

**San Diego County Orchid
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C. Jolly
Debby Halliday

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President's Message

David Vandebroek, President

Happy start of fall! I hope you and your plants are adapting well to our changes in weather – the cool nights are certainly a pleasant change for me :)

Well, another season another show! We're gearing up for our October Show in the Park, which will be the last full weekend of October, as always, and we're definitely going to need some help with that one. As Debby mentions in her article, we are looking for volunteers. We'll have a signup online on the new website (same domain, www.sdorchids.com) as well as in person at our meeting on Tuesday. Several of our usual volunteers are out that weekend, so if you haven't volunteered much before, now's a very helpful time to start!

Additionally, I wanted to call out the website rework. As I noted in the email blast to members earlier this month, Kay has taken over the position of webmaster and redone our website. Following the departure of our old webmaster, we were largely unable to update the site, so this was a very needed change. Many thanks to Kay for the months of work he's spent building this from scratch. This is still a work in progress, but we now have the ability to update the site with show information and newsletters. More on this coming soon!

Hope to see you at the meeting on Tuesday – happy growing!



Cattleya tigrina
Debby Halliday



Dracula tubearia
Dave Rimlinger

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General Meeting, October 3, in person at Balboa Park, Casa del Prado Room 101, Room 101 and Simulcast on Zoom; 7:30 PM.

Doug Overstreet: My 10 Favorite *Oncidiums* (some of which are still *Oncidiums*!)

Text by Doug Overstreet, followed by Ashley Grable, First VP

Douglas Overstreet has grown orchids continually since he was 10 years old. He comes by his interest in plants and animals naturally. His family have been American farmers since 1684. The first orchid he purchased in 1972 was *Cattleya Trimos*, a primary hybrid between *C. trianaei* and *C. mossiae*. The first orchid he flowered was a *Phalaenopsis* hybrid.

Doug moved to California in 1975 and continued his love affair with orchids. In 1984, his collection began to grow by leaps and bounds with his first professional job. He also became a very active participant in the local orchid community. He began to work with orchids professionally in 2000 as a private consultant. Gradually, this became



his full-time occupation. He has managed private collections for leading hobbyists in Southern California for the last 15 years. He is an Accredited American Orchid Society Judge in the Pacific South Region. An accomplished writer and educator, Doug has written articles for many different publications including *Orchid Digest* and has served on the Editorial Committee of that publication as Assistant Editor. He has spoken for orchid societies and other groups nationwide. Currently, he is employed by the Huntington Botanical Gardens and is the orchid specialist in charge of the Thornton Conservatory and the Ernest Hetherington Memorial *Cattleya* Collection.

In his talk “Ten Favorite *Oncidiums* (some of which are still *Oncidiums*)”, Doug will present a selection of beautiful and enjoyable species of plants in the *Oncidiinae* alliance that are easy to locate and grow in southern California. All of the plants used to be considered as genus *Oncidium*, but some have been moved into other genera in the past few years. Doug will also present a brief explanation of these taxonomic changes, along with specific cultural considerations for each species.

SDCOS members are invited to join, at their own expense, the dinner with the main speaker on the evening of the presentation. To secure your seat, email

ashleygrable@gmail.com no later than Friday, September 29. Please arrive at the restaurant – [The Prado at Balboa Park](#) (1549 El Prado, Suite 12) – prior to the 5:45 PM reservation, so the table may be seated on time.

Plant Opportunity Table

Text by Ashley Grable, First VP

The October **plant opportunity table** will include a variety of *Oncidium* alliance species provided by Andy’s Orchids. Want a chance to take home a few *Oncidiinae* from the meeting that will quickly become your own favorites? Participate in the meeting’s plant raffles by 1) picking up a free raffle ticket (one per person) at the meeting’s welcome table; 2) redeeming your volunteer reward coupons for chances to win; 3) exhibiting your orchid on the meeting’s Plant Forum table in exchange for a raffle entry; and/or 4) purchasing raffle tickets.



Trichocentrum splendidum

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Culture Class, October 3, 6:30 PM

Nate La Breche: Natural and Artificial Lighting for Orchids

Nate La Breche, Second VP

Description: Nate La Breche is the second VP of the SDCOS. He started growing orchids in January of this year in his apartment using a grow tent along with shelves and LED lighting. His presentation will focus on indoor lighting for plants. Specific topics include how plants make use of light, measurement of light intensity, indoor lighting options, and a comparison of indoor lights and the Sun.

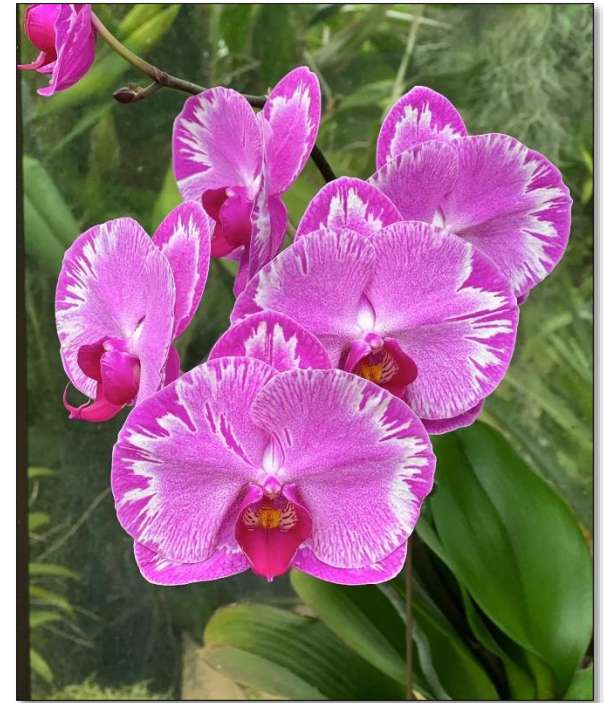


October Show in the Park Coming Soon!
Debby Halliday, Show Chair

Happy Autumn! Hard to believe that summer is already officially over. That means that Halloween and our Fall Show in the Park are right around the corner. The show will be on October 28 & 29th in Room 101 as usual. The hours are Saturday 12 – 5, Sunday 10 – 4. Check-in times are Friday 4pm – 7pm, Saturday 8am – 9am. Please be on time Saturday so judging can start promptly.

We will be having pre-registration as usual. Thank you to everyone who took advantage of this program in July. We had so many more large species than usual that we had to change where they were displayed. Because we knew what was coming in advance from your registrations, we were able to set the room up without a hitch. It looked wonderful! I unfortunately have to be out of town during this show. I will send you the registration forms early and ask that you try to have them back to me by Monday, October 23rd. That way I can prepare the labels and the reports for Pam before I leave. Thank you in advance!

The October show is always lots of fun as people come to the park to celebrate Halloween. We can expect a lot of happy visitors. Many of you signed up to volunteer at the September meeting. We'll have sheets available at the October meeting as well. We are transitioning to a new website and will let you know where you can sign up online well before the show. In the meantime, stake your flower spikes and start planning for what beauties you can bring to display at the show! Your efforts are always appreciated!



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Orchid Dates to Remember:

October 3

Main Speaker Dinner*: 5:45 PM

*See Main Speaker article for details.

October 3

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

October 3

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

October 4

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

October 5

SDCOS Board Meeting

First Thursday of the month, 7 PM

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

president@sdorchids.com

October 7

SDCOS Species Group Meeting

Socialization 8:30 AM, meeting 9:00 AM

First Saturday of the month

president@sdorchids.com

October 7-8

Riverside/San Bernardino Counties Orchid Show

2200 Belfield Blvd, Landers, CA

<https://www.rsbcos.org/events.html>

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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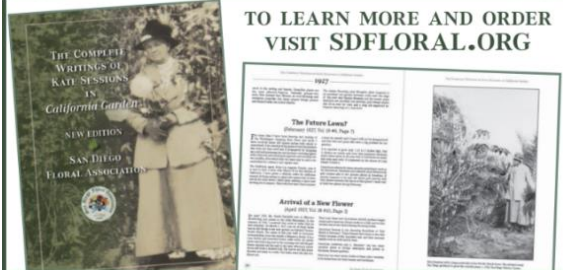
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Dracula gigas (L), *D. trigonopetala* (R)
Dracula lemurella (L), *Lepanthes eschjera* (R)

Dracula Reserve, Ecuador 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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