

**San Diego County Orchid
Society Newsletter
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Laelia perrinii
Best of Show
Jerry & Anita Spencer

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President's Message

David Vandebroek, President

Hi everyone, I hope you're enjoying this change in weather... if not the change in humidity – these Santa Anas sure are a bit rough for some of our more water-intensive plants.

We had a great October show last weekend – thanks so much to everyone who stepped in to help out – we managed to pull together something lovely. Attendance was a bit lower than usual, possibly due to conflicting Halloween plans, but we still managed to collect quite a bit of money for the society and for conservation – not to mention the biggest reason for our shows: to share our lovely plants with the public!

As our plants rest a bit over the holidays, we have some fun to look forward to! Our annual holiday party will be held in December as usual. There is a separate article on the holiday dinner on a later page, and you can expect more communication about it in the coming weeks.

I'm sprinkling several pictures from the October show throughout this newsletter – thanks much to everyone who brought in plants and who volunteered to help out – our shows and our society wouldn't be here without you.

Hope you're well and I'm looking forward to seeing you next week!



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

Scott McGregor: Growing Orchid Species Outdoors in Southern California

Text by Scott McGregor, followed by Ashley Grable, First VP

Scott McGregor has been growing orchids since he was 12, when a neighbor gave him a plant. That plant had a short life, but the hook was set, and he found books and sources for orchid species while growing up in St. Louis. His collection has morphed over time, living in different locations around the



Mediocarum decoratum
Scott McGregor

world, but has always centered around the more unusual species.

Southern California, with its favorable climate, is an ideal location to grow hundreds of orchid species outdoors. Scott grows all his plants outdoors, without a greenhouse, just "subtracting some sunlight and adding some water" to what nature provides in Southern California. He especially enjoys finding new species that grow well in our climate (many are far more adaptable than most people would believe), and now grows over 500 different orchid species, along with cloud forest companion plants such as *Heliamphora* and epiphytic *Utricularia*. He rarely uses chemical insecticides or fungicides, preferring fresh air, beneficial insects, and our native tree frogs.

Scott's talk, "Growing Orchid Species Outdoors in Southern California", is the story of an experiment to push the limits on what might be possible to grow, with a number of surprising outcomes. Through his presentation, you'll learn about some beautiful new species you can grow and some tips/techniques on outdoor growing. Scott retired from the corporate world a few years ago and stays active on corporate boards and working with non-profit groups that promote science education for kids. He resides with his family in San Juan Capistrano, California.

*SDCOS members are invited to join, at their own expense, **dinner with the main speaker** on the evening of the presentation. To secure your seat, email 1stVP@sdorchids.com by Monday, November 6. Please arrive at the restaurant*



Angraecum compactum
Scott McGregor

– [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.

*The November **plant opportunity table** will include a variety of species that grow well outdoors in Southern California, provided by Andy's Orchids. Want a chance to take home a plant from the opportunity table? 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 in bloom on the meeting's show-and-tell table in exchange for a raffle entry; and/or 4) purchasing raffle tickets.*

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Culture Class, November 7, 6:30 PM
Kay Klausing: New Website Overview
Nate La Breche, Second VP

Kay Klausing has been growing orchids since the 1980s. He has over 1,000 plants between three greenhouses in Bay Park. He has a wide variety of genera but focuses mostly on Cattleya and Laelia species. He is a past president of the SDCOS and enjoys helping people learn how to be successful with orchids. In this presentation, he will be providing an introduction to the new SDCOS website (www.sdorchids.com). Members are encouraged to peruse the new site. Constructive comments and reporting of any issues are appreciated!

SDCOS Annual Holiday Banquet
December 5
Appetizers: 6 PM
Zoom / Business Meeting / Awards: 7 PM
David Vandebroek, President

It's that time of year! Our next meeting will be the annual SDCOS Holiday Party!

For those that don't know, every year in December we gather to celebrate the previous year with a potluck dinner, awards review, orchid exchange, and gift plant giveaway. We invite all our members to join us for this event in our usual meeting room, Casa del Prado, Room 101, starting at **6 PM**. The business portion of the meeting, including the Zoom portion will start at 7 PM.

Please note, we start this meeting a bit early with appetizers and plan to move to the main course around 6:30.

For the **potluck dinner**, SDCOS will be providing the main course, as well as a selection of nonalcoholic drinks. Plates, silverware, and cups will also be provided. Members are asked to bring something to share with the group. A signup sheet will be available soon so we can distribute the items we'll all be bringing so we can try to get a balance of appetizers, sides, salads, and desserts. While SDCOS will not provide alcohol, members may bring something if they like. Additionally, members are encouraged to bring a decorative plant to serve as a table centerpiece; there will not be a plant forum this month.

We will also be having our annual **plant exchange**. To participate, members bring an orchid to contribute to the exchange table. Someone is selected to go first, and that person picks a plant to take home from the exchange table. Whoever's plant was chosen gets to pick a plant to take home next. This cycle continues until all the plants are chosen. Because of this selection order, the best looking plants usually go first, so try to bring something nice, and maybe dress it up a bit! :)

Looking forward to celebrating the year with you all!



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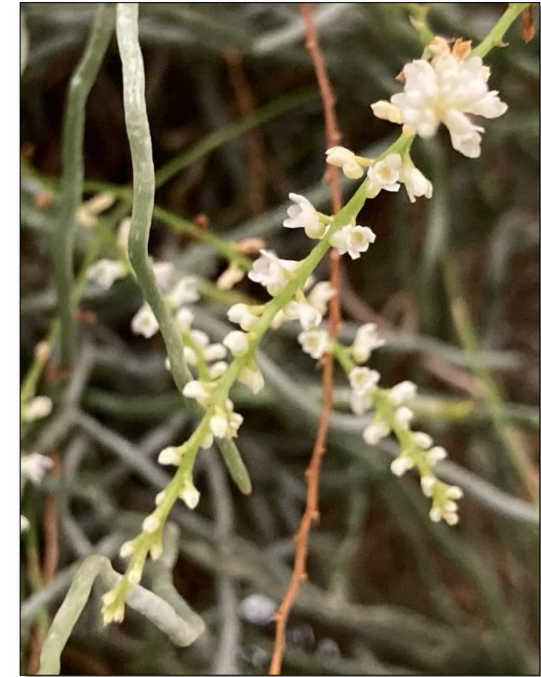
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People Who Brought in Orchids to Display at the October Show Pam Peters

We would like to thank the following people who brought in orchids to display at the October show. We had a total of 146 orchids and 1 display brought in by 30 people.

Tom Biggart, Juan Bonilla, David Brown, Rachel Burns, Alan Castillo, Michael Chanco, Bob Clark, Myra DeTate, Arnold Gum, Debby Halliday, Lisa Humphreys, Carol Kerr, Kay Klausing, Nate LaBreche, Jack Li, Bill Loy, Ben & Susie Machado, Alex Nadzan, Tom Osborn, Sima Perkins, Pam Peters, Dave Rimlinger, Aroune Savathdy, Jerry & Anita Spencer, Min Teng, David Vandenbroek, Stewart Walton, and Orchid Design.

THANK YOU!!!



Microcoelia exilis
Siv Garrod Most Unusual Species
Kay Klausing

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Show Winners, October 2023			
Sec	Award	Orchid	Winner
	James & Lise Wright Best of Show	<i>Laelia perrinii</i>	Jerry & Anita Spencer
	Forrest Robinson Cultural Award	<i>Laelia perrinii</i>	Jerry & Anita Spencer
	Siv Garrod Most Unusual Species	<i>Microcoelia exilis</i>	Kay Klausing
1	Cymbidium Standard Hybrid	No Entries	-
2	Cymbidium Hybrid Miniature	<i>Cym.</i> Hawaiian Gold	Jerry & Anita Spencer
3	Cymbidium Hybrid Pendulous	<i>Cym.</i> Accelerated Affair	Jerry & Anita Spencer
4	Cattleya Alliance Standard	<i>Blc.</i> Dennis Kone 'Ruby's Red'	Jerry & Anita Spencer
5	Cattleya Alliance Compact	<i>Brassavola</i> Little Stars	Ben & Susie Machado
6	Cattleya Alliance Miniature	<i>Lc.</i> Tropical Aurora 'SVO' x <i>Rlc.</i> Fantasy Circle 'First Class'	Bob Clark
7	Paphiopedilum Hybrid	<i>Paph.</i> Green Lantern x <i>Paph.</i> <i>fairrie anum</i>	Debby Halliday
8	Phragmipedium Hybrid	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Rio Mira	Min Teng
9	Oncidium Alliance Hybrid	<i>Burrageara</i> Stefan Isler	Debby Halliday
10	Dendrobium Hybrids	<i>Dendrobium</i> Enobi 'Purple Splash'	David Vandenbroek
11	Vandaceous Alliance	<i>Papilionanda</i> Naoki Kawamura 'Earnest' AM/AOS	Jack Li
12	Hybrids of Other Genera	<i>Zygopetalum</i> Artur Elle	Pam Peters
13	Phalaenopsis Alliance	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Hybrid 'Purple Dots'	Debby Halliday
14	Specimen Plants	<i>Laelia perrinii</i>	Jerry & Anita Spencer
15	Large Species: Angraecum - Masdevallia	<i>Laelia anceps</i>	Arnold Gum
16	Large Species: Maxillaria - Zygopetalum	<i>Gomesa varicosa</i> 'Felicio Valdiño' AM/AOS	Bill Loy
17	Small Species: Angraecum - Masdevallia	<i>Dendrobium laevifolium</i> 'Little Joy' HCC/AOS	Debby Halliday
18	Small Species: Maxillaria - Zygopetalum	<i>Doritis (Phalaenopsis) pulcherrima</i>	Kay Klausing
19	Small Displays 4' x 4' or less	Species Tree	Bill Loy





These 3 pages are the Best of Section winners.
The numbers on the pictures correspond to their section.
Thanks to Ashley for taking and editing these 3 pages of pictures.



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Orchid Dates to Remember:

November 1

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

November 2

SDCOS Board Meeting

First Thursday of the month, 7 PM

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

president@sdorchids.com

November 4

SDCOS Species Group Meeting

Socializing 8:30 AM, meeting 9:00 AM

First Saturday of the month

president@sdorchids.com

November 7

Main Speaker Dinner*: 5:45 PM

*See Main Speaker article for details.

November 7

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

November 7

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

December 5

SDCOS Annual Holiday Party

Appetizers **start at 6 PM**; Zoom and presentations will start at 7 PM

Holiday Plant Exchange will happen, so bring a plant to trade!

Board and General Meeting Minutes

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

president@sdorchids.com



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Dracula gigas (L), *D. trigonopetala* (R) *Dracula lemurella* (L), *Lepanthes escifera* (R)
Dracula Reserve, Ecuador La Selva de Ventanas Reserve, Colombia

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SDCOS welcomes newsletter contributions of articles and pictures from members.

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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