

**San Diego County Orchid
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Dendrobium Enobi 'Purple Splash'
David Vandebroek

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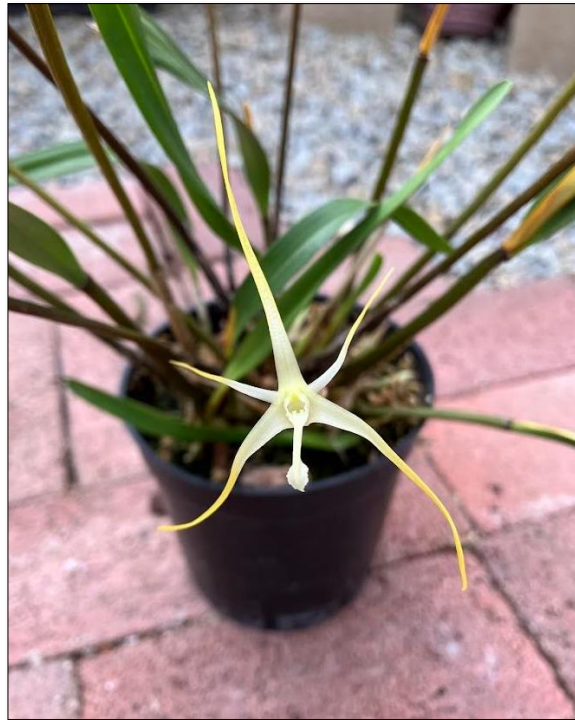
President's Message

David Vandenbroek, President

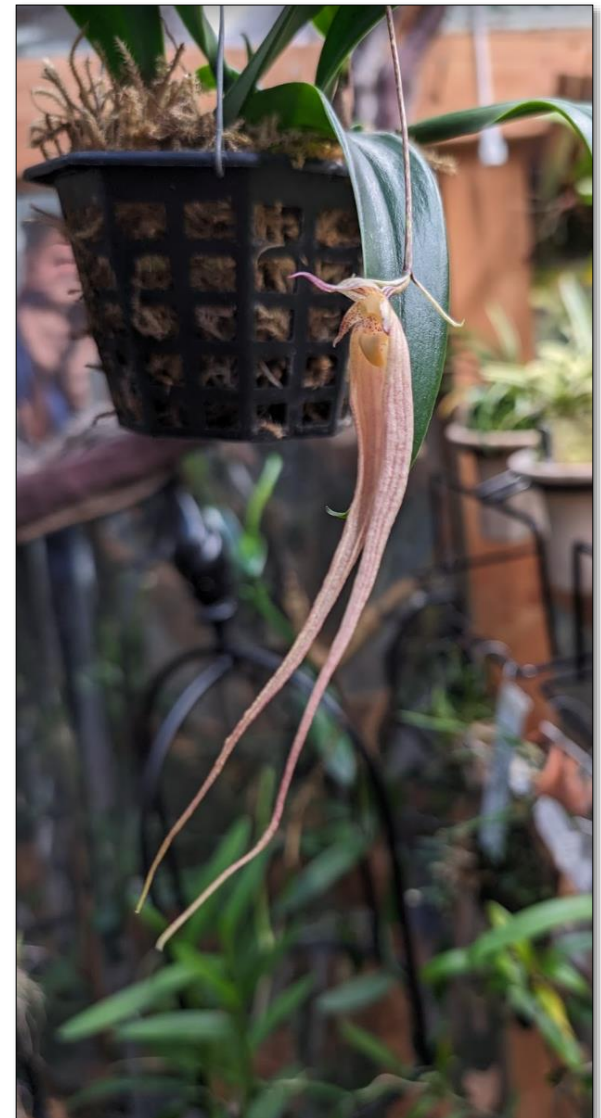
Happy fall, everyone! We're officially entering the cooler months and both me and my plants are appreciating it – I hope you are too, and that your fall-blooming orchids are starting to put out some spikes! For anyone growing the Mediterranean terrestrials, it'll be time to start watering them sometime in the next month – something I definitely sometimes forget...

We've already got the October show coming up! As always, it'll be on the last full weekend in October, the 26-27. We're going to need more volunteers than usual for this one as many regular volunteers are out for this show – so if you haven't taken the plunge and volunteered yet, please consider making this show your first! We'll have the volunteer list up on the website soon and plan to have sign ups at the meeting next week.

Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting!



Diplocaulobium sp. (Philippines)
Min Teng



Bulbophyllum longissimum
David Vandenbroek

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General Meeting, October 1, in person at Balboa Park, Casa del Prado Room 101, Room 101 and on Zoom; 7:30 PM.

Dr. Harold Koopowitz: *Disas*: species, hybrids and their culture

Harold Koopowitz and Ashley Grable, First VP

Harold Koopowitz is Professor Emeritus at the University of California at Irvine (UCI), where he taught biology and did research on conservation biology. He was also Director of the UCI Arboretum for twenty years. He has authored over a hundred scientific papers and books, many of which deal with orchids. He has travelled extensively in the tropics to study orchids.

For ten years, Harold was editor of the Orchid Digest. He is now its Editor Emeritus, and he continues to contribute to that magazine.

Harold is well-known as a *Paphiopedilum* hybridizer, but in recent years, he has turned his attention to the genus *Disa*. Recently, Harold was honored by the World Orchid Conservation Trust with their Medal for Horticulture for his work as an orchid hybridizer.



Besides playing with his plants, Harold's other hobby is writing. He is the author of a series of adventure novels about orchids. You can view his books on Amazon.com through this [LINK](#) or by searching for Koopowitz. Harold grew up in South Africa and moved to the US after university.

In his presentation, Harold will speak about *Disa*, a genus of approximately 180 orchid species indigenous to tropical and southern Africa, of which the best-known is *Disa uniflora*, or the "Pride of Table Mountain". His talk will cover *Disa* species and hybrids – many of which have brightly-colored flowers in reds, pinks, and oranges. He will also unlock the key to the culture for this mostly terrestrial genus, which is quite different from the culture of many other orchids. SDCOS is delighted to welcome one of the orchid world's celebrated experts to pull the veil back on this mysterious and beautiful genus.

Speaker Dinner: 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, September 30. 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.

Opportunity Table: Although few growers and vendors in the United States offer *Disas* for sale, we are fortunate enough to have *Disa* species and hybrids available at the October opportunity table. Our speaker, Harold Koopowitz, will provide all the plants

for the table, half of which will be *Disas*, and half of which will be other orchids. Want a chance to be one of the lucky few to take a *Disa* home from the meeting? 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.

Disa Foam
'San
Francisco'
FCC/AOS



*Disa
uniflora*

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Culture Class, DATE, 6:30 PM
Nate La Breche: Orchid Pests
Nate La Breche, Second VP

Description: 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 common orchid pests. Specific topics will include monitoring and treatment methods.



Den. Cuthbertsonii ('Blushing Panda'
AM x 'White Halo' AM)

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**Judging at the San Diego Judging Center
(Casa del Prado, Balboa Park),
September 2024, 6:30 PM.**

Text and photos by Phyllis Prestia.

There were five orchids awarded.

[1] Paph. Phyllis Prestia 'O'side Moon' HCC/AOS

Exhibited by Tim Culbertson

Awarded HCC, 79 points

[2] C. San Diego Variable 'Lemon Grove' HCC/AOS

Exhibited by O.J. Bromfield

Awarded HCC, 77 points

[3] C. Issy Girl 'The Boss' AM/AOS

Exhibited by Jim Boss

Awarded AM, 86 points

[4] C. Autumn Night 'Brat' AM/AOS

Exhibited by O.J. Bromfield

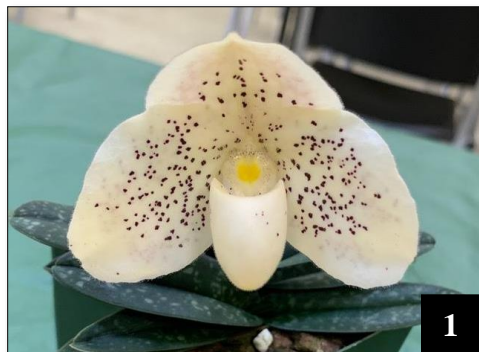
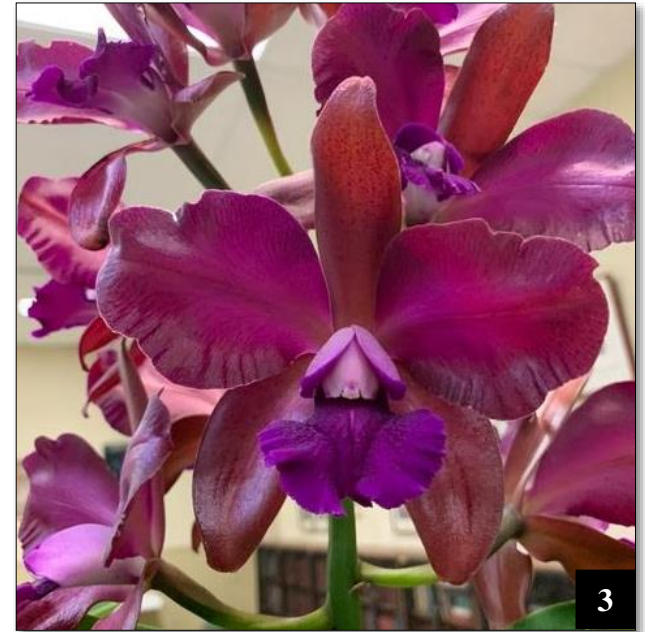
Awarded AM, 82 points

[5] Bc. Sass and Spots 'Cheeky' AM/AOS

Exhibited by O.J. Bromfield

Awarded AM, 83 points

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



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Orchid Dates to Remember:

October 1

Main Speaker Dinner*: 5:45 PM

*See Main Speaker article for details.

October 1

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

October 1

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

October 2

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

October 3

SDCOS Board Meeting

First Thursday of the month, 7 PM

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

president@sdorchids.com

October 5

SDCOS Species Study Group Meeting

Socializing 8:30 AM, meeting 9:00 AM

First Saturday of the month

president@sdorchids.com

October 26-27

SDCOS Fall Show

Balboa Park

<https://sdorchids.com/our-shows/>

2023-2024 Officers

Note: these are continuing into the 24/25 year

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Second Vice President	Nate La Breche
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Treasurer	Myra DeTate
Director at Large, to 2024	Carey McCoy
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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