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San Diego County Orchid Society

Spring Awards Party

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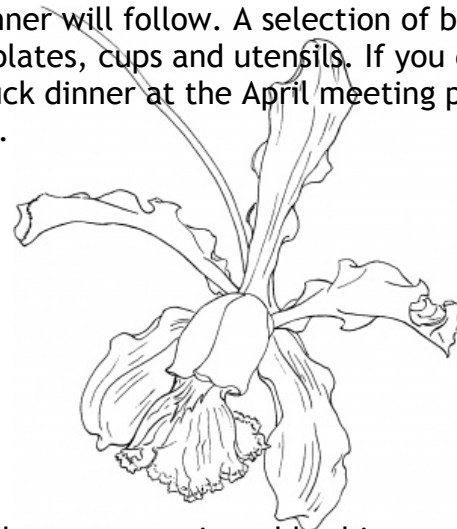
On Tuesday, May 7, 2013 starting at 6 PM we will have our annual awards potluck banquet to celebrate a successful Spring Orchid Show and Plant Sale. This will replace our regularly scheduled meetings.

Ann and Paul Tuskes will present a slideshow of the plants, people, and displays from the show. Please join us for an evening of socializing and a good meal.

Appetizers will be served at 6 pm. Dinner will follow. A selection of beverages will be provided by SDCOS as well as plates, cups and utensils. If you did not have a chance to sign up for the potluck dinner at the April meeting please bring a food item to share and join us.

Food categories include:

- Appetizers
- Salads
- Breads
- Vegetable or side dish
- Main dish
- Dessert



Note that there is no plant forum or plant opportunity table this month. Please do not bring plants.

Thank you to all who volunteered at our show! It was a great success due to you!

Please contact Scott La Bouff at Firstvp@sdorchids.com if you have any questions.

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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@gmail.com.

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From the Membership Desk

Please welcome our newest members:

James McQueen, Diana Smith,
R Jeffrey MacDonald, and Connie Clark.

Orchid Dates to Remember

May 1

First Wednesday of the month
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

May 4

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

May 7, 6:00 PM

SDCOS Awards Banquet
Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

May 9, 7:00 PM

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

May 15

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
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May 17

San Diego Zoo's Orchid Odyssey
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Update from Your President

By: Bruce Berg

After the Spring Show in March, our Society has a tradition of having an awards banquet in May. This is a potluck dinner in pace of our regular meeting. Elsewhere in the newsletter there are more details about the party. I enjoy getting to spend more time visiting with our members at this social get together.

Preliminary numbers from the Spring Show indicate that we did not make as much from the show as from the previous year. The two biggest items were a decrease in attendance revenue, down about \$400 from 2012, and down about \$800 in presales tickets. The Show Committee recommends continuing to use Scottish Rite for future shows, subject to Board and membership approval. This will be a topic for discussion at a future general meeting.

Volunteers who did not receive their gifts at the show can pick them up at the party. Without the support of our members, we would not have a show. Thanks again to all of you who volunteered your time.

Ann Tuskes will present a slide show showing highlights and awards from the show.

For those of you who have access to the April issue of Orchids magazine, You'll want to check out the awards Helmut Rohl's Milton Carpenter's Award for his *Aspasium Lovely Morn AD/AOS* (p 210) and Helen Pfister's *FCC, Dendrobium Hibiki "Sandra's Delight" FCC/AOS* (p227). (See Debbie Halliday if you wish to join the AOS).

Our next orchid show will be the Summer Show in the Park, coming up the weekend of July 19, 21, 2013.

A previous member, Bob Stanley has donated his orchid collection to the Society. Ben

Machado, Scott LaBouff, and I picked up his collection and intend to use the plants for Plant Opportunity tables when we have speakers who do not have plants for sale. His collection has about 49 paphs, mostly primary hybrids and species plants. This in addition to many cymbidiums, catts, and a mixture of other good looking, healthy plants. He also has a greenhouse that is free for the taking for a society member. It's about 14 x22 and would need to be dismantled and transported from San Clemente. If a member is interested, contact Ben Machado.

We need a volunteer to take care of refreshments at the meetings.



Recently, Genie Hammond and Parkview Orchids were awarded the "2013 Best of Chula Vista Award" in the Orchid Growers category by the Chula Vista Award Program committee.

Volunteer Photographer Needed!

Are you available to substitute occasionally for the monthly judging photography?

Novice photographers are welcomed and any type of equipment, including cell phone cameras will work.

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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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Orchids by the Sea

SDCOS Spring Show

Lots of lists and a few photos on pages 7-11

DISPLAY AWARDS	DESCRIPTION OF AWARD	WINNER
Alesi Trophy (Open)	Best Small Display:	Rafael Jaramillo
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	Helen Pfister
Batchman Trophy (Open)	Best Orchid Society Exhibit	Newport Harbor Orchid Society
Marosz Trophy (Open)	Most educational exhibit. All displays are eligible. 1st prize \$150 - Paul & Ann Tuskes 2nd prize \$125 - Susan Lewitt 3rd prize \$100 - Sue Fouquette	See left
Pinckney Trophy (Open)	Most artistic exhibit. All displays are eligible.	Andy's 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.	San Diego County Cymbidium Society
Robinson Trophy (Amateur)	Best Small Display:	Bruce & Carol Berg
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 - Andy's Orchids 2nd prize \$200 - Fouquette Orchids 3rd prize \$150 - Newport Harbor Orchid Society	See left
DISPLAY AWARDS	DESCRIPTION OF AWARD	WINNER
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 - Jerry & Anita Spencer 2nd prize \$200 - Helen Pfister 3rd prize \$150 - Harry Polis	see left
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.	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 are eligible.	not awarded

Winners of Trophy/Award Plaques for Orchids			
Trophy	Description		Location
Abernathy Trophy (Amateur)	Best Cymbidium	Cym. Mem. Marvin Gaye x Keiko Someya Chun	Susan Cunanan
Bean Trophy (Open)	Best of Vanda Alliance	not awarded	
Bertsch Trophy (Open)	Best Intergeneric Hybrid excluding Cattleya or Cymbidium	not awarded	
Bishop Trophy (Open)	Best Miniature Cattleya Hybrid	C. Love Knot 'Feuerbach'	Renate Schmidt
Bliss Trophy (Open)	Best Species	<i>Dendrobium linguiforme</i>	Rex Foster
Canale Trophy (Open)	Best Colored Cattleya Hybrid	Lc. Drumbeat	Rex Foster Orchids
Casa Herbrita Trophy (Open)	Best Sophronitis Hybrid	Slc. Lucky Charm "My Van"	Denise Claycomb
Casamajor Trophy (Amateur)	Best of Paphiopedilum Alliance	Paph. St. Swithin	Ron Dier
Casey Trophy (Open)	Best Oncidium Alliance	Oncidium (name?)	Jim Wright
Cobb Trophy (Open)	Best Cymbidium	Cym. Dotz 'A Lot'	Casa de las Orquideas
Crosby Trophy (Open)	Best American Hybrid Cymbidium	Cym. Mem. Marvin Gaye x Keiko Someya Chun	Susan Cunanan
DeMaria Trophy (Open)	Best Reed Stem Epidendrum	Epi. Pacific Whimsey	Cal-Orchid, Inc.
Doros Trophy (Open)	Best intergeneric Hybrid of Phalaenopsis Alliance	Dtps. The Pride of Ben Yu 'Cotton Candy'	Debby Halliday
Dugger Trophy (Open)	Best Species or Hybrid Odontoglossum	Dgmra. Flying High	Jim Wright
Foster Trophy (Amateur)	Best 3 Cymbidiums in containers - not in a massed display	Cym. Mellow Yellow	Helen Pfister
Geer Trophy (Open)	Best Specimen Plant	<i>Den. delicatum</i>	Jim Wright
Hadacheck Trophy (Open)	Best of Dendrobium Alliance	<i>Den. delicatum</i>	Jim Wright
Junior Trophy (Amateur)	Best Orchid Grown by a Junior Grower	<i>Soph. coccinea</i> (?)	Isabella Klausung
Laughter Trophy (Open)	Best Phalaenopsis	Phal. hybrid	Debby Halliday
Miller Trophy (Open)	Best of Paphiopedilum Alliance	Paph. Ross Otto	Paphanatics, Unltd.
Moore Trophy (Amateur)	Best White or Semi-Alba Standard-sized Cattleya	Brassavola Little Stars	Rick Wells
Pacific Trophy (Open)	Best 3 Cattleyas in Containers not in a massed display	<i>C. intermedia var. aquinii coerulea</i> <i>C. intermedia coerulea</i> <i>C. intermedia orlata x C. intermedia aquinii</i>	Renate Schmidt
Peterson Trophy (Amateur)	Best 3 Cattleyas in Containers - not in a massed display	<i>Laelia bradei</i> <i>Laelia esalqueana</i> <i>Laelia endsfeldzii</i>	Kay Klausung
Snyder Trophy (Open)	Best 3 Cymbidiums in containers not in a massed display	Cym. Mini Sarah 'Golden Fall' Cym. Mary Green 'Spring Wind' Cym. Strawberry Milk	Edith & Leno Galvin
Sweepstakes Vase	Best Orchid in Show	Cym. Mem. Marvin Gaye x Keiko Someya Chun	Susan Cunanan
Thorne Trophy (Amateur)	Best Colored Cattleya Alliance	C. Love Knot 'Feuerbach'	Renate Schmidt
Van Kekerix Trophy (Open)	Best of Pleurothallid Alliance	<i>Pleurothallid dilemma</i> 'Windflower'	Betty Kelepecz
Wilson Trophy (Open)	Most Unusual Orchid Flower	<i>Megaclinium purpureorachis</i>	Cal-Orchid, Inc.



Susan Cunanan's Cym. Mem. Marvin Gaye x Keiko Someya Chun was the Best in Show and also won the Crosby and Abernathy Trophies at the recent show in the Scottish Rite.



Rex Foster Orchids took the Canale Trophy for best colored Cattleya hybrid for this Lc. Drumbeat. This was a gorgeous flower, but how'd they pull it off without the "B" in the Lc.?



Epidendrum Pacific Whimsey, pictured here among other large-flowered reed-stems brought by Cal-Orchid, took the DeMaria Trophy for best Reed Stemmed Epidendrum.

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 (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.	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 America judges.	Rafael Jaramillo - The Orchid Source Lab

		PLANT NAME	OWNER
	BEST OF SHOW	Cym. Mem. Marvin Gaye x Keiko Someya Chun	Susan Cunanan
Section	BEST OF SECTION	PLANT NAME	OWNER
1	Standard Cymbidium - Open	Cym. James Toya 'Velvet Fire'	Casa de las Orquideas
101	Standard Cymbidium - Amateur	Cym. Eastern Zenith	Jim Miller
2	Medium & Miniature Cymbidium - Open	Cym. Cali Night 'Geyserland'	Casa de las Orquideas
201	Medium & Miniature Cymbidium - Amateur	Cym. Ruby Eyes	Debby Halliday
3	Pendulous Cymbidium - Open	Cym. Dotz 'A Lot'	Casa de las Orquideas
301	Pendulous Cymbidium - Amateur	Cym. Mem. Marvin Gaye x Keiko Someya Chun	Susan Cunanan
333	Best 3 Cymbidiums in Containers Open	Cym. Mini Sarah 'Golden Fall', Cym Mary Green 'Spring Wind', Cym, Strawberry Milk	Edith & Leno Galvan
333.01	Best 3 Cymbidiums in Containers Amateur	Cym. Mellow Yellow	Helen Pfister
4	Standard Cattleya - Open	Dialaelia Snowflake 'Frosty'	Rex Foster Orchids
401	Standard Cattleya - Amateur	Brassavola Little Stars	Rick Wells
5	Compact Cattleya - Open	L. Gold Star x L. Seagulls Tangerine	Fred Clarke
501	Compact Cattleya - Amateur	C. Love Knot 'Feuerbach'	Renate Schmidt
6	Miniature Cattleya - Open	not awarded	
601	Miniature Cattleya - Amateur	Lc. Secret Love 'Angel'	Ken Campbell
666	Best 3 Cattleyas in Containers-Open	not awarded	
666.01	Best 3 Cattleyas in Containers - Amateur	<i>C. intermedia</i> var. <i>aquinii</i> <i>coerulea</i> , <i>C. intermedia</i> <i>coerulea</i> , <i>C. intermedia</i> <i>orlata</i> x. <i>C. intermedia</i> <i>aquinii</i>	Renate Schmidt
7	Phalaenopsis - Open	not awarded	
701	Phalaenopsis - Amateur	Phal. hybrid	Debby Halliday
8	Paphiopedilum - Complex Hybrids - Open	Paph. Ross Otto	Paphanatics, Unltd.
801	Paphiopedilum - Complex Hybrids - Amateur	Paph. Saint Swithin	Ron Dier
9	Phragmipedium/Cypripedium Hybrids - Open	Paph. Saint Swithin	Fouquette Orchids
901	Phragmipedium/Cypripedium Hybrids - Amateur	Phrag. Ashley Wilkes	Joe Rupp

Section	BEST OF SECTION	PLANT NAME	OWNER
10	Vanda Alliance Hybrids - Open	not awarded	
1001	Vanda Alliance Hybrids-Amateur	Neost. Pinkie 'Starry Night'	Dennis Wharten
11	Dendrobium - Open	Den. Lynnette Banks x. Den. Golden Rain	Edith & Leno Galvan
1101	Dendrobium - Amateur	Den. Speciosum-kingianum 'Cresta'	Ernie & Fely Acantilado
12	Oncidium Alliance Hybrids- Open	Oncidium (name?)	Jim Wright
1201	Oncidium Alliance Hybrids - Amateur	not awarded	
13	Other Genera Hybrids - Open	Lyc. Abyu Sunset 'Black Heart'	Cal-Orchid
1301	Other Genera Hybrids - Amateur	Zyg. Fair Maiden	Alex Nazden
14	Species - Open	<i>Den. linguiforme</i>	Rex Foster Orchids
1401	Species - Amateur	<i>Max. arbuscula</i>	Helen Pfister
15	Specimen Plant - Open	<i>Den. delicatum</i>	Jim Wright
1501	Specimen Plant - Amateur	<i>Den. speciosum</i>	David Brown
16	Open Table Display	Display 25B	Rafael Jaramillo
1601	Amateur Table Display	Display 26B	Bruce & Carol Berg
1701	Junior Entry	Section 1701	Isabelle Klausung



Jim Wright's *Dendrobium x delicatum* won the Geer- and Hadacheck Trophies at our last annual show in the Scottish Rite Center. This *Dendrobium* is a natural hybrid between *D. kingianum* and *D. tarberi*, and has blooms that smell a bit like jasmine honey. This is a great outdoor grower year-round in San Diego, and please note the wide, shallow pot Jim put it in.

“Everbloomers”

By Christopher Croom

I love reading orchid books, orchid magazines, and catalogs from orchid vendors, especially when they start throwing the term “everbloomer” around. It’s an easy term to apply, but often there are a bunch of caveats hiding in the part they don’t mention.

First, there isn’t always a relationship between a blooming plant and a healthy plant. Sometimes orchids living in poor conditions pour all their energy into one last futile attempt to breed, and what looks good to you turns into a spent plant with no resources for new growths in a few months.

Second, some plants may look like “everbloomers” and actually only stay in bloom forever sporadically. The classic example of this would be the 21st century bombproof nameless Phalaenopsis hybrid that stays in bloom for up to two years at a time, but ends up in the trash can eventually because the user can never get the plant to reboot the flowers. If a plant blooms its heart out for two straight years, you probably shouldn’t expect it to throw out an inflorescence the very next Fall right on schedule, and that might not even be desirable for the plant’s overall health.

Third and most important, nothing is an “everbloomer” if you don’t cultivate it properly, nor will it be forever in bloom if it is too young and small, therefore being developmentally incapable of constantly bearing reproductive structures. Developmental plasticity and good growing techniques play huge roles here. Translation: if the vendor tells you an orchid is an “everbloomer,” you might have to learn how to grow it as well as she does and be patient with it for as long as she has in order to experience the same results.

That said, what can you do if you want some guaranteed color in your collection, regardless of time of year?

If you grow your orchids indoors in a light garden

over humidity trays with a little fan, you should learn to reboot the hybrid Phalaenopsis and have a few of these on hand. Go for miniatures if your collection is small, and the larger hybrids for collections in which space is not so much a premium. After they are done flowering (and the spike is done branching and reblooming over and over again and becomes dead and wiry on the end), figure out how to give them cooler and cooler nights until you see a new spike forming on the stem between the leaves. I usually recommend doing this by growing your Phalaenopsis in a shady area outdoors all summer and then leaving them there until the night time temperatures in your area drop to between 50 and 55 degrees in Fall, but if you have no outdoor area to utilize at all you may have to put them in front of an open window or air conditioner in the evenings to stimulate inflorescence growth.

Another hybrid that blooms a lot but isn’t technically an everbloomer is *Oncidium Sharry Baby*. Many cultivars of this hybrid bloom twice per year or more, so if you like hybrids and have a light garden, these are a good bet. You can also grow them outdoors year-round in San Diego. *Encyclia Green Hornet* (*E. cochleata* x *E. lancifolia*) is another good bet because its *E. cochleata* heritage makes it want to bloom whenever the growths mature.

In sunny locations the reed-stemmed *Epidendrum* orchids are also good bets as everbloomers, both the hybrids and species (such as *E. ibaguense*, *E. radicans*, and *E. secundum*), but a lot of folks don’t feel like these are “real” enough orchids because they’re so easy to grow, so I won’t get into them any further here.

As for everblooming species, your growing area and water quality will determine how much guaranteed color in your collection you can have and for how long. For example, if you use rainwater or reverse-osmosis water for your collection and have a cool and humid outdoor growing area that you’re willing to water every day and doesn’t get much hotter than 90 degrees, you can grow *Dendrobiums* from the cloud forests in the Central Highlands of Papua New Guinea. You know, the awesome ones from the *Oxyglossum* and *Pedilonum* sections that need to be watered every day. While these are not technically ever-

bloomers, since the flowers of some of these species last 9 months or more, a specimen plant will almost always have a flower on it. *Dendrobium cuthbertsonii*, *D. violaceum*, *D. cyanocentrum*, *D. hasseltii*, and *D. jacobsoni* all fit this model to some degree or other. (You can grow the unrelated *Haraella odorata* alongside all these on the same daily water regimen and it will bloom constantly from new spikes, not because of having long-lasting flowers.)

For warmer greenhouses, the Fijian *Dendrobium laevifolium* has blooms that can last up to 7 months, and the drier growing *D. bracteosum* (straight up or var. *tannii*) has blooms that last up to 6 months.

But then there are a bunch of *Dendrobiums* that will bloom at any time of year and don't just have ridiculously long lasting flowers. The "candy-corn" *Dendrobiums*, like *D. chrysopterum* and *D. obtusipetalum* from the Calypstrochilus section, require lots of good quality water and intermediate or cool conditions, but many of these have a delightful tendency to stay in bloom forever once they reach specimen size.

The blue flowered *D. victoria-reginae* and *D. ceraula (gonzalezii)* will both remain in bloom constantly with direct morning sunlight and daily, good-quality water (and both will grow outdoors within 15 miles of the coast year-round in San Diego).

There are even some members of the genus *Dendrobium* with long canes that *don't* require daily water of consistent good quality and bloom enough to keep them in flower constantly: *D. goldschmidtianum (miyakei)* has fantastic purple blooms that are always on the plant once it reaches specimen size, and although it lives in lowland areas of the Philippines and Taiwan, it overwinters in frost-free areas of San Diego County just fine.

Another easy grower *not* in the *Dendrobium* genus that stays in bloom perpetually is *Encyclia* (syn. *Anacheilium*) *cochleata*, the national flower of Belize. If you don't have one of these, get one. The alba variety is a warm and intermediate grower, while the standard type grows in virtu-

ally any frost-free temperature range. Both smell like honey and are hard to kill, but don't get the white one cold.

If you have an intermediate growing area with good humidity (<60%), some members of Onciidiinae (think yellow) are fantastic, such as *Psychomorchis pusilla*, *Plectrophora triquetra*, and *Psychopsis papilio*, which has successive-flowering spikes that can stay in bloom for years and can be grown in warmer temperatures. Work the variables just right for any of these three plants, and they'll always offer color for you. There are also quite a few small-flowered *Maxillarias*, such as *M. variabilis* and *M. sophronitis* that are constantly in bloom when grown to specimen size; some of them even have very bright flowers and all of them tend to like intermediate or cool temperatures and good quality water.

Finally, if you like pouchy orchids, some of these are everbloomers, although many of them will take many years to get to blooming size or take many years to re-bloom after being in bloom for a very long time. Cochlopetalum-section *Paphiopedilums* (*P. moquettianum*, *P. glaucophyllum*, *P. chamberlainianum*, *P. primulinum*, etc.) are probably the easiest to get to bloom and re-bloom of the pouchy everbloomers, and they can stay in flower for up to two years once the launch sequence is initiated.

For those who like to water more often and need a bit more of a horticultural challenge, the *Phragmipediums* (New World ladyslippers) offer quite a few everbloomers, as every section of the genus except *Phragmipedium* and *Phragmidedium* are successive-flowering with each new bloom coming after the old one has faded. What this basically means is that every single-flowered Phrag you've ever seen could potentially become an everbloomer if grown under perfect conditions for a long enough period of time.

So, what is an everblooming orchid? You might be surprised to find that you may have one growing in your collection already and never realized it because you haven't grown it well enough to get it there yet (so just be patient and you'll have one soon enough)!

San Diego County Orchid Society Board Meeting Minutes

April 4, 2013

Attendees: Scott LaBouff, David Brown, Ben Machado, Helen Pfister, Bob Clark, Kay Klausung, Jim Wright and visitor Jack Schaefer.

Scott LaBouff, president pro tem, called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Officer Reports:

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

Treasurer, Carol Berg, on vacation; no report this month.

Committee Reports:

Bob Clark, our membership chair, reported that we have 10 new members.

Jack Schaefer, our webmaster, reported that our website had a total of 6110 hits for the month of March. 1344 for the Show page, 1649 for the Spring Show, 235 for the newsletter and 310 for the vendors. Jack Schaefer would like to thank Dave and Patty Hoffmaster, Kevin Rynearson and Tiffany Neary for all there help in putting together the web page. Many compliments were received at the Spring Show from AOS visitors and others who have visited our website.

Old Business:

Jim Wright reported that the April 27th tour at Peter Tobias is going forward as planned. Jim also reported that there will be another greenhouse tour the end of June. He stated that we are in for a surprise.

David Brown reported that the AOS judging at the Park Shows is being worked on by Arthur Pinkers and Paul Tuskes.

On June 2 the Orchid House at the San Diego Zoo is open to the public and our own David Brown will be there from 12 PM to 2 PM to host any and

all interested people. Entrance to the zoo must be paid. Scott LaBouff will write an article for our newsletter.

The first time New Members gift certificate will be posted on the website for individuals and vendors to access.

Scott LaBouff is still working on the Orchid Culture website.

New Business:

May is our **Award Party** starting at 6 PM with appetizers, followed at 6:30 with the dinner. Paul and Ann Tuskes will present their slide show on *Orchids by the Sea*.

Scott LaBouff and Ben Machado will be going this month to check on an orchid collections that a former member, Bob Stanley, who wishes to donate to the society.

The date for the next Board Meeting is May 6th, which is a Monday.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55.

Respectfully submitted,
Helen R. Pfister, Secretary

Nominations for 2013-2014 SDCOS Board

The Nominating Committee is pleased to make the following recommendations for the SDCOS Board for 2013-2014:

President: Bruce Berg (continuing)

1st Vice-President: Scott LaBouff (continuing)

2nd Vice-President: Debby Halliday (new)

Secretary: Helen Pfister (continuing)

Treasurer: Carol Berg (continuing)

Director-at-Large (through June 2014):
Jim Wright (continuing)

Director-at-Large (through June 2015):
Kay Klausung (continuing)

Director-at-Large (through 2016):
Bob Clark - second three year term

Past President: Dave Brown

Ben Machado will be leaving the board after one year as Second Vice-President. Ben has served on the board multiple times, and the Society thanks him for his repeated and dedicated service. If this slate is approved, Debby Halliday will join the SDCOS board for the first time as the 2nd Vice-President. Debby is an outstanding grower and her knowledge and experience will be an asset to the board. The rest of the officers have indicated a willingness to continue to serve in their current roles. Due to term limits, this will be Bruce Berg's third consecutive and final year serving as President. Bob Clark's three year term as a Director-at-Large ends in June. However, he has indicated his desire to run for another term.

The recommendations of the nominating committee require approval by the society membership. At the general meeting in June, the Chair of the Nominating Committee will formally make the recommendations and ask for a vote of approval. Other nominations may be made before the vote, either by contacting the Chair of the Nominating Committee or from the floor at the general meeting. Board members for 2013-2014 will be sworn in at the general meeting in July.

Respectfully submitted,

*SDCOS Nominating Committee
(Betty Kelepecz, Ron Kaufmann, Pam Peters, Peter Tobias and Dave Hoffmaster)*

Orchid Hotlines

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

Vandas, Ascocendas
Edith and Leno Galvan (619) 441-7503

Encyclias, Epidendrums, Laelias
[Christopher Croom](mailto:Christopher.Croom@sdorchids.com) (619) 583-3804

Pleurothallids
[Christopher Croom](mailto:Christopher.Croom@sdorchids.com) (619) 583-3804

Cymbidiums
Karl 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) 426-6831



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Letter From the Editor

Dear SDCOS,

I hope you are looking forward to the annual awards banquet; it always ends up being a fantastic time for all involved. Even though it is “catered” by humble Society members (pot luck style), the food is always excellent, and the slide show with the pictures of the winning orchids is very good. Any pictures of winners you might have expected to be in the Newsletter you’ll be guaranteed to find in the slide show; we were having a little trouble taking clear pictures with the equipment we had during the Show.

Now is the time of year that you should finish repotting the orchids in your collection that need repotting. The goal is to get the plants into new mix with just enough time for that mix to start breaking down and absorbing more water before we start experiencing too many Santa Anas and other heat spells. You may have noticed that if you repot an orchid and suddenly the temperature goes up by 20-30 degrees, that orchid usually doesn’t fare too well unless you water it a lot. This is because its roots have gone from an environment in which water is plentiful to an environment in which water is scarce very quickly, and the plant is having a hard time adjusting to the change.

Contact Information:

Christopher Croom

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batescroom@gmail.com

If you procrastinate on the repotting schedule, at least you’ll have a cloak of mist in the form of May Gray/June Gloom to protect your plants a bit longer into summer if you live near the coast. East Country residents, however, should stick to the schedule (of repotting in spring) for optimum results.

Happy Growing,
Christopher