



San Diego County Orchid Society

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NOVICE MEETING

October 5, 6:30 PM—Casa Del Prado—Room 104

By: Scott LaBouff, 2nd Vice President

As one in a limited series of presentations introducing orchid species and hybrids, Nico Goossens will speak to us about the genus *Tolumnia*. This is a miniature genus previously classified as *Oncidium* section *Variegata* or commonly referred to as "equitant oncidiums" in reference to their leaf struc-

ture, arranged in pairs overlapping one another at the base. These plants are twig epiphytes which grow on other plants for support to reach bright light and free air movement. They are endemic to the grasslands of the islands of the Caribbean Basin, with one as far north as Florida down to the Bahamas, Cuba,

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GENERAL MEETING

October 5, 7:30 PM—Casa Del Prado—Room 101

By Bruce Berg, 1st Vice President

This month, we had a very interesting speaker, Bill Toone, give a talk about the challenges we face with providing good quality water for our orchids. He gave us some good points to consider when we evaluate what kind of water system to use when we are ready to start conserving water. Although we do not have the challenges of having wild elephants thirsting after the same water we want to use for our orchids, we do have other challenges coming our way for the supply of drinking water here in the desert of San Diego. The two methods he recommended we start looking at are harvesting rainwater and using RO water along with using the waste water to do landscape watering for plants that can handle the RO runoff.

The other thing that Bill brought to our meeting was the vision and challenge to look at our world to recognize the interdependences between plants, animals, and humans. This is the focus of his Ecolife Foundation. Members can find out more about how we

can further participate in making positive, holistic changes to our world at www.ecolifefoundation.org.

Our speaker for October is well known in our Society. Christopher "Dr Fragrance" Croom is a "Chewbacca-esque" kind of guy... a gentle giant with a sharp wit and wacky sense of humor. When not out saving the Federation, or teaching 7th and 8th grade science to middle schoolers at Roosevelt, he likes to relax by collecting and displaying unusual orchid species. One of his orchid interests is to develop a system of classifying orchids by smell. Who needs DNA sequencing when one can describe an orchid as having a "dung beetle attractant aroma" or "cinnamony citrus aroma"? Who knows, maybe if we used smell to identify plants, we wouldn't have to change our plant tags whenever someone does a new DNA test that would move all of our Brazilian laelias into the *Cattleya* alliance...oh wait, they just did!

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San Diego County Orchid Society

Purpose: To promote interest in orchids and their cultivation, to educate by exchanging information and experiences related to successful orchid culture, and to support the conservation of orchids in the wild.

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Meetings

San Diego Orchid Society meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at the Casa Del Prado in Balboa Park.

Novice Class: 6:30 PM, Room 104

General Meeting: 7:30 PM, Room 101

Newsletter Entries

If you have monthly meetings, classifieds, submissions of interest, photos, or announcements related to orchids, please contact Christopher Croom at (619) 583-3804 or batescroom@cox.net.

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Information for the November newsletter must be submitted by October 15.

ORCHIDS IN THE PARK

October 23

11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

October 24

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Balboa Park

Casa Del Prado—Room 101

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Orchid Dates to Remember

October 2

SDCOS Species Group Meeting

First Saturday of the month

Paul or Ann Tuskes (858) 274-5829

October 6

Palomar Orchid Society Meeting

Culture class at 6:30; meeting at 7:30

First Wednesday of the month

The Carlsbad Woman's Club

3320 Monroe Street, Carlsbad

Melana Walding (760) 295-7228

October 5, 6:30 p.m

SDCOS Novice Meeting

First Tuesday of the month

Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 104

October 5, 7:30 p.m

SDCOS General Meeting

First Tuesday of the month

Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

October 7, 7:00 PM

SDCOS Board Meeting

Thursday following the General Meeting

Balboa Park, Rm. 104

October 20

Cymbidium Society Meeting

Regular meeting, third Wednesday of month

Culture class at 6:30, Meeting at 7:00 PM

San Diego Cty. Botanic Gardens– Ecke Bldg
230 Quail Gardens Dr., Encinitas, CA 92024

October 15

San Diego Zoo's Orchid Odyssey

Third Friday of the month

10 AM-2 PM (orchid greenhouse is open)

Janette Gerrity (619) 231-1515 ext. 4306

September 18-19, 2010

October 1-3

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October 10

Southern California Orchid Species Society Annual Auction

1 PM preview, 2 PM auction

Placentia Library, 411 E. Chapman Ave, Placentia

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October 15-17

Literally Orchids

Southland Orchid Show

Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical Gardens

www.orchidshow.org

October 23-24

SDCOS Fall Show in the Park

Balboa Park, Room 101 of Casa del Prado

November 6-7

52nd Annual Santa Barbara Orchid Estate Fall Open House

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Monthly Report on AOS Judging at Quail Gardens

By: Helmut Rohrl

Judging at the Encinitas site (San Diego Botanic Garden, Administration [Ecke] Building) begins at 7:00 pm on the first Monday of each month. The facility opens at 6:30 pm. Anyone interested in orchids is encouraged and welcome at the sessions. Visitors may join the judging teams at their tables, but cannot participate in the judging process.

Anyone who wants to exhibit plants for judging but is unable to bring the plants to S. D. Botanic Garden, please contact one of the local judges or have others bring the plants to the facility.

At the September 7, 2010 Encinitas session five cultivars were shown and three were awarded.

Linda Gardner brought in one cultivar: *Paphiopedilum Robinianum* (*parishii* x *lowii*) with 17 flowers and 1 bud on three inflorescences. The natural spread of the flowers is 12.2 cm. Dorsal sepal and synsepal are light green, veined darker green, spotted light brown. The petals are greenish, spotted darker brown, distally changing to dark maroon. The pouch is tan, suffused and veined brown. The staminode is white, centrally green, dotted brown. Am/AOS and CCE/AOS.

L. A. Burzell exhibited: *Cattleya loddigesii* with 3 flowers on one inflorescence. The natural spread of the flowers is 11.3 cm. Sepals and petals are medium purple. The lip is medium purple; the mid lobe is white, distally purple.

Cattleya lobata var. *rubra* with 4 flowers on one inflorescence. The natural spread of the flowers is 14.2 cm. Sepals and petals are rose-purple. The lip is purple; the mid lobe is dark

purple. The throat is yellow, striped purple. The flowers are pleasantly fragrant.

Gilbert Ho brought in *Paphiopedilum Stone Eridans* (Lady Isabel x *haynaldianum*) with 3 flowers and 3 buds on two inflorescences. The natural spread of the flowers is 10.2 cm. Dorsal sepal and synsepal are pale green, spotted and striped brown. The petals are pale green, dotted dark brown, distally changing to brown. The pouch is tan, suffused and veined light brown. The staminode is off-white, distally changing to light tan, dotted light brown.

Cattleya Marjorie Hausermann (Henrietta Japhet x Ethel Leder) with 2 flowers on two inflorescences. The natural spread of the flowers is 13.8 cm. All segments are white. The mid lobe is light yellow.

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Concerning Plants for Judging Sessions

By: Helmut Rohrl

The Pacific South Judging Center conducts each month three judging sessions in the Los Angeles and San Diego area. They are:

Encinitas (Quail Gardens) on the 1st Monday at 7 pm.

San Marino (Huntington Botanical Gardens) on the 2nd Saturday at 10 am.

Long Beach (Whaley Park) on the 4th Saturday at 7 pm.

Visitors—with or without plants—are welcome anytime. If a SDCOS member wishes to have flowering plants judged at one of these sessions but is unable to take the plants to the judging facility, please contact one of the following AOS judges:

Loren Batchman
Solana Beach, 858-755-7572

Helmut Rohrl
La Jolla, 858-452-0976

Ann & Paul Tuskes
Clairemont, 858-274-5829

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Jamaica, and east to the lesser Antilles. In this climate moisture is provided by high humidity and by daily rain showers or heavy dews. The Caribbean trade winds ensure that the plants dry quickly so that they do not remain continuously wet. As Nico cultivates these species himself, he will share with us his experience in their care and requirements to thrive.

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ORCHIDS IN THE PARK FALL 2010

**“The time has come, the walrus said,
To speak of many things;
Of shoes and ships and sealing wax,
Of cabbages and kings...”**

Of orchids in our friendly Prado room,
And hopes that all will be in bloom.

With apologies to Lewis Carroll, it is time for another display of the astounding expertise resident in our Society's membership. As relatively new members, Jan and I are privileged to be a part of the program to present the Society's collective passion to the larger San Diego community and are sincerely requesting the traditional efforts of our membership and vendors to make this show a success. With so many of our stalwart participants trekking to Brazil, we'll all need to pitch in on the support tasks and greeting of our public guests.

With thanks to Bruce and Carol Berg, Tom Biggart, and Dave Brown for all their background material and guidance, here are the pertinent factials for the event:

Friday, October 22

4:30 - 8:00 PM

Set-up of display/support tables and vendors' booths

6:00 - 8:00 PM

Placement of plants for display and judging

6:00 - 8:00

Vendors' initial set-up

Saturday, October 23

8:00 - 9:30 AM

Final placement of plants for display and judging

8:00 - 9:30 AM

Vendors' final set-up

9:30 - 11:00 AM

Judging

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sales to the public and Members

11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Show open to public viewing

Sunday, October 24

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Show and sales

4:00 - 4:30 PM

Check-out of last sales

4:00 - 5:00 PM

Removal of display plants

4:30

Removal by vendors; breakdown of display tables, panels

5:00 - Finish

Final breakdown, storage

It's been suggested that some Members may want to purchase plants or materials on Friday. In order to avoid setting up the full sales support function, and if individual vendors agree, would members please clearly mark those items for purchase with their names and prices and arrange with the vendor to retain the plants until Saturday morning? As soon as the sales area is set up on Saturday those sales can be finalized and items removed and stored in the usual manner.

Some folks have already signed up for support they'd like to provide, but many more helpful hands and minds are needed. There's lots to do and pitching in is a great way to make closer friendships and really get to know other members. Don't hesitate to bring a friend and perhaps make a new member! We'll again

have a drawing for free, flowering plants for those who sign-up early, and if the Board agrees, lunch for all the volunteers on Saturday and Sunday. Sign-up sheets will be at the door during the regular meeting on October 5 and please don't hesitate to call us at home any time if you can't attend or want to add or change times, etc. (We're not in the Membership Book yet, so please reach us at 760.738-7530 day or eve.) **But, no volunteers will be turned away so if you prefer to see how your weekend is going, just come and pitch in any time you wish.**

Long-time members won't forget that we always need cut flowers for the corsage booth and—of course—any plants that you would like to sell. Member-to-member sales are a great way to learn about folks' collections and specialties and really reinforce friendships. We'll have the usual table for member sales, as well as our conservation tables.

It's been great to see how well organized our Society is and how professional our shows are. We're confident this Fall's show will continue that tradition and we look forward to helping. **Ya'll come and let's have some fun with Orchids!**

Best Regards,
Jack & Jan Dimond

Help Hotline

The SDCOS offers this service to members who seek cultural information about their orchids. Here are some friendly hobbyists with a great deal of experience about certain types of orchids, and they have kindly volunteered to answer your questions.

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Indoor and outdoor
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Ann Tuskes (858) 274-5829

Phalaenopsis, Cattleyas, Dendrobiums
Bob Swanson (619) 465-2297

Vandas, Ascocendas
Edith and Leno Galvan (619) 441-7503

Encyclias, Epidendrums, Laelias
[Christopher Croom](mailto:Christopher.Croom@orquideas.com) (619) 583-3804

Pleurothallids
[Christopher Croom](mailto:Christopher.Croom@orquideas.com) (619) 583-3804

Cymbidiums
Loren Batchman— casa@orquideas.com

Northeast County, all types
Dave Reid (760) 728-7996

San Diego Central
Outdoor, all types
Jim Wright (619) 276-5295
Fred Tomaschke (619) 276-3235

San Diego East County, all types
Bud Close (619) 444-8839

South County, all types
Genie Hammond (619) 422-2235

San Diego County Orchid Society August Board Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2010

Attendees: David Brown, Carol Berg, Bruce Berg, Bob Clark, Genie Hammond, Dave Hoffmaster, Ron Kaufmann, Scott LeBouff, Kevin Rynearson and Paul Tuskes.

President David Brown called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Officers Reports

Minutes for the August meeting were approved prior to this meeting and were published in the newsletter.

Committee Reports

The theme for the 2011 spring show will be Orchid Magic. A list of possible names was submitted to the membership at the September general meeting and "Orchid Magic" was picked by popular vote.

The show committee submitted a proposed budget of \$40,000 for the March spring show to the Board. Dave Hoffmaster moved to approve the proposed budget. After some discussion, the Board approved the measure. The Budget must now be submitted to the general membership for final approval.

We have sent invitations to all the vendors that participated in last year's show asking them back for the coming show. So far, 9 vendors have accepted.

The conservation committee met prior to the board meeting to review the proposals they had received. They picked three proposals they would like to fund in 2011. They are:

Reintroduction of *Peristylus holochila* in Hawaii for \$2500.

Community building for wild orchid species, Dapa Via, Columbia for \$2766.

Developing native orchid conservation, Provincia de Cocle, Panama for \$2710.

Current conservation funds are not sufficient to support all three proposals but additional funds are expected from sales at the International Orchid Fair on October 1-3 and the Show in the Park, October 23-24. Dave Hoffmaster moved to fund the Panama and Columbia projects from current funds and provisionally fund the Hawaii project provided sufficient money is raised during the upcoming sales to cover the cost. The motion passed. These proposed expenditures must now be submitted to the general membership at the November meeting for final approval.

Old Business

David Brown would like to advertise our Fall Show in the Park on Sign on San Diego. They have a feature in their internet service to promote an event at a cost of \$100. The Board felt this is an opportunity to try the service to see if it increased attendance. Genie moved to approve the expenditure and the motion passed.

New Business

The speaker for the October general meeting will be Christopher Croom talking about *Cymbidium* species.

The novice speaker is Nico Goossens discussing the genus *Tolumnia*.

Owen Smith is stepping down as our webmaster as he has accepted a job out of state. Jack Scheafer has volunteered to step in to the position. David Brown moved that we accept Jack's offer and the Board approved.

Ron Kaufmann will continue as the Web liaison person for the society and will provide direction to Jack Scheafer. Patti Hoffmaster will assist Jack providing content and creative in-

put for our web site. However, any major changes to the web site will need Board approval.

Paul Tuskes brought up an issue from the AOS Judges relative to moving the Judging Center from the San Diego Botanic Garden to Balboa Park. They would like to use room 104 as the Judging Center during our regular monthly meeting. This would require moving the novice meeting to room 101, the same room where the general meeting is held. The Board agreed to make a trial run holding the novice meeting in room 101 in November to see what issues arise.

We are in need of more labels used at monthly meetings to identify the plants brought in by members. The Board approved purchasing additional pads and Bruce Berg will purchase them.

The Society has an offer from Ai Dang to film our Show in the Park for some stock footage. The footage could be used for numerous items such as commercials or web site content.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

**General meeting speaker article...
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Christopher will take us on a journey to learn more about cymbidium species orchids. These plants do not always resemble the beautiful plants we enjoy during the winter and spring months here. They are surprisingly hardy and grow in a large variety of environmental conditions.

The plant opportunity table will be hosted by Lico Orchids. Lisa will be providing some cymbidium species plants from her private collection as well as many other unusual and beautiful orchid plants. This would be a great opportunity to add some great plants to your own collections.

If you wish to join Christophe and his wife Eowyn for dinner at the Prado, please RSVP to Bruce Berg by October 4.

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Letter From the Editor

Dear SDCOS,

Lo and behold, the heatwave dissipated that we were having last month the minute you got your newsletters only because I mentioned it here, so I'd like to mention the 100-degree days we're supposed to be having this weekend and early next week in hopes that they will be gone as soon as you read this. 100 degrees in the end of September? This kind of heatwave has the potential to seriously trick your plants into thinking it's still summer and that therefore, they still need to be in active growth. Moreover, sustained temperatures of 100 degrees will kill just about everything in the Pleurothallid alliance as well as most things from the highest mountains in Papua New Guinea. (So get your cuthbertsoniis in an air-conditioned space and water them extra to make up for the depletion of humidity caused by the same air conditioner.)

Lucky me, I get to move 250 plants from a heavily shaded backyard to a new yard with *no trees* on the hottest days of the year. I think my orchids might end up spending a weekend in the garage, although keeping your orchids in a closet or similar windowless room is not something you'll be able to get away with for very long (living things need light usually, and orchids are no exception).

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I hope to see you all at the October meeting for my talk on species Cymbidiums; it was well-received both at the Cymbidium Society and at the Malibu Orchid Society. Also, we have a new Balboa Park Show Chair and need a lot of member support for the Oct. 23 & 24 show in the Prado as so many of our members will be on the Brazil trip. Please heartily thank Jan and Jack Dimond (like the rock)

for their willingness to take on our not-so-“mini” shows when you see them.

Happy Growing,
Christopher