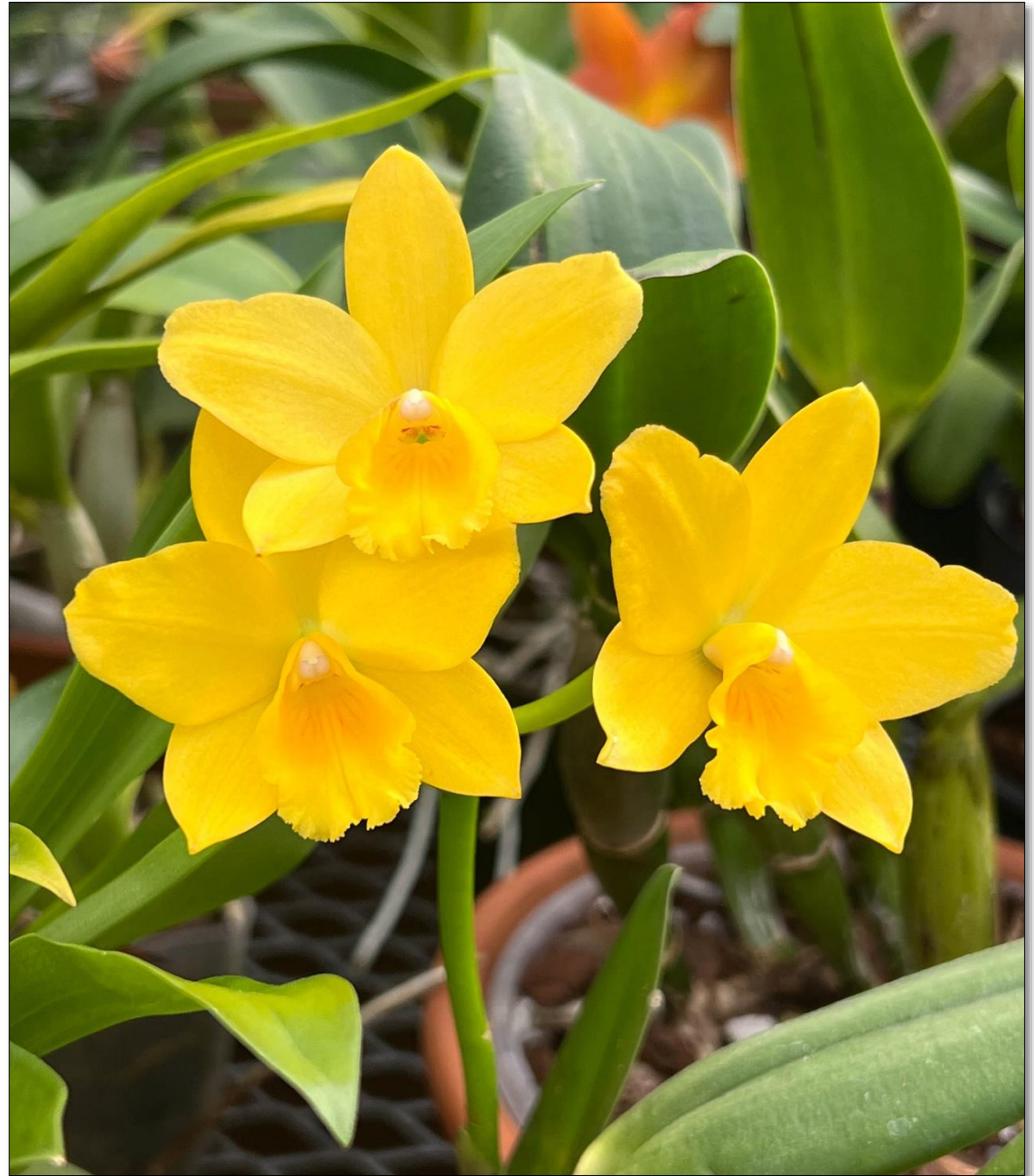


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Slc. Aloha Jewel x Pot. Gold Medallions
Debby Halliday

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President's Message

David Vandebroek, President

Happy Leap Year, everyone! I hope you and your orchids are waking up from winter and starting to get ready for spring! Now's the time to repot anything that's just starting to send out new roots, and time to stake and care for any flowers you think may be around for our spring show... in less than two months! I can't believe it's that time of year already. Debby has an article on what to expect from the spring show. Check it out and get excited! (And tell your friends and colleagues to reserve some time on the weekend of April 19-21!)

Looking forward to seeing you all next week for the monthly meeting!



Paphiopedilum Clair de Lune
David Vandebroek

Culture Class, March 5, 6:30 PM Deborah Halliday; Pam Peters Preparing Orchids for Spring Show

Our spring show, Orchids of the Earth, will be in Balboa Park again this year from April 19-21. In this talk, Pam and Debby will be going over judging, the plant registration schedule, and the awards and trophies available at this show, as well as some tips for prepping your plants for the show! We hope you'll join us for some inspiration and encouragement. It's always fun to show your orchids!



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

Ron Kaufmann: Conserving Orchids in the Wild

Ron Kaufmann and *Ashley Grable*, First VP

Text by Ron Kaufmann and Ashley Grable
Ron Kaufmann has been growing orchids for more than 25 years and has traveled extensively to view orchids in the wild in Asia and South America, particularly in Brazil, Ecuador and Colombia. He has a long-standing interest in conservation and has been a member of the San Diego County Orchid Society (SDCOS) Conservation Committee for nearly 25 years. He has been its chair since 2004.

In 2005, Ron helped found the [Orchid Conservation Alliance](#) (OCA) with fellow



Dracula tubeana
David Vandebroek

SDCOS member Peter Tobias and with Steve Beckendorf. The OCA supports the conservation of orchids through the protection of orchid habitat. During the past 20 years, the OCA has worked with local partners to protect nearly 4,600 acres of orchid-rich habitat, along with the rich diversity of animals and plants that thrive in these kinds of ecosystems. Ron's talk "Conserving Orchids in the Wild" will highlight some of the key projects that have been supported by the OCA, such as the [Dracula Reserve in Ecuador](#). Ron currently serves as a Director of the OCA, as well as its Secretary.

In addition to his roles with SDCOS and OCA, Ron serves as a Trustee of the American Orchid Society (AOS) and the chair of its Conservation Committee. He also sits on the boards of Orchid Digest and Fundación EcoMinga, an Ecuadorian conservation organization.

Ron's orchid collection began with a reedstem *Epidendrum* and progressed to a diverse assemblage that contains mostly species orchids. Most of Ron's orchids are grown in a 36' x 24' greenhouse and several outdoor shade-covered areas around his house in San Diego. Friends have suggested that he build a second, much larger greenhouse to accommodate the many plants that often make walking through his greenhouse an exercise requiring extensive training in gymnastics and yoga to avoid serious injury. Thus far, this recommendation has not been followed, although the temptation is always there.



A marine biologist by training, Ron's scientific work includes studies of Antarctic and deep-sea ecosystems as well as marine communities in coastal Southern California. He also has a strong interest in aroids and is currently on the board of the International Aroid Society.

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@sdoorchids.com no later than Monday, March 4. 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 March plant opportunity table will include a variety of orchid species, including Draculas, 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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Judging at the San Diego Judging Center (Casa del Prado, Balboa Park), “Winter Show in the Park” 2024

Text by Phyllis Prestia. Photos by Arnie Gum

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

[1] *Paph wardii* 'Isabella' HCC/AOS
Exhibited by Kay Klausing
Awarded HCC, 77 points

[2] *Epidendrum alvarezdeltoroi* 'Normandy'
CHM/AOS
Exhibited by Stewart Walton
Awarded CHM, 83 points

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



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**Judging at the San Diego Judging Center
(Casa del Prado, Balboa Park),
February 2024, 6:30 PM.
Text and photos by Phyllis Prestia**

There were 24 orchids presented for judging. Ten awards were given, including an AQ (Award of Quality) for a group of 14 plants from the same grex.

[1] Rth. Rosella's Lovely Sunset 'SVO'
AM/AOS
Exhibited by Fred Clarke
Awarded AM, 82 points



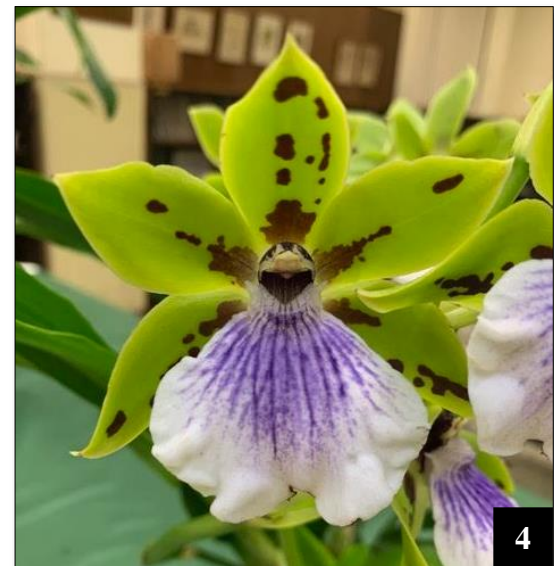
[2] Mormodia Jumbo World 'Olympic Gold'
AM/AOS
Exhibited by Fred Clarke
Awarded AM, 89 points



[3] *Cyrtorchilum serratum* 'Windflower'
AM/AOS
Exhibited by Better Kelepecz
Awarded AM, 80 points



[4] *Zygoneria Adelaide Meadows* 'SVO III'
AM/AOS
Exhibited by Fred Clarke
Awarded AM, 81 points



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Judging at the San Diego Judging Center Continued

Text and photos by Phyllis Prestia

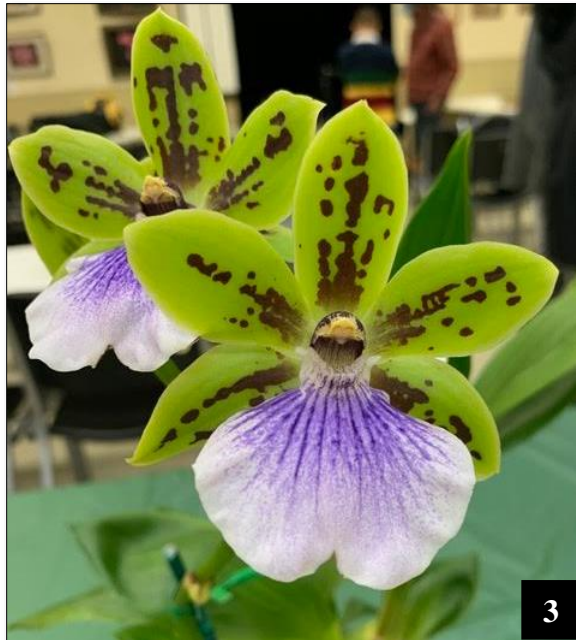
[1] Paph. tonsum 'SVO Latte' HCC/AOS
Exhibited by Fred Clarke
Awarded HCC, 76 points

[2] C. Angel Sparks 'SVO' AM/AOS
Exhibited by Fred Clarke
Awarded AM, 83 points

[3] Zygoneria Adelaide Meadows 'SVO II'
AM/AOS
Exhibited by Fred Clarke
Awarded AM, 84 points

[4] Rl. glauca 'Bravo Orchids' FCC/AOS
Exhibited by Bill Tse
Awarded FCC, 90 points

[5] Paph. venustum 'First' HCC/AOS
Exhibited by Fred Clarke
Awarded HCC, 79 points



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San Diego County Orchid Society Show and Sale
April 19-21, 2024

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Room 101 and Patio
San Diego, California 92101
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Latest Event Details at
sdorchids.com

Friday 12:00-7:00 p.m.
Early bird sales start at 10 a.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Sunday 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

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January Show: People's Choice Report Debby Halliday, Show Chair

Here is a report on the results of our People's Choice voting in the January Show. We already reported the winner, *Vanda coerulea* by Debby Halliday, but we learned more than that when the ballots were all counted. Good job by our greeters to get so many ballots out there.

Total Votes	506
Plants Nominated	86
Growers Nominated	18

Top 10 plants:

- Vanda coerulea*
Debby Halliday
- Lc. Santa Barbara Sunset 'Showtime'*
Anita & Jerry Spencer
- Rlc. Chia Lin*
Min Teng
- Phal. Taisuco Anna*
Debby Halliday
- Phrag. Grouville*
Debby Halliday
- Den. Hilda Poxon 'Joan Mickelson'*
Tom Biggart
- Bc. Hawaiian Talent 'Grace'*
Debby Halliday
- Lc. Tropical Orange*
Debby Halliday
- Oncostele Midnight Miracles*
Pam Peters
- Paph. spicerianum*
Min Teng

16 plants received more than 10 votes each.

We also learned how people heard about the show. This helps us to know what publicity

is the most effective. We found again that our colorful signs throughout the park really do make a difference. The next most important is telling your friends about the show. Keep up the good work!

Signs or Walking By	61.3%
Friend	11.8%
Orchid Show	10.9%
Facebook/Instagram	6.8%
Online Calendars	3.4%
Other	5.7%

Of course, the most important result of People's Choice voting is that it encourages our guests to slow down and really look at your beautiful plants. They spend time and take their voting seriously. They are rewarded by a new appreciation of the plant family we all love so much!



Dendrobium unicum
Cindy Hill



Vanda coerulea
People's Choice Award
Debby Halliday

Correction to Best of Section Winners David Vandebroek, Newsletter Editor

In the previous edition we originally posted the incorrect plant as the winner of section 18; the correct section winner was *Mediocalcar decoratum* by Betty Kelepecz. This was updated in the posted version of the newsletter a couple days after posting and is live on the website now. We apologize for the mistake.

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Spring Show Committee Report

Debby Halliday, Show Chair

Your show committee has been hard at work and the plans for the Spring Show are coming together nicely. As a reminder, here are the details.

Orchids of the Earth Show & Sale

April 19-21 – Earth Day weekend

Casa del Prado, Room 101 and Patio A

Friday 12pm – 7pm (early bird sales at 10am)

Saturday 9am – 6pm

Sunday 10am – 4pm

There are a few changes from last spring. As we transition away from many years at Scottish Rite, we are still trying to work out the best configuration for the show. Last year was very nice, but also quite complicated and expensive. With record sales, we just barely broke even. This year we have opted to scale things down a bit but still host extra vendors and put on a bigger event than our other park shows. Our projections are that the show will make money for the club while requiring less effort to put on.

We are using only Patio A and part of Room 101 for vendor sales. Our exhibit area will be the same as a regular park show. Unfortunately, this means we will not have room for individual tabletop or floor displays. There will still be a Kid's Corner and free orchid classes. We also decided on earlier opening times on Friday. Everyone got quite tired of waiting last year and everything should be ready, so we will open.

We have a good roster of 19 vendors including Conservation and Member Sales. We will have three 10x30 tents on the patio for vendors, and good spaces in Room 101 as well. There will be a larger area reserved for member sales in Room 101, but please let me know in advance if you plan to participate. There will be cashiers and plant hotels on both the patio and room 101. We will be providing lunch for all volunteers and vendors.

There should be plenty of orchids in bloom to make our exhibit area spectacular. We hope some of them will be yours! Pam Peters and I will be presenting the Culture Class in March with details and ideas for helping you participate in the show. Pre-registration forms will be sent out in April.

We have a new Volunteer coordinator. Many thanks to Tom Corzine for taking over from Dave Hoffmaster, who is retiring. There will be signup sheets at the March meeting and on the Volunteers section of the website. Please plan to be part of our biggest and best show of the year! We need you and it's fun to be part of the circus. Of course, you will earn a Volunteer Reward Coupon for every day you work. Thank you!

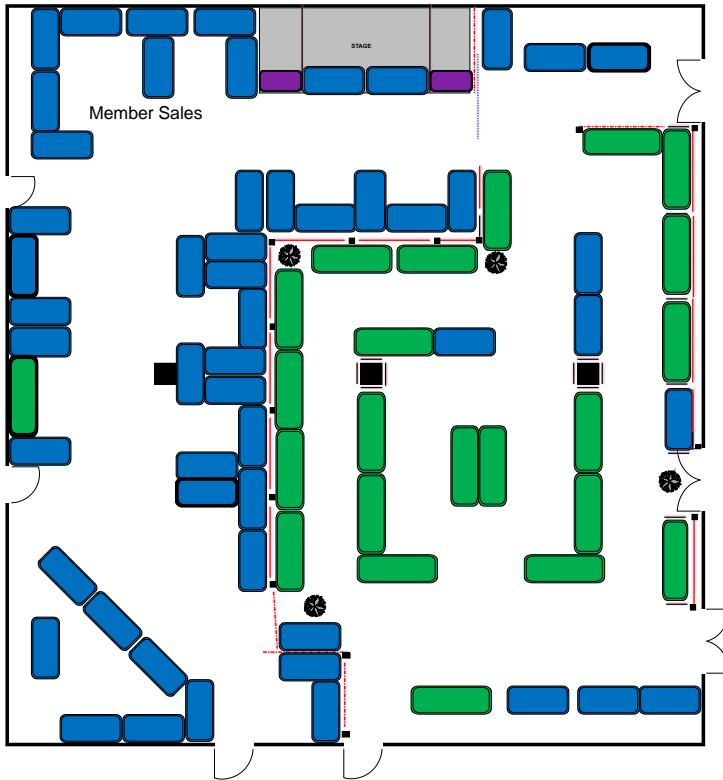
Orchids of the Earth Vendors:

- Alex Nadzan Orchids
- Anita & Jerry Spencer
- Casa de las Orquideas
- Divine Orchids
- El Jardin Tropical
- Everything Orchids
- Jack Zhu
- JnJ Orchid
- Keith Nguyen
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- Conservation
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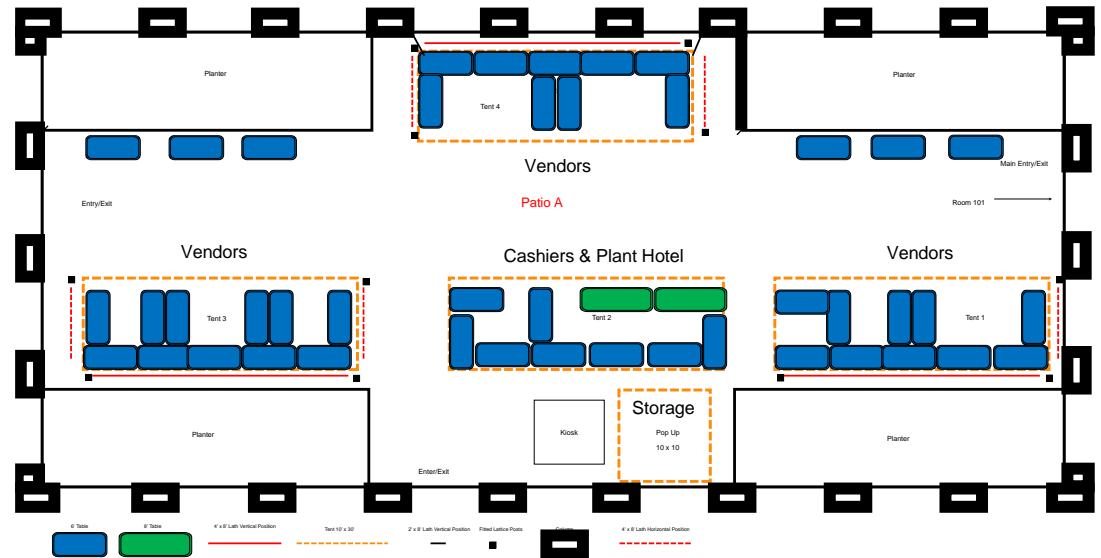


Bc. Hawaiian Talent 'Grace'
Debby Halliday

ROOM 101



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Orchid Dates to Remember:

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

March 5
Main Speaker Dinner*: 5:45 PM
*See Main Speaker article for details.

March 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

March 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

March 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

March 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

March 8 – 10
Santa Barbara International Orchid Show
9 AM – 5 PM
<https://sborchidshow.com/>

March 15-17
Andy's Orchids Open House
10 AM – 4 PM
<https://andysorchids.com/>

March 19
Newport Harbor Orchid Society Auction
6 PM
1845 Park Ave, Costa Mesa, CA 92627

April 19-21
SDCOS Spring Show
Balboa Park
<https://sdorchids.com/our-shows/>

Board and General Meeting Minutes

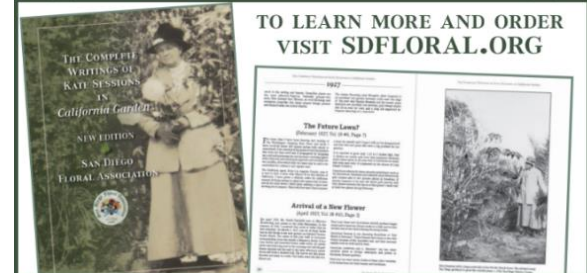
The SDCOS Board meeting minutes are available to members upon request.
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Dracula gigas (L), *D. trigonopetala* (R) *Dracula lemurella* (L), *Lepanthes escifera* (R)
Dracula Reserve, Ecuador La Selva de Ventanas Reserve, Colombia

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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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