

**San Diego County Orchid
Society Newsletter
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Den. hekouense
Debby Halliday

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President's Message

David Vandebroek, President

Hi everyone, and happy summer! The weather seems to be trying to make up for all those months of clouds and cold – I hope you and your plants aren't baking too badly!

We had a great meeting last month, with Carlos Lopez talking to us about habenarias, a genus I'd not heard much about before now. Carlos also supplied a great plant table, which allowed me to grab a catt I'd had my eye on for a while, so definitely a major win.

As you all should know, we've got our Summer Show in the Park coming up this weekend – things are looking good, but, as always, we could use more volunteers. Please see Debby's article for how to sign up and how to bring your plants to the show. The shows are nothing without members' plants, so please consider bringing something to our show if you can; it's a great opportunity to show off these plants we love to the general public.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the show this weekend and at the general meeting next week – we've been trying to get Satomi Kasahara-Davis to speak to our societies for more than a year, so I'm really excited to hear her – more on that later in the newsletter.

Hope you're all having fun with orchids!

Summer Show in the Park – July 29/30

Debby Halliday, Show Chair

The Summer Show is this weekend! It is coming together nicely, although we still have some important gaps in our volunteer coverage. There's still time, so please go to [Volunteer on the website](#) and see where you are most needed. I am concerned about the Plant Hotel in particular as this is an important service we offer to our customers. It's an easy, social job with lots of customer interaction and no standing. All volunteers earn a volunteer coupon for each day they work. Please check in at the volunteer table when you arrive to pick up your coupon.

We are looking forward to seeing your flowers and hope you have them prepped and ready. If you have already sent in your pre-registration form, thank you. It makes everything go much more smoothly as we check in the plants and allows us to plan our section layout in advance. You should have already received an email with the form and a link to the show schedule. You can also find these links on our website under Summer Show. Of course, you are still welcome to register your plants when you arrive. Check-in times are Friday 4pm – 7pm, Saturday 8am – 9am. Please be on time Saturday so we can start our judging.

If you have plants for conservation, please bring them on Friday so there will be time to get them priced. Any donations are greatly appreciated and earn money for our conservation fund. You also get to reclaim some bench space for new orchids. It's a win-win for sure!

We have lots of vendors coming, so the shopping should be good. Here is the list as of now.

- Rancho del Castillo
- Alex Nadzan Orchids
- Divine Orchids
- Sorella Orchids
- Andy's Orchids
- Juan Bonilla
- Tom Osborn
- Tom Biggart
- Anita Spencer
- Lisa Humphreys
- Everything Orchids
- Orchid Source
- Conservation
- Other Member Sales

Remember, when you volunteer on Saturday, you get first look at the orchids for sale.

It's always fun to have a show in the park. All our visitors enjoy it so much. Thank you for being part of it. I'll see you this weekend!



Lc. Canhamina Azure Skies
Debby Halliday

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General Meeting, August 1, in person at Balboa Park, Casa del Prado Room 101, and Simulcast on Zoom; 7:30 PM.

Satomi Kasahara-Davis:

Neofinetia falcata

David Vandenbroek, Alex Nadzen, and Satomi Kasahara-Davis

We are pleased to welcome this month's speaker Satomi Kasahara-Davis of Seed Engei (<https://seed-engei.com>) who will speak about *Neofinetia falcata*, a native orchid of Japan, where it is called fūran (wind orchid) or Fūkiran. She is being jointly hosted by our society and POS and will speak on the same topic to both societies. Satomi will talk about the history of the plants, their basic characteristics, how to grow them, changes in Fūkiran over the past 15 years and will conduct a potting demo. Satomi also will be providing the plant table this month.



Recently, the genus *Neofinetia* has been reclassified as *Vanda* but many hobbyists prefer to still refer to them as *Neofinetias* or Fūkiran.

Satomi has been running Seed Engei America for a little more than 10 years. Seed Engei is the family business in Japan that has specialized in Fūkiran (*Neofinetia falcata*) for 45 years. She started to be part of the business in 2006 after graduating from college in the USA. During this period, she has successfully expanded the popularity of Fūkiran in USA with help from various people in the orchid world. Satomi has fond memories of Fūkiran from when she was very little. Her father's greenhouse was her go-to spot for hide and seek with friends and her first job was to find tiny bugs on small Fūkiran for her father. As time passed, she came to understand the differences and beauty of these small but magnificent plants.

Fūkiran's popularity is now bigger than ever. Satomi has experience growing these plants both in Japan and America; she is fluent in both languages and is familiar with both cultures. She has been a judge of Fūkiran events for almost a decade and her goal is to be a bridge to connect both countries and help as many people learn about and enjoy growing Fūkiran as possible.

Satomi is the founder of the Fūkiran Society of America, created to promote Fūkiran growing in the United States, Canada, and other parts the world. The Fūkiran Society of America is an offshoot of the Japan Fūkiran Society, which is responsible for registering *Neofinetia falcata* varieties. There are over 250 registered varieties, but if you add

unregistered varieties to that, the total is roughly 1000.

For those of you who want to learn more about Fūkiran and Seed Engei, our own Phyllis Prestia who is an avid Fūkiran aficionado, conducted a very nice, informative interview with Satomi that was published in Orchid Digest last year. The link can be found at

<https://www.orchiddigest.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Growing-Vanda-Falcata-Satomi-Kasahara-Intnerview-Culture.pdf>.

Satomi and her brother, Daisuke, who is visiting from Japan where he helps their father run the Japanese branch of the business, will be grabbing dinner with us at the Prado Restaurant at 5:45 PM. We would love to have you join us for dinner and a pre-talk chat. If you would like to join, please send me a text or email by Saturday, July 29, (firstvp@sdorchids.com) so I have time to place a reservation. As always, dinner is on you, but the conversation is free.



Neo. falcata 'Gojo Fukurin' in bloom

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Culture Class, August 1, 6:30 PM
Bruce Kidd: Pest Control
Ashley Grable, First VP

“The only growers who don’t have bugs on their plants are growers with bad eyes,” says Bruce Kidd, M. Sc., this month’s culture class presenter. Bruce’s presentation will focus on recognition and control of common pest problems in orchids. Be sure to attend this class in person, as he will bring information sheets that you can take home! Bruce is retired following a 30-year career as a Pest Control Advisor in the production horticulture industry.



Schombocattleya Louise Fuchs
Debby Halliday



Neo. falcata 'Byakko'
Phyllis Prestia

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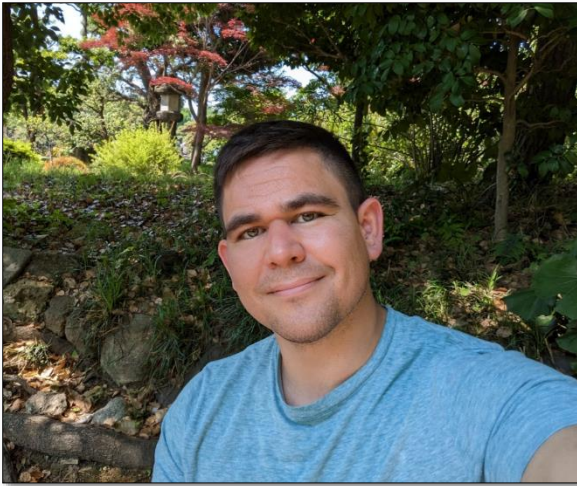
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Meet the 2023 – 2024 Board of Directors



David Vandebroek, President

Hi everyone, I'm David. I've been on the SDCOS Board of Directors since 2019 as Secretary and 1st VP and have been making this newsletter for the last 5 years.

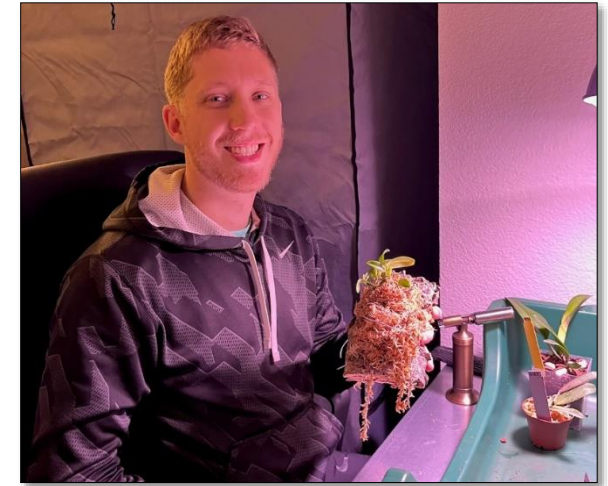
I live in east Mission Valley and grow mostly species orchids outside and in terrariums. I have a special fondness for *Neofinetia falcata*, as you might've seen in June's newsletter article which featured my journey to Japan to see them. Many of my orchids are small since I have ~60 sqft of usable growing space... But it's amazing how many orchids you can fit in there!

I've been grateful for the help and support of the SDCOS members so far and am looking forward to serving the society as President for this next term.



Ashley Grable, 1st Vice-President

I have been growing orchids since 2016, when I received a Phalaenopsis I resolved to keep alive. In researching orchid care, I was fascinated to learn about the many types of orchids, each with its own cultural requirements. I enjoy growing a variety of species and hybrids, as well as experimenting with different growing setups, including semi-hydroponic media. I have served as Second VP since 2021, and I'm delighted to step into this new role.



Nate La Breche, 2nd Vice-President

I joined the SDCOS in February this year. I moved to San Diego five years ago but did not get into orchids until late last year. I started with a few unlabeled Phalaenopsis hybrids from Home Depot and quickly became obsessed due to the life and color they brought to my apartment. I now grow a variety of orchid species and hybrids inside because my small patio receives little sunlight. The photo shows a *Bulbophyllum salmoneum* that I mounted to a cork oak slab. I enjoy orchids for the diverse array of foliage and flowers they offer. There is something to suit virtually everyone's tastes.

As Second Vice President for the upcoming term, I look forward to organizing the culture class and plant forum that occur each meeting.

Meet the 2023 – 2024 Board of Directors



Myra DeTate, Treasurer

I bought my first Orchid in 1972, a paphiopedilum, from Clark Day Orchids in Cypress, CA. I joined SDCOS in 2013 for the education & conservation missions I found on the website. The society has provided much more. I thank all of the members who have helped me with their knowledge & friendship.



Maria Gray, Secretary

Although I don't have much of a green thumb, I've enjoyed the challenge of growing orchids for many years. I started with mostly miniature intermediate temperature growers, such as Masdevallia and Pleurothallis, and more recently, warm growing, humidity loving Vandas. It's a challenge keeping them healthy in our dry climate, but the opportunities for learning how to care for these fascinating plants is one of the rewards of keeping orchids for me. I'm grateful to the SDCOS for providing so many opportunities to learn from wonderful, successful growers, and am always amazed (and a little intimidated), by the beauty, health and variety of the plants at the monthly plant forums and at the shows. I'm looking forward to serving as Secretary for the coming year, and continuing to learn about orchids. I can be reached at Secretary@sdorchids.com.



Carey McCoy, Director at Large, to 2024

My life long love of orchids started with visits to Ridgeway Orchids greenhouses during elementary school, Cymbidium orchid corsages from my beloved Grandfather, a cascade of white Phalaenopsis for our wedding, and marrying the owner of an orchid greenhouse. My front room and breakfast room grace 40 orchid plants.

I retired from teaching 35 years and joined SDCOS. I am a member of the award winning display team for the San Diego County Fair and other venues.

I have literally and figuratively served on the SDCOS Board of Directors over a decade.

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Stewart Walton, Director at Large, to 2025

Stewart grows orchids and other plants in Leucadia, a mile from the beach. He took a major step up 2 years ago when he completed a real greenhouse, and discovered he still needed an outside growing area. Stewart has hybrids and species, and has a particular affection for Cattleyas and Laelias. He uses rainwater collected off his house, the greenhouse, and a shed. He has served on the boards of both San Diego County Orchid Society and Palomar Orchid Society.



Sima Perkins, Director at Large, to 2026

Passionate orchid grower for 20 years. Specializes in Cataleyas and Cymbidiums. Feels very privileged to serve on your orchid board for the last 3 years.



Debby Halliday, Past President

I was president of the SDCOS from 2020 – 2023. I currently remain on the board as Past President and serve as Show Chairman for our four yearly orchid shows. I am retired and live in Rancho Santa Fe where I grow orchids in a 20 x 40 ft greenhouse with attached shade house. I specialize in diversity with over 30 genera represented in my collection of around 700 species and hybrid orchids. I started growing orchids with my late husband in 1970 and have grown them off and on ever since. My current collection dates to 2010. I enjoy helping people get better at growing orchids and regularly lecture at local garden clubs and all of our shows. Orchids are what I do.

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

Text and photos by Phyllis Prestia

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

[1] *Angraecum compactum* 'Cassandra' AM/AOS

Exhibited by David Brown

Awarded AM, 82 points

[2] *Encyclia alata* 'Paradox Sterling' AM/AOS

Exhibited by Paul and Ann Tuskes

Awarded AM, 84 points

[3] *Prosthechea regentii* 'Arnie' CHM/AOS

Exhibited by Arnie Gum

Awarded CHM, 81 points

[4] *Cattleya* Raspberry Smoke 'Bravo Orchids' AM/AOS

Exhibited by Bill Tse

Awarded AM 84 points

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



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SDCOS Participation in the San Diego County Fair

Carey McCoy, Director at Large

A remembrance from before the pandemic. In the latter half of the 2010s, we worked five exhibits in five years. Each year we placed and donated the award money to SDCOS. In 2016, we won a blue ribbon for our exhibit: Alice in Wonderland Steampunk version.

Carey McCoy	Designer, set up
Heather McCoy	Graphic designer
Bruce Berg	Narration and props
Debby Halliday	Phalaenopsis, set up
Kay Klausing	Cattleyas
Lisa Humphries	Mini Phalaenopsis
Nancy Walters	Design assistant, set up
Dave Hoffmaster	Weekly watering

The San Diego County Fair still invites us to include exhibits; if members would like to next year, SDCOS would happily participate.



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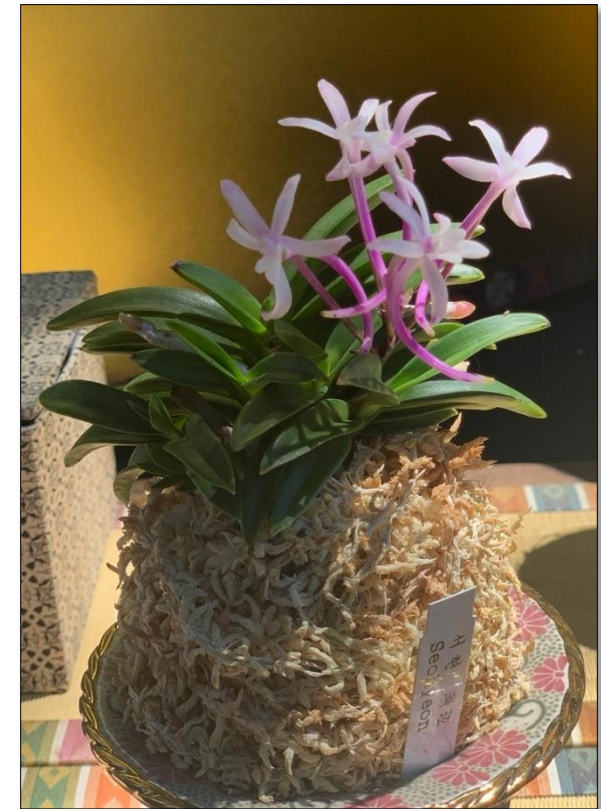
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Orchid Dates to Remember:

July 29 - 30

SDCOS Summer Show in the Park

https://sdorchids.com/SummerShow_2023.html

August 1

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

August 1

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

August 2

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

August 3

SDCOS Board Meeting

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

August 5

SDCOS Species Group Meeting

Socialization 8:30 AM, meeting 9:00 AM
First Saturday of the month
firstvp@sdorchids.com

September 15 - 17

Andy's Fall Open House

<https://andysorchids.com/>

September. 22 - 24

Fascination of Orchids Show

Santa Ana Zoo
<https://fascinationfororchids.com/>

October 20 - 22

Huntington Orchids Show and Sale

<https://huntington.org/orchid-show>

Board and General Meeting Minutes

The SDCOS Board meeting minutes are available to members upon request. Please email president@sdorchids.com to request a copy.

2023-2024 Officers

President	David Vandebroek
First Vice President	Ashley Grable
Second Vice President	Nate La Breche
Secretary	Maria Gray
Treasurer	Myra DeTate
Director at Large, to 2024	Carey McCoy
Director at Large, to 2025	Stewart Walton
Director at Large, to 2026	Sima Perkins
Past President	Debby Halliday



SUMMER SHOW

"Orchids in the Park"

July 29–30, 2023

Balboa Park's Casa del Prado, Room 101



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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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SDCOS Newsletter Notes

SDCOS welcomes newsletter contributions of articles and pictures from members.

To be included in the next issue, contributions should be sent to SDCOSNewsletter@gmail.com by end of day on the **second Friday of the month**.

Contributions that come in after the deadline can still be included in the following issue, so don't let missing the deadline stop you from sending things in.

For contributions of pictures, please include the correct, full name of the orchid being shown in the email text. Also, please do not submit more than 3 pictures per month (unless they're really good...). I will not be able to use every picture, but having a small library to choose from is helpful.

All the best,

David Vandebroek
SDCOS Newsletter Editor

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