

**San Diego County Orchid
Society Newsletter
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Paphiopedilum gratrixianum
Debby Halliday

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President's Message

David Vandebroek, President

Hi everyone - Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Hope you and your orchids are staying warm and enjoying a little bit of a winter rest. :)

Our holiday party this year was fantastic - the largest we've had in years. We had 85 people RSVP, with member ages ranging from 19 to 101! The food that everybody brought was fantastic, and the plants in the plant exchange were exceptional - thanks to everyone for bringing food and celebrating another year of orchids together.

For those that missed it, we also had the honor of presenting Life Memberships to Myra and Jack DeTate, and Debby Halliday. Thanks again to them for fantastic contributions to our Society; this place would not be the same without them.

As usual, done with one thing, and on to another: our January show is coming up! See Debby's article on Page 4 for more details on that. As usual, we will need more volunteers, and any plants or divisions people are interested in donating to conservation are always welcome. Also important: if you have plants that you can display, bring them! It's your plants that make our shows something special.

Thanks to everyone for another fantastic year, and I'm looking forward to the next year with you all. Happy New Year!



SDCOS 2023 Holiday Party Pictures

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General Meeting, Tuesday, January 2, in person at Balboa Park, Casa del Prado Room 101, Room 101 and Simulcast on Zoom; 7:30 PM.

Carol Beule: The Genus *Lycaste*

Text by Carol Beule and Ashley Grable, First VP

Carol Beule is an EMMY award winning Costume Designer with a Master of Fine Arts in both Costume and Lighting Design from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. She was a professional Costume Designer for 40+ years, and has designed for Film, Commercials, Theatre Productions, and TV shows. She lived in NYC the first 15 years of her career and is now retired, after growing orchids in Southern California for the past 28 years.

In her search to find the perfect plant for her growing area, Carol discovered the Japanese orchid called *Neofinetia (Vanda) falcata* and various other species that thrive outside in Southern California. *Lycaste* is one of those. Carol grows various forms of *Paphiopedilum*, *Phalaenopsis*, *Cattleya*, *Laelia*, *Dendrobium*, *Sarcochilus*, and Asian *Cymbidiums*.



Lycaste is an orchid that is native to the New World and is found from the Tropic of Cancer to the Tropic of Capricorn. There are both warm growing and cool growing species, who's growing conditions and

appearances are different. While they are often thought to be a greenhouse orchid, they can be grown alongside *Cattleyas* and any other outdoor growing, temperate-climate range orchid, when their specific needs are met. They also can easily become very large specimen plants.

Carol is a fully accredited American Orchid Society judge, the 1st VP of the Orchid Society of Southern California, recently served on the Board of The Orchid Digest, and leads the committee that creates the Society's display for the Huntington's annual October Orchid Show. She also visits Japan yearly when possible and is a member of their Japan Fuukiran Society.

When she retired, she started making ceramic pots for the Japanese / Korean / Chinese orchid called the *Neofinetia (Vanda) falcata*, Asian *Cymbidiums* and other small plants. She grows in 2 small greenhouses and outside in her yard in Studio City, CA. She has grown orchids for 25 years.

She recently wrote a 3-part article for the American Orchid Society monthly magazine on the pots used to display the *Vanda falcata* in Japan and the US. It was illustrated using some photos taken by her and other OSSC members. The 1st part started in February of 2022, and continued through to the April issue of last year.

You can view her various items at: <http://firsthousefurnishings.com/>.



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, January 1. 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.

The January **plant opportunity table** will include a variety of orchids from [Sunset Valley 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.



Lycaste skinneri alba
Debby Halliday

Culture Class, January 2, 6:30 PM
Nate La Breche: Fertilizing Orchids
Nate La Breche, Second VP

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 how to fertilize your orchids. Specific topics include an overview of essential nutrients, interpreting fertilizer labels, and fertilizing frequency.

It's Almost Show Time!
Debby Halliday, Show Chair

It is almost January and that means the **Winter Orchids in the Park Show & Sale** is in a few more weeks. The show will be January 27 & 28 this year. Please check the [website for the hours](#). It is time now to start thinking about which plants you want to display at the show. Be extra vigilant on pest control, and place your plants so the flowers open in their most attractive orientation. The more plants we have, the more beautiful the show will be. Please also look around and see if you have any extra plants to donate to Conservation. Our shows allow us to generate the funding for making grants toward preserving orchids in the wild.

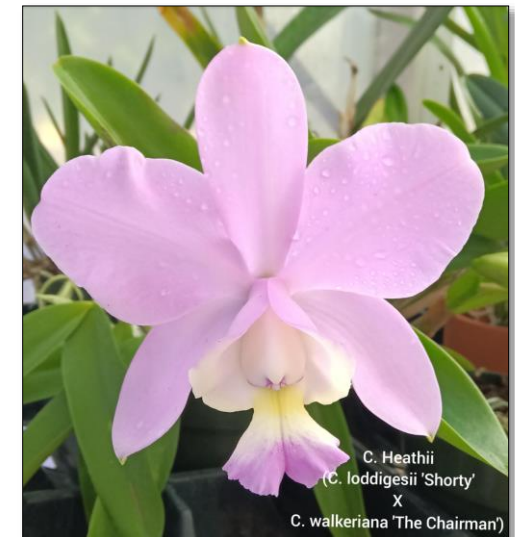
About mid-January, Bob will send you a pre-registration form where you can enter the plants you plan to bring to the show. I am gratified that more and more of you are taking advantage of this system. It means you arrive at the show with stickers already printed to put on your registration tags, saving you time and effort. More importantly, your show committee knows in advance what plants to expect and that makes the layout far more efficient.

The [volunteer sign-up sheets are up on the website](#); we will also have them at the January meeting. Please plan to sign up for a few hours to help your club. Remember, you earn a volunteer reward coupon for every day you work. You also get to be a part of showing the public the wonders of our very special hobby! Jobs to be done include set-up and take-down, judging, cashier, security,

putting out signs, and even giving a class if you want to. It all makes a difference.

We already have a full group of vendors signed up to sell at the show. In addition to the usual offerings, this show is going to be one of your best opportunities to buy Cymbidiums. If you would like to sell some of your own plants, please let me know. We will make sure there is table space for you. Our shows have become quite popular with vendors and the space can get pretty full. It's harder to save you a spot if we don't know you're coming!

I can't think of a better way to usher in the new year than putting on a beautiful orchid show. In People's Choice voting your plant could be chosen as someone's favorite. I hope you will be there with your gorgeous flowers to help us delight our many visitors!



Cattleya Heathii (*C. loddigesii* 'Shorty'
x *C. walkeriana* 'The Chairman')
Ben Machado

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Judging at the San Diego Judging Center,
December 2023, 6:30 PM.

Text and photos by Phyllis Prestia, unless
otherwise noted.

There were six orchids presented for judging.
Five were awarded.

[1] *Paph. sukhakulii* 'Oceanside's Dots'
AM/AOS

Exhibited by Tim Culbertson

Awarded AM, 81 points

Photo by Arnie Gum

[2] *Paph* N.R. (Lippreflamme x Fiordland
Sunset) 'Oceanside' AM/AOS

Exhibited by Tim Culbertson

Awarded AM, 86 points

[2] *Paph. sukhakulii* 'Oceanside's Spots'
AM/AOS

Exhibited by Tim Culbertson

Awarded AM, 85 points

[4] *Rlc.* Lemon Leopard 'Arnie' AM/AOS

Exhibited by Arnold Gum

Awarded AM, 82 points

[5] *Paph.* Nancy Depauw 'Snowy Brooks'
AM/AOS

Exhibited by Jane Wesley Brooks

Awarded AM, 80 points



Orchids

January 27–28
Saturday Noon – 5 p.m.
Early bird sales start at 10 a.m.
Sunday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Balboa Park's
Casa del Prado, Room 101
Near the Natural History Museum
Free Admission

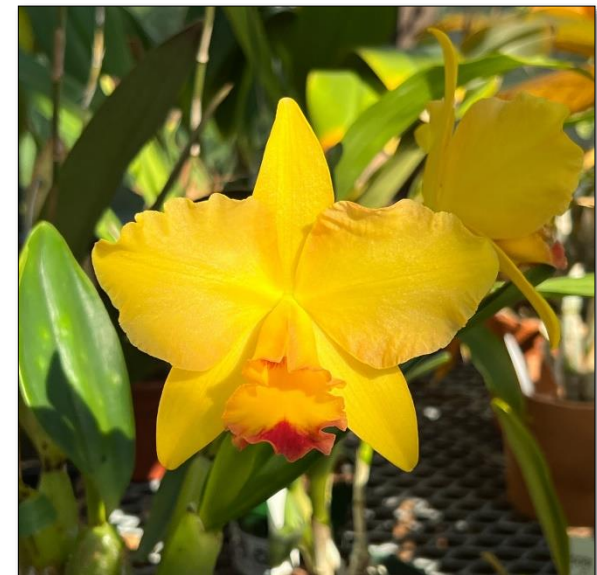
Show and Sale
in the Park



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Cattleya Hawaiian Wedding Song
Ben Machado



Blc. Kaboom x Pot. Golden Circle
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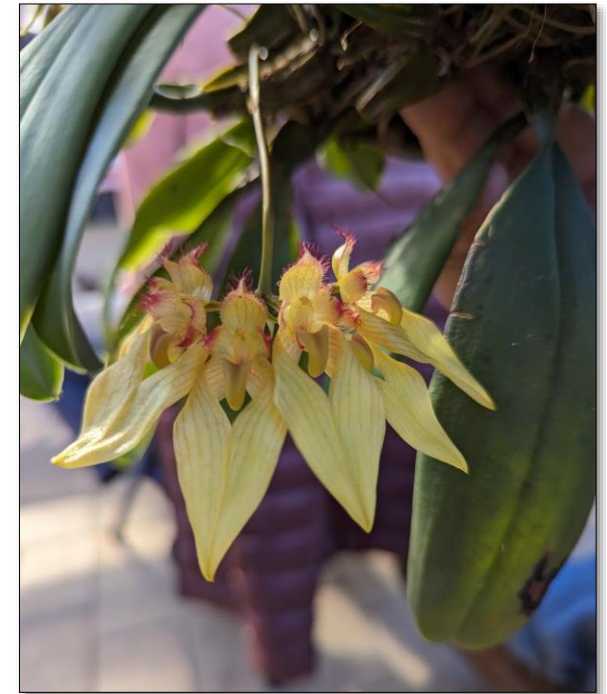
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Orchid Dates to Remember:

January 2

Main Speaker Dinner*: 5:45 PM

*See Main Speaker article for details.

January 2

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

January 2

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

January 3

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

January 4

SDCOS Board Meeting

First Thursday of the month, 7 PM

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

president@sdorchids.com

January 6

SDCOS Species Group Meeting

Socializing 8:30 AM, meeting 9:00 AM

First Saturday of the month

president@sdorchids.com

January 27-28

SDCOS January Show in the Park

Details coming soon.

March 8 – 10

Santa Barbara International Orchid Show

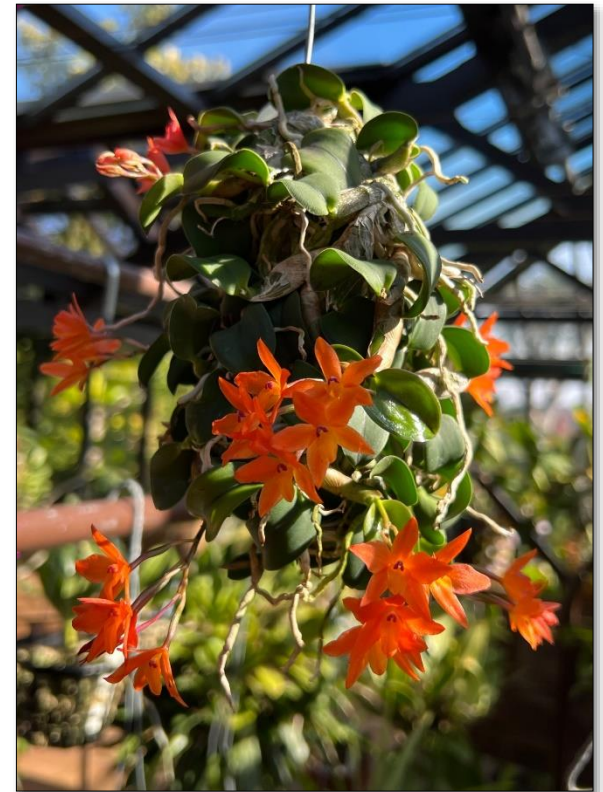
9 AM – 5 PM

<https://sborchidshow.com/>

Board and General Meeting Minutes

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

president@sdorchids.com



Soph. cernua
Debby Halliday



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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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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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