



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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CULTURE MEETING– January 3, 6:30 PM *Potting Mediums*

By Scott LaBouff, 2nd Vice President

Jerry Spencer will be our speaker at the Culture class talking about different potting mediums. This is proba-

bly a very important class to attend, as Jerry earns about 50% of the ribbons awarded at our shows.

GENERAL MEETING– January 3, 7:30 PM *Mini-Catts: Delightful Cattleyas in Miniature*

By Paul Tuskes 1st Vice President

Peter T. Lin will be presenting a talk on one of his favorite topics: Mini-Catts, also known as miniature Cattleyas. Peter will be sharing a fast-paced Powerpoint presentation on these charming orchids. The journey will begin with a review of the miniature species, early hybrids, and then to some of the relevant hybrids of today. He will also review how to grow these wonderful plants.

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 in the house under fluorescent lights. Peter

will be providing the plants for this month's plant opportunity table. There will be a nice selection of orchids, so be sure to buy your tickets!

Peter started growing orchids over 25 years ago, but then stopped due to school and starting a career. It wasn't until about 9 years ago that the orchid "bug" came back and he is 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. He also has thousands of photos of his orchids that he maintains on Flickr. You can view them on the internet: www.flickr.com/photos/minicatt/collections/

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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 February newsletter must be submitted by January 15.

San Diego County Orchid Society Winter Show and Sale



January 2012!

**Free Admission
Balboa Park**

Casa del Prado room 101

Saturday 21, 2012 - noon until 5:00 pm

Sunday 22, 2012 - 10:00 am until 4:00 pm

Special Event

The San Diego County Orchid
Society Presents

**Dr. Holger Perner
(Hengduan Mountains
Biotechnology, Sichuan, China)**

**Wednesday, January 18, 7:00 PM
San Diego Botanic Garden, Ecke Bdg.
230 Quail Gardens Drive, Encinitas**

Dr. Holger will take orders for
Chinese orchids, including the newly
permitted Paphs for delivery at the
Santa Barbara Orchid Fair, March 16-18

Information: 760-732-0055 or
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Orchid Dates to Remember

January 3

SDCOS Culture Meeting

First Tuesday of the month

Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

January 3, 7:30 p.m

SDCOS General Meeting

First Tuesday of the month

Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

January 4

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

January 5, 7:00 PM

SDCOS Board Meeting

Normally, the Thursday following the General Meeting, Balboa Park, Rm. 104

January 7

SDCOS Species Group Meeting

First Saturday of the month

Paul or Ann Tuskes (858) 274-5829

January 18

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.

230 Quail Gardens Dr., Encinitas, CA 92024

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

January 20

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

January 18, 7:00 PM

Orange County Orchid Society

Annual Orchid Auction

See ad for details

January 21-22

SDCOS Winter Show in the Park

Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

March 3-4

South Bay Spring Show and Sale

Torrance Cultural Arts Center

3330 Civic Center Drive

Torrance CA

March 9-11

San Diego County Orchid Society

Spring Show and Sale

Galaxy of Orchids

Scottish Rite Center, Mission Valley

www.sdorchids.com

March 16-March 18

The 67th Santa Barbara International Orchid Show

Orchidelic

www.sborchidshow.com


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.

Orange County Orchid Society

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January 18, 2012**

**7:00 PM
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**Concerning Plants for
Judging Sessions**

By: Helmut Rohrl

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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 fol-
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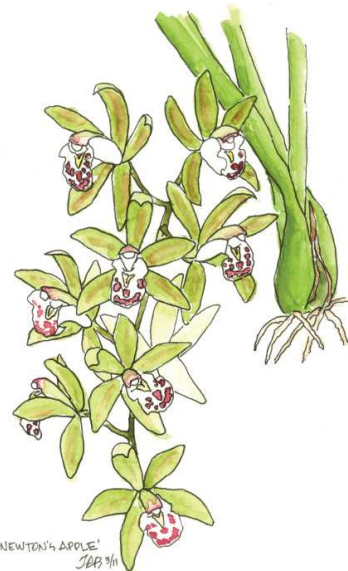
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Judging at the San Diego Judging Center (Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park) December 2011

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

There were 7 orchids presented for judging. 3 was awarded:

Fdk. Desert Tenor FCC/AOS



Exhibited by Fred Clarke
Awarded 90 points

Cld. Jumbo Freedom AM/AOS
Exhibited by Fred Clarke
Awarded 82 points



(Lc. Trick or Treat x Slc. Circle of Life)
Exhibited by Arnie Gum

Zga. Oval
'Windflower'
HCC/AOS
Exhibited by
Betty Kele-
pecz
Awarded 79
points



Sophronitis wittigiana (syn. rosea)
Exhibited by Betty Kelepecz

Zygo. Intuition 'Windflower'
Exhibited by Betty Kelepecz

Den.
Hibiki
Exhib-
ited by
Helen
Pfister



A Day Late and a Dollar Short: Holiday Gifts for Your Favorite Orchid Lover

By Christopher Croom

I was just poking around online looking for something to fill this space with, when it struck me that all the “Top 10 Gifts For Orchid Lovers” are actually the same guide, and they were written in 2007. Moreover, many of the gifts promised by the guide to surely delight the orchid lover in your life actually suck. (Really? Micro-flasks @ 6 for \$50 without enough baby orchids in each to make it through a com-pot stage?)

So, I decided to list a few things here that might actually delight the orchid lover in your life (and no, it's not an AOS calendar, because that will only have 12 measly pictures of orchids):

The New Encyclopedia of Orchids, by Isobyl la Croix—why give disposable print media with only 12 color pics when you can give a collectible hard-cover book with over 1500! (\$50, Target.com)

Vanilla Orchids: Natural History and Cultivation, by Ken Cameron, one of the foremost DNA researchers on the phylogenetic history of orchids (\$23, Amazon.com)

Hozon brass siphon mixer—this is the cheapest fertilizer injector on the market, perfect for anyone you know trying to bring their orchid growing to the next level! (\$29.50, hozon.com)

Dendrobium necklace—anyone who wants orchid jewelry made of real orchids (and consequently looks like real orchids) should check out the Something Silver shop in the Fashion Valley Mall.

Annual Orchid Auction

Saturday, February 11, 2012

All Types of Orchids!

Preview at 11 a.m. Auction at 12 noon

San Diego Botanic Garden
Ecke Building
230 Quail Gardens Drive
Encinitas, CA 92024

Admission to the Garden for the auction is ½ price:
Adults- \$6 Seniors- \$4 AOS Members free with AOS ID
Admission fee is refundable at the auction check-out with
the purchase of \$40. Parking is free.

Directions:

Coming from the South: Take I-5 North exit Encinitas Boulevard and turn right (heading east) (0.5 miles). Turn left on Quail Gardens Drive (0.3 miles). The entrance to the Garden will be on your left.

Coming from the North: Take I-5 South exit Leucadia Boulevard and turn left (heading east) (0.5 miles). Turn right on Quail Gardens Drive (1 mile). The entrance to the Garden will be on your right.

Auction Chairperson: orchldy2@mac.com or 760-732-0055

Sponsored by the San Diego County Cymbidium Society

Meetings monthly (except July and August) on the 3rd Wednesday at the
Botanic Garden

Culture class 6:30 p.m. - General meeting 7:00 p.m.



Spring show committee update— your help is needed!

With the spring show just over two months away, it is time to starting thinking about how you can help. To have a successful show, we need support from the membership. There are many ways you can help. It starts with setting up the show room Thursday morning with the display booths and tables and ends with taking all down on Sunday afternoon. In between, we need volunteers to sell tickets, man the security stations, work in the plant hotel and many other areas.

Set up will start at 8:00 Thursday morning and will end when set up is complete, usually between noon and 1:00. Those working during the show will be split into morning or afternoon shifts of 4-5 hours each. If you cannot commit to a full 4-5 hour shift, that is OK as we can still use whatever help you can give.

We will have sign-up sheets at January meeting for all the different tasks and all the different shifts. If you can help during the show, please sign up. The sooner we know how many volunteers we have, the better we can plan for staffing levels each day.

Lunch will be provided on Saturday and Sunday for those who volunteer for a shift. For example, someone that works the Saturday morning shift from 9am to 1pm will get lunch at the end of the shift. Those working the afternoon will get lunch before starting their shift. There is a lunch room just off the entry-way to the display room. Food will be provided by Ranch Catering.

Presale tickets with your name on an envelope will be available at the meeting also. Please pick up your tickets so we can save the cost postage. Each member is asked to take and pay for a packet that contains 6 tickets for \$30. You can either sell the tickets or give them away to friends and family. We would

appreciate payment by the show date. If you and not able to help in this way, just let us know. Sales of these tickets are part of the reason our annual dues are maintained at such a low level.

We will also have coupons at the January meeting worth \$1 off admission to the show as well as show posters. They will be on the same table as the presale tickets. We would appreciate any help you can give by passing out the coupons or by leaving a poster and coupons where the public will see them and hopefully attend our show.

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Updates from your President

By: Bruce Berg

Happy New Year!

This is the time of year we look forward to what we want to do in 2012 when we make our New Year Resolutions. I've been thinking about what resolutions that we, as members of our Society, can make. We have several upcoming activities that the Society supports that would be great resolutions.

There will be a Winter Show in the Park the weekend of January 21. How about getting some of those winter blooming plants of ours cleaned up and ready to show off to the public at the show? We usually have room to display one more orchid at our shows (or more!)

How about also getting plants ready for our big Spring Show the weekend of March 9th? At that show, in addition to displaying individual plants, members can put together displays starting with a 2x2 display and going all the way up to an 8x8 display. There are vendors who will have some really interesting and tempting plants for us to add to our collections.

How about attending our monthly meetings where we can learn more about orchid culture, or listen to presentations at the general meeting? And then there are those opportunity table plants where you can win a plant for as little as \$1 per ticket. You can also bring in plants to show off or see who brings in a plant like one you have and you can ask them "how did you grow such a nice plant?" (Or someone may ask you the same question!).

At our shows, we always need volunteers to help. You can make a resolution to help with one or more of your Society shows. One resolution I always make is to avoid getting a bunch of new plants without finding

homes for some of my older plants. This is one that I always break, it seems. It's a full time job to find more space for all the plants that I like. Another one is to repot all those plants when the green root tips show so that the new growths don't escape over the top of the pot. Our culture classes teach us tricks and tips on how to repot our orchids!

Your Board is working to keep the Society active, financially sound, and to provide for the activities that we enjoy as members of the Society. Consider becoming a Board member for our new Board which begins in July.

Some bad news to report to you, our Society lost one of our long time members, Bell Garner. She passed early in December. She and her late husband Leo were very active in the society for many, many years. Over the years, she donated many hundreds of flowers for use in making corsages at our shows. She has also donated many of her plants to help fund Society activities. She will be missed.



**Orchid Show
and Sale**
March 3rd and 4th
Orchids-R-Easy Classes All Weekend

Sales: Sat & Sun 10-5
Show: Sat 12-5 & Sun 10-5
Location: Torrance Cultural Arts Center
3330 Civic Center Dr., Torrance, CA

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- See award winning orchids
- All day demonstrations on orchid care and repotting

Admission: \$5 Adults
Free Parking

For all show information and a map to the show and sale:
www.southbayorchidsociety.com
Information: (310) 707-7097

San Diego County Orchid Society Board Meeting Minutes

December 8, 2011

Attendees: Bruce Berg, Carol Berg, Helen Pfister, David Brown, Paul Tuskes, Bob Clark, Jim Wright, and visitors Nico Goossens and Jack Schaefer:

President Bruce Berg called the meeting to order at 7:09 PM.

Officer Reports:

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

Carol Berg presented the Treasurer's report for November. Helen Pfister moved to file the report for audit – the motion passed.

Committee Reports:

The Spring Show committee met prior to the Board meeting. Bruce Berg gave an update to the Board. A call tree was suggested if more volunteers are needed. Marketing ideas were also discussed by the committee. The tickets have been put in envelopes and are available for pickup by members at the January meeting. Members will be saving the society postage if they pick up their tickets. The Society depends on the income from these tickets to help with Society expenses. Volunteer signup sheets will be available so that the members can sign up for the various tasks to put on a show. David Brown volunteered to contract Marina Village checking on the availability and cost for possible future Spring Shows.

Our Winter Show in the Park scheduled for January 21 and 22 2012 will be chaired by Paul Tuskes and Scott La Bouff. Sign up sheets will be available at the January General Meeting.

Jack Schaefer, our Webmaster, gave an updated report on our new website. There is another meeting of the Web Committee scheduled for Tuesday the 13th at 7 P.M. in Jack's home. Transition to the new website is scheduled for January 2012. A presentation to the membership about the new website is being scheduled for the February 2012 General Meeting.

Membership report by Bob Clark shows that our membership is down this month. The Membership Roster should be ready and mailed before the end of the month.

Old Business:

Genie Hammond and Bruce Berg have been working on a proposal to offer student memberships to SDCOS for many months. The proposal having incorporated the Board's several suggestions was again presented. David Brown moved that the proposal be accepted – the motion passed.

Investment strategy is still on-going. The Articles of Incorporation must be found or ordered from the State at a cost of \$20.00 before we can move forward. Carol Berg and Helen Pfister will prepare a summary consisting of the percentage of money available to be invested and in what investments they suggest. This is to be prepared and sent to the Board prior to the next board meeting. Keeping the Garner Fund separate was also discussed and although not voted on it was the general consensus that it be kept separate.

The Phalaenopsis books that were ordered are now in our Library and are available for the membership to check out on a monthly basis.

The December Holiday Party was a great success. The Board wishes to thank Paul and Ann Tuskes for all their hard work.

New Business:

Peter Lin will be our speaker at the general

meeting on January 3, 2012, talking on breeding minicatts using sophronitis. Peter will also provide the plants for the opportunity table.

Jerry Spencer will be our speaker at the Culture class talking about different potting mediums.

David Brown was asked to verify that we have reserved room for the July 2013 Park Show. In response to a request from the San Diego Garden Botanical Foundation David Brown was also requested to reserve our 2014 dates.

Belle Garner passed away. It was suggested that we ask the family for their recommendation as to which charity they might want our donation of \$100.00 in her name to be made. Also discussed was sending of a wreath of orchids to the family. David Brown moved that we do both, and after discussion – the motion passed.

The San Diego Spring Home and Garden Show is scheduled for March 2nd, 3rd and 4th at the Del Mar Fair Grounds. This show would provide a good opportunity for us to sell tickets for our Spring Show at the Scottish Rite Center. Paul Tuskes volunteered to head this task.

Paul also will contract our librarian, Ron Velarde, to discuss ideas on how to get our membership to use the extensive Library that we have at the park.

Arthur Pinkers, the photographer for the AOS, will be one of our speakers at our February meeting. He will show photos of some of the orchids that our membership has brought in for judging. The other speaker will be Jack Schaefer, our Webmaster, helping us navigate the new website.

The meeting adjourned at 8:29 P.M.

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.

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Letter From the Editor

Dear SDCOS,

This is normally that trite time of year when I propose that we all make a bunch of promises to our orchids that we'll have a hard time keeping over the next 12 months. Perhaps the problem with New Year's resolutions is that they're always too unrealistic, holding us to standards of humanity that only the best among us can maintain for less than 1% of the time. There's a tremendous disconnect between how we would act in a vacuum when engaging in thought experiments that employ idealized notions of human morality and the way we typically act...most of the time. This means I can tell you to water more and repot more and take the pledge to do so myself, so we can all regroup in 11 months or so and bring each other up to speed about how we spent the last year doing nothing.

I could just take the reverse psychology route and tell you that you really won't take better care of your plants in 2012, that you'll talk and talk about it, yet never come through for your collection, but something tells me this audience can see right through that tactic, therefore requiring a much more nuanced approach:

Contact Information:

Christopher Croom

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Since you will neither water, nor fertilize, nor repot your plants more in 2012, *at least make an effort to harm your orchids less.*

I get it, old habits die hard. This is like the distinction between positive and negative reinforcement: positive reinforcement is "I give you something you like if you do something good"; negative reinforcement is "I'll take away something you hate if you do something good." Call this the negative reinforcement of reverse psychology. And in the spirit of the season, don't forget:

Happy Growing,
Christopher