



San Diego County Orchid Society

Volume 145
February 2011

NOVICE MEETING

February 1, 6:30 PM—Casa Del Prado—Room 101

Renate Schmidt will be our speaker this month. Renate began enjoying orchids in 1967 and has since become an accomplished orchid grower, winning numerous AOS awards. She became involved in orchid societies when she first joined the Illinois Orchid Society while living in Chicago. There she served the society as show chair and president, along with various other roles. In 1976 she began study as an AOS student judge and received her accreditation six years later. She has exhibited at orchid shows throughout the Midwest, Atlanta, Florida, and California. Since joining SDCOS in 2004 many have admired the beautifully cultured orchids she presents for judging at San Diego Botanic Garden as well as her handsome displays at the SDCOS annual

show at Scottish Rite Center. Renate knows how to expertly groom an orchid months in advance of its anticipated blooming to present for judging. This will be the topic for our novice class this month. She will share with us the finer points in preparing an orchid for display. Such preparation includes staking of numerous new growths so that blooms are oriented properly for show along with ensuring that plants are free of pests, presented with clean leaves, and free of debris. Now is the perfect time to start preparing your orchids for the SDCOS annual show in March.

I thank Paul Tuskes for his excellent presentation last month concerning pest control.

GENERAL MEETING

February 1, 7:30 PM—Casa Del Prado—Room 101

By Bruce Berg, 1st Vice President

Thanks to Dr. Bob Lauri for a great talk on Terrestrial Orchids with an update on his study of the *Piperia* orchids. The talk was an interesting presentation on some terrestrial orchids that would be good candidates for our collections as well as an introduction to some of our native orchids of San Diego County.

Our speaker for February will be Peter Lin. His topic will be "Spectacular Orchids": a fast-paced PowerPoint talk that will take you on a journey of some of the world's exciting orchid species and hybrids. Some of these are well known and grown in cultivation, others are somewhat rare and little seen in

this country. This will be an entertaining yet educational review of the diversity of plants and flowers in the Orchid family. Many of you have seen Peter at our Spring Shows where he is an AOS judge and also enters some of his plants in our displays.



Peter started growing orchids over 25 years ago, but then stopped due to school and starting a career. It wasn't until about eight years ago that the orchid "bug" came back and he is

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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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First Tuesday of the month

Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room **101**

February 1, 7:30 p.m

SDCOS General Meeting

First Tuesday of the month

Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

February 2

Palomar Orchid Society Meeting

Culture class at 6:30; meeting at 7:30

First Wednesday of the month

The Carlsbad Woman's Club

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February 3, 7:00 PM

SDCOS Board Meeting

Thursday following the General Meeting

Balboa Park, Rm. 104

February 5

SDCOS Species Group Meeting

First Saturday of the month

Paul or Ann Tuskes (858) 274-5829

February 16

Cymbidium Society Meeting

Regular meeting, third Wednesday of month

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February 18

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Monthly Report on AOS Judging at Quail Gardens

No report this month, but instead some great pictures by Dr. Phyllis Prestia:



Cym. New Century x Dolly did not receive an award at the last AOS judging session, but at least George had the guts to bring it in.



L. Summit 'Tomika' earned Alex Nazdan an HCC, with somewhere around 78 points.



Alex's *C.* Po Hoon was not awarded at January's AOS judging session at Quail.

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 SDCOS member 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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Spring Show Update

By Bruce Berg and Dave Hoffmaster

The Show Committee reports that planning and preparations for the 65th Annual Spring Show and Plant Sale are well underway. Members at the last General Meeting were able to pick up their show tickets. After the February General Meeting, any ticket packets that haven't been picked up at the meeting will be mailed to members. This is a very big part of our show budget and your support is greatly appreciated in making this a successful show again. The Show Posters and discount flyers will be available at the upcoming General Meeting for members to help with distribution around the County.

Keep checking our website www.sdorchids.com/shows for updates and the latest information about the show.

Displays

We are looking forward to having an expanded tabletop display area for members who wish to flex those creative muscles. We need to know how many people will be bringing in tabletop displays. Please either pick up a signup sheet, or print one from the website and forward it to Bruce Berg or Dave Hoffmaster. This will help us to make sure we have room for your display.

Plants

It's a good time now to start looking at your plants and see which ones are getting ready to bloom. Start staking up those spikes and orienting the plants for best viewing of the blooms. Depending on your plants, some need more heat, some may need to be kept cooler to try and time the prime condition of your plants for the show.

Show talks and Demonstrations

This year there will be a change in the Corsage area. Genie will be presenting a Corsage Making class each day. Members and guests to the



show can participate in learning how to make a corsage. There will be a small fee to cover cost of materials.

We are looking for some members who would be willing to give short talks during the day at the show. If you would be interested in sharing some of your information with others, please let Dave Hoffmaster know. We would also like to have a repotting demonstration each day.

Volunteers

We still need to have members sign up to help at the show. Sign-up sheets will be available at the meeting, or you can email Bruce Berg to help us at the show. We can't do the show without your help!

The next meeting of the Show Committee will be on February 3rd at 5:30pm. Members are welcome. Your Show Committee members are: Dave Hoffmaster, Bruce Berg, Carol Berg, Pam Peters, Genie Hammond, Esther Sivila, and Tom and Barbara Smith.

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To join, please send your check for \$20 for an individual membership or \$25 for a dual membership, payable to SDCOS, to:

San Diego County Orchid Society
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January 2011
Winter Show in the Park
 Photos and story on pages 6-11



Epi. hugomedinae is a perfect example of how many orchids are named after people. Charlie and Sue Fouquette brought this one in, and the Ivory-soap/sycamore pollen-scented blooms earned it a 2nd place in section 12O.



My *Masdevallia veitchiana* 'Sol' scored 1st place in section 12-S, and had five open flowers, all about 4" long. Found around Machu Picchu, this is the largest and gaudiest *Masdevallia* species. This was a \$3 Conservation Committee purchase, as I recall.



Betty Kelepecz's *Masdevallia* display at the January (formerly-mini) show. *M. towarensis* is in the bottom right corner, and *M. deformis* is on the center-right in bright red. These things appreciate daily, purified water.

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Winter Show Summary and Thanks

The Winter Show was one of the best Shows in Balboa Park that we have had in January, since I've been a member. There was so much diversity and so many beautiful and fascinating flowers. I am very grateful to all of you who brought in plants to display and those who volunteered to help with the myriad of tasks that needed to be done. The shows are a lot of work, but with your help it is a pleasure. I believe that we got some new members and your great plants went a long way in convincing them to join our society.

We should thank those who brought in plants for display. They are, in no particular order, Mark Alcorn, Edith and Leno Galvan, Ernie and Felisia Acantino, Linda Fiske, Barbara and Tom Smith, Anita and Jerry Spencer, Lee Landes, Lena Shiroma, Steve Lowe, Elaine and Marvin Dellinger, Ray Brandt, Irma C. Adams, Ken Campbell, Carol and Bruce Berg, Betty Kelepecz, Helen Pfister, Genie Hammond (Parkview Orchids), Lynn Ford, Sue and Charley Fouquette, Lenore O. Frankel, Linda Espino, Susan Lewitt, Karen Gless, Tom Biggart, Jim Wright, Pam Peters, Ann and Paul Tuskes, Christopher Croom, Lisa Humphreys, Nico Goosen, Harry Polis. If I didn't mention your name please forgive me.

I apologize for not getting everyone's name that helped during the show, so I can recognize their help. I do want to thank Helen Pfister, because she was there at 2:00 pm on Friday to help me set things up for the show, without her help I would have been there by myself. I do understand that many of you have jobs, so I understand, but if you are free next show, your help would be greatly appreciated. Betty Kelepecz was instrumental in setting up the show as well. With their help we were able to have the bulk of work done by the time people began to show up. Also, I would like to thank those who helped tear down the show as well, working together, it was a piece of

cake.

Some of the people who went above and beyond the call were, of course, Elizabeth Glover, who ran the plant hotel for the entire weekend; Nancy Batchman, who ran the cash register; and Carol and Bruce Berg, who did a bit of everything. Now it is time to get some rest before our Spring Show coming up in March.

Thanks for everything,

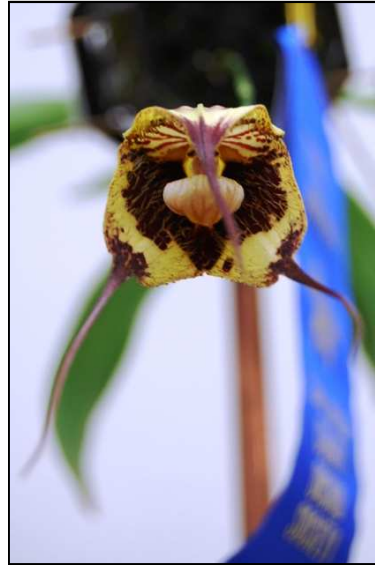
David Brown
President SDCOS



Betty Kelepecz brought her *Oncidium Twinkle* back around, and once again it earned her a 1st place and Best of Section. The judges never grow tired of this plant, and it will grow outdoors year-round in many areas, too.



Remember those *Phal. gigantea* that someone was selling at Quail last October? This is what these warm-growers look like in bloom. This plant had two-foot leaves on either side of the crown, and earned Lee Landes a 1st place in section 12Z.



Betty Kelepecz brought in this great *Dracula* species, earning her a 1st place in section 12M. *Dracula* blooms like to fade the moment you get them inside from lack of humidity, and I only wish the picture of the tag of this plant was clearer.



Cym. Where's Wally 'Copperpot' was sprightly and delightful, earning Jerry and Anita Spencer 1st place and Best of Section 2(F). This was a great little mini to photograph. After a few minutes of making faces, it shaped up right away.



Cym. Kiwi Midnight scored Helen Pfister a 1st place/Best of Section 3(B), and I believe this is a Casa De Las Orquideas original cross, so contact Loren and Nancy Batchman if you want one. These flowers were velvety and cuppy.



Cym. Fantasy earned Helen Pfister a 1st place and Best of Section 1 (E). These heavy, canary-yellow blooms were delightful to have on display, and a prime example of why we're coming upon *Cymbidium* Season.



This is our **LOGO**. If anyone you know working with sparse matrix or other software can get us a higher-resolution copy of it, please contact any board member or Jack Sheaffer (klumchuck@gmail.com) at your earliest convenience.



This *Maxillaria cucullata* specimen took first place, Best of Section 12 (T), and I remember it taking Best of Show, too, but that's probably only because it's a species. Grown by Jerry and Anita Spencer.



Slc. Sierra Ruby brought the Dellingers 1st place and Best of Section 6(E) with blooms that were at once crimson, scarlet, and tangerine.



The Dellingers exhibited this Blc. Tzymi Charm for a 1st place/Best of Section 5. This one had a great fragrance and held up well under flash photography.



Most *L. anceps* hybrids end up looking an awful lot like *L. anceps*, but this stunner (Lc. Mary Shloot Blush) earned the Dellingers 1st place and Best of Section 4 (B).



The trigenic hybrid between *Oncidium*, *Odontoglossum*, and *Brassia* 'Golden Gambol' earned Helen Pfister 1st place in 90 and Best of Section.



Blc. Barbara Roja was exhibited by T & P Smith and took 1st place in section 4C. Everything with "Lc." in it can be grown outdoors in most inhabited parts of San Diego County, including "Blc's."



The Dellingers brought in this vibrant, awarded cultivar of Lc. Mini Purple ('Princess something'), and it snagged a 1st award in section 6J.



Lycaste Guenivere earned Parkview Orchids a 1st place in section 10I. This is a nice greenish-olive flower with a white lip with yellow calli.



The 1st award in Section 1D went to *Cym.* Vidar 'Harlequin', grown by Ernie and Felisa Acantillado. This flower was almost completely peloric.



Paph. Chocolate Eagle was displayed by Charley and Sue Fouquette, and had the largest, most waxy and substantial flower I'd seen on a (BULLDOG!) *Paph.* in years. 1st place/Best of Section 7.



Dtps. Pride of "Benyu" earned Lee Landes a 1st place in 8H and a Best of Section. These petals had vibrant color throughout with white marbling only on the tips.

San Diego County Orchid Society January Board Meeting Minutes

Attendees: David Brown, Bruce Berg, Carol Berg, Bob Clark, Scott LaBouff, Genie Hammond, and Jack Schaefer.

David Brown called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

Officer Reports:

Minutes for the December meeting were approved prior to this meeting and were published in the newsletter.

Carol Berg presented the treasurer's report for December. Genie Hammond moved to file the reports for audit and the motion carried. Carol also reported that she is waiting for information on routing instructions to wire two Conservation grants. There are \$500 in checks that have not been cashed by vendors at our Seasonal shows. We are now required to file sales tax quarterly. The next payment is due the end of January. She received notice from the Post Office of a change in bar coding requirements for bulk mailing. This info was given to Bob Clark.

Committee Reports:

The Spring Show Committee reported that tickets are being distributed at meetings until after the February General Meeting when the rest will be mailed to members. A draft poster was reviewed by the Board and comments will be provided to the artist. They anticipate being able to get final review by the Board soon so that the posters can be available for the Winter Show. Volunteer sign-up sheets are being presented at meetings. The Show Schedule is complete and ready for posting on the website when the poster is completed.

David Brown reported for the Winter Show that local vendors will fill the sales area. He

will also prepare a mass-email mailing to the members to encourage them to bring in plants and be part of the show. He will contact Paul Tuskes to make sure culture sheets are available. Nancy and Loren have offered to run the cash register again for the show. Other volunteers are being recruited by email and by phone.

Jack Schaefer reported that the SDCOS website has some new features and encouraged the Board to review them. His committee is basically complete with the task of converting and updating the content of our website. The next phase will be to enhance the graphics and functionality of the site. We reviewed a slideshow of photos taken at the Holiday Party and think this will be a good feature to have a record of Society activities shown on the web.

Old Business:

There was discussion on having the Novice Meeting in room 101. With the use of the microphone and a slide projector, it seems like this is working well. We will evaluate two more meetings and then make the final decision on whether to offer Room 104 to the AOS Southwest Region Judging Team.

David reported making a contact with a person who can give us a high resolution copy of our logo.

New Business:

The speaker for the General Meeting in February will be Peter Lin who will present a talk entitled "Spectacular Orchids." Peter will bring in plants for the opportunity table. The speaker for the Novice Meeting will be our own Renate Schmidt who will give a presentation on how to prepare our plants to be shown for competition.

Genie led a discussion about how to make the corsage making function at our Seasonal Shows more interesting. She proposed having several classes over the upcoming Winter Show to teach how to make corsages. She

plans to charge \$5 to cover cost of materials and to contribute to our budget. The Board also had discussions about having repotting demonstrations at the shows.

The meeting was adjourned at 8 pm.

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now heavily involved once again! He is an accredited judge with the American Orchid Society, and a hybridizer of mini-Catts. He enjoys meeting with other orchid enthusiasts, and can often be found at various orchid shows and societies around the country.

Due to limited growing space, Peter likes to specialize in miniature orchids, both species and hybrids, and has received numerous AOS awards. His other interests in orchids include Dendrobiums, Angraecoids, and Neofinetias. He maintains a collection of a thousand or more orchids at his home in Southern California in 3 small greenhouses, as well as indoors.

Peter will be bringing in plants for the opportunity table. Expect to see some great plants! Please help support our society by purchasing tickets for some of these great plants.

If any of the members would be interested in joining us for a dinner before the meeting, please RSVP me at firstvp@sdorchids.com.

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Letter From the Editor

Dear SDCOS,

I hope you enjoyed our recent winter show in Balboa Park. My wife reminded me of the show with only 15 minutes to drive in my plants, and I ended up winning two first places for the two plants I brought in! This just goes to show you that even if you don't plan on bringing a plant to a show, that morning it might look "good enough," and "good enough" might even lead to a first place!

Leno Galvan brought in some homemade noodle soup for the show volunteers on Saturday morning, right on schedule as he always does, unsung and unappreciated orchid-hero that he is. A bowl of his soup should be more than enough incentive to come volunteer at our shows and help us set up on Saturdays; much less having first dibs on all the plants that are being sold by the vendors.

The Newsletter heretofore regrets (and humbly repents for) the misprinting of Joan Bailey's name in our last issue as "Jo Bailey." We were under the impression that she was going by a new nickname, but this is emphatically and definitively not the case. Thank you for your awesome pictures from AOS judging through the years, Joan!

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I hope you like the pictures in this Edition of the Newsletter; some of these I even took myself, instead of leaving that all to my wife, ghost SDCOS photographer #1 Eowyn Bates. (I'm #2, if you ever are wondering.) Also, Dr. Phyllis Prestia helped us out with some wonderful snapshots of things being displayed at the last AOS judging session. Also, check out our upcoming "Big Show" ad on pg. 5!

Happy Growing,
Christopher