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CULTURE MEETING—September 3, 6:30 PM *Orchid Nutrition: Myths and Facts*

By Debby Halliday, 2nd Vice President

The September culture class will be presented by Kay Klausing and is titled “Orchid Nutrition: Myths and Facts.” It promises to be interesting and informative for beginners and experts alike.

Kay is a biochemist/molecular geneticist by training. He works as a scientist at a local biotech firm, Illu-

mina. He has been growing orchids for almost 30 years and has tried it all, from windowsill to under lights to greenhouse. He currently grows species only, with an emphasis on the Cattleya alliance.

For stronger, healthier plants, don’t miss this presentation!

GENERAL MEETING—September 3, 7:30 PM *Wild Orchids of Popa Mountain N.P., Burma*

By Scott Labouff, 1st Vice President

Winn Winmaw will present his trip to Mt. Popa, in Burma, to search for native wild orchids, arranged by his cousin, Dr. Saw Lwin, an orchidologist. Besides enjoying the beauty of the orchids found, Winn’s tour group also encountered native villagers, banana plantations, exotic foods as well as experiences with the wildlife present.

Mount Popa is located in Burma’s central plains. This mountain, an extinct volcano with an elevation of 4,981 feet, is considered the home of Burma’s most powerful Nats (spirits) and an important spiritual

center hosting various yearly pilgrimages. The name *Popa* is believed to have originated from the Pali-Sanskrit word *puppa* meaning ‘flower’. Popa Mountain National Park, occupying approximately fifty square miles, much of it cloud forest, was established in 1989. This mountain is an oasis of flora and fauna supported by rich volcanic soil with numerous springs and streams, surrounded by an otherwise arid area.

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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.

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Please contact Carol Berg at winklerca@yahoo.com.

Information for the October newsletter must be submitted by September 15.



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September 7
SDCOS Species Group Meeting
First Saturday of the month
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September 3, 6:30 PM
SDCOS Culture Meeting
First Tuesday of the month
Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

September 3, 7:30 PM
SDCOS General Meeting
First Tuesday of the month
Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

September 4
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

September 5, 7:00 PM
SDCOS Board Meeting
Normally the Thursday following the General Meeting, Balboa Park, Rm. 104.

September 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

September 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



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Sunday, October 13, 2013
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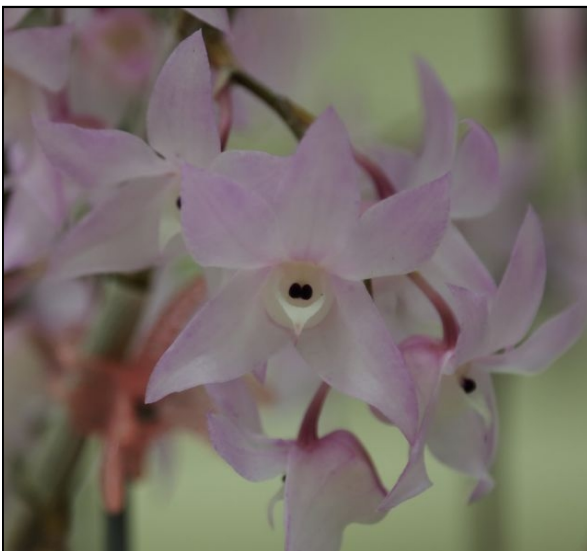
Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, August 2013.

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

There were five orchids presented for judging. Two were awarded, including one receiving two awards.



C. Pink Leopard 'John's Pick' AM/AOS
Exhibited by Billy Baker
Awarded AM/AOS 80 points



Den. aduncum 'Tan Huang Nguyen' AM/AOS, CCM/AOS
Exhibited by Tam Huang Nguyen
Awarded AM/AOS 82 points, CCM/AOS 85 points

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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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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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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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

General Meeting continued from page 1...

Winn was born in Shan State, eastern Burma. Here, *Cymbidium lowianum*, *Vanda coerulea* and *Paphiopedilum charlesworthii* are found abundantly in the wild. The first orchid that Winn collected from the forest floor was a *Dendrobium* species when he was 7 years old. With this he began taking care of orchids in his family's garden. As an undergraduate studying physics at the University of Rangoon, Winn was a member of the Department of Botany's orchid society. Later he lived in Japan for four years for further study and training.

In 1988, he moved to the United States and settled in Orange County. Eventually he began collecting and growing orchids. Today he has a large orchid collection, many of which are Vandaceous orchids that he grows in a shade house and greenhouse. He has been a member of the Newport Harbor Orchid Society since 1995. Recently Winn has made several trips back to Burma exploring for orchids in the wild.

Join Winn and fellow society members for dinner before the general meeting at the Prado restaurant. Call 619-248-7300 to RSVP.

The plant opportunity table will be provided by Rex Foster Orchids.

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From the Membership Desk

Please welcome our
newest members:

Myra DeTate
John Snyder
Joseph & Darci Kelleher
Wendy Garnica
Alyse Ford
Leslie Franklin

In Search of Native Orchids In the Sierra National

By Bruce Berg



On the weekend of July 15, and 16, 2013, Nico Goossens organized a trip to see wild orchids in the foothills of the Sierras out of Fresno with a guide, Curtis Gean, who has



Goodyera oblongifolia

been looking at these natives for over 30 years. Nico, Lisa Humphreys, Bob Clark, and I were the only ones on the trip. We estimated we saw multiple hundreds if not thousands

of orchids on the trip. We saw 8 species representing 5 genera. We did not have to travel



Piperia transversa

more than 50 feet from where we parked the vehicles to view them! Some of the plants had already bloomed and were covered in seed pods. At the end of the second day's trip, we stopped at the Mono Hot Springs lodge,

general store, and restaurant, where we found *Epipactis gigantea* in bloom just below the entrance to the restaurant!

Every turn in the road brought new vistas. The roads were one lane with turnouts



Spiranthes pomifolia

which gave us the unique opportunity to have short conversations with oncoming traffic. "What's the road like ahead?" and "There's another car following us by about a half mile." We are already talking about a return

trip next May when we expect to find *Cypripediums* in bloom in the park as well as other early blooming plants.



Photos from the Summer Show in the Park July 2013

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It was great to see a Tom 'Encyclia' Osborn plant in the winner's circle again: *Encyclia* (syn. *Panarica*) *ionocentra* took 1st Place and Best of Section 12 at the Summer Show in the Park.

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Ken Campbell took 1st Place and Best of Section 10 for this unknown Phalenopsis-section Dendrobium (now Vappodes) hybrid with *D. bigibum*-dominant blooms.



Lc. Mari's Song x Lc. Mini Purple, grown by Debbie Halliday, swept 1st/Best of Section 6.



Cym. Australian Midnight G-HO earned Tom Biggart 1st Place, Best of Section 1.



Debbie Halliday's Dtps. Juibao 'Queen Diamond' earned 1st Place/Best of Section 8.



Debbie Halliday's Miltoniopsis hybrid also took 1st Place/Best of Section 9.



Orchid Source brought in this Paph. Prime Child, which was awarded 1st Place/Best of Section 7.



Phyllis Prestia's Laelia Pacavia 'Ace' (a 1⁰ hybrid) earned 1st Place and Best of Section 4.

Summer Show and Sale Recap

By David Brown

Once again you have done an outstanding job putting on our Summer Show and Sale. There were many many beautiful flowers brought in by our members. I want to personally thank each and every person that brought in plants. I also want to thank all the volunteers who made the show run so smoothly. Additionally, I would like to thank Laura Nolden, our new volunteer coordinator, whose organization and enthusiasm is a breath of fresh air. She notified our volunteers when and where they were needed and did a fantastic job contacting them in advance to remind them when they signed up.

Our little pot luck goodies were very nice and we had some good things to nosh on while the show was going on. I would like to thank Bruce and Carol for bringing in donuts and Carol for making a very delicious peach cobbler; Susan Lewit brought in some taste snacks as well, Carey McCoy brought in a delicious quiche and I brought in a concoction with eggs, bacon, ham and cheese. I apologize for not knowing who brought in a nice salad and some cinnamon rolls, but they were tasty as well. Thank you for making our show a bit more fun.

Now for the meat of the matter, without plants our show is nothing so I wish to thank the following members: Irma Adams, Bruce Berg, Carol Berg, Tom Biggart, Ken Campbell, Joy Cisco, Bob Clark, Don Doerfler, David Eveleth, Siv Garrod, Nico Goossens, Debby Halliday, The Hoffmasters, Lisa Humphreys, Candy Kalman, Betty Kelepecz, Kay Klausning, Scott La Bouff, Ben & Susie Machado, Anna Majevskis, Krista Mills, Orchid Source, Tom Osborn, Pam Peters, Phyllis Prestia, Jack Schaefer, Jerry Spencer, Anita Spencer, Jim Wright, and Corky Zumstein for bring in such fabulous plants.

Additionally, I would like to thank our vendors who help make the show an interesting event for the public. There are always plants for sale, but there are also a variety of orchid related products for sale. There were plants for sale that benefited the Society and of course also our famous Conservation Committee. I would especially like to thank Lisa and Nico. They are a ubiquitous part of our shows. They are always very helpful to the public by answering questions and taking people around the show to show people the kinds of plants that are easily grown here in San Diego.

I would like to especially thank Jack Schaefer for helping me get the lattice from the garage that we used to partition the show area from the sales area. Special thanks likewise goes out to Nico Goosen, Kay Klausning, and Dick Chadwick who helped me take the lattice back to the garage. Jack generally helps with this task, but was unable to assist this time. Originally, I did this by myself, which was quite a task. The old adage is true that "many hands make light work." I also want to thank everyone who helped set the show up and to tear it down.

Our next show is October 26 and 27 and I look forward to seeing the fabulous plants that are in bloom in October. Bruce Berg is looking for a show chair and I would like to encourage you to volunteer for the position. Our shows pretty much run themselves and all you would need to do is coordinate the various people that are in charge of the tasks that need doing. Also one will need to organize the vendors; I can give you the list of emails that I use to contact them.

August update from your President

By Bruce Berg

Thank you to retiring 2nd VP Ben Machado. The Board appreciates your contributions. The Board also welcomes our new 2nd VP Debbie Halliday. She is already hitting the road with a questionnaire to members requesting ideas for culture meeting topics. Please help her by filling out the questionnaire, because you will be the beneficiaries. Also welcome Bob Clark who was elected Director at Large.

We have a new member, Laura Nolden, who has offered to be our volunteer coordinator. She joins us from Houston, Texas. She will work with show chairpersons and others who need help to recruit volunteers. You may have seen her handing out thank you gifts to the members who signed up to help at the Summer Show at our last meeting. Please introduce yourselves to her and continue to volunteer to help out.

We also have another new member, Leslie Costello who was elected by the Board to be our social media coordinator. She will update our Facebook Web presence as well as other web sites where we can let the public know about us. She joins us from Florida.

The preliminary financial report is in for the past fiscal year. Your treasurer reports that for the year, the Society achieved a balanced budget. This is great news. The Board has approved a budget for the coming year that is also a balanced budget.

July was a busy month. Thanks to David Brown and all of you who volunteered to make another great show! Also thanks to all of you who brought in your plants. There

were many outstanding plants brought in. I've heard many compliments from our visitors about the quality and beauty of your plants. Attendance seems to be up from previous shows. Thanks also to Laura Nolden for encouraging members to participate in the show. At this show, members brought in potluck items to share after the judging. This was a good idea and welcomed by the members who participated on the judging teams. Thanks also to Pam Peters who organized the plant registration and judging with the help of Betty Kelepecz and Siv Garrod as well as Carol Berg and Jack Schaefer for their work with plant sales. There were some great deals from vendors Ben Machado, Billy Baker, Tom Osborn, Tom Biggert, Linda Gardner, Orchid Source, and our own members who supported our Conservation and Society sales with plant donations as well as selling their own plants. A related article in the July newsletter listed the Best of Show and Best of Section winners along with photos.

This is a good time to start planning for our next Show in the Park which will be held the weekend of October 26 and 27.

At the August board meeting, a new standing position was created. The board approved the creation of a **Social Networking Coordinator Position** to replace the previous Facebook editor position which will also get our society listed on other social network websites in addition to Facebook. **Leslie Costello was elected to this position by the board.** She recently joined our society from the Orchid society in Florida. The board thanks Kevin and Tiffany Rynearson for their work in setting up our initial Facebook presence.

At the last General Meeting, the members voted on a theme. The winning theme is: **A Symphony of Orchids** which was submitted by Genie Hammond.

San Diego County Orchid Society Board Meeting Minutes

August 8, 2013

Attendees: Bruce Berg, Carol Berg, David Brown, Scott LaBouff, Helen Pfister, Kay Klausung, Jim Wright and **visitors:** Jack Schaefer, Ron Kaufmann, Laura Nolden, Leslie Costello.

The meeting was called to order by President Bruce Berg at 7:02 PM.

Officer Reports:

Minutes for the July Board meeting were approved via email prior to this meeting and were published in the August newsletter.

Carol Berg presented the treasurer's report for July. Carol reported that we executed a balanced budget for the past year. David Brown moved to file the report for audit—the motion passed.

The Budget for 2013-2014 was presented to the Board by Carol Berg—David Brown moved to accept the budget—the motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Spring Show Committee reported: The signed copies of the contracts for 2015, 2016, and 2017 were received back from the Scottish Rite Events Center.

The theme selected for 2014 by the membership is: *A Symphony of Orchids*.

Jack Schaefer, our webmaster, reported that the Board members' page is up on a test basis and needs to be used by the Board members to see what problems may arise. The number of people accessing our website is up

and there seems to be more interest in several areas. The Conservation Committee will have an app going directly to Ron Kaufmann. Laura Nolden will have her named added to the contacts page as the volunteer coordinator.

Jack has notified the Board that he will be on vacation during the end of this month and the first part of September. He requested that the newsletter needs to be sent to him prior to his being in an area that does not have Wi-Fi so that he can post the newsletter to our website before the General Meeting.

Membership Chair: no report Bob Clark not present.

Old Business:

Jim Wright has scheduled another tour for us on September 21, 2013 at SVO, Sunset Valley Orchids. We will meet at 11 AM at SVO. Fred Clarke is offering all members a 20% discount.

Scott LaBouff is working on the culture website and Jim Wright volunteered to assist with this effort.

July Show in the Park - We had one. David has been notified by the San Diego Park that the stage is not to be touched. Therefore, the Best of Section area needs to be reconfigured to meet this demand.

Ron Kaufmann suggested that Carol get in touch with Chris Miller from the San Diego Cactus and Succulent Society about how they use bar codes with their vendors.

Laura Nolden suggested that a First Aid Kit would be useful to the Society.

Zip ties will be needed for the next show.

Bruce Berg volunteered to purchase these at Harbor Freight's next sale.

David Brown will notify the Board of the scheduled meeting dates, show dates and Board meeting dates as soon as he receives the City Use Permits showing the dates approved for 2014.

New Business:

Laura Nolden, our volunteer coordinator, reported on her efforts for the summer show. We had lots of new faces. Her reminders were well received by all members who volunteered in advance.

Leslie Costello, has volunteered to assist with Facebook. Bruce Berg will call Kevin Rynearson who set up the Facebook account and see if he would like some assistance.

Bruce Berg moved that a new subcommittee Representative be added to Article VII, Section 1, for a Social Media Coordinator position—the motion passed.

Leslie Costello was nominated by Bruce Berg—the motion passed.

Goals for new Board 2013-2014 will be approved via email.

Helen Pfister moved that Bruce Berg be allowed to purchase the following items: Anti-virus software for the Society computer, a laser pointer and an adapter to connect USB computer outlet to our projector spending no more than \$100.00—the motion passed.

Ron Kaufmann, from the conservation committee and the Board held discussions about the mixing of the conservation and society orchids for sale at our Summer show in the park. We talked about seeing if there were other ways to sell plants at park shows that would be less confusing. Ron and Bruce will discuss alternative ways to sell Conservation and Society donated plants. Bruce will present these alternatives to the Board at a

later date. Ron informed the Board of several changes in the conservation proposal approval process.

Ron and Bruce both received a call from Pauline Fox who has orchids and other related items that she would like to donate to the conservation group and the society. Among the items are Wardian cases.

Helen Pfister volunteered to be the Orchid Digest representative. The Standing Committees and positions for 2013-2014 were printed in July's newsletter.

David Brown moved to accept the Standing Committees and positions for 2013-2014 as amended above—the motion passed.

The Board held discussions about the Holiday Party. Scott and Helen will work on some ideas for the next meeting. Maybe partially catered and additional items supplied by the Board.

Speakers for September:

Culture Class—TBA
General Meeting—TBA
Plant Opportunity Table—TBA

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 M.

Respectfully submitted,
Helen R. Pfister, Secretary

Spring Show Committee

We have a theme for our next spring show and it is "A Symphony of Orchids." The membership voted at the last general meeting and "A Symphony of Orchids" won by a narrow margin over the other seven choices. We would like to thank the membership for their votes and we would like to thank Genie Hammond for submitting the winning theme.



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Letter From the Editor

Dear SDCOS,

Summer appears to have come a little late this year. Last year at this time I had a year's supply of elderberry jam put up already; the same berries on the same bush are just starting to turn blue and will be ready for picking in a week or two—a full month behind where they were in 2012.

I tend to notice everything happening later in the year whenever we have cooler-than-average temperatures for a prolonged period each season, like we did this summer. Nature is funny that way: add water and heat if you want to speed things up; dry them out and cool them off if you want to slow them down. Every arthropod and plant I know of abides by this, the fact that it is an exalted line-bred tetraploid awarded clone (or lowly native orchid—see pg. 7) notwithstanding.

That means it's time to start paying the water company a bit more, as well as Grow More, Miracle-Gro, Osmocote, or whomever else you pay for nitrogen. Be hypervigilant about bugs, as they will explode in population for this is the time of secondary infestations due to orchids receiving less than ideal care, softening their leaves up for the army of the biting and sucking mouthparts and their ant slavemasters. (Remembering that 2,000,000 mosquito bites will completely dehydrate the average head of range cattle seems helpful right now.) You learned last month about how to handle this unholy business, and I'm sorry I didn't mention Bt (*Bacillus thuringiensis*—we put some of its genes in GMO corn), but that's because it only kills caterpillars as far as we know.

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Happy Growing,
Christopher