



**San Diego County Orchid
Society Newsletter
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Den. Jonathan's Glory 'Dark Joy'
Plant by Debby Halliday

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President's Message: 2022 Pre-Spring Show Edition!

Text by Debby Halliday, President

We had a very good February meeting, with 32 people in person and 20 on Zoom! Peter Tobias gave an excellent mounting demonstration, which we managed to film successfully. Norman Fang wowed us with pictures of his latest *Phal. tetraspis* breeding. Thank you all for coming.

The Spring Show and *Orchid Magic* is almost here! After missing 2020 and 2021, it's exciting to be putting on our big event again. Only one more meeting before it's showtime! I hope you will all try to attend our March 1 meeting in person. We may still need to wear masks, but we look forward to seeing everyone who can come to this important meeting. (There will still be a Zoom feed if you can't make it.)



SDCOS Floor Display

For the culture class, Pam Peters and I will be going over Spring Show registration, judging, awards, preparing your plants, and creating small displays. The registration forms for small displays will be at the meeting and are available online. We will have beautiful show posters that you can take and post around your neighborhood. We will also have more postcards (with a discount coupon) and bookmarks. This is your last chance to pick up some promotional items and help publicize our show! This is also an opportunity to pay Patti Hoffmaster or Myra for your pre-sale tickets if you have not already done it.

We will have an excellent group of vendors at the show including SVO, Andy's Orchids, Casa de las Orquideas, Cal Orchids, Divine Orchids and more. We will welcome three vendors from Ecuador including Ecuagenera. There will be a large section for member sales, a conservation booth, and orchid supplies for sale as well. Be sure to contact Myra for bar codes if you have plants you would like to sell. If you have any extra divisions to donate, conservation will be happy to have them.

SDCOS will again be creating a 9x9 floor display. We rely on loans of plants from our members to make it a really beautiful exhibit. The more orchids we have, the better it looks, so let us feature a few of your plants too. If you are feeling creative, come help us put it together! We also have plenty of tables to fill so start staking and grooming your orchids. There will be ribbon judging, AOS judging, and special awards you can win only at this show.



Myra DeTate – 2 x 4 ft Table Display

If you have not done it already, please sign up for a volunteer shift or two. We'll have sign-up sheets at the meeting, or you can sign up on the website under Volunteer. We provide free lunch before or after your shift. You also earn a volunteer reward coupon for every day you work and a free plant at the close of the show. More than that, it's a really fun activity to be part of. The public is always delighted at the wonderful world of orchids and it is satisfying to be able to share it with them. By all working together we can create an amazing show.

I look forward to seeing you on March 1st. Happy growing!

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General Meeting, March 1st, in person at Balboa Park Room 101 and Simulcast on Zoom; 7:30 PM.

Fred Clarke: Catasetum

Text by David Vandebroek, First VP, and Alex Nadzan's article in v255 of this newsletter

We are thrilled to welcome back a local favorite, Fred Clarke, to talk with us about Catasetum orchids. Fred is a leader in Catasetum intergeneric hybridization and a wonderful expert to have talk to us about this genus.

As many of our members know, Fred Clarke is the owner of [Sunset Valley Orchids](#) in Vista. He has been growing orchids for over 44 years and has been hybridizing for 40 of those years. With over 36 years as a professional grower and manager in the horticultural industry, Fred applies these skills at his orchid nursery. He is a passionate orchid grower whose curiosity in orchids is broad and varied. Although developing Cattleya hybrids has been his sustaining interest, he is also actively creating new Paphiopedilum and Aussie



Dendrobium hybrids, plus some others to be named if they work out!

Fred's pioneering work in Catasetum intergeneric hybrids led to the development of several notable hybrids, most recently the grex, Fredclarkeara After Dark, which produced the blackest orchid flower ever witnessed. This grex has received more than 100 awards worldwide with nine FCC's and 30 AM's from the AOS judges!

Fred is a long-time accredited judge in the Pacific South Judging Region. His plants have received hundreds of quality awards from the American Orchid Society. In addition, Fred is a strong supporter of our local orchid societies and has generously provided plants for our opportunity tables and auctions

While Fred will not be able to speak in person since it is opening day for the Flower Fields, he has generously provided a great selection of plants for our opportunity table. I'm very much looking forward to hearing him speak, and I hope you are able to join for what promises to be an exciting talk!



Fdk. After Dark 'Amazing'

Culture Class, March 1st, in person at Balboa Park Room 101 and Simulcast on Zoom, 6:30 PM

Debby Halliday and Pam Peters: Prepping for the Spring Show!

Text by David Vandebroek, First VP

For culture class this month we will have our annual refresher course on Spring Show registration, judging, awards, preparing your plants, and creating small displays presented by our very own President, Debby Halliday, and Judging Chair, Pam Peters!

Debby and Pam will cover everything you need to know about registering your plants for the show, judging criteria and awards, and how to prep your plants for presentation! This promises to be a great talk for anyone who is planning to bring a plant or create a small display for the Spring Show, so please consider attending.



Ctsm. Dragon's Teeth 'SVO' AM
Photos from SVO Website

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What Makes a Winning Orchid?

By Pam Peters, Ribbon Judging Chair

How Ribbon Judging Works

Plant entries arrive at the show:

Exhibitors pre-register orchids in either the Amateur or Open/Commercial category.

Plants are grouped by Section

The orchids are organized in Sections. Large plant groups like Cattleyas or Cymbidiums may contain more than one Section. Species orchids are divided into 4 Sections—two for miniature Species and two for large Species.

Sections are divided by Classes

Within each Section, plants are assigned to Classes. This is usually based on color except in the Species Sections where Classes are defined by Genus. Small and large displays are also judged.

Orchid Ribbon Judging

- Ribbons are awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each Class for both Amateur and Open/Commercial exhibitors.
- From the 1st place winners, judges award one **Best In Section** ribbon for Amateur and one for Open/Commercial. **Best In Section** plants have a large orange rosette ribbon.
- From the **Best In Section** winners, the judges select the one plant to win the **Sweepstakes Trophy for Best Orchid in Show**.
- **Cultural Excellence** ribbons may be given to any plant that is particularly well grown and has a large number of flowers.
- In addition, there are also many other trophies and cash prizes for exhibits and individual plants.

Orchid Ribbon Judging Criteria

Quality of flowers: Are the flowers symmetrical in shape and size? Of good texture and substance, with clear and pleasing colors and well-defined markings?

Condition of flowers: Are they in peak condition, with at least half the buds open? Are the flowers fully open, fresh, unblemished, or are they tired, damaged, or not open yet?

Number of flowers: Keeping in mind what you can expect from this particular hybrid or species, is there a generous number of blooms?

Presentation: Are the flowers evenly spaced and naturally, attractively presented, or has the spike bent during growth so the flowers are upside down and backwards?

Plant/leaves/roots/mix: In general, does the plant appear healthy and well-grown, pest-free, and well-groomed? Is the foliage color appropriate for the type? Or are bulbs badly shriveled, leaves withered, dead bulbs not removed, or showing signs of mealy bug, scale, or aphids? Is the medium clean? Has the owner used a basket or cachepot?

To narrow the field or break a tie, it sometimes helps if you ask yourself, “Of the plants eligible for this award, which plant would I most like to take home with me?”



The 2019 Sweepstakes Trophy for Best Orchid in Show was awarded to Jerry and Anita Spencer's *Dendrobium Little Saigon*.

oca Orchid Conservation Alliance

Conserving Orchids by Conserving Orchid Habitat

The OCA conserves orchids by funding habitat preservation. Since inception in 2005 we have helped with the purchase of over 3000 acres of orchid habitat, protecting hundreds of orchid species in Brazil, Ecuador and Colombia. Many species of rare birds, trees, frogs, mammals also find refuge in these reserves.

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

Dracula innuendo (L), *Lepanthes eschfero* (R)
La Selva de Ventanas Reserve, Colombia

We hope you will join us in promoting this important work. We invite you to become a member of the OCA, to make a donation, to take a trip with us to see Orchids in the Wild®, and to purchase merchandise through our website. Since we have no paid staff, all proceeds support orchid conservation. The OCA is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation.

For more information: www.orchidconservationalliance.org

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Judging at the San Diego Judging Center (Casa del Prado, Balboa Park), February 2022.

Text by Phyllis Prestia and photos by Arnie Gum

There were 11 individual orchids presented for judging and a group of 12 orchids submitted for an Award of Quality. Three individual orchids were awarded and an Award of Quality was awarded for the grouping.

[1] *C. coccinea* AQ/AOS
Exhibited by Paul and Ann Tuskes
Awarded AQ, - points

[2] *C. coccinea* 'Paradox Alcazar' AM/AOS
Exhibited by Paul and Ann Tuskes
Awarded AM, 86 points

[3] *Angraecum elephantinum* 'Bell' Orchidea' HCC/AOS
Exhibited by Phyllis Prestia
Awarded HCC, 78 points

[4] *Restrepia falkenbergii* 'Arnie' HCC/AOS
Exhibited by Arnold Gum
Awarded HCC, 78 points



Synopsis of Judging Sections 2022 SDCOS Spring Show *Orchid Magic*

Sec 1 and 101	Standard Cymbidium Hybrids – natural spread 3 ½" or more
Sec 2 and 201	Compact & Miniature Cymbidium Hybrids – natural spread under 3 ½"
Sec 3 and 301	Pendulous Cymbidium Hybrids
Sec 333 - Open	Best 3 Cymbidiums in Containers not in a massed display
Sec 333.01- Amateur	Best 3 Cymbidiums in Containers not in a massed display
Sec 4 and 401	Standard Cattleya Alliance Hybrids – leaf span 12" or more from top of medium to tip of tallest leaf. For mounted plants, 12" or more from the mount to the leaf tip
Sec 5 and 501	Compact Cattleya Alliance Hybrids – leaf span 6"- 12" from top of medium to tip of tallest leaf. For mounted plants, from the mount to the leaf tip
Sec 6 and 601	Miniature Cattleya Alliance Hybrids - leaf span under 6" from top of medium to tip of tallest leaf. For mounted plants, from the mount to the leaf tip
Sec 7 and 701	Paphiopedilum Hybrids
Sec 8 and 801	Phragmipedium Hybrids
Sec 9 and 901	Oncidium Alliance Hybrids
Sec 10 and 1001	Dendrobium Hybrids
Sec 11 and 1101	Vandaceous Alliance Hybrids
Sec 12 and 1201	Other Genera Hybrids
Sec 13 and 1301	Phalaenopsis Alliance Hybrids
Sec 14 and 1401	Specimen Plants
Sec 15A and 1501A	Species more than 6 inches tall Classes "A through T"
Sec 15B and 1501B	Species more than 6 inches tall Classes "U through II"
Sec 16A and 1601A	Species less than 6 inches tall Classes "A through T"
Sec 16B and 1601B	Species less than 6 inches tall Classes "U through JJ"
Sec 17 and 1701	Member Displays - Large and Small

TROPHY (FLOWER AWARDS)	AWARD
1 Abernathy Trophy - Amateur	Best Cymbidium Hybrid
2 Batchman Trophy - Amateur	Best 3 Cymbidiums in Containers
3 Bean Trophy - Open	Best Vanda Alliance Hybrid
4 Bertsch Trophy - Open	Best Colored Cattleya Alliance Species
5 Bishop Trophy - Open	Best Miniature Cattleya Alliance Hybrid
6 Bliss Trophy - Open	Best Large Orchid Species
7 Canale Trophy - Open	Best Colored Cattleya Alliance Hybrid
8 Casa Herbita Trophy - Open	Best Sophronitis Hybrid
9 Casanajor Trophy - Open	Best Paphiopedilum Hybrid
10 Casey Trophy - Open	Best Oncidium Alliance Hybrid
11 Cobb Trophy - Open	Best Cymbidium Hybrid
12 DeMaria Trophy - Open	Best Epidendrum Alliance Hybrid
13 Doros Trophy - Open	Best Novelty Phalaenopsis Alliance Hybrid
14 Dugger Trophy - Amateur	Best Oncidium Alliance Hybrid
15 Foster Trophy - Open	Best 3 Cymbidiums in Containers
16 Siv Garrod Trophy - Open	Most Unusual Species Orchid
17 Geer Trophy - Open	Best Specimen Plant
18 Hadacheck Trophy - Open	Best Dendrobium Alliance Hybrid
19 Laughter Trophy - Open	Best Phalaenopsis Alliance Hybrid
20 Miller Trophy - Open	Best Phragmipedium Hybrid
21 Moore Trophy - Open	Best White or Semi-Alba Standard Cattleya Hybrid
22 Pfister Trophy - Open	Best Small Orchid Species
23 Sprague Trophy - Open	Best Compact Cattleya Alliance Hybrid
24 Sweepstakes Trophy (glass)	Best Orchid in Show
25 Van Kekerix Trophy - Open	Best Pleurothallid Alliance Species (including Masdevallias and Draculas)
DISPLAY AWARDS	
26 Alesi Trophy - Open	Best Small Display - \$100
27 Alma Marosz Trophy - Open	Most Educational Display - \$100
28 Balboa Trophy - Amateur	Best Display Illustrating Show Theme - \$100
29 Henry Marosz Trophy - Amateur	Most Educational Display - \$100
30 Jim Wright Trophy - Amateur	Most Artistic Display - \$100
31 Pinckney Trophy - Open	Most Artistic Display - \$100
32 President's Trophy - Open	Best Display Illustrating Show Theme - \$100
33 Robinson Trophy - Amateur	Best Small Display - \$100
34 SDCOS Grand Prize	Best Display in Show - \$250
35 SDCOS Trophy - Open	Best Orchid Society Display - \$100
36 SDCOS Trophy - Open	Best Display in a Natural Setting - \$100
37 Winship Trophy - Amateur	Best Display in a Natural Setting - \$100
NATIONAL ORCHID SOCIETIES' AWARDS	
AOS Show Trophy	Best Display of orchid plants or cut flowers covering 25 sq. ft. or more
Orchid Digest Show Trophy - Amateur	Best display of 30 sq. ft. or more by an amateur grower displaying the highest levels of artistry, taste and innovation in design and presentation, flower quality, and cultural excellence.

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April Culture information

By Bruce Berg

I'm writing this on February 14, 2022, so:
Happy Valentine's Day to all of you!

It looks like we may have missed our winter rains this winter :o(This is a problem for folks like me who depend on collecting a majority of the water we need to water our plants.

This is my first suggestion; if you depend on rainwater, check your collection, delivery, and storage systems. We may only get a few rains ahead and be prepared to collect it! Some members use water rented from suppliers. Others design and use RO systems. Others can use tap water, and they're the lucky ones. It's a good idea to obtain and use a testing gauge called a TDS Meter (Total Dissolved Solids). You want a value less than 250 ppm Parts per million for most orchids.

I've been looking at my plants and noticing that many of them are coming into bloom early with the 90 degree afternoon heat in my greenhouse. The 50 degrees temperatures under my shade area at night tells me I can begin moving plants outside now. I am seeing new root growth out of some of the pots which is another indicator that it's time to start the annual migration from the greenhouse to the shade area.

So, it's time to start evaluating your plants. Dividing them and repotting them if they are getting too big for the pots. *Save the divisions for donating to the Conservation or Society booths at our upcoming Spring Show!* The



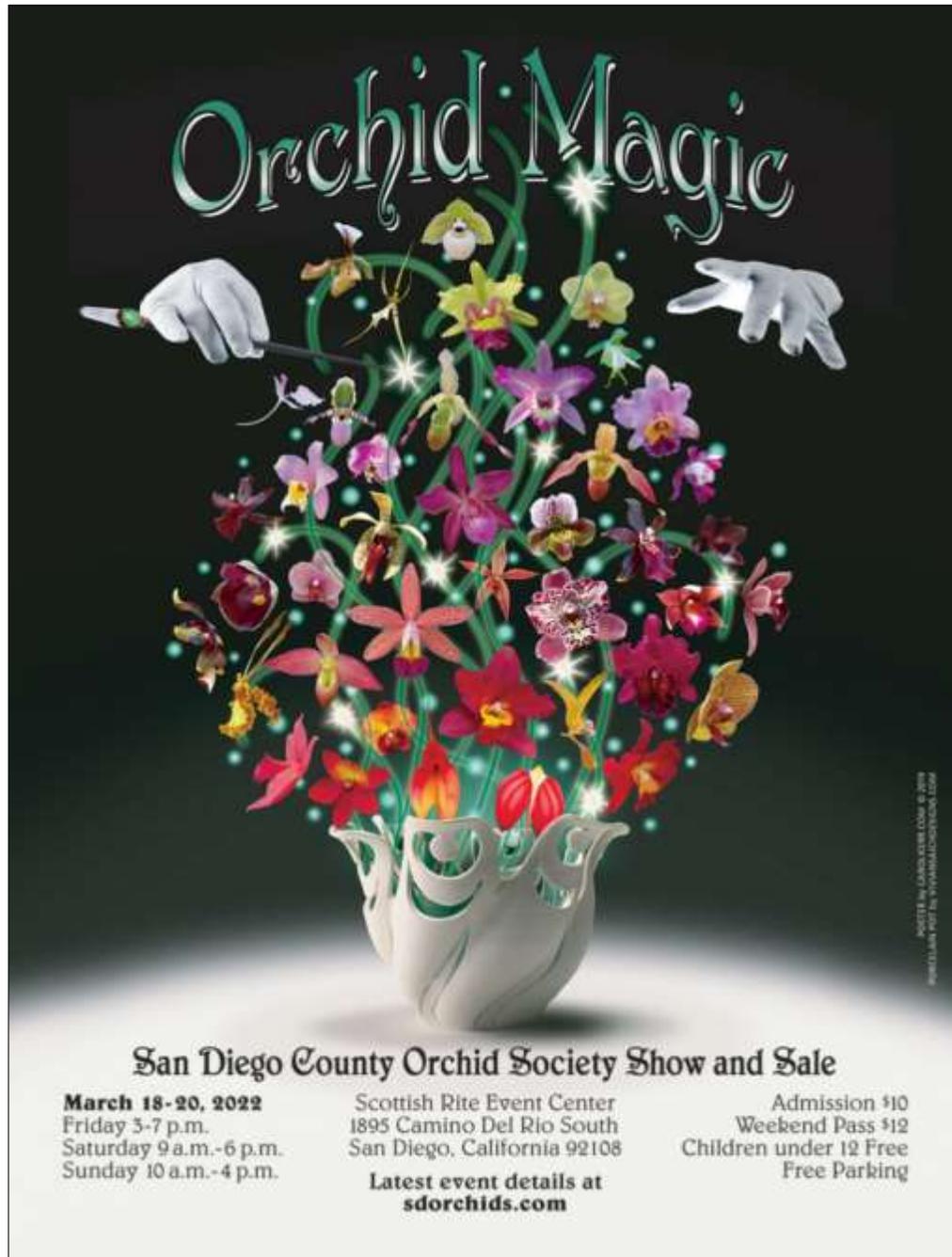
Cymbidium
Sharen Vandenbroek

Society also needs volunteers for that, so consider signing up on our website!

Remember, if you think of your orchids like your children, give them food and water and they will love you!



Rlc. Gail K. Manmoto 'Volcano Queen'
Bruce Berg



Orchid Magic

San Diego County Orchid Society Show and Sale

March 18-20, 2022
Friday 3-7 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
Sunday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Scottish Rite Event Center
1895 Camino Del Rio South
San Diego, California 92108

Admission \$10
Weekend Pass \$12
Children under 12 Free
Free Parking

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David Vandebroek

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Orchid Dates to Remember:

March 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

March 1
AOS San Diego Judging Center
6 PM, first Tuesday of the month
Casa del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 104

March 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

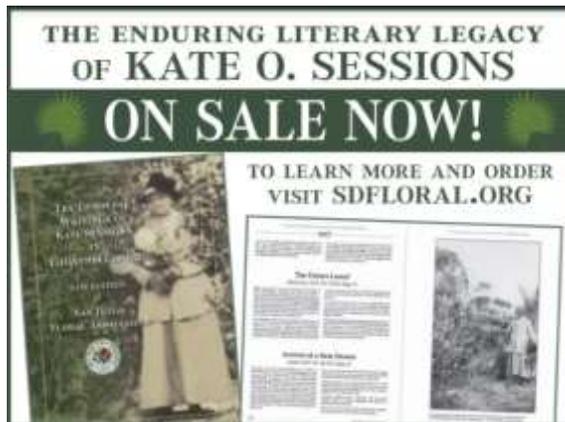
March 3
SDCOS Board Meeting
First Thursday of the month, 7 PM
Zoom; for an SDCOS member to request a meeting invite, email president@sdorchids.com

March 5
SDCOS Species Group Meeting
Socialization 8:30 AM, meeting 9:00 AM
First Saturday of the month
firstvp@sdorchids.com

March 18 – 22
SDCOS Spring Show
https://sdorchids.com/SpringShow_2022.html

Board and General Meeting Minutes

The SDCOS Board meeting minutes can be found at:
<http://sdorchids.com/Minutes.html>



2021-2022 SDCOS Officers

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First VP:	David Vandebroek
Second VP:	Ashley Grable
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From the Editor:

Hello everyone,

I hope you all are keeping well and ready for our Spring Show coming up in the next couple of weeks! It will be very exciting to be able to see everyone's plants in such a great venue!

There are plenty of spots left if you want to [sign up to help out](#) putting the show on, and we'll definitely need all the plants we can get, so bring something in if you can! :)

I hope you and yours are keeping well, and look forward to seeing you when we can.

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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