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# San Diego County Orchid Society

## CULTURE MEETING- July 3 6:30 PM

### *Helen Pfister—What I've Learned in Eight Years with the SDCOS*

By Ben Machado, 2nd Vice President

This month our culture talk is from Helen Pfister, sharing with you her experience with the SDCOS, especially what belonging to the Orchid Society has done for her.

There is a whole lot more to the San Diego County Orchid Society than just a meeting place for orchid enthusiasts. Yes, socializing, friendship and harmony are important, but along with togetherness a raft of information is available to help you better understand and tailor your

growing techniques no matter what your growing environment. Like anything else that is worth doing there are some complexities with orchids that need to be taken into consideration. Some of these items are small, others large, and some of these items are not entirely clear in our minds. This is where the Orchid Society can help. Helen picked up most of her techniques from the SDCOS. She will likely have some areas that apply to you during her

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## GENERAL MEETING—July 3, 7:30 PM

### **On the Road to the 20th WOC Singapore 2011 via China and Malaysia**

By Scott Labouff, 1st Vice President

Join Nico Goossens as he shares his adventures to the 20th WOC in November of 2011, with a group of orchid hobbyist and judges from San Francisco. He visited China from Beijing to Shanghai via bus, boat, and train and then Malaysia from Penang in the north to Johor Bahru in the south via bus. He then crossed the bay to Singapore, the city nation.

visits to The Forbidden City, The Great Wall, The Orchid Museum, Putoshan Island and Monastery in China, with travels through Malaysia finding orchids in the wild as well as nurseries, and then capping the trip off with the World Orchid Show and Conference in Singapore. In addition, you'll see photos of the Singapore Botanical Garden and its most prestigious Orchid Garden..

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The presentation offers views of his

# San Diego County Orchid Society

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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](mailto:batescroom@gmail.com).

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July 2, 6:30 PM  
**SDCOS Culture Meeting**  
First Tuesday of the month  
Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

July 2, 7:30 PM  
**SDCOS General Meeting**  
First Tuesday of the month  
Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

July 3  
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

July 6  
**SDCOS Species Group Meeting**  
First Saturday of the month  
Paul or Ann Tuskes (858) 274-5829

July 8, 7:00 PM  
**SDCOS Board Meeting**  
Normally, the Thursday following the General Meeting, Balboa Park, Rm. 104, but not this time due to the holiday.

July 17  
**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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*Show in the Park*

**July 20 and 21**

Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

## Update from your president

By Bruce Berg

Welcome to summer!

Thank you also for re-electing me and the other officers for another term (which will be my last term) as President of our society. Looking back at the past year, the Board made a number of changes to address issues affecting our society.

Our society put on the 2013 Spring Show "Orchids by the Sea." The show was a great one! We hosted the AOS Members meeting in conjunction with our show and received many compliments from them on the quality of the show as well as the quality of our displays and plants. Unfortunately, our net income was down from the previous years. While attendance was not improved, our rates to rent the facility were up, and the second largest deficit was presales of tickets by the members. Our efforts in advertizing our show did not seem to work.

We formed a finance committee whose job is to find safe investments for the society's money.

We changed our newsletter to electronic delivery, with the option for members to continue with mail delivery if they help pay the cost of mailing.

Our membership has been slowly dwindling. This is probably due to a combination of factors. Many if not most similar societies have also been experiencing declines in membership. With social networking changing the ways we interact, I wonder if people now do not feel as much need for interpersonal interactions. Information is only a click away. Our Vice Presidents are working hard to bring in interesting and new speakers to make our meetings more interesting. We need to find more things new members and current mem-

bers will find interesting enough to want to be members of our society. This means things to do. Another factor is the increasing age of our members. At 64, I feel like one of the younger members.

We have started a program to give our new members gift certificates to be used with vendors who advertize in our newsletters.

We have a student membership program approved but not yet started.

Jim Wright has also started coordinating visits to our vendors. He has also started coordinating visits to member homes so we can socialize and see how other members grow their orchids.

Nico Goossens and I are working on coordinating hikes in search of our local native orchids.

Our Webmaster, Jack Schaefer, has been working hard to make our website useful and informative to our members as well as to document the quality plants awarded at our shows and AOS judging.

We host the local AOS judging center for the southwest region. Members are encouraged to have their plants judged for AOS awards. Paul Tuskes extends a welcome for any of our members who would be interested in learning about judging orchids to contact him about becoming an AOS judge.

This coming year, I intend to continue to work on fun projects to bring in more members while looking for ways to keep our new members engaged in participation with the society. One new member, Laura Nolden has volunteered to help recruit volunteers for our society activities. You may be hearing from her as our shows approach!

I would like to expand on Jim Wright's work to host social gatherings at member houses

like we do with the Species group but change the focus more for the novices and look at basic orchid culture.

I will work to have a balanced budget and ensure our investments are managed.

This next year we will host our 68<sup>th</sup> annual Spring Show on March 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. I will co-chair this again with Dave Hoffmaster. Several of the board members have volunteered to work as a committee to look into ways to make changes to our shows to see what we can do to improve our net income. Volunteers from the general membership to help on this activity would be welcomed.

## Summer Show and Sale in the Park

By David Brown

It is once again time for another of our shows. I would like to encourage you to share your flowering orchids with us and the public. The dates for the show are July 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>; set-up will be on Friday the 19<sup>th</sup>. We will begin set-up about 2:00pm. On Saturday we are open to the public from about noon until 5:00pm and on Sunday from 10:00am until 4:00pm. We actually open to the public on Saturday when we have finished judging, generally, a little before noon. We also open the sales area to the public at 10:00 am on Saturday. Plants can be registered on Friday from 4:00 - 8:00pm and Saturday from 8:00 until 9:30 am. We begin judging at 10:00 AM sharp, so please have your plants registered before then. As a new feature to this Show, we will have AOS judging. Because this is new, we may have a few bugs to work out, so please be patient with us.

These events in the Park are an effort to encourage people to grow orchids and to educate the public about the hobby that we are so engrossed. Additionally, the Shows in the Park are a method of fund raising for our So-

ciety. The money raised helps keeps that cost of membership down. So, if you have divisions of plants that you would like to get rid of in order to free some space for new acquisitions, there are a few options. We have a member's sales area where you can sell your plants on consignment, you can donate them to the Society or you can donate them to the Conservation Committee. All options help. If you want to sell your own plants, first you need to be a member, and then you will need to get a vendor number from Carol Berg in order to get credit for your sales. If you have any questions, you may contact Carol or myself.

The only way for the Shows in the Park to succeed is for you, the membership, to support these activities. WE NEED YOU! Without you we cannot pull this off. We always need volunteers to perform a variety of tasks such as security, host, set-up and tear-down, help in the sales area and a variety of various and sundry other tasks. A few hours of your time are all it takes. There will be a sign up sheet for volunteers available at the July Meeting. This is a great way to meet members and to glean information for some of our tremendous growers/hobbyists. This is an especially great opportunity for new members who want to learn about growing orchids. There is always a need for security Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning.

Also, new this Show, I would like to suggest that people to bring in some sort of snack to share. Felisa and Ernie Ancantilado often bring pancit (it is a very delicious Philippine delight), so if you can bring some tasty treat to share, that would be great. The Society will provide water and coffee.

I hope to see all of you at the show. Have a great day and Happy Orchiding!

## 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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Nico first joined the society in the mid 70's and grew orchids mainly outdoors until 1995, when he designed and built his own medium sized greenhouse. While developing his small orchid business since 1995, he has traveled to Brazil, Ecuador, Indonesia, Malaysia, China, and Singapore to see orchids growing in the wild. He is also very interested in conservation, especially our own native species. Nico has led hiking trips for our society in our local mountains as well as other coastal localities up through Santa Barbara. This July 13 he will be touring the Sierra Nevada foothills to see the other California native orchid species.

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presentation.

We all know Helen as little miss sparkle at any of our doings. Her enthusiasm for anything orchid related is positively infectious. She never holds back on her enthusiasm as long as it has something to do with orchids. Helen says that 8 years ago she joined SDCOS knowing very little about orchids. She jumped right in by volunteering for just about everything. First it was clerking during ribbon judging, and then helping with set up for our shows, along with many, many more areas wherever she could lend a hand. She is now the Secretary for your Board of Directors, where she has held that position for the past three years. Beyond all her volunteer work she takes all the Society has to offer regarding orchid care. She must be doing something right as you can see from the quality of the plants she brings in for our Plant Forum. Helen has picked up a number of awards for her orchids and this year she received the ultimate award in the form of a First Class Certificate (FCC) from the American Orchid Society for her beautiful Dendrobium Hibiki 'Sandra's Delight' with 93 points! (See "Orchids" The Bulletin of the American Orchid Society, April 2013, page 227.)

What a great time everyone had last month during Charlie Fouquette's presentation. A number of the board members as well as several of the membership had plenty of positive comments about Charlie's presentation. There are so many varieties of *speciosum* to choose from that there is bound to be a selection of some kind to meet any grower's need. Charlie really deserves an "ataboy" and thanks for the very fine presentation.

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## From the Membership Desk

Please welcome our newest members:

Leonard Jachimiak, Gary & April Louis, Eric Isaacson, and Eve Buelna. We would also like to wish a welcome back to Barbara Miller.

## San Diego County Orchid Society General Membership Meeting June 4, 2013

Ron Kaufmann from the Nomination Committee, read the slate of officers selected by said committee:

Bruce Berg - President  
Scott LaBouff - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Debby Halliday - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Helen Pfister - Secretary  
Carol Berg - Treasurer  
Bob Clark - Director-at-Large 2013-2016

President Bruce Berg asked if there were any nominations from the floor. No names were forthcoming. He then asked for a motion to elect these officers for the year 2013-2014. Candy Kalman then moved that the membership accept the slate as read by Ron Kaufmann the motion was seconded and a vote was called for - the motion passed.

These officers will be sworn in at the July General Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen R. Pfister  
Secretary

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## Spring show committee

Believe it or not, it is time to start thinking about the spring show. This is our big show at the Scottish Rite Event Center in Mission Valley and it will be held March 21-23, 2014. The first thing we need to select is a theme for the show. Last year's theme was "Orchids by the Sea."

We need your ideas for this year's theme. If you would like to participate, please submit your ideas by email to Dave Hoffmaster ([davehoff5@yahoo.com](mailto:davehoff5@yahoo.com)) or to Bruce Berg ([b2berg@yahoo.com](mailto:b2berg@yahoo.com)) or bring your list to the July general meeting. The show committee will review all entries and select 6 to 8 to submit to the membership for a vote at the August meeting. Please limit your list to 5 or 6 ideas. Remember, we must have your ideas by July 2 so we can select the list to submit for a vote. The person who submits the winning theme will receive a one year subscription to Orchid Digest so put on your thinking cap and come up with some ideas.

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# Judging at the San Diego Judging Center Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park

July 2013.

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

There were 13 orchids presented for judging.  
Six were awarded, including one receiving  
two awards.



Clockwise from top: *Laelia pfisteri* 'Crista' HCC/AOS; *Cyrtocidium* Steve Beckendorf 'Ushi' AM/AOS; *Epicyclia* Serena O'Neill 'Royal Basin Surprise' AM/AOS; *C. Latona* 'Nancy Ruth' HCC/AOS, CCE/AOS; *Sedirea japonica* 'Bell'Orchidea' CCM/AOS; *Paph.* Julius 'SVO' AM/AOS.

## San Diego County Orchid Society Board Meeting Minutes

June 6, 2013

Attendees: Bruce Berg, Carol Berg, David Brown, Helen Pfister, Bob Clark, Jim Wright and visitor Jack Schaefer and Dave Hoffmaster.

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

### Officer Reports:

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

Carol Berg presented the treasurer's report for the month of May. David Brown moved to file the report for audit—the motion passed.

### Committee Reports:

Dave Hoffmaster presented more information in regards to the Spring Show for 2016 and 2017 and the deposits required by the Scottish Rite Center. Jim Wright moved the Board to approve the deposits for these years pending the approval from the membership - the motion passed.

Jack Schaefer, our webmaster reported an increase in the number of people who have looked at the newsletter page and the vendor page. He will be updating some of the other pages on our site.

Bob Clark, our membership chair reported that our membership is down. Post cards are planned to be sent to those who do not respond to the notifications that their membership is about to or has expired.

### Old Business:

Jim Wright reported that 22 people have

signed up for the tour of Debby Halliday's greenhouse.

Bob Clark reported that the number of people requesting hard copies of the newsletter has gone up to 31 for July.

The new Board was elected at the June meeting and David Brown will swear in the Board at the July meeting.

Bruce Berg gave a brief report on the San Diego Fair and what he is doing. A full report will follow at the end of the Fair.

David Brown will be the Chair, as usual, for the July Show in the Park. AOS Judging will be available.

David Brown moved that a new Members Volunteer coordinator position be created—the motion passed. David Brown moved that Laura Nolden be the chair of this new committee—the motion passed.

The Board discussed the purchase of a gift certificate for Bob Stanley. David Brown moved that a \$100.00 gift certificate be purchased and that Ben Machado be in charge of calling Bob to discover the best certificate to purchase—the motion passed.

### New Business:

Helen Pfister moved that *OrchidWiz* be renewed for another year at \$97.50—the motion passed. The Board requested that Bruce Berg contact the Conservation Committee and request that they share in the cost of *OrchidWiz*.

Bruce Berg requested of David Brown the dates for the General Meeting, Board Meeting and Shows in the Park from the San Diego Botanical Garden Foundation for the following years: 2013 and 2014.

Speakers for July will be as follows:

Culture Class—Helen Pfister, What I've learned in My 8 Years as a Member.

General Meeting—Nico Goossens TBA.

Opportunity Table—TBA.

David Brown would like to attend the banquet being held by the San Diego Botanical Garden Foundation, our parent organization. Helen Pfister moved that we pay the fee for David to attend the banquet—the motion passed.

Date for the next Board Meeting is **Monday July 8, 2013**.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen R. Pfister  
Secretary

## 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.

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## Letter From the Editor

Dear SDCOS,

Nico asked me at the 11th hour when I was leisurely cleaning the lint from my navel with surgical-grade tweezers to include something about a trip to the Sierra Foothills to look for orchids with Curtis Gean over the July 13th weekend that begins in Sanger, CA. Email or call Nico [(760) 942-4143] if you're interested in the trip, as the group size is getting rather large, and it might be too big by the time you read this. They're trying to see these things: Cephalanthera, Corallorhiza, Cypripedium, Epipactis, Goodyera, Listera, Malaxis, Piperia, Platanthera, and perhaps Spiranthes.

I hope you have an awesome 4th of July weekend and thoroughly enjoy and revel in the fact that our nation is capable of having a bloodless revolution every 4 years and all of us are free to openly and profusely criticize the government, and that we celebrate these facts every year with nighttime sky explosions. Left, right, or middle, I know you have something to complain about, so thank a soldier, a judge, a peace officer, a Freedom Rider, the NRA, and the ACLU for helping to ensure you still can (you can pick and choose among these if that makes you more comfortable). Visualize your most beautiful orchid on the grave of your favorite Founding Father and imagine a bureaucracy that isn't doomed to failure just because it's a bureaucracy...and now that we're in Sweden, there's nothing more patriotic about being American on the 4th, whichever flavor of American you are. Just remember: the only two things that ever made this nation great were fantastic indigenous people, and fantastic immigrants, and everyone here fits into those categories quite nicely. That's why we work.

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Happy Growing,  
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