

**San Diego County Orchid
Society Newsletter
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Bulb. Elizabeth Ann 'Buckleberry'
Plant by Debby Halliday

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President's Message

David Vandebroek, President

Happy holidays, everyone! I hope you all had a nice Thanksgiving and are ready for the upcoming December holidays... not least of which will be our annual SDCOS December holiday party! There's more information about that in the General Meeting article, but a couple key points are that:

- The meeting will start with appetizers at 6 PM.
- Zoom and presentations will start at around 7 PM.
- This is a potluck, so please bring something to share.
- SDCOS-provided holiday gift plants will be provided to members who signed up for them.
- The Holiday Plant Exchange will happen as usual.
- If you want to bring a blooming orchid as a centerpiece for your table, that would be most welcome.

Hope to see you all there! This is a great time to really get to socialize with the society members and celebrate another year of orchids.

We've got a bit of a break before we will put on the January show, but we are looking for a couple of other positions we'll need help for. If you're looking to be a bit more involved, see the article for new positions on Page 3.

Thanks to everyone for a great year of orchids – I hope you and your plants have a great holiday season!

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. **If you have not registered already, RSVP by December 1 through this link:**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MFJ93ST> to secure your free gift plant at the



2021 Plant Exchange Table

banquet and to sign up for a potluck contribution. Registering for the event helps us get a total headcount for food and drinks, and it allows us to ensure 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! :)

For questions, please email:

1stvp@sdorchids.com.

Looking forward to celebrating the year with you all!



Mtps. Tome Yokoyama
Debby Halliday

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Committee Positions

David Vandebroek, President

SDCOS has had a couple of committee positions that have not been very active in the last few years. If either of them sound appealing to you, please let me know.

Librarian:

SDCOS has a library of books available to members. We keep these books locked in the room where AOS Judging happens. The librarian would first be in charge of creating a catalog of the books and materials we have. Additionally, they would take charge of making the books more readily available to members – possibly carting books to the general meeting room during meetings, keeping a record of who has what books checked out, and generally allowing the materials to be of more use to our members than they are, locked away in another room. The responsibilities can be as much or little as you like, as we currently have nothing.

Historian:

The historian keeps the records of the society. This position has been unfilled since before I was a member. Various existing members have some specialty information – such as how many people attended the monthly meetings / banquets every month, what our historical sales were, when various members were awarded life memberships, etc. The historian would be in charge of collecting and compiling any information that future generations might want to have. As with the librarian, this role can be as involved or relaxed as you like, as any record gathering is better than none.

Culture Class Meeting Starter:

Our First VP, Nate La Breche, is going to be moving out of state for a bit. We are still figuring out the implications of this, but for now, we are looking for a volunteer to make sure the culture class meetings get started on time. This will involve working with Jack DeTate to make sure the speaker has everything they need to present their talk, introducing the speaker to the room, and making sure that the meeting starts on time at 6:30. If you're willing to help facilitate this, please let me know.



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SDCOS Member Sales at Meetings

David Vandebroek, President

Did you know SDCOS members are allowed to sell plants at our general meetings? Most months, one or two members will bring plants or supplies to sell to the membership. Here's how it works:

First, sellers must be active members of the society; if your membership is out of date, you'll need to settle up with the society before proceeding.

Next, work with Myra DeTate, our Treasurer, to get pricing stickers / barcodes for your plants. This can be done in advance or at the meeting.

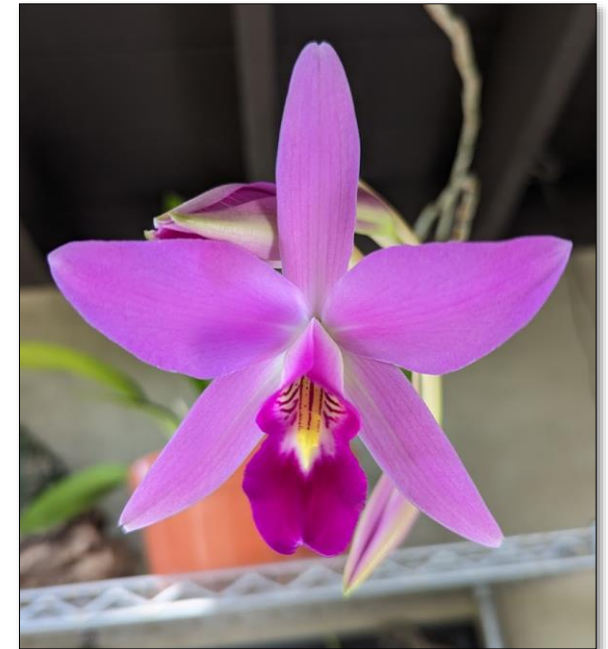
Plant and supply sales MUST be handled by SDCOS, and the society will take a 15% cut. This rule is mandated by the park and is something we need to enforce to continue to operate in Balboa Park. Meeting attendees can browse the items for sale and will take them to Myra and the cash register and pay.

At the end of the night, settle up with Myra for any items sold. When you leave, please let Myra know regardless so she knows where the plants went at the end of the night.

Pretty easy! If you have any questions, please email treasurer@sdrchids.com



Den tobaense giganteum
Debby Halliday



Laelia hybrid
David Vandebroek



Paph. Night Pulse x fairreanum
Debby Halliday

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Judging at the San Diego Judging Center
(Casa del Prado, Balboa Park),
November 2023, 6:30 PM.

Text by Phyllis Prestia. Photos by Jane Westly
Brooks

There were 6 orchids presented for judging.
Three were awarded.

[1] *Angraecum infundibulare* 'Mister Snow'
AM/AOS
Exhibited by Jane Westly Brooks
Awarded AM, 82 points

[2] *Miltonia moreliana* 'Laurie' HCC/AOS
Exhibited by Scott McGregor
Awarded HCC 76 points

[3] *Bulbo. scaphioglossum* 'Windflower'
CBR/AOS
Exhibited by Betty Kelepecz
Awarded CBR, No points needed



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**Judging at the San Diego Judging Center
(Casa del Prado, Balboa Park),
October 2023, Fall Show in the Park**
Text and photos by Phyllis Prestia

There were 5 orchids presented for judging.
Two were awarded.

[1] *Catasetum semicirculatum* 'Cassandra'
AM/AOS
Exhibited by David Brown
Awarded AM, 84 points

[2] *Gomesa varicose* 'Felicio Valdiño'
AM/AOS
Exhibited by Bill Loy
Awarded AM, 84 points

Please remember: judging starts promptly at
6:30, so please have your plants in before
then.



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Orchid Dates to Remember:

December 2
SDCOS Species Group Meeting
Socializing 8:30 AM, meeting 9:00 AM
First Saturday of the month
president@sdorchids.com

December 2
SVO Winter Open House
9 AM – 4 PM
<https://www.sunsetvalleyorchids.com/>

December 5
SDCOS General Meeting: Holiday Party
Food starts at 6 PM, Zoom and presentation start at 7 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

December 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

December 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

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

Dec 8-10
Andy's Orchids Open House
See details on ad on Page 4
<https://andysorchids.com/>

January 27-28
SDCOS January Show in the Park
Details coming soon.

Board and General Meeting Minutes

The SDCOS Board meeting minutes are available to members upon request.
president@sdorchids.com



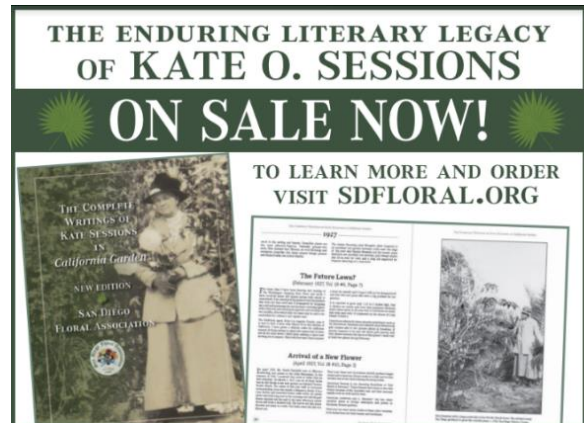
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Dracula Reserve, Ecuador

Dracula lemurella (L), *Lepanthes escifera* (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.

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SDCOS Newsletter Notes

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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