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NOVICE MEETING

By Scott LaBouff, 2nd Vice President

This month our novice class will be a Q&A session with a panel of experienced orchid growers. Anita Spencer, Tom Biggart and Charley Fouquette will be our distinguished panel. This class will provide you with an excellent opportunity to ask questions concerning orchid culture, whether it be problem issues or perhaps simply how to care for that new orchid you recently bought or an orchid you've had a while that simply fails to thrive. Together, Anita, Tom and Charley represent decades of experience and

knowledge. I ask that you come prepared with your questions. You are welcome to bring a plant of concern or a picture of it. Any plant or plant parts you bring that are obviously diseased or infested are to be bagged. You may also want to bring a picture of your growing area and note the environment such as sun exposure. Take advantage of this valuable resource. This class will provide insightful discussion whether you are a novice hobbyist or an experienced grower.

GENERAL MEETING

By Bruce Berg, 1st Vice President

The April meeting was our annual potluck Awards Banquet celebrating the work that the Society Volunteers performed at the 2011 Spring Show. Ann Tuskes narrated a slide show that she and Paul put together with highlights from the show. It was good to see so many smiling faces!

David Brown on behalf of the board presented gifts to the following people recognizing their help not only at our shows, but also at our meetings; Elizabeth Glover for her outstanding volunteerism, Bob Clark for work as membership chair and Candy Kalman for

her work distributing the Newsletter, and Joy Cisco, Corky Zumstein, and Rosie Gamby for their work in selling tickets for our Plant Opportunity Table. He also thanked the following people who helped make the Spring Show a success; Esther Sivila for her work running the Plant Hotel, and Bruce Berg who was one of the Show Chairmen.

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San Diego County Orchid Society

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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 101
 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 bates-croom@cox.net.

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Orchid Dates to Remember

June 7, 6:30 p.m

SDCOS Novice Meeting

First Tuesday of the month

Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

June 7, 7:30 p.m

SDCOS General Meeting

First Tuesday of the month

Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

June 1

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

June 9, 7:00 PM

SDCOS Board Meeting

Normally, the Thursday following the General Meeting (usually the first Thursday of the month; second Friday of the month in rare cases)

Balboa Park, Rm. 104

June 4

SDCOS Species Group Meeting

First Saturday of the month

Paul or Ann Tuskes (858) 274-5829

June 11

Orchid Society of Southern California Annual Auction

2:00pm (Doors open 1:00pm)

Meeting Hall, First Christian Church

221 South Sixth Street

Burbank, California 91501

www.orchidssc.org

(323) 223-6089

June 15

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

orchldy2@mac.com or (760) 732-0055

June 17

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

July 8-10

The 31st Santa Barbara Orchid Estate International Orchid Fair

July 8 and July 9, 9 AM to 5 PM

July 10, 10 AM to 4 PM

www.sborchid.com

July 23-24

SDCOS Summer show

Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

October 22-23

SDCOS Fall show

Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

If you have any announcements that you would like included in the "Dates to Remember" section of the newsletter, please e-mail batescroom@cox.net.

San Diego County Orchid Society Upcoming Shows

July 23-24

October 22-23

Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

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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

San Diego

Balboa Park, Casa del Prado, room 104
1st Tuesday of the month at 6 pm

San Marino

Huntington Botanical Gardens
2nd Saturday of the month at 10 am

Long Beach

Whaley Park
4th Saturday of the month at 7 pm

Visitors—with or without plants—are welcome anytime.

If a member of the SDCOS 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:

Rohrl, Helmut (La Jolla)
858-452-0976

Tuskes, Ann and Paul (Clairemont)
858-274-5829

Monthly Report on AOS Judging at Quail Gardens

By: Phyllis S. Prestia

Judging at the San Diego Judging Center (Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park), May 2011

There were 11 orchids presented for judging. Two were awarded.

Paph. Henrietta Fujiwara HCC/AOS
Exhibited by Gil Ho
Awarded HCC/AOS 77 points



C. dowiana var. rosita 'Kimberly Burzell' AM/AOS
Exhibited by Linden A. Burzell
Awarded AM/AOS 81 points



Masd. mongoschraderi 'Windflower' CBR/AOS
Exhibited by Betty Kelepecz

Masd. notosibirica 'Windflower'
Exhibited by Betty Kelepecz

Epi. atacazoicum 'Windflower' CBR/AOS
Exhibited by Betty Kelepecz



Paph. Conco Lucia
Exhibited by Gil Ho

Paph. delanatii
Exhibited by Gil Ho

Onc. cebolleta
Exhibited by Ginto Gan

Cym. Cabaret
Exhibited by Harry Polis



Cym. (Ben Singer 'Geyserland' x devonianum 'Tikitere')
Exhibited by Harry Polis

Cym. Nancy Miyamoto
Exhibited by Harry Polis

Credit card machine changes

By Bruce Berg

Due to the high expense of maintaining the credit card machine all the time, the Board has decided to limit the times it will be available to months when we have shows.

To purchase orchids at meetings during other months, you will be able to use cash or checks as in the past. We also need someone to volunteer to work at the back of the room during meetings to collect the money. Also, without someone to collect money, we may have to cancel future plant sales by members during the meetings. Anyone interested in collecting the money, please contact Carol or Bruce Berg.



Holcoglossum flavescens is one plant that will brighten up your collection this time of year. This terete-leaved vandaceous epiphyte is a great outdoor grower here in San Diego County.

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The deciduous Thai *Dendrobium gregulus* is extremely hard to photograph, but overwinters quite nicely outdoors here in San Diego.

Nominations for 2011-2012 SDCOS Board

The nominating committee is happy to make the following recommendations for the SDCOS board for 2011-2012:

President: Bruce Berg
(replacing David Brown)

1st Vice-President: Paul Tuskes
(replacing Bruce Berg)

2nd Vice-President: Scott LaBouff
(continuing)

Secretary: Helen Pfister
(replacing Dave Hoffmaster)

Treasurer: Carol Berg (continuing)

Director (through June 2012): Lila Wagar
(replacing Christopher Croom)

Director (through June 2013): Bob Clark
(continuing)

Director (through June 2014): Jim Wright
(new)

Past President: David Brown (replacing Genie Hammond)

Christopher Croom, Genie Hammond, Dave Hoffmaster and Kevin Rynearson will be leaving the board, and the society wishes to thank them all very much for their service to the SDCOS! Genie in particular has provided amazing service to the society! Running an orchid society takes a lot of hard work, and Genie has done more than anyone else to keep the SDCOS moving forward. We hope that everyone who sees her at a monthly meeting or seasonal show this summer will thank her personally for all of her hard work on behalf of the society. Christopher Croom will leave the

board after being a director for five years (thanks, Christopher!) but will continue to serve as the newsletter editor.

If this slate is approved, Helen Pfister and Lila Wagar will join the SDCOS board for the first time. It's always good to see members get involved in helping to run the society, and both Helen and Lila should be thanked for filling these important roles. Paul Tuskes and Jim Wright have served on the board in the past, and their experience should be highly valuable over the coming year.

The recommendations of the nominating committee require approval by the society membership. At the general meeting in June, the chair of the nominating committee will make those recommendations formally and ask for a vote of approval. Other nominations may be made before the vote, either by contacting the chair of the nominating committee or from the floor at the general meeting. Board members for 2011-2012 will be sworn in at the general meeting in July.

Submitted respectfully,

SDCOS Nominating Committee (Ron Kaufmann, chair, Betty Kelepecz, Tom Biggart)

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San Diego County Orchid Society Board Meeting Minutes

March 3, 2011

Attendees: David Brown, Carol Berg, Bruce Berg, Bob Clark, Genie Hammond, Dave Hoffmaster, Scott LaBouff, Helen Pfister, Kevin Rynearson and Jack Schaefer.

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

Officers Reports

Minutes for the April meeting were approved prior to this meeting and were published in the May Newsletter.

Carol Berg presented the treasurer's report for April. David Brown moved to file the report for audit and the motion carried.

Committee Reports

Shows in the Park

David brown will chair the July Show in the Park but we are looking for someone to chair future shows. The chair would be responsible for volunteers to set up the room and man the necessary positions during the show. The shows for the balance of the year are:

Summer show, July 23 & 24

Fall show, October 22 & 23

It was decided to not utilize the patio area outside of room 101 for the July show due to security reasons. We will continue with the show in room 101 as we have in the past.

Web Committee

The Web Committee met at Jack Schaefer's house on April 27. The main actions from the meeting were for Jack to continue development of the navigation buttons for 1) the left side of the page and 2) the newsletter archives. Jack has found a solution for the so called orphan email that happens when an in-

terrupt occurs during a mass emailing. This will let us know which messages were not sent and re-send them.

Old Business

Bruce Berg and Genie Hammond are still working on a proposal to encourage student participation in Society meetings and events. It will be presented to the Board when available.

The credit card machine we have costs us \$25 per month even if we do not use it. Receipts from monthly meetings often do not justify paying the fee that month. We can cancel the service in any given month and activate it as needed. The Board voted to cancel the credit card machine and activate it only during the months that we have shows.

Carol Berg is looking into an investment strategy for the Society's funds and is arranging for a presentation to the Board of our options.

As to date, no one has volunteered to become president of the Society when David Brown steps down in July. The nominating committee is still working the issue.

New Business

We will have a panel at the novice meeting talking about growing newly acquired orchids.

Nico Goossens will speak at the general meeting about growing orchids outdoors here in San Diego.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

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Our speaker for June will be Nico Goossens who will talk about growing orchids in our back yards with information on how to choose what kind of orchid growing areas are needed for different requirements. Nico and Lisa Humphries are the owners of Lico Orchids, one of our local vendors. In addition to growing and selling orchids, Nico is interested in finding our local native orchids and studying them to better understand their cultural requirements. He and I organize trips in the spring and summer to find our local orchids and compare their growing conditions over time. If members would be interested in joining us, let us know and we'll give you information about upcoming trips.

If members are interested in joining Nico for dinner at the Prado before the meeting, please RSVP Bruce Berg firstvp@sdorchids.com by June 4.

The plant opportunity table will be provided by Lico Orchids. Nico and Lisa have some very unique and well grown plants that they will bring in for the plant opportunity table this month. Support your society by buying tickets for this great opportunity!



Encyclia (syn. *Oestlundia*) *cyanocolumna* has great olive sepals and petals and a purplish-blue column.

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.

Cattleyas, Oncidium/Odonts, Vandaceous

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Paphiopedilums

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](#) (619) 583-3804

Pleurothallids

[Christopher Croom](#) (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



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Letter From the Editor

Dear SDCOS,

I hope your plants are enjoying these warmer-yet-still-mild late spring temperatures, and are rewarding you with spring blossoms. Make sure you're also increasing the watering and fertilizer since your plants are obviously doing more now than they were three months ago.

It's always a good idea to keep your eyes peeled in spring and summer for new insect or arthropod infestations on your plants, as warmer temperatures greatly speed up the life cycles of these animals. That lone colony of cottony mealybugs on the leaf of your *Epidendrum conopseum* that struggled for survival all winter long is now plotting to overtake the entire plant, spreading disease with their biting and sucking mouthparts and engineering dastardly strategies to bring their brand of nasty to the rest of your collection. Now is the time to stop infestations before they take the life of your plant; it's amazing how much you can do with a Q-Tip dipped in rubbing alcohol to maintain the beauty of your orchids.

Contact Information:

Christopher Croom

(619) 583-3804

batescroom@cox.net

I hope all who attended enjoyed the Spring Awards Banquet, as it is always a great opportunity to socialize with the other nice people in the Society. I hope you all also appreciate how far your membership dollars go to providing you with as many events and chances to hang out with cool people and eat food and get plants as possible.

Finally, if you are new to orchid growing and the Grow More fertilizer company has succeeded in convincing you that you need a special blend of fertilizer for this time of year (not unlike the "summer blend" of gasoline the refineries supposedly make that always costs more in summer), please remember the purpose of advertising.

Happy Growing,
Christopher