

**San Diego County Orchid
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Brassia verrucosa
Best of Show
Forrest Robinson Culture Award
Dave Rimlinger

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President's Message

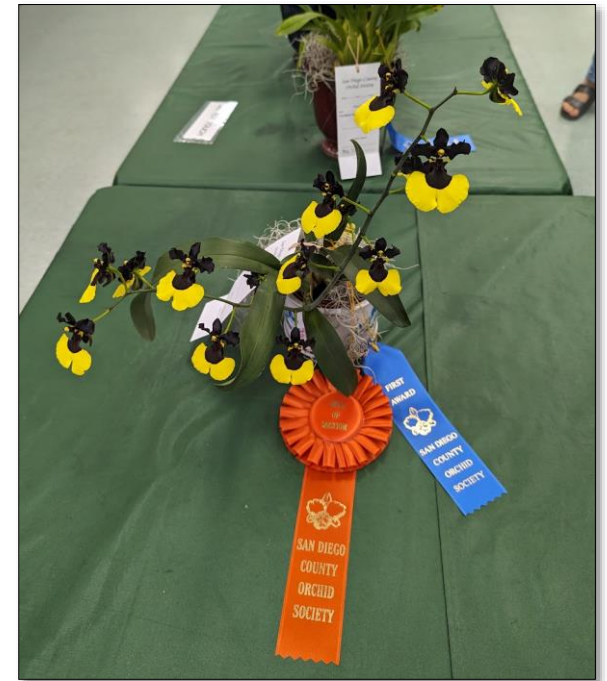
David Vandebroek, President

Hi everyone, apologies that this newsletter issue is coming out rather late – I'll include more information from the show last weekend in the next newsletter, so keep an eye out for it then. For now, I'd like to give a big thank you to everyone who brought in plants and volunteered for the show! It was a big hit! The show itself was beautiful and filled with lovely plants, and it was our highest grossing July show yet! These shows really are great outreach opportunities to increase interest in these wonderful plants in the local community, and I really appreciate everyone who worked so hard to make it a huge success.

Looking forward to seeing you all on Tuesday, and good luck surviving this heat wave!



Clowesia thylaciochila
Siv Garrod Most Unusual Species
Award
Peter Tobias



Oncidium Jiaho Queen
People's Choice Award
Min Teng

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General Meeting, August 6, in person at Balboa Park, Casa del Prado Room 101, Room 101 and on Zoom; 7:30 PM.

Peter T. Lin: A Tale of Two Grand Orchid Shows!

Text by Peter T. Lin and Ashley Grable

Peter T. Lin started growing orchids over 40 years ago, but then he stopped due to school and starting a career. It wasn't until about 20 years ago that the orchid "bug" came back, and he is now heavily involved once again. He is an accredited judge with the American Orchid Society (AOS) and a hybridizer of mini *Cattleyas* and mini *Vandas*. He enjoys meeting with other orchid enthusiasts, and he can often be found at various orchid shows and societies around the country. He also has hundreds of photos of his orchids that he maintains on Flickr. You can view them through this link: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/minicatt/collections/>

Due to limited growing space, Peter likes to specialize in miniature orchids – both species and hybrids – and has received



numerous AOS awards. His interests in orchids include *Dendrobiums*, *Angraecoids*, and *Neofinetias*. He maintains thousands of orchids at his home in Southern California in 3 small greenhouses, as well as an offsite greenhouse.

For August's main talk, Peter will present "A Tale of Two Grand Orchid Shows!" This talk discusses the 23rd World Orchid Conference and the 20th Taiwan International Orchid Show, which both took place in Tainan, Taiwan, in February and March of 2024. Take a tour of the tens of thousands of orchids on display, from grand floor displays to many specimen size orchids!

*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@sorchids.com by Monday, August 5. 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.*

*Peter will supply August's plant opportunity table, which may include some of the plants listed on his website, [Diamond Orchids](#). Want a chance to take one home? Participate in the **opportunity table 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.*

Culture Class, August 6, 6:30 PM
Nate La Breche: Watering Orchids
Nate La Breche, Second VP

Nate La Breche is the second VP of the SDCOS. He started growing orchids in January of 2023 in his apartment using a grow tent along with shelves and LED lighting. His presentation will focus on the importance of watering your orchids and how to do so. Specific topics will include different water sources, important water quality parameters, humidity, and watering methods.



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The July Show

Pam Peters

The July Show was a huge success. Many thanks to the Show Committee and especially the set-up crew headed up by Tom Corzine and George Pflaum. George got up at dawn's early light to pick up the U-Haul and, along with his crew, bring the supplies from the garage and set up Room 101 including the Speakers' area. Tom was the Show Chair and organized all the volunteers, lunches, signage, and other duties associated with putting on the show. Cyndie Corzine corralled every visitor to participate in the People's Choice Award balloting. Thanks also to Myra DeTate and her crew of cashiers who handled sales, Pam Peters and the judging teams, and the many vendors.

There were 189 beautiful and interesting orchids entered in the show brought in by the following people: Tom Biggart, Florian Blume, Juan Bonilla, Julian Bromfield, Jane Wesley Brooks, David Brown, Rachel Burns, Ken Campbell, Julia Clemens, Myra DeTate, Palo Garcia, Wendy Garnica, Neal Grant, Maria Gray, Debby Halliday, Sean Hogan, Lisa Humphreys, Kay Klausing, Nate LaBreche, Ben Machado, Alex Nadzan, Bicvan Ngyuen, Tom Osborn, Pam Peters, George Pflaum, Barry Reder, Dave Rimlinger, Suzi Sandore, John Snyder, Min Teng, Peter Tobias, and Stewart Walton. Kudos to you all.

Nico Goossens and Kay Klausing gave demonstrations on How to Care For and Rebloom Your Trader Joe's Orchids and Ben Machado discussed Orchid Basics. The

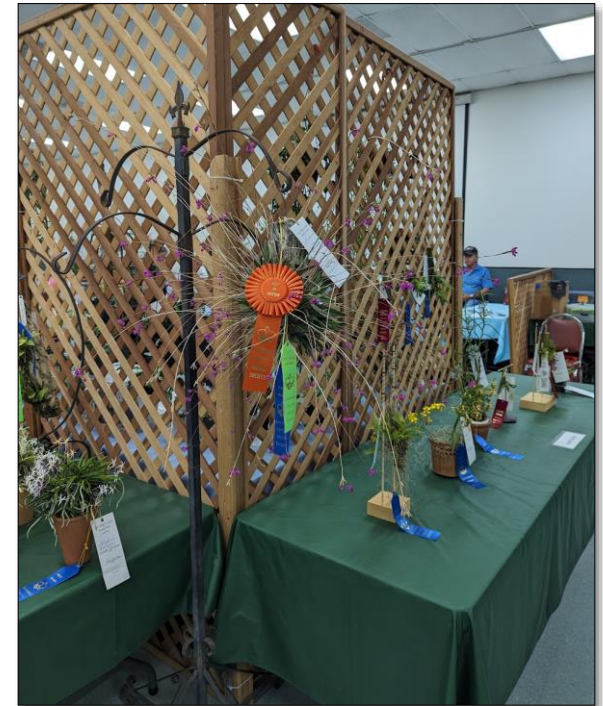
audiences were most appreciative and had many questions.

Dave Rimlinger's species *Brassia verrucosa* won Best in Show and the Forrest Robinson Culture Award.

Peter Tobias' *Clowesia thylaciochila* won the Siv Garrod Most Unusual Species Award.

Min Teng's *Oncidium Jiaho* Queen won People's Choice Award.

The Best of Section winners will be listed in the next newsletter.



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Orchid Dates to Remember:

August 1

SDCOS Board Meeting

First Thursday of the month, 7 PM

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

president@sdorchids.com

August 3

SDCOS Species Study Group Meeting

Socializing 8:30 AM, meeting 9:00 AM

First Saturday of the month

president@sdorchids.com

August 6

Main Speaker Dinner*: 5:45 PM

*See Main Speaker article for details.

August 6

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

August 6

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

August 7

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

September 7-8

South Bay Orchid Society Show & Sale

10 AM - 4 PM

5504 Crestridge Rd.

Rancho Palos Verdes, CA

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

2023-2024 Officers

Note: these are continuing into the 24/25 year

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| Director at Large, to 2025 | Stewart Walton |
| Director at Large, to 2026 | Sima Perkins |
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The SDCOS Board meeting minutes are available to members upon request.

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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 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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