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CULTURE MEETING— April 3, 6:30 PM **Nico Goossens—Lady Slipper Orchids**

By Scott LaBouff, 2nd Vice President

Nico Goossens will present an introduction to Lady Slipper orchids and their care. Lady Slipper, Lady's Slipper, or simply Slipper orchids refers to a broad number of orchids which share a common characteristic of having a pouch giving them their uniquely unusual appearance. Their pouch-like feature is actually a fused labellum which serves the purpose of trapping insects seeking nectar and requiring the insect to escape by climbing past the staminode where it collects pollinia or deposits previously collected pollinia thus pollinating the flower. Slipper orchids include genus *Paphiopedilum*, *Phragmipedium*, *Cypripedium*, *Mexipedium*, and *Selenipedium* which comprise the subfamily Cypripedioideae. *Paphiopedilum* consists of approximately 80 species native throughout south-east Asia. *Phragmipedium* consists of ap-

proximately 20 species found from southern Mexico through tropical South America. *Paphiopedilum* and *Phragmipedium* are the predominate slipper orchids grown by orchid enthusiasts. There are numerous popular hybrids. *Cypripedium* are found throughout the northern hemisphere. These are less commonly cultivated. *Cypripedium reginae*, the state flower of Minnesota, is a terrestrial slipper orchid native to northern North America. This orchid is now rare and threatened by habitat loss. The *Mexipedium* genus consists of a single species, *Mexipedium xerophyticum*, found only in Oaxaca, Mexico. This slipper orchid does appear to be available commercially though. Finally there is the genus *Selenipedium*. This is now a critically endangered slipper orchid of the Amazon rainforest.

GENERAL MEETING— April 3 **Betty Kelepecz—Orchids of Machu Picchu**

By Paul Tuskes 1st Vice President

Our speaker for April will be our own Betty Kelepecz. In 2011 Betty and her husband Steve enjoyed an extended trip to Peru to attend an orchid conservation meeting in the area of Machu Picchu. Her presentation will be on the orchids of Machu Picchu and the trip. We can expect a lot of outstanding photos of orchid species in the wild and cultivation. The area is known for its outstanding

Masdavallias and that just happens to be one of her favorite groups of plants. Betty has won many AOS awards and much of her success is the result of the expert care given by Steve to the plants. The plant table will be provided by Loren and Nancy Batchman (Casa de las Orquideas).

Remember, AOS Judging starts in room 104 at 6 PM.

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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

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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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April 3
SDCOS Culture Meeting
First Tuesday of the month
Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

April 3, 7:30 p.m
SDCOS General Meeting
First Tuesday of the month
Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

April 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

March 8, 7:00 PM
SDCOS Board Meeting
Normally, the Thursday following the General Meeting, Balboa Park, Rm. 104

April 7
SDCOS Species Group Meeting
First Saturday of the month
Paul or Ann Tuskes (858) 274-5829

April 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

April 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

If you have any announcements that you would like included in the "Dates to Remember" section of the newsletter, please e-mail bates-room@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
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Updates from your President

By: Bruce Berg

The Spring Show has come and gone for another year. Thank you to all who volunteered to make this a great show. The displays and plants on the tables were outstanding.

I heard an inspiring story from one of our new members, Duane Pompoanescu. Duane submitted an orchid which was awarded an HCC. Coincidentally, his mother celebrated her 90th birthday on the date his plant was awarded. Of course, he named the plant after her. What a birthday present! If anyone else has any good stories from the show, please let me know so we can all share in the good news.

This year, we had a front page article in the UT Gardening section of the paper. We also had coverage on KUSI on Saturday afternoon and evening and Sunday morning. Attendance at the show was still less than we had hoped for. The total attendance for the 2012 show was 2106. This compares to 1674 in 2011 and 2176 in 2010.

With the bills still coming in, and also some additional payments hopefully coming in from members for the preshow tickets, we won't know the bottom line numbers for awhile. We had 5 vendor booths that we were not able to fill with vendors. The committee tried some innovative approaches to minimize the effects of fewer vendors than anticipated.

The Society received a gift from the Bell Garner estate of several hundred orchids. Before bringing in the plants to sell at the Spring Show, they were tested for virus. All tests performed on random samples of plants showed that the plants were infected with the Mosaic virus. With regret at not being able to use the generous gift from Bell's estate, the Board, in consultation with some of our more experienced members, determined that the plants could not be sold. Another donor, Lee Teakell, a past member, donated a number of Cymbi-

diums to the society which were sold at the Spring Show. These plants were not virused and all of them were sold.

The Board has formed a financial committee to look at all of our investments, in addition to the Garner Fund. The bylaws have a procedure to form and operate the committee. The Board decided to follow these requirements for the new committee. David Brown, Immediate Past President, is the chairman for the committee along with Carol Berg, the Treasurer are on the committee. We need three more members to fill the committee. David Brown has been recruiting these members. We need to find safe investments for our money so that we can supplement our income from the shows and from memberships.

In Memory

Robert Swanson

A long time and very active member of San Diego Orchid Society died very early on March 7, 2012 after a protracted illness. Those of us who worked with Bob throughout the years will miss him. Bob was show chairman for 1997, the 50th SDCOS anniversary. Bob was President from 1980-1981. Bob and his wife Peggy entered displays in many of the annual shows and volunteered whenever necessary.

Maria Elizalde

Maria Elizalde passed away on March 5th. She and her mother used to give out the raffle tickets at the door on orchid meeting nights. She will be greatly missed. If friends or family have further information to provide to the Newsletter about her for a more thorough discussion of her life, contact Chris Croom at (619) 583-3804.

Galaxy of Orchids

SDCOS Spring Show 2012

Awards

DISPLAY AWARDS	DESCRIPTION OF AWARD	WINNER
Alesi Trophy (Open)	Best Small Display: 16B 4 x 4 Floor Display	Not awarded
Balboa Trophy (Amateur)	Best Exhibit illustrating show theme to include 10 or more flowering orchid plants with background material covering 100 sq ft or more. Display area does not include tabletop displays. Amateur entries only	Palomar Orchid Society
Coronado Trophy (Open)	Best Exhibit of Non-Orchid Material	Not awarded
Marosz Trophy (Open)	Most educational exhibit. All displays are eligible. 1st prize \$150 - 2nd prize \$125 - 3rd prize \$100 -	Not Awarded
Pinckney Trophy (Open)	Most artistic exhibit. All displays are eligible.	Rex Foster Orchids
President's Trophy (Open)	Best Exhibit illustrating show theme to include 10 or more flowering orchid plants with background material covering 100 sq ft or more. Display area does not include tabletop displays.	Sunset Valley Orchids
Robinson Trophy (Amateur)	Best Small Display: 1601 A: 4 x 4 Tabletop	Windflower Orchids by Betty Kelepecz
SDCOS Cash Prize (Open)	Best exhibit to include 10 or more flowering orchid plants with background material, covering 100 sq feet or more. All displays are eligible. 1st prize \$250 - Rex Foster Orchids 2nd prize \$200 - LICO Orchids 3rd prize \$150 - Casa de las Orquideas	see left
SDCOS Cash Prize (Amateur)	Best exhibit to include 10 or more flowering orchid plants with background material, covering 100 sq feet or more. All displays are eligible. 1st prize \$250 - Newport Harbor Orchid Society 2nd prize \$200 - Palomar Orchid Society 3rd prize \$150 - Cymbidium Society of San Diego	Not awarded
SDCOS Trophy (Open)	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 are eligible.	Fouquette/Osborn
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 are eligible.	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.	Newport Harbor Orchid Society
Orchid Digest Show Trophy (Amateur)	Best exhibit by an Amateur grower, covering 30 sq ft or more, demonstrating high flower quality and excellence of culture, awarded by American Orchid Society judges.	Newport Harbor 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.	Not awarded
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 America judges.	Not awarded

Trophy Awards for Orchids	Description of Award	Name of Winning Orchid	Winner
Abernathy Trophy (Amateur)	Best Cymbidium in Show	Cym. Mem. Amelia Earhart 'Royale'	Ha Bui
Bean Trophy (Open)	Best of Vanda Alliance in Show	Ascocenda Princess Mikasa 'Pink'	Ken Campbell
Bertsch Trophy (Open)	Best Intergeneric Hybrid excluding Cattleya or Cymbidium	Not Awarded	
Bishop Trophy (Open)	Best Miniature Cattleya Hybrid in show	Pot. Rubescence 'SVO' AM/AOS x Slc Pink Doll 'Garnet Sea' AM/AOS	San Diego County Orchid Society
Bliss Trophy (Open)	Best Species in Show	<i>Den. speciosum</i>	Tuyet's Orchids
Canale Trophy (Open)	Best colored cattleya hybrid in show	Pot. Gold Medallion 'SVO Red Lips'	Sunset Valley Orchids
Casa Herbrita Trophy (Open)	Best Sophronitis hybrid in show	Not Awarded	
Casamajor Trophy (Amateur)	Best of Paphiopedilum Alliance in show	<i>Phrag. sedenii</i>	Joe Rupp
Casey Trophy (Open)	Best Oncidium Alliance in show	Onc. unknown	Karen Gless
Cobb Trophy (Open)	Best Cymbidium in Show	Cym. Lucky Shamrock 'Green Glen'	Asbell Orchids
Crosby Trophy (Open)	Best American Hybrid Cymbidium in show	Cym. hybrid unknown	Linda Gardner
DeMaria Trophy (Open)	Best Reed Stem Epidendrum in show	<i>Epi. xanthinum</i> x <i>Epi. Hokulea</i>	Sunset Valley Orchids
Doros Trophy (Open)	Best intergeneric Hybrid of Phalaenopsis Alliance in show	Dtps. Pride of Ben Yu 'Ben Yu'	Lee Landes
Dugger Trophy (Open)	Best species or hybrid Odontoglossum in show	<i>Rst. bictonense</i>	Asbell Orchids
Foster Trophy (Amateur)	Best 3 Cymbidiums in containers -not in a massed display	Cym. Marie Bashir 'Flash' Cym. Huell Howser Cym Bob Merlin 'Shocking'	Art Ferrero
Geer Trophy (Open)	Best Specimen Plant in show	<i>Den. speciosum</i>	Tuyet's Orchids
Hadacheck Trophy (Open)	Best of Dendrobium Alliance in show	<i>Den. speciosum</i>	Tuyet's Orchids
Laughter Trophy (Open)	Best Phalaenopsis in show	Dtps. Pride of Ben Yu 'Ben Yu'	Lee Landes
Miller Trophy (Open)	Best of Paphiopedilum Alliance in show	Paph. unknown	Nancy Watterson
Moore Trophy (Amateur)	Best White or Semi-Alba Standard-sized Cattleya in show	C. Hawaiian Wedding Song 'Virgin'	Joe Rupp
Pacific Trophy (Open)	Best 3 Cattleyas in containers not in a massed display in show	Pot. Hawaiian Prominence 'America' Pot. Burma Angel x Pot. Martha Clarke Slc. Spirit of Seventy-Six 'Cherry Wine'	Sunset Valley Orchids
Peterson Trophy (Amateur)	Best 3 Cattleyas in containers - not in a massed display in show	Slc. Jewel Star 'Happy Field' C. Claesiana Lc. Mari's Song x Lc. Mem. Robert Straight	Craig Johnson
Snyder Trophy (Open)	Best 3 Cymbidiums in containers not in a massed display	Cym. Persuasive Miss Cym. Pirate Dancer Cym. Ruby Pendant 'Geyserland' x Cym. Pumulow 'New Horizon'	Edith & Leno Galvan
Sweepstakes Vase	Best Orchid in Show	Dendrobium Easter Parade	Jim Wright
Thorne Trophy (Amateur)	Best Colored Cattleya Alliance in show	Catt. Love Knot	Renate Schmidt
Van Kekerix Trophy (Open)	Best of Pleurothallid Alliance in show	<i>Masd. mendozae</i>	San Diego Zoo
Wilson Trophy (Open)	Most Unusual Orchid Flower in show	<i>Microcoelia stoltzii</i>	San Diego Zoo



Cymbidium Bulbarrow 'Will Stately' AM/AOS, grown by Casa de las Orquideas was there to greet visitors right across from the entrance door to the exhibit hall at "Galaxy of Orchids," the 66th annual SDCOS Show.



This *Rhynchosstele* (syn. *Lemboglossum*) *bictoniense* took the Dugger Trophy for Best Species or Hybrid Odontoglossum and was grown by Asbell Orchids. This is one of the more terrestrial members of the genus and grows great outdoors in semi-shaded frost-free locations.



This *Dendrobium speciosum* tooks the Geer Trophy for Best Specimen, the Hadacheck Trophy for Best Dendrobium, and the Bliss Trophy for Best Species. It was grown by Tuyet's Orchids.



The Bishop Trophy for Best Miniature Cattleya Hybrid went to this Pot. Rubescence 'Svo' AM/AOS x Slc. Pink Doll 'Garnet Sea' Am/AOS (2nd from right), and was exhibited by the SDCOS on this mini-Catt buffet table (without sneezeguard).



The Palomar Orchid Society had a fantastic illustration of the show theme, earning them the Balboa Trophy: spiral galaxy + orchids = 1 preposition away from "Galaxy of Orchids."



This gold/orange and red Cattleya hybrid was part of Sunset Valley Orchid's display at the Spring Show. Finding the name of this plant would have entailed entering the exhibit space on foot, so we didn't get it.



This Phragmipedium Sedenii is a primary hybrid between Phrag. longifolium and P. schlimii. It was grown by Joe Rupp and won Best Phrag or Cypripedium Hybrid at the 66th annual SDCOS Show.



Microcoelia stoltzii took the Wilson Trophy for Most Unusual Orchid Flower and was grown by the San Diego Zoo. This is a great example of an aphyllous orchid that only grows roots and inflorescences.



This Wardian case earned Betty Kelepecz the Best Amateur Table Display and Robinson Trophy for Best Tabletop Display. It was loaded with the Masdevallias she'll be talking about at April's General Meeting.



The Thorne Trophy for the Best Colored Cattleya Alliance went to this Lc. Love Knot, grown by Renate Schmidt. This is one of the most-awarded plants in our Society, so it probably looks very familiar to you.



The Casey Trophy for the Best of the Oncidium Alliance went to this Oncidium Unknown grown by Karen Gless.



The Cobb Trophy for Best Cymbidium was awarded to this C. Lucky Shamrock 'Green Glen', grown by Asbell Orchids. These blooms were heavy, cuppy, and waxy with bright green and red coloring them.



This Slc. Spirit of '76 'Cherry Wine' HCC/AOS represented 1/3rd of the Pacific Trophy for the Best 3 Cattleyas in Containers. Sunset Valley Orchids (Fred Clarke) grew this one.



Lee Landes earned the Laughter Trophy, and the Doros Trophy for his Dtps. Pride of Ben Yu 'Ben Yu', one of the best "swirly" Phalaenopsis hybrids I've ever seen. The contrast and bordering here was exquisite.



Newport Harbor Orchid Society took the Winship Trophy for Best (Amateur) Exhibit in a Natural Setting. I don't know what a Natural Setting is, but I DO know that the NHOS has a lot of very dedicated growers who produce meticulous specimen plants.



The Crosby Trophy for the Best American Hybrid Cymbidium was awarded to this Cymbidium Unknown, grown by Linda Gardner.



Sunset Valley Orchids was awarded the President's Trophy for Best Exhibit Illustrating the Show Theme. SVO not only had a bunch of beautiful blooming plants, but they threw in a star chart, too!



The Snyder Trophy for the Best 3 Cymbidiums in containers included this C. Ruby Pendant 'Geyserland' x C. Pumilow 'New Horizon' (left) and C. Persuasive Miss (right). Grown by Edith and Leno Galvan.

Art Ferrero scored the Foster Trophy in part for this C. Marie Bashir 'Flash' (left), while the Abernathy Trophy for Best Cymbidium went to C. Mem. Amelia Earhart 'Royale' (right), grown by Ba Hui.

Sect.	BEST OF SECTION	PLANT NAME	OWNER
1	Standard Cymbidium - Open	Cym. Valley Zenith x Cym. Erin Spring	Casa de las Orquideas
101	Standard Cymbidium - Amateur	Cym. Wallacia 'Burnt Gold'	Richard Hara
2	Medium & Miniature Cymbidium - Open	Cym. Speckles	Casa de las Orquideas
201	Medium & Miniature Cymbidium -	Cym. unknown	J. Young
3	Pendulous Cymbidium - Open	Cym. unknown	Lynda Gardner
301	Pendulous Cymbidium - Amateur	Cym. Mem. Amelia Earhart 'Royale'	Ha Bui
4	Standard Cattleya - Open	L. Santa Barbara Sunset 'Streaker'	Tuyet's Orchids
401	Standard Cattleya - Amateur	Catt. Hawaiian Wedding Song 'Virgin'	Joe Rupp
5	Compact Cattleya - Open	Not awarded	
501	Compact Cattleya - Amateur	Slc. Tokyo Magic	Tom Smith
6	Miniature Cattleya - Open	Not awarded	
601	Miniature Cattleya - Amateur	Slc. Circle of Life	Alex Nadzan
7	Phalaenopsis - Open	Dtps. Pride of Ben Yu 'Ben Yu'	Lee Landes
701	Phalaenopsis - Amateur	Phal. Malibu Madonna 'Tokyo'	Lee Landes
8	Paphiopedilum - Complex Hybrids -	Not awarded	
801	Paphiopedilum - Complex Hybrids -	Paph. Unknown	Nancy Watterson
9	Phragmipedium/Cypripedium Hybrids -	Not awarded	
901	Phragmipedium/Cypripedium Hybrids -	Phrag. Sedenii	Joe Rupp
10	Vanda Alliance Hybrids - Open	Not awarded	
1001	Vanda Alliance Hybrids-Amateur	Ascocenda Princess Mikasa 'Pink'	Ken Campbell
11	Dendrobium - Open	<i>Den. speciosum</i>	The Orchid Place
1101	Dendrobium - Amateur	Den. speciosum x D. Delicatum	Cymbidium Society of San Diego
12	Oncidium Alliance Hybrids- Open	Not awarded	
1201	Oncidium Alliance Hybrids - Amateur	Billra. Smile Eri	Debby Halliday
13	Other Genera Hybrids - Open	Zygo. Blackjack 'Reno' AM/AOS	Casa de las Orquideas
1301	Other Genera Hybrids - Amateur	Bulbophyllum Betty Kelepecz 'Wind Flower' AM/AOS	Betty Kelepecz
14	Species - Open	<i>Paph. villosum</i>	
1401	Species - Amateur	<i>Masd. ignea</i>	Dave Hoffmaster
15	Specimen Plant - Open	Dendrobium Delicatum	Jim Wright
1501	Specimen Plant - Amateur	Dendrobium Delicatum	Rick Wells
16	Open Table Display	Not awarded	
1601	Amateur Table Display	"Stellar Orchids"	Betty Kelepecz
1701	Junior Entry	Not awarded	



Yaay! The focal point of this photo is on the only inverted bloom on the whole spike! This was the Best Orchid in (the whole) Show, earning it the Sweepstakes Trophy. Society member Jim Wright, orchid ambassador, expert, and all-around great guy grew this Dendrobium Easter Parade, a hybrid loaded with genes from Australian species (like the *D. kingianum* you see coming through in the purple of this flower).



1/3rd of the Pacific Trophy for Best 3 Cattleyas in Containers went to this Pot. Burma Angel x Pot. Martha Clarke grown by Sunset Valley Orchids.



1/3rd of the Peterson Trophy for the Best 3 Cattleyas in Containers went to this C. Claesiana, a primary hybrid grown by Craig Johnson.



The Moore Trophy for Best White or Semi-Alba Standard Cattleya was awarded to C. Hawaiian Wedding Song 'Virgin', grown by Joe Rupp. Seeing this flower on Sunday made me exempt from going to Church.



The highly floriferous Ascocenda Princess Mikasa 'Pink' grown by Ken Campbell took the Bean Trophy for the Best of the Vanda Alliance. Mmmm. Netting= *V. coerulea* parentage way back somewhere.



Another third of the Peterson Trophy for Best 3 Cattleyas in Containers went to this Lc. Mari's Song x Lc. Mem. Robert Straight, also grown by Craig Johnson. Note the peloric petals that think they're lips.

San Diego County Orchid Society Board Meeting Minutes March 1, 2012

Attendees: Bruce Berg, Carol Berg, Helen Pfister, David Brown, Bob Clark, Paul Tuskes and visitor Jack Schaefer.

President Bruce Berg called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Officer Reports

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

Carol Berg presented the Treasurer's report for February. Bruce Berg moved to file the report for audit—the motion passed.

Committee Reports

Jack Schaefer, our Webmaster, reported that the hit counter is working and will be reset at the beginning of each month.

Bob Clark reported that there was no change in the membership from last month. A new Society badge has been designed and on order from a new supplier.

David Brown will be asking for volunteers at the next General meeting to work on the Finance Committee.

Old Business

The orchid plants received from the Bell Garner Collection turned out to have the mosaic virus. Unfortunately, all plants had to be destroyed.

Paul and Ann Tuskes along with other volunteers have secured a booth for the Society at the San Diego Home and Garden Show scheduled for the 2nd, 3rd and 4th of March. They will be selling tickets for our up coming Spring Show and answering orchid questions. Thank you, Paul and Ann.

New Business

Lee Teakell from Escondido has been growing award winning orchids for over 40 years. Because she is moving to Oregon she has offered the Society some of her AOS awarded orchids. These orchids will be available for sale at our Spring show.

Our speaker for April will be none other than our own Betty Kelepecz. She will speak about her trip to South America and Masdevallias.

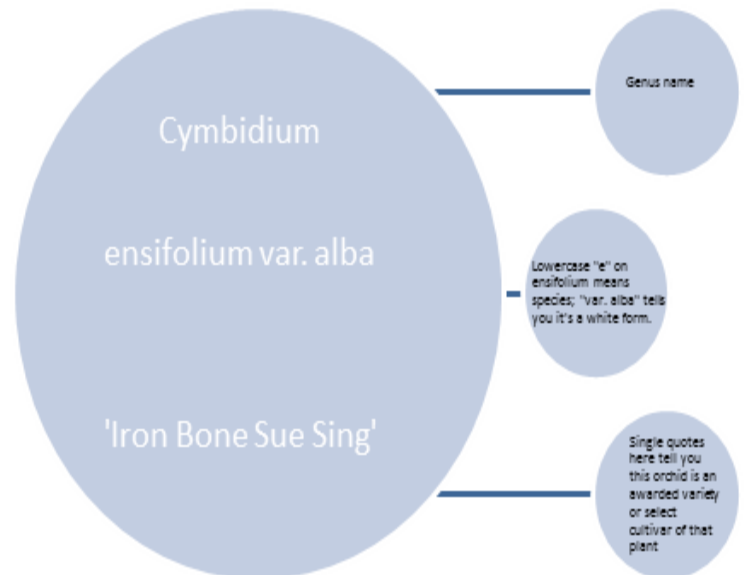
Bruce and Carol Berg will host the dinner at the Prado for Betty Kelepecz.

Bruce Berg moved that the society purchase a copy of OrchidWiz—the motion passed.

Paul Tuskes requested \$300.00 for the printing of culture sheets. David Brown moved that the society spend up to \$350.00 for printing costs—the motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Helen R. Pfister, Secretary



Spring Awards Slide Show

May 1, 2012: Let's Have a Party!

By Helen Pfister

Your Orchid Society invites you to come to our Awards Party on May 1, 2012, which will take the place of the regularly scheduled general and cultural meetings on that day. Note that there will not be a plant forum nor will there be a plant opportunity table.

At the party, we will thank the volunteers for the Spring Show for the great job they did. We will have a PowerPoint presentation covering the Spring Show. There will also be a PowerPoint presentation of our hikes in the county to see our wild orchids. If we can think of anything else to celebrate, we'll do it at this party! Let us know if there are people you'd like to thank for doing a great job this year.

The party will be a potluck. There will be sign-up sheets at the April meeting. The sign-up sheets are open so that you can bring whatever you like. You'll see where we may need more of something and help us balance the dinner menu.

We will also introduce the candidates for the next year's board. Elections for officers will be held at the June general meeting.

If you can't be at the April meeting but are planning to attend the May potluck, please email me or phone me, Helen Pfister, at hrp11@cox.net or (619) 222-8873.



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

Species, all types

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

Paphiopedilums

Ann Tuskes (858) 274-5829

Phalaenopsis, Cattleyas, Dendrobiums

Bob Swanson (619) 465-2297

Vandas, Ascocendas

Edith and Leno Galvan (619) 441-7503

Encyclias, Epidendrums, Laelias

[Christopher Croom](mailto:Christopher.Croom@cox.net) (619) 583-3804

Pleurothallids

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Cymbidiums

Loren Batchman— casa@orquideas.com

Northeast County, all types

Dave Reid (760) 728-7996

San Diego Central

Outdoor, all types

Jim Wright (619) 276-5295

Fred Tomaschke (619) 276-3235

San Diego East County, all types

Bud Close (619) 444-8839

South County, all types

Genie Hammond (619) 422-2235



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Letter From the Editor

Dear SDCOS,

What a great show! Over 250,000 blooms and a steady stream of traffic even through Sunday, it looks like our 66th Annual Show at the Scottish Rite Center in Mission Valley was a winner for most who were involved. Once again, it was volunteers who made the show possible, so anyone who helped out is greatly appreciated and should be heartily and profusely thanked. From security to set-up, takedown, ticket sales, plant hoteliery, structural organization, and cleanup, SDCOS members were responsible for it all. This is no small feat considering how big the show was...and we (you) do it every year.

Remember that one of the biggest jobs is Show Chair (hence the fancy title), so make sure to thank the members of the Board (Bruce and Carol Berg, Paul Tuskes, Dave Hoffmaster, etc.) who started planning the show we just had at this time last year.

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I apologize for not having sufficient space in this issue of the Newsletter to include the plants that were awarded during AOS judging at the March meeting. These plants (along with April's winners) will be featured in the May newsletter. Our annual potluck awards dinner is also in May, so don't forget to sign up for what foods you'd like to bring at the April meeting.

April's meeting brings us Betty Kelepecz, one of the most accomplished growers in our club. While you don't always see her plants with Best of Section awards because many of them have diminutive flowers, what she grows often have the reputation for being the hardest to grow of all orchids. Cordillera and Andean Masdevallias do have rules, just like any other orchids, and if you follow them and have a lot of time to water, you too can grow orchids like Betty (and she'll gladly tell you all this if you ask her). So, we hope to see you at the April meeting!

Happy Growing,
Christopher