

**San Diego County Orchid
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Winner of the Best of Show and the Forrest Robinson Cultural Award:
Brassia verrucosa
Dave Rimlinger

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President's Message

David Vandebroek, President

Hi everyone, I hope you and your plants survived our crazy summer storm! We put on an absolutely beautiful Summer Show in the Park thanks to your help and your plants. A big thanks to Debby Halliday and George Pflaum, who stepped into new positions of show leadership this time around. There are a few articles summarizing the show here, but the punchline is: you all did such a great job!

Additionally, it was a pleasure hearing Satomi Kasahara speak to us last month; her talk on *Neofinetia falcata* was excellent, and the plant table she provided had a generous supply of beautiful orchids. We were sorry to discover that the audio portion of Zoom was not working for most of that meeting. The Board agreed to buy a new microphone and we will continue working to make sure we can offer the hybrid meetings.

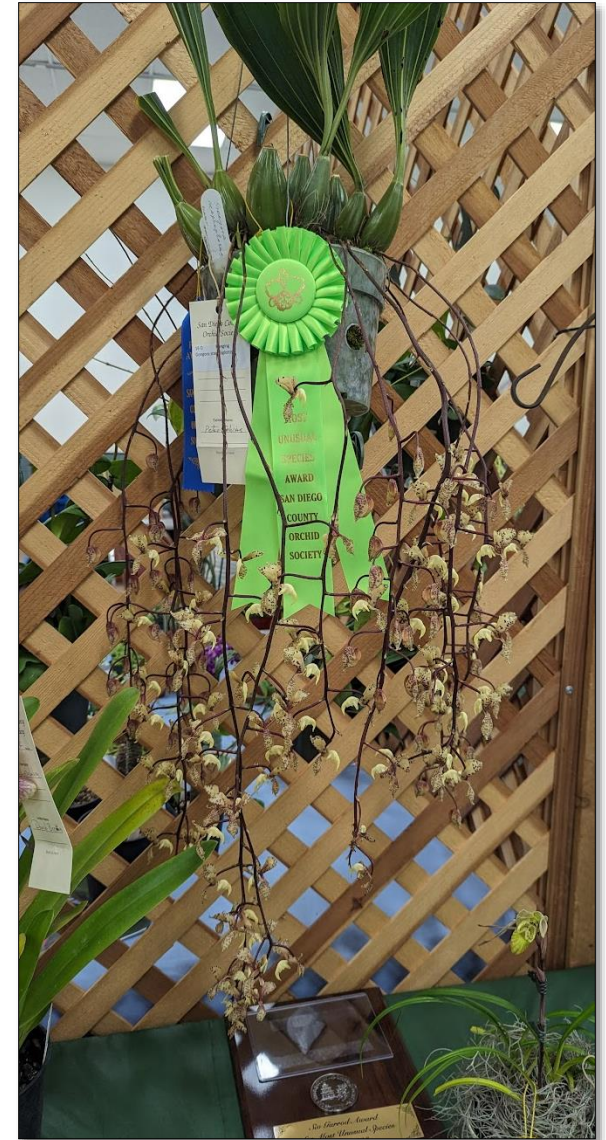
We have a great speaker lineup planned for next month, with the local favorite, Tim Culbertson giving us a new talk on *Sarcochilus*, and a very new member, Joseph Hewson, teaching us a bit about how to make terrariums for orchids – this promises to be a great meeting.

I hope you all are getting a chance to rest and recover as summer comes to a close and are getting emotionally ready for our upcoming October show! More on that in the next newsletter.

Wishing you all the best. :)



July Show Room



Siv Garrod Most Unusual Species Award Winner

Gongora scaphoglottis

Peter Tobias

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General Meeting, September 5, in person at Balboa Park, Casa del Prado Room 101, Room 101 and Simulcast on Zoom; 7:30 PM.

Tim Culbertson: *Sarcochilus*: Gems of Spring

Text by Tim Culbertson, followed by Ashley Grable, First VP

Although I teach middle school kids for a living, one of my passions has always been plants. I began growing orchids as an offshoot from working at Longwood Gardens in Philadelphia just after college. From the very beginning it was all about *Paphiopedilums*, particularly awarded and select clones of historic importance, of which my collection numbers nearly 3000. While I love finding old, rare stepping stones in Paph breeding, I also do a little hybridizing of my own, and growing up my own babies is a blast. I am an accredited judge with the American Orchid Society, and have served in various capacities with various orchid societies in California and on the East Coast. I love meeting other people who like orchids too, and doing so often finds me traveling to shows, vendors, and people's greenhouses



to see the latest and greatest in new hybrids and to get the best orchid gossip. I like to be involved in plants as much as possible: in addition to Longwood, I've worked at the Smithsonian Institution tending to their orchids, and for years for the United States National Arboretum, collecting rare plants and documenting cultivated species and hybrids for their herbarium. In short, I really like plants.

For the September SDCOS meeting, I'll be sharing a presentation entitled "*Sarcochilus*: Gems of Spring". These plants are easy to grow and flower, are vigorous, and have low cultural demands; they are natives of Australia and will grow easily outdoors in Southern California. Tremendous advancements in breeding *Sarcochilus* have been made recently, and I will share some of these with you, as well as help identify some of the important parents in the backgrounds of new and modern colors found in this genus. By the end of this presentation, you will have a new appreciation of what goes into breeding trends for these types of plants, as well as an appreciation of their beautiful flowers and ease-of-growth.

Tim will supply the plants for this month's plant opportunity table. Among the plants he will bring are some of the newest, modern, cutting-edge *Sarcochilus* species and hybrids, so come prepared to purchase (or win through our raffles!) a few *Sarcochilus* orchids, absolute gems with colorful flowers and miniature size.

We will not have a speaker's dinner this month.



Sarcochilus Display from the Spring Show

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Culture Class, September 5, 6:30 PM Joseph Hewson: How to Make a Terrarium for Orchids

Text by Joseph Hewson, edited by Ashley Grable

I'm from San Diego and have always liked wildlife and nature. My real passion for this started with people and programs I saw on TV, and what I experienced in person, including at the zoo. I also grew up with various houseplants (including orchids), my first exposure to nature. My aunt bought me the first orchid that was officially mine. It is a small white *Phalaenopsis*. That was almost five years ago.

Today, I have a collection of over seventy different orchids, including *Phalaenopsis*, *Cattleyas*, and *Zygopetalums*. What interests me about orchids is their diversity and history. I would argue that they are one of the most important flower species in cultures all around the world. I also find it interesting that there are so many varieties within the same genus as well.



I started my YouTube channel, Die Hard Orchids

(<https://www.youtube.com/@diehardorchids>), because I want to educate people about orchids and how to care for them. I want to eventually travel to different places and observe them in the wild, and then find a way to replicate that at home. I work for the San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance in food service; but wildlife and conservation will forever be my first professions.

My culture class presentation is titled “How to Make a Terrarium for Orchids”. I will cover the basics of terrarium building, the different elements you can use, and, especially, the orchids. The class will consist of a 10-minute talk, a 15-minute demonstration, and five minutes of questions and answers.



Orchid from the July Show

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July Show in the Park Debby Halliday, Show Chair

What a fabulous show we put on! We had 235 plants on display. That is more than we have ever had at a park show! Of that group 144 were species. That made it a particularly interesting show. We even moved the large species into our center lattice section in order to have room for them all. Over 30 members brought orchids for display. You are listed by name elsewhere in the Newsletter. We also had a full compliment of vendors and sales were brisk.

Congratulations to our winners:

Dave Rimlinger won the Best of Show James & Lise Wright Award and the Forrest Robinson Cultural Award for his stunning specimen *Brassia verrucosa*. This huge and superbly grown plant with its abundance of flowers was a worthy winner. Well done, Dave!

Peter Tobias took home the Siv Garrod Most Unusual Species Award for his *Gongora scaphoglottis*. This large and exotic hanging orchid sported 10 long and fully bloomed spikes. It was a great example of the variety on display in our large species sections.

I, Debby Halliday, won the People's Choice Award for my *Dendrobium guibertii* v. *griffithianum*. This was particularly satisfying as it is one of those species that doesn't hold its flowers very long. In fact I rejected it on Friday for not being open enough, only to discover on Saturday morning that it was more than ready. It continued to open throughout the weekend until it had all its hanging plumes open in their golden glory.

I'm just realizing that all our award winners were species this time. I suspect that is another first.

Thank you and great job everyone! The public seemed to really enjoy the show and the room was always busy. As always, a shout out to our volunteers. We cannot put on these shows without you! Special thanks to George Pflaum who took over Jack Schaefer's duties. He put my pencil layouts into CAD and he and his crew transformed 101 into a beautiful show space in a very efficient and professional manner. This was my first park show as chair, and I hope you are as thrilled as I am at what we all created! Go SDCOS!



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Orchids from the July Show

Show Winners, July 2023			
Sec	Award	Orchid	Winner
	James & Lise Wright Best of Show	<i>Brassia verrucosa</i>	Dave Rimlinger
	Forrest Robinson Cultural Award	<i>Brassia verrucosa</i>	Dave Rimlinger
	Siv Garrod Most Unusual Species	<i>Gongora scaphoglottis</i>	Peter Tobias
	People's Choice Award	<i>Dendrobium guibertii v. griffithianum</i>	Debby Halliday
1	Cymbidium Standard Hybrid	No Entries	-
2	Cymbidium Hybrid Miniature	<i>Cym. Helen Bannerman 'Black Magic'</i>	Betty Kelepecz
3	Cymbidium Hybrid Pendulous	<i>Cym. Helen Bannerman</i>	Jerry Spencer
4	Cattleya Alliance Standard	<i>Schomburgkia San Diego Breeze 'Condor's Sunset'</i>	Ormistan J. Bromfield
5	Cattleya Alliance Compact	<i>Rlc. Chinese Bronze x Mark Jones</i>	Neal Grant
6	Cattleya Alliance Miniature	<i>Lc. Indigo Valentine var. coerulea</i>	Alex Nadzan
7	Paphiopedilum Hybrid	<i>Paph. Magic Lantern</i>	Debby Halliday
8	Phragmipedium Hybrid	<i>Phrag. Sedenii</i>	Jane Wesley Brooks
9	Oncidium Alliance Hybrid	<i>Rossioglossum Rawdon Jester</i>	Anita Spencer
10	Dendrobium Hybrids	<i>Den. Pixie Princess</i>	Anita Spencer
11	Vandaceous Alliance	<i>Renanthera Amayana</i>	Debby Halliday
12	Hybrids of Other Genera	<i>Enanthleya (Eny.) Middleburg 'MAG'</i>	Anita Spencer
13	Phalaenopsis Alliance	<i>Phal. Chi-Yueh Golden George</i>	Alex Nadzan
14	Specimen Plants	<i>Brassia verrucosa</i>	Dave Rimlinger
15	Large Species: Angraecum - Masdevallia	<i>Cattleya harrisoniana</i>	Tom Osborn
16	Large Species: Maxillaria - Zygopetalum	<i>Miltoniopsis vexillaria</i>	Peter Tobias
17	Small Species: Angraecum - Masdevallia	<i>Dendrobium laevifolium 'Little Joy' HCC/AOS</i>	Debby Halliday
18	Small Species: Maxillaria - Zygopetalum	<i>Neofinetia falcata GOJU Fukurin</i>	Alex Nadzan
19	Small Displays 4' x 4' or less	<i>Tree with 12 Encyclia Species</i>	Pedro Sanchez
20	Large Displays 6' x 4' or greater	No Entries	-
21	Vendor Displays 6' x 4' or greater	No Entries	-

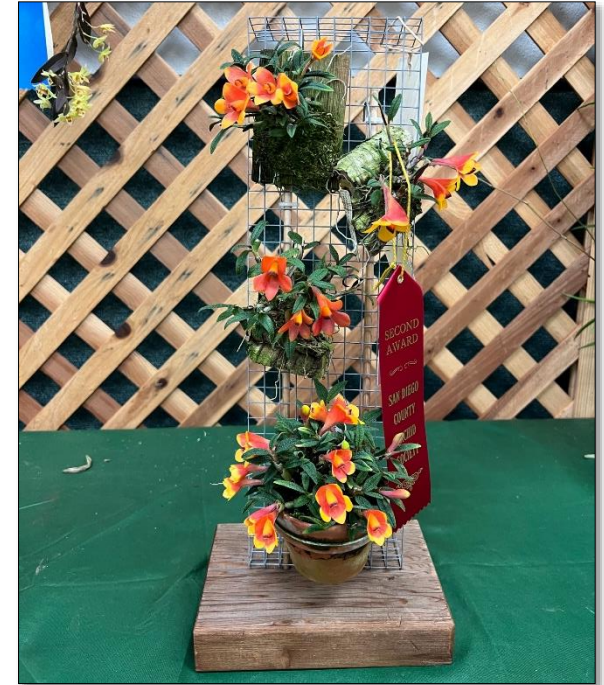
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People Who Entered Orchids in July Show

Pam Peters

We had a very successful July show with over 230 orchids entered. Thank you to the following people who participated by bringing in plants: Alan Castillo, Alex Nadzan, Anita & Jerry Spencer, Arnold Gum, Ben & Susie Machado, Betty Kelepecz, Bob Clark, Carey McCoy, Carol Kerr, Dave Rimlinger, David Brown, Debby Halliday, Felisha Acantilado, George Pflaum, Jane Wesley Brooks, John Snyder, Kay Klausung, Michael Chanco, Min Teng, Myra DeTate, Natalia Guidarinko, Neal Grant, Ormistan (Julian) Bromfield, Pam Peters, Pedro Sanchez, Rachel Burns, Stewart Walton, Tom Osborn, Thomas Hoyle, and Peter Tobias.

Thank you,
Pam



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People's Choice in July Debby Halliday, Show Chair

We had our People's Choice voting at the July Show in the Park as always. Here is how it turned out.

- 435 guests voted.
- 99 different orchids were nominated.
- 27 growers had at least one plant chosen as someone's favorite.

The top ten vote getters accounted for 40% of the votes; their names are below. Note the 3-way tie for 6th and another tie for 9th.

Congratulations to our winners. Congratulations also to all who had plants chosen.

It's fun to see what people like, but the real purpose of the People's Choice voting is to get our guests to slow down and really

appreciate our orchids. It works remarkably well. They take their votes seriously. People study the choices carefully before awarding some lucky plant their ultimate vote of approval. It's a win-win for everyone.

Through the ballots, we also learned about how people found our show. By far the most important at 50%, was the signs we put all around the park. Another 11% just stopped in while walking by. This accounts for 61% of our traffic. Another 14% have learned about it at another orchid show. 7% learned about it from a friend or relative. 6% found us online through calendars and social media. The final 12% found us in other ways. We can see that getting the word out in many ways makes a difference.

Thank you all for your role in introducing the wider public to the fascinating world of orchids!

1st	<i>Dendrobium guibertii v. griffithianum</i>	Debby Halliday
2nd	<i>Milioniopsis vexillaria</i>	Peter Tobias
3rd	<i>Milioniopsis Lillian Nakamoto</i>	Jane Wesley-Brooks
4th	<i>Dendrobium Frosty Maree</i>	Debby Halliday
5th	<i>Dendrochilum filiforme</i>	John Snyder
6th	<i>Phalaenopsis Lianher Super Red</i>	Arnold Gum
6th	<i>Paphiopedilum Hsinying Alien</i>	Debby Halliday
6th	<i>Laelia purpurata carnea</i>	George Pflaum
9th	<i>Laelia purpurata Schusteriana</i>	Ben Machado
9th	<i>Stanhopea tigrina</i>	Rachel Burns



People's Choice Award Winner
Dendrobium guibertii v. griffithianum
Debby Halliday

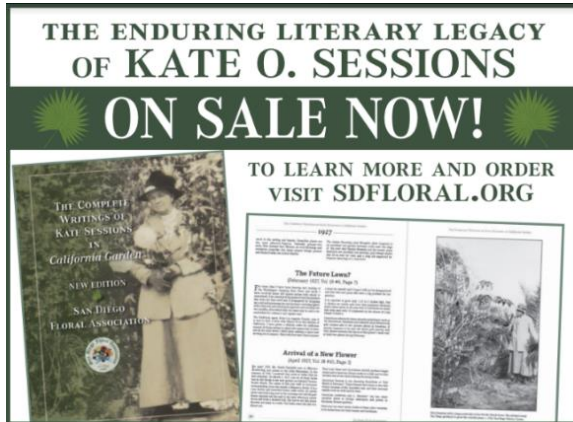


Milioniopsis vexillaria
Peter Tobias

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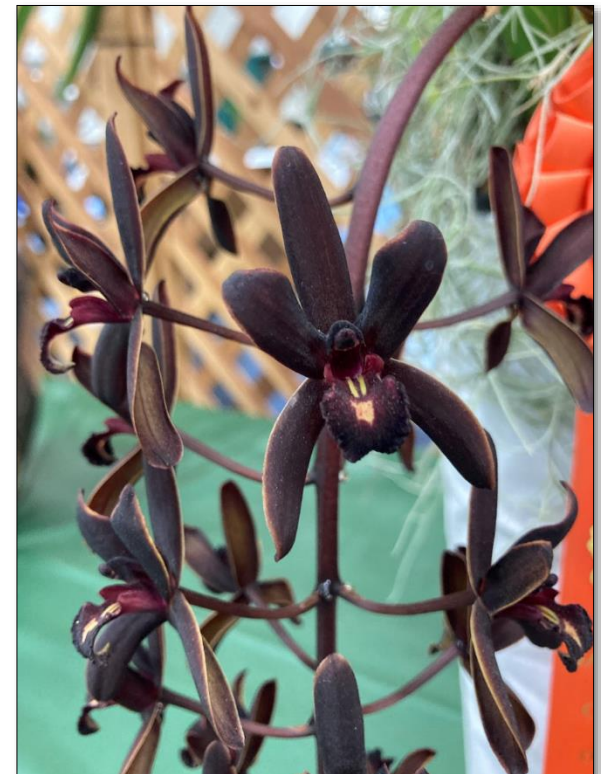
The image shows a book cover on the left titled 'THE COMPLETE WRITINGS OF KATE SESSIONS' with a portrait of a woman. To the right is a newspaper clipping with the headline 'The Future Leaf?' and a sub-headline 'Arrival of a New Flower'.

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Orchid Dates to Remember:

September 2

SDCOS Species Group Meeting

Socialization 8:30 AM, meeting 9:00 AM

First Saturday of the month

president@sdorchids.com

September 5

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

September 5

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

September 6

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

September 7

SDCOS Board Meeting

First Thursday of the month, 7 PM

Zoom; for an SDCOS member to request a meeting invite, email

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September 15 - 17

Andy's Fall Open House

<https://andysorchids.com/>

September. 22 - 24

Fascination of Orchids Show

Santa Ana Zoo

<https://fascinationoforchids.com/>

October 20 - 22

Huntington Orchids Show and Sale

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

October 28 - 29

SDCOS Fall Show in the Park

Board and General Meeting Minutes

The SDCOS Board meeting minutes are available to members upon request.

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Orchids from the July Show



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



Dracula lemurella (L), *Lepanthes escifera* (R)
La Selva de Ventanas Reserve, Colombia

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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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