

**San Diego County Orchid
Society Newsletter
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Arpophyllum giganteum
Best of Show
Forrest Robinson Cultural Award
Betty Kelepecz

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President's Message

David Vandebroek, President

Hi everyone – !GREAT! Spring Show – Thanks to everyone who participated either by volunteering or bringing in plants. I spent a lot of time on the show floor answering questions and giving some background on our club and I got to hear everyone's great opinions of our show – they loved the plants and, as usual, were so surprised that “*this is an orchid too??*” Overall, it was a huge success. Debby's article later on has many additional details.

Also, as usual, to celebrate our Spring Show, we will be having our May Awards Banquet for our next meeting. The next article will sum that up, but the key points are: it **starts at 6**, and please bring something to share. Looking forward to celebrating with all of you!

Last, as I was putting together the newsletter this time, I noticed this is the 300th edition! That is... quite a few newsletters! This society was founded in 1947 and we've had quite a few members, shows, publications, events, banquets, and more in those 77 years – and it has all stayed together because of the members that have made up the society and those that help support its running. I'm grateful to those that came before for building and maintaining this group, and am looking forward to many more years (and newsletters!) of orchids with you all.

See you Tuesday! (**At 6!**)



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General Meeting: Spring Banquet
May 7th, 6 PM, in person at Balboa Park,
Casa del Prado, Room 101. A simulcast
on Zoom will start at 7 PM for the
presentation of awards.
Ashley Grable, First VP

The annual SDCOS Spring Awards Banquet is next week! The society will provide the main courses – (1) chicken kebab, (2) mixed lamb and beef kebab, and (3) falafel – as well as soda, coffee, tea, plates, cups, and utensils. Feel free to bring your own beer, wine, or whatever else you would like.

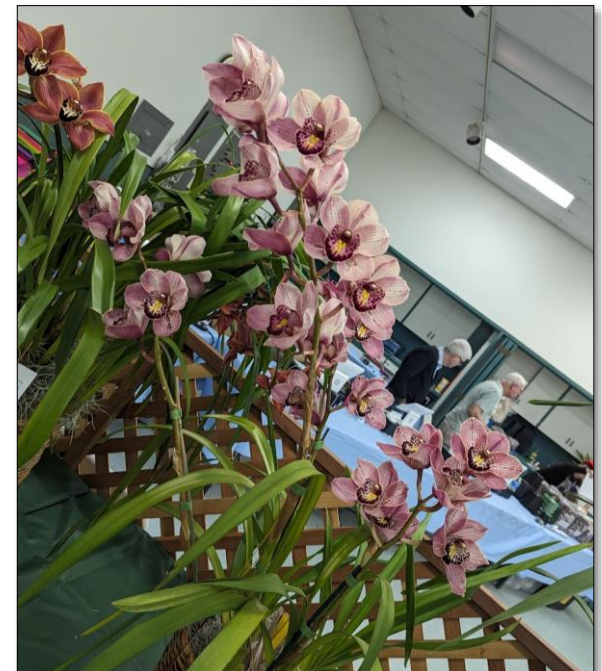
Please sign up this week at:
<https://volunteersignup.org/3EP43>

to contribute by bringing a dish for the potluck dinner and/or helping with the event setup. We rely on volunteer sign ups to estimate how many people will attend, ensure we have enough entrees and drinks, and strike a balance of appetizers, salads, sides, and desserts.

A couple of important points:

- Appetizers will start at **6 PM**, with the main course at 6:30 PM.
- Zoom will start at **7 PM**, for a photo presentation by Ann Tuskes of the plants that received awards at the SDCOS Spring Show.
- There will not be a culture class, plant forum, or opportunity table, but feel free to bring a plant to serve as the centerpiece to your table!

We look forward to celebrating the success of our Spring Show and Sale, *Orchids of the Earth*, with you next week!



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2024 – 2025 Board of Directors' Election Text by Pam Peters, Nominating Committee Chair

We will have an election at the beginning of the June 2023 general meeting to elect the Board of Directors for the 2024 – 2025 term. The SDCOS Nominating Committee recommends the following people for the listed positions:

2024-2025 Proposed Officers

| | |
|----------------------------|------------------|
| President | David Vandebroek |
| First Vice President | Ashley Grable |
| Second Vice President | Nate La Breche |
| Secretary | Maria Gray |
| Treasurer | Myra DeTate |
| Director-at-Large, to 2027 | Carey McCoy |

Sima Perkins and Stewart Walton will continue as Directors-at-Large and Debby Halliday will continue on the Board as Past President.

The election will take place at the start of our general meeting on June 4th, so please plan to attend. We need as many members as possible to cast votes.

The Nominating Committee is comprised of Tom Biggart, Tom Corzine, Ben Machado, Ron Kaufmann, and Pam Peters, Chair.



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Orchids of the Earth - 2024 Debby Halliday, Show Chair

What a great show! We broke a few records for the most plants at a show in the park - 248, the highest sales – we even beat last year, and by far the most People’s Choice ballots I have ever seen! As usual, the quality of the plants was top class. The room was filled with color and fragrance and joy. The selection of hybrids and species was so broad we had fewer than 20 duplicates. The public responded by keeping our show room busy all the time and by buying lots of plants. Thank you to all 25 members who brought in plants. Thank goodness most of you pre-registered as we had over 30 Cymbidiums which was many more than expected. See elsewhere in the newsletter Pam’s report of all the Best of Section winners.

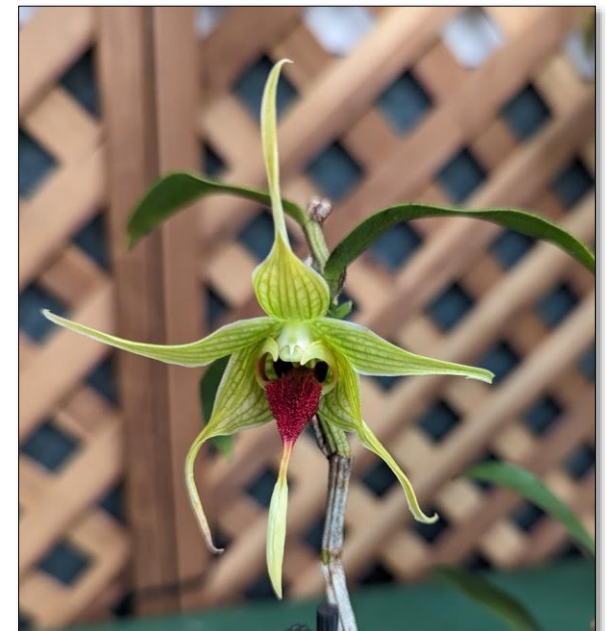
Betty Kelepecz was our biggest winner, earning Best of Show and the Forrest Robinson Cultural Award with her stunning *Arpophyllum giganteum*. It really lived up to its name with over 40 flower spikes, all perfectly in bloom. She also won the Siv Garrod Most Unusual Species award for her *Schoenorchis juncifolia*. Congratulations, Betty!

People’s Choice went to a fabulous specimen *Dendrobium* hybrid from John Alexander. This gorgeous plant displayed 9 pendant flower spikes with over 40 pink and yellow 2” flowers on each spike. It was a sight to behold. I am still working through the stacks of ballots, but it appears that at least 200 different plants received votes, with many receiving more than 50 votes. John’s

plant received 287 votes for the win. Congratulations, John!

We had a full roster of classes offered by our volunteer instructors – Kay Klausing, Alex Nadzan, Nico Goossens, Ben Machado, Phyllis Prestia, Arnold Gum, and myself. Nancy Walters ran a busy Kid’s Corner. Bob Clark manned the membership booth. A special thanks to our show committee who covered all the bases to create and manage this beautiful show: George Pflaum, Tom Corzine, Myra DeTate, Pam Peters, Ashley Grable, Carol Kerr, Juan Bonilla, & Kay Klausing. Also thank you to everyone who volunteered and showed up to make this show happen. You should all be very proud!

We are still finding our way with the Spring Show after leaving the Scottish Rite Center. This year our format was smaller than last year’s and we didn’t have room for displays, but the response from the public was still outstanding. I feel confident that we had a successful show financially this year and it was considerably easier to produce than the year before. The May meeting will be our awards banquet, with more pictures and details about this year’s winners and this beautiful Spring Show. Please plan to come and celebrate a job well done.





Betty Kelepecz with *Arpophyllum giganteum* – Best of Show and Forrest Robinson Cultural Award winner.



Schoenorchis juncifolia – Siv Garrod Most Unusual Species
Betty Kelepecz



Dendrobium hybrid – People's Choice
John Alexander

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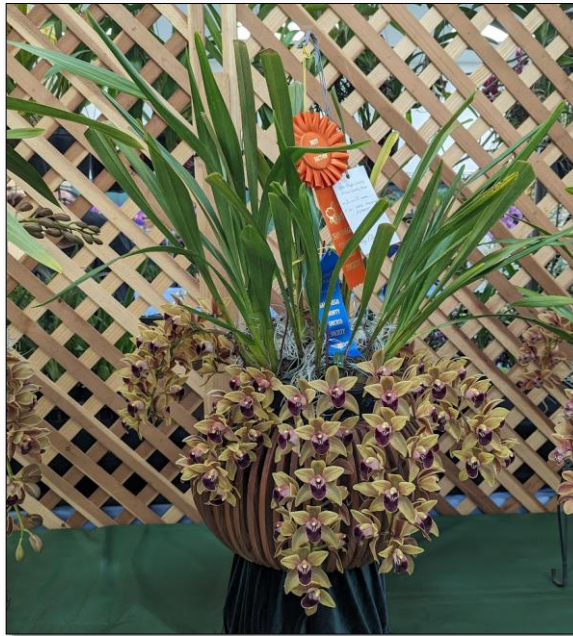
| Show Winners, April 2024 | | | |
|--------------------------|---|--|-----------------------|
| Sec | Award | Orchid | Winner |
| | Best of Show | <i>Arpophyllum giganteum</i> | Betty Kelepecz |
| | Forrest Robinson Cultural Award | <i>Arpophyllum giganteum</i> | Betty Kelepecz |
| | Siv Garrod Most Unusual Species Award | <i>Schoenorchis juncifolia</i> | Betty Kelepecz |
| | SECTION | BEST OF SECTION | OWNER |
| 1 | Standard Cymbidium Hybrids | Cymbidium Vidar 'Harlequin' | Sean Hogan |
| 2 | Medium & Miniature Cymbidium Hybrids | Cymbidium Heidi Kirkpatrick | Ernie Acantilado |
| 3 | Pendulous Cymbidium Hybrids | <i>Cymbidium Memoria Amelia Earhart</i> | Fely Acantilado |
| 4 | Standard Cattleya Alliance Hybrids | Lc. Park Ridge 'Thornridge' | Xavier Hung |
| 5 | Compact Cattleya Alliance Hybrids | Rhyncholaelia Aristocrat | Anita & Jerry Spencer |
| 6 | Miniature Cattleya Alliance Hybrids | Slc. Seagulls Apricot | Alex Nadzan |
| 7 | Paphiopedilum Hybrids | <i>Paphiopedilum Harbur</i> | Debby Halliday |
| 8 | Phragmipedium & Cypripedium Hybrids | No Entries | - |
| 9 | Oncidium Alliance Hybrids | <i>Tolumnia Jairak Firm 'Big Bang'</i> | Jane Wesley Brooks |
| 10 | Dendrobium Alliance Hybrids | <i>Dendrobium Nobile Hybrid 'Lavender'</i> | Debby Halliday |
| 11 | Vandaceous Alliance Hybrids | <i>Vanda Santa Barbara Fizz</i> | George Pflaum |
| 12 | Other Genera Hybrids | <i>Masdevallia Pixie Shadow 'Loch Raven'</i> | Debby Halliday |
| 13 | Phalaenopsis Alliance Hybrids | <i>Phalaenopsis Chia E Yenlin</i> | Alex Nadzan |
| 14 | Specimen Plant | <i>Arpophyllum giganteum</i> | Betty Kelepecz |
| 15 | Large Species: Angraecum - Masdevallia | <i>Dendrobium pendulum</i> | Dave Rimlinger |
| 16 | Large Species: Maxillaria - Zygopetalum | <i>Barkeria melanocaulon</i> | Kay Klausing |
| 17 | Small Species: Angraecum - Masdevallia | <i>Sophronitis coccinea</i> | John Snyder |
| 18 | Small Species: Maxillaria - Zygopetalum | <i>Leptotes bicolor</i> | John Alexander |

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People Who Brought Plants to the April 2024 Show

Pam Peters

Alex Nadzan, Anita & Jerry Spencer, Arnie Gum, Ben Machado, Betty Kelepecz, Dave Rimlinger, David Vandenbroek, Debby Halliday, Ed Danielewicz, Ernie Acantilado, Fely Acantilado, Florian Blume, George Pflaum, Jane Wesley Brooks, John Alexander, John Snyder, Jonathan Louie, Kay Klausing, Lisa Humphreys, Maria Gray, Mary Ann Chanthala, Min Teng, Nate La Breche, Pam Peters, Paolo Garcia, Phyllis Prestia, Rachel Burns, Sean Hogan, Stewart Walton, Tom Biggart, Tom Osborn, Xavier Hung.



We'll have *Tillandsias* and other bromeliads for sale from a variety of vendors and from our members. Plus, we'll have tools, supplies, and experts on hand for all your questions.

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Summer Bromeliad Show

Balboa Park Casa del Prado Rm 101

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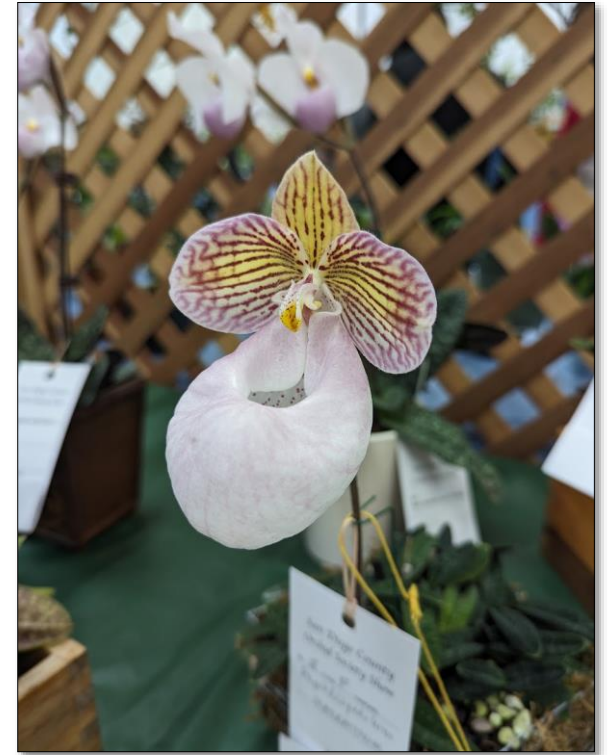
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Orchid Dates to Remember:

May 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

May 4

SDCOS Species Group Meeting

Socializing 8:30 AM, meeting 9:00 AM

First Saturday of the month

president@sdorchids.com

May 7

SDCOS Meeting: Spring Banquet!

6 PM dinner starts,

7 PM awards presentation starts

Casa del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

The 7 PM presentation will also be 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

May 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

May 8

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

May 4-17

SDBG World of Orchids Show

<https://sdbg.org/world-of-orchids/>

See Page 7 of the April Newsletter for details on how to contribute plants!

June 15-16

Summer Bromeliad Show

10AM – 4 PM

Casa del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

<http://www.sandiegobromeliadsociety.org/>

September 7-8

South Bay Orchid Society Show & Sale

10 AM - 4 PM

5504 Crestridge Rd.

Rancho Palos Verdes, CA

<https://southbayorchidsociety.com/Show/>

Board and General Meeting Minutes

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

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| Past President | 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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