



San Diego County Orchid Society

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NOVICE MEETING

March 2, 6:30 PM—Casa Del Prado—Room 104

By: Bruce Berg, 2nd Vice President

Thanks Lynn Ford and Steve Lowe for your interesting presentation last month on how to keep our orchids looking good.

Our March Novice meeting will look at another way of showing off our orchids. Nancy Boler and Carol Gray will demonstrate how to arrange our plants in baskets. Nancy Boler is a native Californian, having lived in the San Diego area for 16 years. Her hobbies showcase her creative talents in quilting, cooking, gardening and Japanese Sumi painting. She has been applying these creative talents lately in arranging orchids. Carol Gray has a degree in floral design that she utilizes in creating professional wedding designs and floral designs for the Torrey Pines Lodge.

GENERAL MEETING

March 2, 7:30 PM—Casa Del Prado—Room 101

By Steve Mallory, 1st Vice President

Christopher Croom, our Newsletter editor, will be doing a fresh, new presentation on orchids and their pollinators that has never before been seen by human eyes. Intricate relationships between insects, orchids, and their surrounding ecology will be thoroughly examined and discussed, as will the successes of different strategies used by orchids and by the pollinators themselves.

Christopher has presented at numerous orchid societies on the West Coast of the United States over the past several years (from here to Seattle and many places in between), and his presentations are typically slightly unusual and very interesting. He has presented at past general and novice meetings of the SDCOS about growing mounted orchids, orchids and their fragrances,

She also likes to share her creative talents in creating basket displays that we have seen at meetings and at our shows.

This is the time to start looking at our orchids and getting them ready for our Spring Show at the end of the month. If you have plants outside where it's been a bit cool and they are showing inflorescences or buds, try moving them inside or to a location where they can get a bit more light and be a bit warmer to encourage them to bloom. Look at the foliage and plan how you can make the plants look good. Also, consider showing off several plants together in a tabletop display. Contact Bruce for entry information. Visit our website to see the different categories for judging at www.sdorchids.com/www/2010Schedule.pdf.

general orchid care, and medicinal and edible orchids.

Christopher has a modest collection of around 200 mostly species orchids which he grows outside at his house in North Park. In 2004 he won the AOS Dillon-Peterson essay contest with an article about orchid fragrances. He has also been an SDCOS Board Member for the past four years. He worked with Andy of Andy's Orchids for a year, helped write some descriptions for Andy's website, and still occasionally sells plants for Andy at shows.

Christopher is extremely excited about this new presentation as it involves interspecies sex; he feels particularly qualified to discuss this subject due to being a middle school sex ed teacher (in addition to teaching physics and chemistry). So, we look forward to seeing you on the 2nd for this riveting analysis!

San Diego County Orchid Society

Purpose: To promote interest in orchids and their cultivation, to educate by exchanging information and experiences related to successful orchid culture, and to support the conservation of orchids in the wild.

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Meetings

San Diego Orchid Society meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at the Casa Del Prado in Balboa Park.

Novice Class: 6:30 PM, Room 104

General Meeting: 7:30 PM, Room 101

Newsletter Entries

If you have monthly meetings, classifieds, submissions of interest, photos, or announcements related to orchids, please contact Christopher Croom at (619) 583-3804 or batescroom@cox.net.

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Information for the April newsletter must be submitted by March 15.



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March 2, 6:30 p.m.
SDCOS Novice Meeting
First Tuesday of the month
Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 104

March 2, 7:30 p.m.
SDCOS General Meeting
First Tuesday of the month
Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

March 3
Palomar Orchid Society Meeting
Culture class at 6:30; meeting at 7:30
First Wednesday of the month
The Carlsbad Woman's Club
3320 Monroe Street, Carlsbad
Melana Walding (760) 295-7228

March 4, 7:00 PM
SDCOS Board Meeting
Normally, the Thursday following the General Meeting (usually the first Thursday of the month; second Friday of the month in rare cases)
Balboa Park, Rm. 104

March 6
SDCOS Species Group Meeting
First Saturday of the month
Paul or Ann Tuskes (858) 274-5829

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South Bay Orchid Society Show & Sale
"The Art Of Orchids"
Torrance Cultural Arts Center
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March 12-14, 2010
The 65th Santa Barbara International Orchid Show
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www.sborchidshow.com

March 17
Cymbidium Society Meeting
Regular meeting, third Wednesday of month
Culture class at 6:30, Meeting at 7:00 PM
The Carlsbad Woman's Club
3320 Monroe Street, Carlsbad (858) 748-8355

March 19
San Diego Zoo's Orchid Odyssey
Third Friday of the month
10 AM-2 PM
(orchid greenhouse is open)
Janette Gerrity (619) 231-1515 ext. 4306

March 26 – 28
The 64th San Diego County Orchid Society Show and Sale
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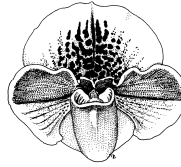
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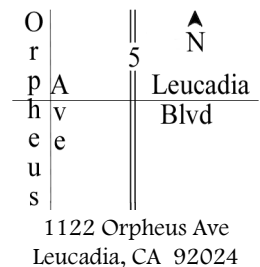
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Plant Registration

We encourage you to enter your plants in the show. The more plants entered, the more spectacular the show.

Registration is Thursday, March 25 from 4:00 PM–8:00 PM and Friday morning from 7:00 AM–9:00 AM. Plants will not be accepted after 9:00 AM Friday morning. If you have several plants to bring in on Friday morning, please bring them in early and have the registration tags filled out. Registration tags will be available at the March 2 General Meeting. Take some home and fill them out in advance for the plants you'll be registering.

The show schedule for registration of plants is on the SDCOS website at www.sdorchids.com/www/2010Schedule.pdf. Registration forms require the following information: section, class, plant name, and your name. Filling out the plant name and your name (or as much as you can) prior to coming in will make the registration process go quicker. Clerks at the registration table will help you properly identify the section and class. Remember to have your plants and leaves clean, with spikes properly staked so the flowers are well presented and secure in their pots.

You may enter your plants for ribbon judging, American Orchid Society, and Cymbidium Society of America judging. Make sure to tell the registration clerks if you want your plants entered for AOS or CSA judging. Amateurs will use white registration tags and are eligible to enter in Amateur and Open classes; Vendors must use green registration tags and can only enter in Open.

Volunteers

Thanks to all of the members who have volunteered so far for the big Spring Show. We still have several areas where we can use some more volunteers, so please stop by the sign-up table at our March meeting.

This show depends on the support of our members to volunteer and represent our Society to the community. Please check your calendars and help us out by signing up at the next General Meeting on March 2.

Jobs you can volunteer for include: setup, conservation, merchandise, plant registration, security, takedown, and ticket sales.

When you come into the Scottish Rite building, go into the main showroom; directly to your right will be our membership table with either Bob Clark or Bruce Berg. They will help you to pick up an ID ribbon to wear, check your name off the list, and direct you to your chairman. If you haven't already signed up to volunteer but are willing to help, they'll direct you to where we need you to help out.

Secondly, volunteers who work a shift will have the opportunity to have a lunch. This year we are again going to use lunch tickets for entrance into the lunch area. The Chairpeople for the different activities will have the tickets for you and will tell you when to take a break.

If you have questions, please call Bruce Berg 619.258.1963 or b2berg@yahoo.com.

Ticket Sales

Tickets were mailed out recently to most of the membership. More will be mailed out later this week. We thought earlier that we'd just call members and see if they could help us with ticket sales, but when getting started, we found that we were only able to talk to a few members. We left lots of messages and had no good way to do follow up. We decided to go back to the way it was handled in the past and mail out tickets to members and ask them to help us raise money to pay for the show. A packet of 5 tickets for \$30 was sent to each mail recipient. We hope that you will either sell these tickets, purchase them and give them to your friends, or return the unused tickets to us.

Plant Donations Needed to Support Orchid Conservation

The SDCOS Conservation Committee will be raising funds to support orchid conservation by selling donated orchid plants during the San Diego County Orchid Society's spring show, March 26-28. We are soliciting donations of plants from members for this sale. Donated plants may be extra divisions, seedlings, or any plant in good health and in need of a new home. Besides contributing to orchid conservation, donating plants also is a great way to make space for new acquisitions! Since the SDCOS is a non-profit organization, donors may receive a tax deduction for the fair value of their donated plants. SO...you can support orchid conservation, free up some space in your growing area for new orchids, AND receive a tax deduction all at the same time!! It's pretty tough to beat a combination like that.

The SDCOS Conservation Committee has a history of supporting orchid conservation across the globe. This good work has been made possible by plant donations from society members and by people who purchased plants from the Conservation Committee sales booth at the spring and fall orchid shows. Your support has had a meaningful impact on orchid conservation worldwide. In the past 15 years, we have raised over \$125,000 to support conservation! We hope to continue the society's support of orchid conservation at home and abroad, but we need your help to make it happen.

We're not asking for large donations from each person: one or two plants apiece would be great! Member donations are vital to the success of this endeavor, so please contribute, if you can. Plants may be brought to the General Meeting on Tuesday, March 2, or to the SDCOS booth at the show. If you would like to donate plants and prefer to have someone pick them up before the sale, please contact: Ron Kaufmann (858-270-7584; kaufmann@sandiego.edu), Dave Hoffmaster (davehoff5@yahoo.com), Peter Tobias (760-753-3173; tobias@scripps.edu) or David Brown (619-294-5925; president@sdorchids.com) to make arrangements. THANK YOU!!!



Greenery needed

We could use greenery with small leaves and cut orchid flowers, especially spikes, if possible for the corsage and arrangements booth for the show. We could really use spikes of reed-stemmed Epidendrums for arrangements also.

Plant vases needed

Joe and Rose Alesi could use some decorative plant vases for the Spring Show. If you have clean, nice looking, and unique vases to donate, please bring them in to the General Meeting. Vases should be in boxes so they don't become broken in transport.

Plants needed

SDCOS members Pam Peters, Helen Pfister, Linda Fisk, and Bruce Berg are working on a display booth for our Society at the Spring Show. They ask that members consider bringing plants to Display Booth 3 so they can be incorporated in our Society display. Our display will represent a rainbow theme with plants arranged in a rainbow.

Plants will also be judged individually. Members only need to fill out 2 registration tags. Place one tag on the plant and the second tag will go on the table where the plant would be placed for regular judging.

Spring Show Committee Minutes

January 28, 2010

The January 28 meeting was changed to an email roundtable. Genie Hammond, Steve Mallory, Dave Hoffmaster, Pam Peters, Bruce and Carol Berg, participated with submission of their activities. A follow up meeting was held at Room 104 on February 4 with Dave Hoffmaster, Steve Mallory, Pam Peters, Genie Hammond, David Brown, Kevin Rynearson, and Loren Batchman present.

Pam reported the following Judging activities. Week of January 25: contacting vendor for quote on award plaques and best of show vase engraving; preparing ribbon judging packets; checking on number of judging & volunteer ribbons to see if we need to order more; checking for "removed for AOS photography signs" & Best of Section placards; assigning judging teams. Completed initiating the following activities: arranging for the AOS Application and Photographer, Loren Batchman; obtaining the Orchid Digest Award, Dave Hoffmaster; arranging for the CSA & *Paphiopedilum* Trophies, Loren Batchman; verifying that the award photographers will be Ann & Paul Tuskes; getting the 2010 Show Schedule on Web.

Dave reported on the following Advertising and Marketing activities. We will have a 1/2 page ad in the March/April edition of the *Cymbidium Society of America Journal*. We will have a 1/4 page ad in the March/April edition of *California Garden* magazine along with an article written by Bruce Berg on orchids that will grow outdoors here in the East County area. There are 18 garden clubs in the San Diego area and we have contacted each of them regarding our show. Most have responded positively and will run an announcement in the calendar section of their newsletter. Many of them have agreed to announce the show at their February and March meetings and will pass out discount coupons.

We have worked with all the orchid societies in the Orange County and greater Los Angeles area to announce our show. Most of them have listed our show in the calendar section of their websites and newsletters. Most have agreed to announce the show at their March meeting and pass out dis-

count coupons. Tracy Wallace has started placing notices in local newspapers and magazines such as the Reader and La Jolla Light regarding our show. She will place with 27 different publications and send Dave a complete list of publications by mid-February. Andy Phillips of Andy's orchids agreed to mail out our discount coupons with every order he ships between now and the show. Owen Smith has updated our web site to feature the spring show. There is link on the "shows" page where one can find and download a discount coupon. Helen Pfister contacted local radio stations to see if we could provide free tickets for call in show promo spots. None of the stations contacted were receptive to the idea. She did provide show information on the KSON station's website and calendar of events.

Dave also reported an update on Judging activities. We have contacted Ken Jacobsen and arranged for Cymbidium Society Judging on Friday, March 26. We have contacted Simone Friend and arranged for the Orchid Digest Trophy to be presented at the show. The trophy will be mailed to his house by the end of February.

Dave also reported on facilities activities. We have received an updated contract from Scottish Rite removing the Square and Compass room from the rental agreement. This will give us a savings of \$1512. The invoice was received via email January 27, due March 4 for \$14,045. We arranged for liability insurance through Western Heritage Insurance.

Steve Mallory reported on the Facilities activities. We have received payment from fifteen vendors. An additional eight vendors have indicated they will participate but haven't sent in a deposit. We have 24 vendor locations mapped out. With our Conservation booth in the same area, this will fill all available spaces.

Bruce Berg reported on Hospitality (volunteers) activities. Genie Hammond wishes to do the corsage table one last time and see how sales go. Joe and Rose Alesi will be doing floral arrangements. The volunteer signup sheets were circulated at the last meeting and a number of volunteers signed up. The start-up times for Security volunteers were advanced 15 minutes so that we will have security in place when the show starts each day. Esther Sivila and Genie Hammond will recruit their own staffs for the plant hotel and corsage

booth. As of the February meeting, we have sold \$1,208 worth of advance tickets. We will have tickets available for pickup at the General Meeting.

Carol Berg provided a finance spreadsheet after getting last minute information from the February General meeting.

The next meeting will be March 4 at 6 pm in Room 104, right before the Board meeting.

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This table display was put together with contributions from SDCOS members Ann and Paul Tuskes, Renate Schmidt, Patti Hoffmaster, Carol Gray, Nancy Boler, Dave Hoffmaster, and Bruce Berg.

The display was entered in the Newport Harbor Orchid Society's show "An Ocean of Orchids." The show ran from February 12 to 14.

SDCOS President David Brown Summarizes a Few Gems from the Reginald S. Davis Orchid Book Collection at SDSU

QK73 .S62 .B678 1983

[Tinsley, Bonnie](#). *Singapore Green: a History and Guide to the Botanic Gardens*, Singapore: Times Books International, c1983, 139 p. : ill. (some col.), maps (some col.), port.; 21 cm

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QK81 .B45 1989

[Bernhardt, Peter](#). *Wily violets & underground orchids: revelations of a botanist*, New York: Morrow, c1989 xii, 255 p. : ill. ; 22 cm

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[Lindley, John, 1799-1865](#). *An introduction to botany*, London : Longman, Brown, Green, and Longmans, 1848
2 v. : ill. ; 22 cm

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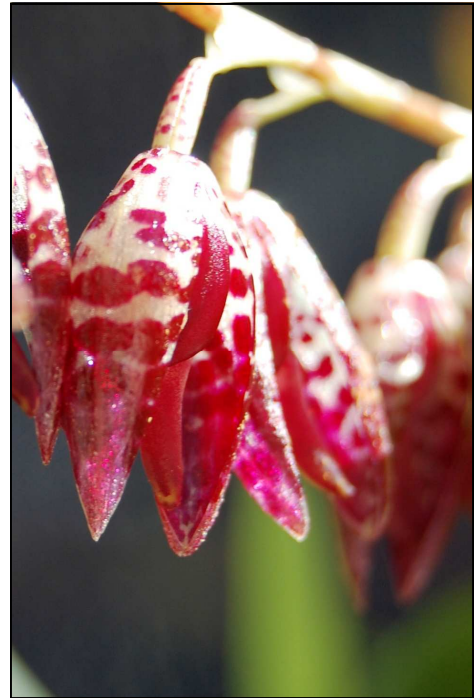
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Here's a handful of reasonably decent pictures of things that bloomed at my house in the middle of February after the winter rains here in North Park. All of these are year-round outdoor growers. **Top two photos:** *Pleurothallis restrepioides* (yes, they do bloom, albeit sporadically). **Middle Left:** *Epidendrum porpax* 'Porpax Mountain' looks like little green beetles instead of flowers. **Bottom Left:** *Sophronitella violacea* almost looks like it could be a member of the *Dendrobium* Alliance but instead is a relatively unrelated New World orchid; Betty Kelepecz had a nice one on display at our most recent Balboa Park show. **Bottom Right:** *Lockhartia bennettii* has the best flowers of all the "braided orchids," or at least the most orchid-looking blooms among them.

San Diego County Orchid Society December Board Meeting Minutes

February 4, 2010

Attendees: Dave Brown, Loran Batchman, Bruce Berg, Bob Clark, Christopher Croom, Lynn Ford, Genie Hammond, Dave Hoffmaster, Steve Mallory, Kevin Rynearson and Jim Wright

President Dave Brown called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM.

The minutes from the January meeting were approved by email prior to this Board meeting and were published to the January Newsletter.

The Treasurer's report was accepted.

Show Committee Report

The show committee met just prior to the board meeting. The main items discussed were:

1. We will continue with the corsage and cut flower sales and will call for more materials from the membership this year. The committee approved an expenditure of \$100 to Solana Orchids for cut flowers with an emphasis on multifloral stems for flower arrangements.
2. The committee voted against purchasing any new promotional items such as T-shirts this year. We will have a sales area at Scottish Rite to sell prior year's materials.
3. We have 16 vendors that have paid or made a deposit and 4 that have said they will attend our show. We still need 6 more to fill the sales area.
4. Genie is working with Ranch Catering and will have a proposed lunch menu for all three days by the next Show Committee meeting.
5. Dave Brown will check with local TV stations to see if they will promote our show.
6. The next committee meeting will be March 4 in room 104 at Balboa Park.

Committee and Officers Reports

Jim Wright suggested that we provide some extra trophies for the mini shows. We currently have

one trophy and it is used for each show we hold in Balboa Park. It turns out, however, that we have two other trophies in storage that could be modified and used so that trophy winners would not need to return their trophy quite so soon. Dave Brown will retrieve the trophies in question and bring them to the next board meeting so we can see what would be required to upgrade them.

Loren Batchman reported that the AOS Judging Center for San Diego is considering a move from their current location in Quail Gardens to Balboa Park starting in 2011. Judging would take place in room 104 concurrent with our general meeting. Results of the judging would then be shared with the membership.

Old Business

It was moved that we provide funding to purchase 40 white tablecloths for 8-foot tables for our shows in Balboa Park. The motion passed. Genie will purchase the material from UFO after receiving price approval from the membership.

We will participate in the "Oceans of Orchids" show at the Westminster Mall on February 12-14. Our Society will provide an 8-foot long display in accordance with the theme of the show.

New Business

The speakers for the March novice show will be Nancy Boler and Carol Gray talking about how to assemble basket displays.

Christopher Croom will address the general meeting with a talk about edible orchids.

The San Diego Horticulture Society is sponsoring the Home and Garden Show at Del Mar on March 5-7. Dave Brown would like to have an Orchid Society booth at the show and is looking for volunteers. Bruce Berg and Dave Hoffmaster agreed to work with Dave Brown to staff the booth.

Steve Mallory and Bruce Berg will propose a format to report sales and expenses for our mini shows at the next board meeting.

From the Membership Desk

Welcome to our newest member: **Susan Pollack**, who joined using PayPal through the Society website.

Membership Report

Membership renewals and new memberships can now be done via PayPal through the Society website. One can do an individual or dual membership via the Membership page. One can also purchase a SDCOS name badge and also make a contribution to the Society conservation efforts. We are working to correct a little glitch in the process. This is the link to the Membership page: www.sdorchids.com/www/membership.html.

See you at the Spring Show at the Scottish Rite Center. Keep working on bringing new members to the Society.

Concerning Plants for Judging Sessions

By: Helmut Rohrl

The Pacific South Judging Center conducts each month three judging sessions in the Los Angeles and San Diego area. They are:

Encinitas (Quail Gardens) on the 1st Monday at 7 pm

San Marino (Huntington Botanical Gardens) on the 2nd Saturday at 10 am

Long Beach (Whaley Park) on the 4th Saturday at 7 pm

Visitors—with or without plants—are welcome anytime. If a member of the SDCOS wishes to have flowering plants judged at one of these sessions but is unable to take the plants to the judging facility, please contact one of the following AOS judges:

Loren Batchman, Solana Beach, 858-755-7572

Helmut Rohrl, La Jolla, 858-452-0976

Ann & Paul Tuskes, Clairemont, 858-274-5829

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Letter From the Editor

Dear SDCOS,

This is the last issue of the Newsletter you will get before our annual Spring Show at the Scottish Rite Center. So I cannot stress this enough: now is your last chance to get involved with the Show in any way you see fit. Numerous jobs (not the pay kind) are available, from setting up, helping to sell plants at the conservation table, merchandising, selling tickets and registering plants, to security and take down. Any interested parties should contact **Bruce Berg** at **619-258-1963** and ask how you can help. Remember, this Show can only ever be what you make of it as a volunteer and committed Society member. As always, we can earn up to \$30K for the Society as we occasionally did in the bumper years of yore, or we can earn less for the Society than a Mini Show, barely justifying the colossal headache of planning the Show for a year in advance. (Remember also that you *want* the Society's coffers to be as plentiful as possible because this ensures that your membership fees stay as low as possible and you can continue getting more than your fees are worth in free plants, meals, social engagements, and choice orchids at the raffle table at meetings.)

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Also, don't forget that we have \$10 weekend passes for this year's show, good for the entire weekend (hence the term "weekend pass"), and \$1 off coupons (available on beige 1/8th sheets from Steve or Bruce). As always, children under 12 will get free admission. Spring Show hours are Friday, March 26th, from 4 to 8 pm; Saturday, March 27th, from 9 am to 6 pm, and Sunday, March 28th, from 10 am to 4 pm.

Most important, volunteers and Show attendees always have a **spectacularly good time**, so just make sure you don't miss out on this great chance to socialize with other Society members!

Happy Growing,
Christopher