



**San Diego County Orchid  
Society Newsletter  
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*Haraella odorata*  
David Vandebroek



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## President's Message

David Vandebroek, President

Happy Holidays, SDCOS! We're officially starting off the Holiday season with Thanksgiving this week and our SDCOS Holiday Party next week! As many of our plants settle in for a bit of a winter rest, I hope you all can get a bit of rest as well as we wind down the year.

We do have several things to mention this month. The first is, as usual, we will be having our holiday party next week. Appetizers will open at **6 PM** and mains / the rest of the food will start at ~6:30. More information can be found in Ashley's article on the next page. Please consider participating in the orchid exchange!

We will also be holding a redo of our summer general election – Since we didn't have enough votes last time to make a quorum. The old board (the same as the new board) has been continuing to serve without issue, but to make the election nice and legal we really do need enough votes. If you're unable to make the holiday party, I'd appreciate it if you logged in via Zoom at 7 PM to help us make quorum for the voting. We will also be presenting and voting on the conservation committee's proposed grants to fund.

Our next show isn't until January, so we've got a bit of time to sit back and enjoy the holidays! I hope you all have (or had, depending on when this gets read) a happy Thanksgiving, and I look forward to seeing you next week at the Holiday Party!

## SDCOS Secretary Vacancy

David Vandebroek, President

Dear Members, our SDCOS Secretary has resigned, and we will need someone to fill the position for the remainder of the term (6 months). The duties of the Secretary include:

- Attending the Board Meetings via Zoom at 7 PM on the 1st Thursday of every month
- Taking meeting minutes/notes during the meeting
- Generating official meeting minutes and sending them to the Board before the next Board meeting
- Filing a couple forms with the government every August (we have a good walkthrough document of what needs to be done and how to do it, and it will probably fall to the next Secretary unless you choose to stay on)

This is a 6-month commitment, though if it suits you, we will be looking for a permanent member to start serving next year as well.

If you are interested or have any questions, please email me at [president@sdorchds.com](mailto:president@sdorchds.com) or talk to me in person at the meeting.

Thanks much, and I'm looking forward to seeing you at our holiday party!



*Dendrobium Enobi Purple 'Splash'*  
David Vandebroek

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## SDCOS Annual Holiday Banquet December 3

Balboa Park, Casa del Prado Room 101

Appetizers: 6 PM

Zoom / Business Meeting / Awards: 7 PM

Ashley Grable, First VP

It's that time of year! Our December meeting is the annual SDCOS holiday party!

Every December, in lieu of our typical meeting, we hold our holiday banquet, open to members (one guest each, max), but not to the public. We invite you to celebrate 2024 with a potluck dinner, a presentation of the year's awarded plants, a gift plant giveaway (for members only), and an orchid exchange (participation optional). This in-person event is held in our usual meeting room, Casa del Prado, Room 101. The business meeting and presentation are simulcast on Zoom.

### The holiday party starts earlier than typical meetings.

6:00 pm – Appetizers

6:30 pm – Main course

7:00 pm – Election, voting on conservation grants, and main presentation. Simulcast on Zoom.

The holiday banquet does not include a culture class or a plant raffle/opportunity table, but there are free gift plants for members who register by the deadline; see details below. Because there is no plant forum, members are encouraged to bring a decorative plant in bloom to showcase as a centerpiece at their banquet table.

Potluck dinner: Appetizers at 6 pm; main course at 6:30 pm. SDCOS provides the

main courses (ham and turkey), as well as soda, coffee, tea, plates, cups, and utensils. Members are asked to bring a dish and serving spoon for the potluck or to assist with the party setup beginning at 4:30 pm. Members may bring their own alcoholic beverages.

Voting: We will be voting on two subjects; we will have a redo of our summer elections for this year's board of directors and vote on the conservation grants to fund. Voting will happen at or shortly after 7 PM and will be open to Zoom attendees.

Main presentation: Our speaker will provide an overview of the American Orchid Society (AOS) awards given to SDCOS member plants during the calendar year, complete with photos.

Holiday gift plant: SDCOS members who register by the deadline will receive a free gift plant at the annual holiday party! This year, we will purchase a selection of plants from [Andy's Orchids](#), [Casa des las Orquideas](#), and [Sunset Valley Orchids](#). **Members who do not register by the deadline (see**

**below) are not guaranteed a free gift plant.** Late registrants will be permitted to choose only from the gift plants that remain at the end, if any. Non-members are not eligible to receive gift plants.

Orchid exchange: Participation optional. To take part, bring in an orchid in bloom, clearly marked with your name, and place it on the exchange table. Dress up your plant to have the best chance at securing your first-choice take-home plant! Participants make their selection immediately after the plants they contributed are chosen, so the members who donate the most attractive plants often get to choose their take-home plants first.

**SIGN UP: Register by Friday, November 29 through the link [HERE](#),** if you did not sign up in-person at the November meeting. Members who do not RSVP by the deadline will not be guaranteed a free gift plant.

If you have questions or changes to your registration, please e-mail [1stvp@sdorchids.com](mailto:1stvp@sdorchids.com) or call 619-727-8994. We look forward to celebrating 2024 with you!



2023 Holiday Party





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**Judging at the San Diego Judging Center  
November 2024, 6:30 PM.**

Text by Phyllis Prestia, photos by Arnie Gum

There were five orchids awarded.

[1] *Paph. charlesworthii* 'Dee Dee's Pride'  
AM/AOS

Exhibited by Dee Dee Flores

Awarded AM, 82 points

[2] *Masd.* Elven Magic 'Satry Hill' AM/AOS

Exhibited by Tim Culbertson

Awarded AM, 82 points

[3] *Paph. henryanum* 'Sunset Valley Orchids  
Ruby' AM/AOS

Exhibited by Fred Clarke

Awarded AM, 81 points

[4] *Ctsm.* Richard Fulford 'Sunset Valley  
Orchids' FCC/AOS

Exhibited by Fred Clarke

Awarded FCC, 91 points

[5] *Ctsm.* Josito's Backlit Phoenix 'Sunset  
Valley Orchids' AM/AOS

Exhibited by Fred Clarke

Awarded AM, 83 points



## Inspire a Lifelong Passion

We need your help to grow *Gift A Youth*, a program to guide and educate deserving young orchid enthusiasts ages 15 to 25.

Invest in our youth and sustain the future existence of the American Orchid Society and its vitality by supporting this program.

Nurture their eagerness to learn about orchids and ensure the survival of the natural world of orchids.

[www.aos.org/adopt-a-youth](http://www.aos.org/adopt-a-youth)



American Orchid Society

## Inspire a Lifelong Passion

Gift A Youth

Encourage Leadership

Share Orchid Knowledge

Foster Student Engagement



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American Orchid Society

The American Orchid Society (AOS) has launched a Gift A Youth program, which allows AOS members to gift AOS memberships to others. Recipients can be people the giver knows or can be selected by the AOS. More program details can be found on the AOS website here:

<https://www.aos.org/adopt-a-youth>

## Kids Corner at the Orchid Shows

Text ad photos by Nancy Walters

The goal of the Kids corner is to provide initial experiences to familiarize children with orchid history and facts, growing and caring for orchids, and of course appreciation of the huge variety they can see at the shows.

We provide activities to enjoy, as well as learn about orchids. Puzzles, coloring, pages and learning games are at the center for the kids to enjoy while their parents visit the show.

I am also looking for some volunteers that would like to help at the booth during the shows.

Please contact [Nancywalters928@gmail.com](mailto:Nancywalters928@gmail.com) if you are willing to help out.





*You are cordially invited to:*  
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December 7, 2024  
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and also check out Miki's hand-dyed yarn!  
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Karen Armstrong  
Min Teng





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David Vandebroek

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## Orchid Dates to Remember:

Nov 27-28

### **Andy's Orchids Online Sale**

30% off online-only sale

<https://andysorchids.com/>

December 3

### **SDCOS Holiday Party and Election**

Appetizers start at **6 PM**

Main course ~6:30

Election voting will happen at 7 PM

Presentation following election

December 3

### **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

December 4

### **POS Holiday Party Meeting**

Society business at 4 PM; main program at 5

First Wednesday of the month

Carlsbad City Library

1775 Dove Lane, Carlsbad, CA 92011

NOTE! Next Month's POS meeting will be delayed 1 week for the new year

December 5

### **SDCOS Board Meeting**

First Thursday of the month, 7 PM

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

[president@sdorchids.com](mailto:president@sdorchids.com)

December 7

### **SDCOS Species Study Group Meeting**

Socializing 8:30 AM, meeting 9:00 AM

First Saturday of the month

[president@sdorchids.com](mailto:president@sdorchids.com)

December 7

### **Casa de Las Orquideas Open House**

9 AM – 4 PM

<http://orquideas.com/>

December 13-15

### **Andy's Orchids Open House**

10 AM – 4 PM

January 8

### **POS January Meeting**

Note: the POS Monthly meeting will be held Jan 8, rather than Jan 1, since Jan 1 is a holiday.

### **2023-2024 Officers**

*Note: these are continuing into the 24/25 year*

President	David Vandebroek
First Vice President	Ashley Grable
Second Vice President	Nate La Breche
Secretary	-
Treasurer	Myra DeTate
Director at Large, to 2024	Carey McCoy
Director at Large, to 2025	Stewart Walton
Director at Large, to 2026	Sima Perkins
Past President	Debby Halliday

### **Board and General Meeting Minutes**

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

[president@sdorchids.com](mailto:president@sdorchids.com)

## **World Famous San Diego Zoo**

All memberships listed below are for zip codes 91900-92899 and include unlimited admission to the San Diego Zoo and Safari Park for one year.

**DUAL MEMBERSHIP** (for two adults in the same household)

Yearly rate \$174.

Renewal Rate \$159.

**SINGLE MEMBERSHIP** (for one adult)

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~ A year of **FREE UNLIMITED ADMISSION** to both the San Diego Zoo and Safari Park.

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Or call toll free 877.3 MEMBER

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Your membership supports our plant and animal collections and includes a

monthly visit to our Orchid Odyssey on the third Friday of each month from 10am until 2pm.



## SDCOS Newsletter Notes

Interested in being the next SDCOS Newsletter editor? Please contact me at the email below to discuss the role. The primary responsibilities are: collect the articles from the President, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, and Judging chair, and then generate and upload the newsletter. Pretty straightforward! Contact me at [SDCOSNewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:SDCOSNewsletter@gmail.com) if you're interested in learning more.

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](mailto: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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