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NOVICE MEETING

May 4, 6:30 PM-Casa Del Prado—Room 104 By: Bruce Berg, 2nd Vice President

Thanks Dave Hoffmaster for helping me with the presentation last month on water and water quality. When determining what kind of water we need to use on our orchids, we need to look first at the orchids to see if they are the kind that need special water needs or if they can use our salty city water. Cymbidiums, some Cattleyas, Epidendrums, and Zygos can use city water if we flush out the pots well when we water. We next need to evaluate the number of other plants that need special water. If we only have a few plants, buying water in gallon bottles with low dissolved salts is a good option. Reverse Osmosis water systems are used by some growers who have more plants than can be efficiently watered with the bottled water. Of concern with RO systems is

that a lot of water must be wasted to create the good water. This would not be a problem if the waste water can be used for watering other plants in the yard; however it is a concern during drought times when water is rationed. A deionizing system is more expensive, but there is no waste water to dispose of. Possibly the best system for our long term watering needs would be to install a rainwater collection system. We can collect a lot of rainwater during the rainy months to help supplement our watering needs. A system can be as simple as diverting a gutter downspout into a garbage can. Watering can be done by dipping a watering

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GENERAL MEETING

May 4, 7:30 PM-Casa Del Prado—Room 101 By Steve Mallory, 1st Vice President

Harold grew up in South Africa where he attended university majoring in both Botany and Zoology. He then completed a doctorate at UCLA in California in 1968. A professor at the University of California at Irvine since graduating, he was also the Director of the UCI Arboretum for twenty years. He is Professor Emeritus of Biology in the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at UCI, where he did research on conservation and ecology.

Harold is well known for his work on slipper orchids, both species and hybrids, and is author of several books and a large number of research papers. His most recent books include "Orchids and their Conservation," "Clivias" and now "Tropical Slipper Orchids" for Timber Press. He is currently working on a new introductory book on slipper orchids as well as one on "Autumn"

Flowering Daffodils." Harold is Editor Emeritus of the Orchid Digest. He also writes fiction.

Harold is also very interested in other plants. He breeds daffodils and has an international reputation as a breeder of miniature daffodils. For many years he was a partner in Paphanatics, unLimited with Norito Hasegawa. He still grows and breeds paphiopedilums especially miniature hybrids.

Harold is a member of the Species Survival Committee for Orchids for the International Union for the Conservation of Nature. He is on the board of Orchid Conservation International and is scientific advisor to the Orchid Conservation Alliance. In addition, he is a member of the International Orchid Commission.

His lecture topic will be "A Short History of Slipper Orchids."

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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Orchid Dates to Remember

May 1

SDCOS Species Group Meeting

First Saturday of the month Paul or Ann Tuskes (858) 274-5829

May 4, 6:30 p.m

SDCOS Novice Meeting

First Tuesday of the month Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 104

May 4, 7:30 p.m

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May 5

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

May 6, 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

May 19

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

May 21

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

If you have any announcements that you would like to include contact batescroom@cox.net.

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For further details, contact membership@sdorchids.com www.sdorchids.com May 2010

Help Hotline

The SDCOS offers this service to members who seek cultural information about their orchids. Here are some friendly hobbyists with a great deal of experience about certain types of orchids, and they have kindly volunteered to answer your questions.

Cattleyas, Oncidium/Odonts, Vandaceous

Greenhouse grown, West SD County Helmut Rohrl (858)452-0976

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Indoor and outdoor Ann & Paul Tuskes (858) 274-5829

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Ann Tuskes (858) 274-5829

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Bob Swanson (619) 465-2297

Vandas, Ascocendas

Edith and Leno Galvan (619) 441-7503

Encyclias, Epidendrums, Laelias

Christopher Croom (619) 583-3804

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Cymbidiums

Loren Batchman - casa@orquideas.com

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Dave Reid (760) 728-7996

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Andy Phillips

Monthly Report on AOS Judging at Quail Gardens

By: Helmut Rohrl Pictures: Joan Bailey

Judging at the Encinitas site (Quail Gardens) begins at 7 PM on the first Monday of each month. The facility opens at 6:30 pm. Anyone interested in orchids is encouraged and welcome at the sessions. Visitors may join the judging teams at their tables, but cannot participate in the judging process. Anyone who wants to exhibit plants for judging but is unable to bring the plants to Quail Gardens, please contact one the local judges or have others bring the plants to the facility.

At the April 5, 2010 Encinitas session five cultivars were shown.

Betty Kelepecz presented:

Dracula gigas with one flower on one inflorescence. The natural spread of the flower was 17.0 cm. Sepals very light yellow-tan, spotted and striated light brown; caudae tan-brown.

Jim Sloniker had:

Paphiopedilum Wellesleyanum (godfroyiae x concolor) with one flower on one infliorescence. The natural spread of the flower was 7.5 cm. Sepals and petals very light yellow, linearly spotted maroon; pouch white, internally spotted; staminode off-white, finely spotted maroon.

Paphiopedilum Wellesleyanum (godfroyiae x concolor) with one flower on one infliorescence. The natural spread of the flower was 7.7 cm. Sepals and petals very light yellow, linearly spotted maroon; pouch white, internally spotted; staminode off-white, finely spotted maroon.

F. Acantifado presented: Cymbidium Mad Hatter (Mad Irishman x devonianum) with many, many flowers on 18 inflorescences. The natural spread of the flower was 3.3 cm. Sepals and petals green, overlaid soft



brown; lip dark red, trimmed off-white.

Loren Batchman showed: Cymbidium (Lambert Day x devonianum) with about fifty flowers on 6 inflorescences. The natural spread of the flower was 5.0 cm. All segments dark chocolate brown; lip redmaroon.

Not registered (Sophrolaeliocattleya Burana Angel x Sophrocattleya Cosmic Delite) with three flowers on one inflorescence. The natural



spread of the flower was 4.1 cm. Sepals orange, petals yellow, striated and suffused red; lip yellow, marked and striated red. AM/AOS.

Larry Burzell had:

Cattleya mendelii with three flowers on one inflorescence. The natural spread of the flower was 13.0 cm. Sepals and petals light purple; lip white, distally purple; throat yellow.



Cattleya intermedia var. coerulea with two flowers on one inflorescence. The natural spread of the flower was 11.0 cm. All segments creamy white; lip distally coerulea.

Cattley intermedia var. aquinii with two flowers on one inflorescence. The natural spread of the flower was 11.0 cm. Sepals and petals with dark purple splash; lip white, distally dark purple.

Cattleya intermedia var. amethystine with five flowers on two inflorescences. The natural spread of the flower was 10.6 cm. All segments white; lip distally bluish.

Lea Openiano showed:

Cymbidium (Touchstone x Pepperpuss) with fourteen flowers on one inflorescence. The natu-

ral spread of the flower was 7.5 cm. Sepals and petals dark yellow-brown, heavily spotted dark brown; lip white, heavily overlaid dark red.

Cymbidium (Flame Hawk x Olive Street) with thirtyo-two flowers and four buds on two inflorescences. The natural spread of the flower was 7.0 cm. Sepals and petals yellow, overlaid brown; lip white, spotted brown.

Fred Clarke brought in eleven plants:

Laelia (syn. Sophronites) caustic with seventeen flowers on one inflorescence. The natural spread of the flower was 4.0 cm. All segments orange.

Papnhiopedilum bellatulum with three flowers

and two buds on four inflorescences. The natural spread of the flower was 8.2 cm. All segments white, spotted and splashed dark maroon.



Paphiopedilum

Lucky Bella (bellatulum x Bella Lucia) with one flower on one inflorescence. The natural spread of the flower was 8.0 cm. All segments off-white, spotted maroon-brown; sgtaminode off-white, spotted maroon.

Paphiopedilum (rothschildianum x adductum) with three flowers on one inflorescence. The natural spread of the flower was 17.0 cm (vert.). Sepals and petals yellow, spotted and striated dark brown; pouch yellow-tan, suffused brown; staminode yellow-brown, trimmed dark brown.

Paphiopedilum (rothschildianum x adductum) with two flowers on one inflorescence. The natural spread of the flower was 12.5 cm. Dorsal sepal very dark brown, synsepal and petals yellow, spotted and striated dark brown; pouch yellow-tan, suffused brown; staminode yellow-brown, trimmed dark brown.

Paphiopedilum (philippinense x adductum) with four flowers on one inflorescence. The natural spread of the flower was 15.0 cm (vert.). Sepals and petals yellow, spotted and striated brown; pouch tan-yellow, veined brown; staminode yellow-tan.

Paphiopedilum (philippinense x adductum) with five flowers on one inflorescence. The natural spread of the flower was 15.5 cm (vert.). Sepals and petals yellow, spotted and striated brown; pouch tan-yellow, veined brown; staminode yel-

low-tan.

Paphiopedilum (Genevieve ooth x adductum) with three flowers on one inflorescence. The natural spread of the flower was 12.5 cm. Sepals and petals yellow, spotted and striated dark brown; pouch yellow-tan, suffused brown; staminode yellow-brown, trimmed dark brown.

Paphiopedilum Ho Chi Minh (delenatii x v ietnamense) with two flowers on one inflorescence. The natural spread of the flower was 10.5 cm. Sepals and petals white, overlaid purple; pouch purple; staminode yellow, center brown with green central stripe.

Cattleya mossiae var. semi-alba with five flowers on one inflorescence. The natural spread of the

flower was 18.0 cm. Sepals and petals white; lip white, striated



purple; throat yellow.

Cattleya mossiae var. semi-alba with eight flowers on two inflorescences. The natural spread of the flower was 16.0 cm. Sepals and petals white; lip white, striated purple; throat yellow.

Polycinis muscifera x Emeria vittata with twenty-four flowers and ten buds on one inflorescence. The natural spread of the flower was 4.5 cm. Sepals and petals brown; lip yellow, densel spotted brown.

Spring Show a Great Success!

The numbers are in and your Spring Show Committee is happy to announce that this year we made a profit of approximately \$9,000 for the show. Conservation was able to add approximately \$3,200 to their account to help fund conservation activities next year. We had about 2200 visitors. Of those, 550 came in with tickets that you helped us to sell! Ticket sales by members netted about \$5,600 and door admission sales netted another \$9,500. We sold about 50 weekend passes that allowed the visitor to come in as many times during the weekend as they wanted. In part, the profits were due to the efforts of the Show Committee to review all cost elements and make many cost saving decisions. This year we did not provide tee shirts to the volunteers. However, the vendors donated enough plants for each volunteer to receive a thank-you gift plant.

Thanks to the efforts of Helen Pfister, Pam Peters, Bruce Berg, and the many members who loaned plants to the society booth, our SDCOS booth was awarded the Balboa Trophy for the best Amateur display portraying the theme "A Rainbow of Orchids."

Renate Schmidt and Pam Peters worked to create a new display format called "Amateur Table top Displays." This enabled many of our members to try their creative talents to show off their plants in smaller displays. We utilized five display booths for these new displays. We'll see how many we will have next year!

Mark your calendars, the dates for the 2011 Spring Show will be March 25, 26, and 27, 2011. We will again be at the Scottish Rite site for this show. Start thinking about a theme for the show. When the Show Committee gets started planning for the next year's show, one of the first things will be a contest to submit a winning name for the show. The winner will receive a year's subscription to *Orchid Digest* magazine.

The Show Chairmen, Steve Mallory, Dave Hoff-master, and Bruce Berg; and the rest of the Show Committee; Pam Peters, Esther Sivila, Barb and Tom Smith, Genie Hammond, and Carol Berg, wish to thank each and every one of the Society members who helped make this a great show.

Conservation Committee Raises Money at Spring Show

The Conservation Committee would like to thank everyone who contributed to the success of our sales booth at this year's SDCOS Spring Show. Thanks to the generosity of the people who donated plants and the hard work of a dedicated group of volunteers, we raised nearly \$3,300 to support orchid conservation!!

Donations were provided by Bruce Berg, Bud Close, Rex Foster Orchids, Charley Fouquette, Dave Hoffmaster, Bruce Hubbard, Kay Klausing, Ron Kaufmann, Susan Lewitt, John Snyder, Tom Osborn, Harry Polis, Sunset Valley Orchids, Peter Tobias, Paul Tuskes, Jim Wright and the San Diego Zoo, as well as several anonymous donors.

The other major contributor in our success was the effort of our volunteers who set up the sales booth and staffed it throughout the weekend. These hard working people included Bruce Berg, Betty Kelepecz, John Kidwell, Scott LaBouff, Susan Lewitt, Pam Peters, Renate Schmidt and Paul Tuskes. Special thanks go to Dave Hoffmaster for transporting plants and booth setup and to John Kidwell for his seemingly tireless work at the sales booth throughout the weekend. Our thanks to everyone who helped to make this show a success. We couldn't have done it without you!

Ron Kaufmann Chair, SDCOS Conservation Committee

P.S. I apologize if I've accidentally left off the names of any donors or volunteers. Please contact me, and I'll make sure to acknowledge your contribution in next month's newsletter.

Thank you Volunteers!

We could not have had such a great show without the support of all of you who volunteered your time and efforts. At the last general meeting, we brought in plants supplied by the vendors as a thank you for your help. There were many volunteers who were not there to pick out a nice plant. Plants will be brought in at the next meeting for those who weren't able to pick up their plants last meeting. Any plants not claimed will be given to other Society members. If you want a plant and are not able to come to the meeting, contact Bruce Berg and make arrangements.

Volunteers who we have record of include: Ernie and Felisa Acantilado, Kuei Mei Ammon, June Andersen, Carol and Bruce Berg, Nancy Boler, Ray Brandt, David Brown, Sharon Burns, Linda Canon, Joy Cisco, Bob Clark, Bud Close, Elaine and Marv Dellinger, Jack and Jan Diamond, Maria Elizade, Teresa Emery, Magnolita Escosio, Linda Espino, Sue and Charlie Fouquette, Edith and Leno Galvan, Catherine Gambacorta, Rosy Gamby, Gin Gan, Linda Gardner, Siv Garrod,

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DISPLAY / EXHIBIT AWARDS	DESCRIPTION OF AWARD	WINNER
Balboa Trophy (Amateur)	Best Exhibit illustrating show theme to include 10 or more flowering orchid	
Coronado Trophy (Open)	Best Exhibit of Non-Orchid Material	Ed Marty for Stamp
Coronado Trophy (Speny	Book Exhibit of North Ordina Material	Display
Marosz Trophy (Open)	Most educational exhibit. All displays are eligible.	
Pinckney Trophy (Open)	Most artistic exhibit. All displays are eligible.	Jerry & Anita Spencer
President's Trophy (Open)	Best Exhibit illustrating show theme to include 10 or more flowering orchid	LICO Orchids
SDCOS Cash Prize (Open)	Best exhibit to include 10 or more flowering orchid plants with background	
SDCOS Cash Prize (Amateur)	Best exhibit to include 10 or more flowering orchid plants with background	
SDCOS Trophy (Open)	Best exhibit in a natural setting to include 10 or more flowering orchid	LICO Orchids
Winship Trophy (Amateur)	Best exhibit in a natural setting to include 10 or more flowering orchid plants with background material covering 100 sq ft or more. All displays	Newport Harbor Orchid Society
NATIONAL ORCHID SOCIETIES' AWARDS	DESCRIPTION OF AWARD	WINNER
American Orchid Society Show Trophy (Open)	Best exhibit of orchid plants or cut flowers covering 25 sq. ft or more, awarded by American Orchid Society judges.	Andy's Orchids
Orchid Digest Show Trophy	Best exhibit by an Amateur grower, covering 30 sqft or more,	Newport Harbor
(Amateur)	demonstrating high flower quality and excellence of culture, awarded by	Orchid Society
Cymbidium Society of America	Best exhibit of at least 12 cymbidium orchids with a minimum display area of 80 sq. ft. awarded by Cymbidium Society of America judges.	Casa de las Orquideas
Paphiopedilum Gold Medal (Open)	Best exhibit of at least 12 Paphiopedilum or Phragmipedium orchids with a minimum display area of 25 sq. ft. awarded by Cymbidium Society of	not awarded



Anita Spencer took the Thorne Trophy for the Best Colored Cattleya Alliance for this Lc. Trick or Treat at the 2010 Spring Show *A Rainbow of Orchids* at the Scottish Rite Center.



The Foster Trophy for Best Three Cymbidiums in Containers went to Ethel Warner for her Cym. Huckleberry Honker, Cym. Mighty Sunset, and Cym. ?Carma.



Ontario Orchids took the Canale Trophy for the Best Colored Cattleya with this Blc. Hwa Yuan Grace 'Cat King'.



Edith and Leno Galvan took the Snyder Trophy for the Best Three Cymbidiums in Containers for Cym. Strawberry Milk, Cym. Rusty Wheel, and Cym. Dorothy Stockstill.



Peristeria pendula exhibited by the San Diego Zoo earned a Best of Section and a Cultural Award with these flowers that smelled like burnt Bakelite.



The Best Specimen Plant Trophy was awarded to the San Diego Zoo for this *Maxillaria echinophita*.



Betty Kelepecz earned the Bliss Trophy for the Best Species Orchid with her *Masdevallia ignea*.



Ontario Orchids also won the Bertsch Trophy for Best Intergeneric Trophy excluding *Cattleya* and *Cymbidium* with this Dtps. Soso Davis 'T.L.'.



Lena Shirma took the Miller Trophy for Best Paphiopedilum Alliance with this Paph. Dodge City 'High Noon' x Paph. Stephanie Pitta 'Val'.



Ontario Orchids seized the Wilson Trophy for the Most Unusual Orchid Flower with this *Robiquetia* cerina.

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Trophy Awards for Orchids	Description of Award	Name of Winning Orchid	Winner
Abemathy Cymbidium Trophy (Amateur)	Best Cymbidium in Show	Cym. Mem. Marvin Gay 'Royale'	Ha Bui
Bean Trophy (Open)	Best of Vanda Alliance in Show	not awarded	
Bertsch Trophy (Open)	Best Intergeneric Hybrid excluding Cattleya or Cymbidium	Dtps. Soso Davis 'T.L'	Ontario Orchids
Bishop Trophy (Open)	Best Miniature Cattleya Hybrid in show	Lc. Love Knot	Renate Schmidt
Bliss Trophy (Open)	Best Species in Show	Masd. ignea	Betty Kelepecz
Canale Trophy (Open)	Best colored cattleya hybrid in show	Blc. Hwa Yuan Grace 'Cat King'	Ontario Orchids
Casa Herbrita Trophy (Open)	Best Sophronitis hybrid in show	not awarded	
Casamajor Trophy (Amateur)	Best of Paphiopedilum Alliance in show	Phrag. Ashley Wilkes	Joe Rupp
Casey Trophy (Open)	Best Oncidium Alliance in show	Vuyl. Kilauea Karma	James Wright
Cobb Trophy (Open)	Best Cymbidium in Show	Cym. Mad Doctor 'Dr. Art'	Vince Gonsowski
Crosby Trophy (Open)	Best American Hybrid Cymbidium in show	Cym. Dr. Len	Jerry Spencer
DeMaria Trophy (Open)	Best reed stem Epidendrum in show	not awarded	
Doros Trophy (Open)	Best intergeneric Hybrid of Phalaenopsis Alliance in show	not awarded	
Dugger Trophy (Open)	Best species or hybrid Odontoglossum in show	Vuyl. Kilauea Karma	James Wright
Foster Trophy (Amateur)	Best 3 Cymbidiums in containers -not in a massed display	Cym. Huckleberry Honker Cym. Mighty Sunset Cym ?Carma	Ethel Wamer
Geer Trophy (Open)	Best Specimen Plant in show	Max. echinophita	Jerry & Anita Spencer
Hadacheck Trophy (Open)	Best of Dendrobium Alliance in show	Den. Specio-kingianum 'Crysta'	Ontario Orchids
Laughter Trophy (Open)	Best Phalaenopsis in show	Phal. Taisuco Kochidium 'WOO1"	Ontario Orchids
Miller Trophy (Open)	Best of Paphiopedilum Alliance in show	Paph. Dodge City 'High Noon' x Paph Stephanie Pitta 'Val'	Lena Shirma
Moore Trophy (Amateur)	Best White or Semi-Alba Standard- sized Cattleya in show	Lc Tokyo Magic x Sc. Melody Fair	Ray Brandt
Pacific Trophy (Open)	Best 3 Cattleyas in containers - not in a massed display in show	not awarded	
Peterson Trophy (Amateur)	Best 3 Cattleyas in containers - not in a massed display in show	not awarded	
Robinson Trophy (Amateur)	Best Tabletop Display	Tom Osbom	
Snyder Trophy (Open)	Best 3 Cymbidiums in containers -not in a massed display	Cym. Rusty Wheel Cym. Dorothy Stockstill Cym Strawberry Milk	Edith & Leno Galvan
Best in Show (Sweepstakes Trophy)		Cym. Mad Doctor 'Dr. Art'	Vince Gonsowski
Thome Trophy (Amateur)	Best Colored Cattleya Alliance in show	Lc. Trick or Treat	Anita Spencer
Van Kekerix Trophy (Open)	Best of Pleurothallid Alliance in show	Pleuro Schiedei	San Diego Zoo
Wilson Trophy (Open)	Most Unusual Orchid Flower in show	Robiquetia cerina	Ontario Orchids

San Diego County Orchid Society December Board Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2010

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

President Dave Brown called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Committee and Officers Reports

Jim Wright has generously offered to donate two new trophies to our Society. These will be used as best of show trophies for our summer and winter shows in Balboa Park. This brings the number of available trophies to three allowing us to award one each for the three shows we hold at Balboa Park.

Old Business

New tablecloths. Dave Brown suggested that we wait until next year to purchase new tablecloths. For shows in Balboa Park, our sales area will be in the courtyard beginning in 2011. The layout of the sales area is yet to be determined so we do not know the tablecloths we will need. It was moved that we postpone purchasing tablecloths until next year at which time we will get an accurate count of the number needed. The motion passed.

Steve Mallory will look into purchasing a manual credit card machine so that option is available to us.

Bruce Berg presented an accounting format for our mini shows. The Board suggested a few changes and Bruce will incorporate them into an updated format that he will email to the Board

We did get coverage for our spring show on Channel 39. Dave Brown will continue his efforts to get additional coverage on other TV stations for our activities.

New Business

The speaker for the May general meeting will be Harold Koopowitz talking about lady slipper orchids.

The topic for the novice meeting will either deal with fertilizer or repotting issues.

Bruce suggested we start working on a preliminary annual budget for the new Board to adopt in July.

The cultures sheets that the Society uses are based upon information provided by AOS. As such, they are rather generic and do not say anything about our Society. Paul Tuskes would like to modify our sheets and add information about our meetings and activities as a means of generating interest. The Board authorized Paul to spend up to \$600 to update and print new culture sheets.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

From the Membership Desk

Welcome to our newest members: Nenita Avecilla, Ronald & Lorelei Mehaffey, Tom & Angel Philp, Geri Nicolson, Erlinda & Perfecto Ortiz, Jack Ward, Ann & Ed Holler, and Christine Baltuth.

Membership Report

If your membership is expiring or has expired you might want to try renewing via PayPal through the Society website. One can renew an individual or dual membership via the Membership page, purchase a SDCOS name badge or make a contribution to the Society conservation efforts. This is the link to the Membership page: www.sdorchids.com/www/membership.html. Keep in mind that Volunteer Appreciation for the Spring Show will be a potluck at the June meeting. Continue the good work on bringing new members to the Society!

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can into the garbage can and then watering the plants. From there, growers can look into cisterns to hold more water and a pumping system to move water from the gutter downspout collection system to a storage system and how to water the plants from the storage system.

This is the time of year when some of our plants have bloomed and the root tips are showing the green tips that mean that they are actively growing and the plant is ready to be repotted. The May meeting will be a repotting discussion and presentation by Dave Hoffmaster and Bruce Berg. Dave will show us how to repot *Phaleonopsis* plants. Bruce will show us how to repot Cattleyas. If members wish to bring in a Phal or Catt that is in need of repotting, and based on the time available, Dave and Bruce will help the members with repotting their plants. Members would need to bring in any new pots needed. Bruce and Dave will have potting mix materials.

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By: Helmut Rohrl

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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:

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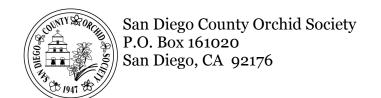
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Letter From the Editor

Dear SDCOS,

A powerful lesson was learned at this year's annual Show at the Scottish Rite: by cutting costs our Orchid Society could increase the profits from the show to amounts we could be really proud of for the first time in years. This is not to say that we're not also extremely proud of previous Show Chairs (typically always folks who gave their hearts to the Society before, but give their souls during the Show-Chairing), and that it hasn't been extremely challenging for *any* orchid society in Southern California to turn profits at shows over the past few years. But Bruce and Steve and everyone else did incredible jobs this year, and we managed to break a bleak-looking pattern!

This is also not to say that we're flush with cash as a Society—it will be a long while before our stocks and funds return to their pre-2008 values. But as a non-profit organization, every little bit counts. The more money we make as a group on individual events, the more speakers from far away we can fly in for meet-

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ings, the more plants we can purchase for the raffle table, and the greater the likelihood that the next time we need something catered, it won't have to come from Ranch. Every dollar earned as a Society gets rained back down on our members. Things are definitely starting to look better for our spring shows from a board member perspective.

Great thanks are in order for every Society member who ran security, the plant hotel, made corsages, helped with setup and takedown, helped judge, took tickets and money, and watched entrances and exits. Without the help of our gra-

cious volunteers and vendors, we could not have pulled this show together (as always). Thank you to all the volunteers who help make our Society truly great!

Happy Growing, Christopher