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San Diego County Orchid Society

CULTURE MEETING— November 1, 6:30 PM

By Scott LaBouff, 2nd Vice President

Thank you to Christopher Croom for an informative and entertaining talk on his experience of building a lath house.

This month join us to hear Dave Hoffmaster speak about water and fertilizer at our Culture Meeting.



Zygopetalum Fair Maiden was an extremely colorful and fragrant part of the Casa de Las Orquideas display.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the SDCOS Fall Show in the Park.

Check out some of awardees on pages 8-9.

GENERAL MEETING— November 1, 7:30 PM

By Paul Tuskes 1st Vice President

November is fast approaching and time to be thinking about our December potluck meeting. At the November meeting, please sign up and indicate what type of food plan to bring to the potluck. If you miss the meeting and plan to attend in December please e-mail me with the information. I need a good estimate of the numbers so that there will be adequate supplies and plants on hand.

The November speaker is Fred Clarke. Fred will be talking about miniature and compact Cattleyas and how to grow them. Many are suitable

for outdoor culture or indoors under lights. Fred is an outstanding grower and speaker. His plants have won a phenomenal number of AOS awards. Fred always provides an outstanding plant table.

Remember, AOS judging begins in room 104 at 6 PM. Please bring your plants in for judging about 10 minutes early.... Then head over to room 101 for the pre-meeting culture class.

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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.

Culture Class: 6:30 PM, Room 101

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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Please contact Carol Berg at winklerca@yahoo.com.

Information for the December newsletter must be submitted by November 15.

SDCOS Conservation Committee Raises Money at San Diego International Orchid Fair

The SDCOS Conservation Committee would like to thank everyone who contributed to the success of our sales booth at this year's San Diego International Orchid Fair. Thanks to the generosity of the people who donated plants and the hard work of a dedicated group of volunteers, we raised nearly \$3,000 to support orchid conservation!!

Donations were provided by Bruce Berg, Lin Burzell, David Eveleth, Siv Garrod, Bruce Hubbard, Ron Kaufmann, Betty Kelepecz, Kay Klausing, Tom Osborn, Esther Sivila, Jerry and Anita Spencer, Peter Tobias, Paul Tuskes and Jim Wright, as well as several anonymous donors.

The other major contributor in our success was the effort of our volunteers who planned and set up the sales booth and staffed it throughout the fair. These hard-working people included Bruce Berg, Betty Kelepecz, John Kidwell, Peter Tobias and Paul Tuskes. Special thanks go to Bruce Berg and Peter Tobias for transporting plants and booth setup. 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.

Orchid Dates to Remember

November 1, 6:30 p.m

SDCOS Culture Meeting

First Tuesday of the month

Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

November 1, 7:30 p.m

SDCOS General Meeting

First Tuesday of the month

Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

November 2

Palomar Orchid Society Meeting

Culture class at 6:30; program at 7:00

First Wednesday of the month

The Carlsbad Woman's Club

3320 Monroe Street, Carlsbad

Melana Walding (760) 295-7228

November 3, 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

November 5

SDCOS Species Group Meeting

First Saturday of the month

Paul or Ann Tuskes (858) 274-5829

November 5-6

53rd Annual Santa Barbara Orchid Estate Fall Open House

For more information call (800) 553-3387 or www.sborchid.com

November 16

Cymbidium Society Meeting

Regular meeting, third Wednesday of month

Culture class at 6:30, Meeting at 7:00 PM

San Diego Cty. Botanic Gardens– Ecke Bldg.

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orchldy2@mac.com or (760) 732-0055

November 18

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

November 26-27

Orchid Society of Santa Barbara Fall Show and Sale

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If you have any announcements that you would like included in the "Dates to Remember" section of the newsletter, please e-mail batescroom@cox.net.

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**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:

San Diego

Balboa Park, Casa del Prado, room 104

1st Tuesday of the month at 6 pm

San Marino

Huntington Botanical Gardens

2nd Saturday of the month at 10 am

Long Beach

Whaley Park

4th Saturday of the month 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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Judging Report

Text and photos by Phyllis S. Prestia Ed.D.

Judging at the San Diego Judging Center
(Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park), October 2011.

There were 2 orchids presented for judging.
One was awarded:



Rth. Jungle Jumbalaya 'Arnilicious' HCC/AOS
Exhibited by Arnie Gum
Awarded HCC/AOS 76 points



Epi. ciliare 'Greenstar'
Exhibited by Peter Philan

SDCOS Conservation Grant Awardees 2011

The SDCOS Conservation Committee met on October 1st to evaluate applications from a number of people and organizations. After careful consideration, the Committee recommended the following grant for funding. This recommendation was approved by the SDCOS board at the October board meeting.

A vote of the membership is required for all society expenditures in excess of \$750, and a motion to approve this award will be made at the monthly General Meeting on November 1st. If you have any questions about these applications or the review or approval process, please contact Ron Kaufmann (kaufmann@sandiego.edu) by October 30th.

A study of the conservation genetics and future viability of a rare North American orchid, (*Platanthera praeclara*). Submitted by Steven Travers, Department of Biological Sciences, North Dakota State University. The tallgrass prairie is one of the most threatened ecosystems in North America. Only a small percentage of the original habitat exists, and much of that remains as isolated fragments. Many of these fragments contain populations of the endangered Western Prairie Fringed Orchid (*Platanthera praeclara*), ranging in numbers from a few to a few thousand individuals. The long-term conservation of this species relies on understanding the consequences of fragmentation, spatial isolation and reduction of population size on genetic diversity, which can be impacted adversely by all of these processes. However, little research has been done to assess how genetic diversity has been affected by habitat fragmentation. This project includes the assessment of genetic diversity in populations of Western Prairie Fringed Orchid from Nebraska through Manitoba. The results of this study should be useful in formulating future conservation plans for this rare and endangered species. Total amount recommended = \$2,032

Updates from your President

By Bruce Berg

Several congratulations are in order for our members this month.

With the help of Helen Pfister and Carol Berg, the Society prepared a display "Orchids around the World" for the San Diego Botanical Garden's International Orchid Fair on October 1 and 2. Several members contributed plants to the display, four of which won section trophies. Three of the trophies were won by Dave Hoffmaster.

Other outstanding achievements in orchid awards were made to members included the Best of Show trophy by Anita and Jerry Spencer (they also won the best species section trophy). Phyllis Prestia won the best of section for Cattleyas as well as the best cultural award.

Our Conservation Committee sold plants to support your Society conservation work worldwide. Thanks to Ron Kaufmann and the members who volunteered their time and plants to make this sale one of the best in recent years. Our own Esther Sivila organized and staffed the Plant Hotel. We had a membership booth to provide information to visitors that was staffed by Carol Berg, Lynn Ford, and Helen Pfister. Pam Peters and Betty Kelepocz organized and managed the plant registration and show rules. I may have missed some other volunteers, if so, let me know.

Last, but not least, Ben Machado managed the whole show as Chairman. He pulled together a show committee that included Phyllis Prestia, Pam Peters, Lynn Ford, John Walters, Dave Hoffmaster, Loren Batchman and yours truly who worked closely with the SDBG representatives and vendors to put together a great show and plant sale.

Our Society presented our Fall Park Show and Plant Sale on the weekend of October 22 and 23. Thanks so much to Paul Tuskes and Scott LaBouff who did an excellent job of organizing the show. Also thanks to the many members who donated their time to help put on the show. Paul and Scott couldn't have done it without your help. At press time, I don't know who did the volunteering, but thank you for those who help out.

Now is the time to start planning for our next Park Show which will be held on January 21 and 22, 2012. Paul and Scott have agreed to be show chairmen for this show. Start preparing those plants with new buds toward the end of November!

Our Society lost one of our beloved Life Members, Jim Reid, on September 20, 2011. His daughter, Marilyn, has invited his friends to a Celebration of Life and Memorial Service on Saturday afternoon, November 5 from 2 to 5 pm at the Point Loma United Methodist Church located at 1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd, Ocean Beach. His wish was that memorial contributions be made to the church in his name to help purchase a lift/elevator so that access for the upstairs hall will be easier for everyone. In memory of his support of our Society, orchid arrangements would also be welcome. Your Society is making a donation in his memory. If you wish to stay for a turkey dinner afterward, please let Marilyn know. 619.223.3961. He will be missed.

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Spring Show Committee

By Dave Hoffmeister

The 2012 spring show committee met on October 8 to cover a number of items. The first item was a review of the show poster. Prior to the meeting, Tom Biggart drafted three different options for the poster and presented them to the committee at the meeting. There was some debate as any of them would make a worthy poster. We did, however, reach a consensus and that poster will be presented to the SDCOS Board for approval and we hope to have their approval in time for the November general meeting.

We have sent invitations to 26 potential vendors and so far seven have responded favorably. We have updated all the rules governing exhibits and vendors and will send them out within the next few weeks.

We would like to welcome Susan Lewitt as part of the spring show committee. Susan will be working with Bruce and I to advertise and promote the show. If there are others who would like to help promote the show, please contact either Bruce (b2berg@yahoo.com) or me (davehoff5@yahoo.com) and we will be happy to work you in.

The next show committee will be held at 6PM on November 3rd in room 104, Casa del Prado in Balboa Park. The meeting is open to any Society member so come join us if you wish.

San Diego County Orchid Society

Spring Show

March 9-11, 2012

Scottish Rite Center, Mission Valley



This rich, magenta Phalaenopsis hybrid was exhibited by Debbie Halliday and took 1st place and Best of Section 8. If only we knew what it was called so that we could all find the hybridizer who made it and grow it ourselves!

**SDCOS Fall Show
in the Park
October 22-23**



Jerry and Anita Spencer's Lc. Laurie Lynn Westerberger is a judge's favorite this time of year, earning it a 1st Place, Best of Section, and Best in Show.



Bruce and Carol Bergs Cattleya Ottara Fragrance took 1st Place and Best of Section 6 for these exceptionally rounded blooms.



Zga. Adelaide Oval 'Green Elf' was part of an excellent display set up by Casa de Las Orquideas. They've been setting up beautiful tables at our Prado shows for several years now, so give 'em a big "THANK YOU!"



Jim Wright's Oncidium Sweet Sugar took another 1st Place and Best of Section 9. This hybrid with shockingly bright and large blooms should probably grow well outdoors on a cork mount, watered frequently.



Cymbidium Chen's Ruby, exhibited by Edith and Leno Galvan, brightened up the show with a 1st Place ribbon and Best of Section 1.



The Hoffmasters exhibited this Renanthera Scarlet Yuka, a warm grower that took 1st Place and Best of Section 10.



Paph. Big Colosand Charley won 1st Place and Best of Section 7. The rabbisideburns petals were extremely impressive on this one and seriously made me think of conversion.



Jerry and Anita's Bl. Yellow Bird took 1st Place and Best of Section 5C at the recent Fall Balboa Park show. This should grow well outdoors, but even better in a greenhouse.



Kay Klausing's *Dendrobium victoria-reginae* was the only species orchid to take 1st Place and Best of Section (12). This outdoor grower likes good quality water.



Anita Spencer's Lc. Bactia Bliss took 1st Place and Best of Section 4 for these blooms that reminded me of *L. gouldiana*.

San Diego County Orchid Society Board Meeting Minutes October 6, 2011

Attendees: Bruce Berg, Paul Tuskes, Scott LaBouff, Carol Berg, Helen Pfister, David Brown, Bob Clark, and visitors Ron Kaufmann and Jack Schaefer:

President Bruce Berg called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Officer Reports:

Minutes for the September meeting were approved via email prior to this meeting and were published in the October newsletter.

Carol Berg presented the Treasurer's report for September. David Brown moved to file the report for audit—the motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Spring Show name of "**Galaxy of Orchids**" was selected at the last general meeting.

Winter Show in the Park January 21 and 22, 2012, will be co-chaired by Scott LaBouff and Paul Tuskes.

Advertising for our park shows and flyers were discussed by the Board. Further discussion is needed and was tabled until the next meeting.

Jack Schaefer gave an updated report on the latest meeting of the Web Design Committee.

Bob Clark gave an updated report on the membership in our society.

Old Business:

Investment strategy is still ongoing and will be further investigated by Carol Berg and Helen Pfister with hopefully, several options being presented to the Board at the next meeting.

New tablecloths for the vendors' area was discussed and one selected. David Brown moved that we spend no more than \$400.00 for the material—the motion passed. Carol Berg will purchase enough to cover 30 tables plus a few extras while staying within the budget set by the Board.

Bob Clark gave a report about the success of the membership booth at the San Diego Home and Garden Show.

Bruce Berg also reported on the success of the Society exhibit at the San Diego Botanic Garden and the many awards won by our members.

New Business:

Fred Clarke will be our speaker at our General Meeting talking about catasetums. He will also be supplying the opportunity table. David Brown will be taking Fred to dinner.

Dave Hoffmaster will be speaking about water and fertilizer at our Culture Meeting.

The subject of printing and laminating of table signs for our shows was discussed. David Brown moved that we have the printing and laminating done and not to exceed the amount of \$100.00 – the motion passed.

The Board has been notified that there are books on Phalaenopsis available for purchase that were written by Bob Gordon a long standing friend of our society. His family is willing to sell them to us at a favorable price. Helen Pfister moved that we purchase the books for

our library—the motion passed.

Ron Kaufmann from the Conservation Committee presented a project proposal that was selected by that Committee to be funded. David Brown moved that we accept the presented proposal for printing in the newsletter and then present that proposal to the general membership for its approval—the motion passed.

Longtime member Jim Reid recently passed away. A motion was made by Bob Clark that \$100.00 be given to Jim’s church, Point Loma United Methodist Church, as a memorial contribution toward the purchase of an elevator in Jim’s name —the motion passed.

Paul Tuskes gave an update to the Board on the Species Group that meets monthly.

From the Membership Desk

Welcome to our newest members:

- Jerry Freeman
- Fred and Martha Gorris
- Linda Hauss
- George Lombard
- Benjamin Alcazar
- Jeanine Harris
- Wes Addison

Casa de las Orquideas

OPEN HOUSE—December 3 and 4

The Casa de las Orquideas open house is about to happen again! Come join us December 3 and 4 to see what's new and exciting at the nursery! We'll have lots of new seedlings, many special divisions of our show and breeding stock cymbidiums, and more! Andy's Orchids will once again be our special guest. We will be open from 9 AM to 4 PM that weekend. Parking is limited, so please consider carpooling.

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Edith and Leno Galvan (619) 441-7503

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Letter From the Editor

Dear SDCOS,

Many of you should be seeing the signs that your plants are starting to slow down their growth rate in preparation for winter. While there's a few species that can be reliably counted on to initiate inflorescence development this time of year (*Vanda roeblingiana*, *Stenorhynchus speciosa*, *Amesiella monticola*, *Brassavola nodosa*, many Mexcian Laelia species, etc.), beyond plants like these going into their blooming cycles, you should see little or no growth in your collection. One possible exception might be a few new pseudobulb flushes at the base of your sympodial orchids, but these will often tend to stay very small or even rot off when nighttime winter lows mix with moist growths. This is why watering at night this time of year is a bad idea in general, and also why tapering off on the water your plants receive (except for maybe your Pleurothallids and PNG Dendrobiums) is also beneficial this time of year.

This is also a good time of year to start looking for signs of damping off, bacterial rot, and fungi, and to start spraying with an appropriate fungicide. There are a number of highly effective chemical sprays and powders on the market, although copper-based soaps and a 5:1 water/milk solution will go a long way to clear up spotty leaves that water droplets pooled on one night. Ground cinnamon is also a good thing to sprinkle on your plants this time of year, as its main ingredient, trans-cinnamaldehyde, is both antifungal and antibacterial.

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Another thing that often happens to indoor growing areas this time of year is that outdoor insects, which are starting to slow down, begin to notice that indoor growth areas have everything they need, including the absence of cold, and they start to domesticate themselves and move indoors. This is often when infestations in indoor collections begin, particularly with cottony mealybugs and other pests that can blend into your walls and sneak up on your growing area a few inches at a time. Beware this season, and your plants will stay healthy until spring.

Happy Growing,
Christopher