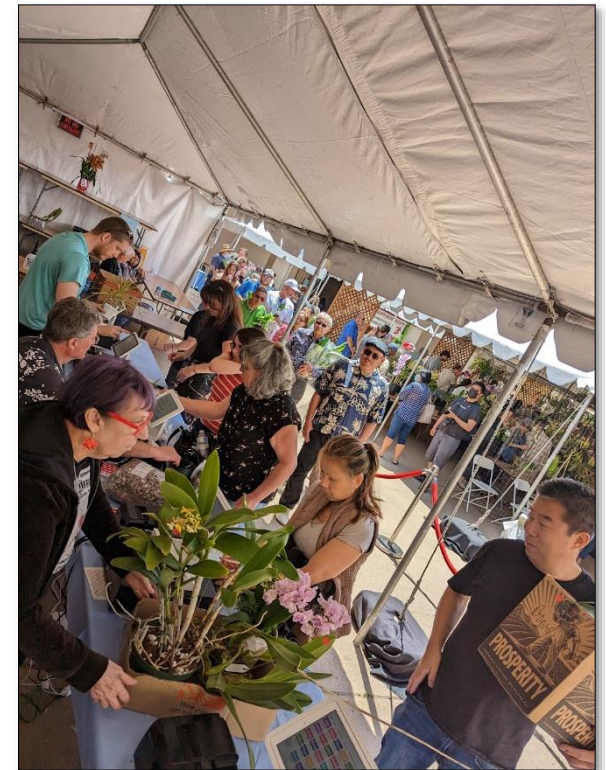


Thank You to Our Volunteers

Text by David Vandebroek, 1st Vice President

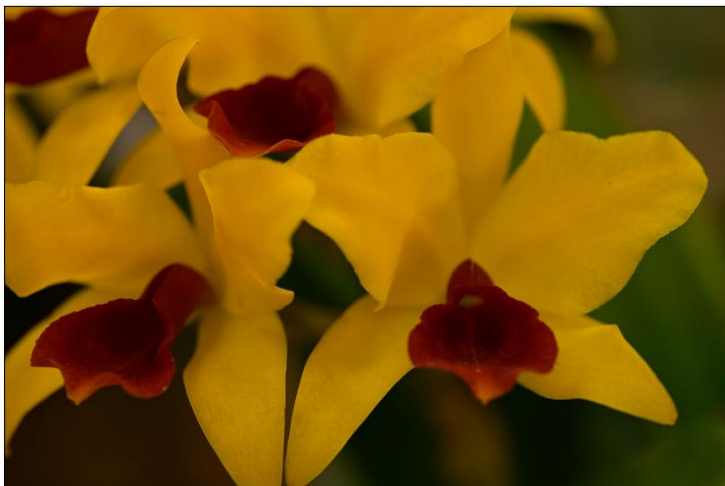
A big thank you to our volunteers who worked both hard and long to put on this show. A lot of work goes into these shows, starting as high-level as picking a venue and theme, and working down into all the many details – food, security, lighting, arrangement of vendor and display tables, coordinating with AOS judges, and so much more. It takes a whole society to put on a show. This Spring Show was a huge success made possible only by the efforts of our members. To everyone who helped make this show possible: Thank you so much – your efforts really paid off.





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Orchid Dates to Remember:

May 2
SDCOS General Meeting: Banquet
6 PM dinner starts,
7 PM awards presentation starts
Casa del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

The 7 PM presentation will also be 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

May 2
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

May 3
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

May 4
SDCOS Board Meeting
First Thursday of the month, 7 PM
Zoom; for an SDCOS member to request a meeting invite, email president@sdorchids.com

May 6
SDCOS Species Group Meeting
Socialization 8:30 AM, meeting 9:00 AM
First Saturday of the month
firstvp@sdorchids.com

May 19
San Gabriel Valley Orchid Hobbyist's Annual Auction
Preview at 6 PM, Auction at 7 PM
LA County Arboretum

Board and General Meeting Minutes

The SDCOS Board meeting minutes can be found at:
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Director at Large, to 2023	Sima Perkins
Director at Large, to 2024	Carey McCoy
Director at Large, to 2025	Stewart Walton
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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:

Hello everyone,

Great show this year! Thanks so much to the volunteers who helped make it happen, as well as all the people who contributed plants. And a huge thanks and congrats to the Spring Show Committee, without whom the whole thing would never have even started. All of your efforts really made this wonderful show possible.

I'll be bummed to miss everyone at the Banquet next week, but I hope you all have a great time! Please remember that food starts at 6 PM and that the awards and Zoom portion of the meeting will start at 7 PM. We have a lot of signups open for people volunteering to bring dishes on the website – if you can, please sign up; if not, please bring something anyway :)

<https://sdorchids.com/VolunteerLinks.html>

I also wanted to thank all the people who sent in pictures of the show for inclusion in the Newsletter – it really made this issue come alive with our plants.

Looking forward to seeing you all in person in June!

As always, 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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