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port the conservation of orchids in the wild.*

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CULTURE MEETING—October 1, 6:30 PM *How to Buy and Build Your Collection*

By Debby Halliday, 2nd Vice President

We have the San Diego Botanic Garden Show and the SDCOS Fall Show in the Park coming up in October with excellent buying opportunities. It seems like a good time to discuss "How to Buy Orchids and Build Your Collection." The culture class will feature a panel of excellent growers and long-time collectors. They will each offer some ideas and then you

will have a chance to ask questions (any questions).

The panelists will be:

Charley Fouquette—if you don't know him already, you will remember him from his June culture class

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GENERAL MEETING—October 1, 7:30 PM *Paphiopedilum Passionis by Rafael Acosta-Jaramillo*

By Scott Labouff, 1st Vice President

I am delighted to welcome Rafael Acosta-Jaramillo, VP of Sales and Marketing at OrchidSource Laboratory and Nursery located in Vista, CA; www.orchidsource.com. Rafael will share his passion for Paphiopedilums. You may recall Rafael participated in our Spring Show, Orchids by the Sea, this past March displaying a tree ornamented with several flowering Paphiopedilum plants contained in glass Aqua-Terra Pods.

Rafael was first introduced to the fascinating orchid world in 1995 by Barry Lee Cohen, owner of G&B Orchids Lab & Nursery Inc. This intro-

duction to the astonishing color, diversity, and uniqueness of orchids is the pillar of his passion for orchid collection, hybridizing and cultivation. Additionally, his vast amount of hands-on experience through orchid cultivation via laboratory propagation, division, and tissue culture provide an aptitude for general orchid care.

Rafael's passion and discipline allows for creative programs that encompass, above all things, orchid conser-

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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 November newsletter must be submitted by October 15.

San Diego County Orchid Society Fall Show and Sale



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Sunday October 27, 2013 - 10:00 am until 4:00 pm



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Orchid Dates to Remember

October 1, 6:30 PM

SDCOS Culture Meeting

First Tuesday of the month

Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

October 1, 7:30 PM

SDCOS General Meeting

First Tuesday of the month

Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

October 2

First Wednesday of the month

Palomar Orchid Society Meeting

Culture class at 6:30; program at 7:00

First Wednesday of the month

Lake San Marcos Pavilion—NEW LOCATION

331105 La Bonita Dr., San Marcos, CA 92078

October 3, 7:00 PM

SDCOS Board Meeting

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

October 12- DIFFERENT DATE THIS MONTH

SDCOS Species Group Meeting

First Saturday of the month

Paul or Ann Tuskes (858) 274-5829

October 16

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

October 18

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Janette Gerrity (619) 231-1515 ext. 4306



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Judging at the San Diego Judging Center

Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, September 2013.

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

There were 7 orchids presented for judging. One was awarded.



Dracula gongora var. *xanthina* 'Windflower' HCC/AOS
Exhibited by Betty Kelepecz
Awarded HCC/AOS, 79 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:

Rohrl, Helmut 858-452-0976

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Contact orchldy1@mac.com

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
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Species, all types
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Ann Tuskes (858) 274-5829

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

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

Pleurothallids
[Christopher Croom](mailto:Christopher.Croom@comcast.net) (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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From the Membership Desk

Please welcome our
 newest members:

Ray Conser
 Ginny Hammes
 Josh Hunter
 Curt Stika.

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on growing Australian Dendrobiums. In Charley, we have both a grower and a vendor. He has been breeding and raising orchids since 1974 in El Cajon and currently specializes in hybridizing Australian native Dendrobiums for the California market. He also grows beautiful Paphs and other genera. He is a life member of the SDCOS. Charley will be one of the vendors at our show, so take this opportunity to get some tips!

Betty Kelepecz—She has been an orchid hobbyist in Southern California for over 30 years. She and her husband Steve have been growing orchids in the Point Loma area of San Diego since 2003. Among their 800 + orchids which grow outside, in a small greenhouse, and in a small shade structure in San Diego; Betty and Steve grow a large selection of predominantly species orchids. Betty specializes in Pleurothallids and grows Masdevallias and Draculas outside in her side yard. Betty's orchids have received approximately 30 AOS awards including the AOS Carlyle A. Luer Pleurothallid Award in 2011. She clearly knows how to build a collection of quality species plants. I can't wait to hear her advice.

Pam Peters—Pam has been an orchid enthusiast for twenty years. In 1992 she joined SDCOS and has since served on the Board and was Co-Chair of the Spring Show in 2008. She participates in five annual San Diego shows, mainly as ribbon judging chair. She is a Life Member of SDCOS. Pam enjoys growing Cattleya hybrids, Australian Dendrobiums, and species from Central and South America in her outdoor shade house in coastal San Diego. As an experienced collector and grower, Pam has developed strategies for finding good plants that I know you'll want to hear.

Debby Halliday (moderator)—Although I've been growing orchids on and off for over 40

years, I have had my present greenhouse only 4 years and have been enjoying the challenge of building a new and varied collection from scratch. I'll be happy to share some of my mistakes and insights gained in the process.

This discussion promises to be fun and interesting, so bring your questions!

General Meeting continued from page 1...

vation projects coordinated in conjunction with other reputable orchid growers including OrchidSource Laboratory and Nursery, Katai Phrao Orchids, Thai OrchidSource, and The Orchid Zone Ltd. Rafael brings 18 years of experience with orchids and holds a B.A. in Computer Science as well as a minor in Spanish from California State University San Marcos.

Join Rafael and fellow society members for dinner before the general meeting at the Prado restaurant. Call 619-248-7300 to R.S.V.P.

The plant opportunity table will be provided by OrchidSource Laboratory and Nursery.

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October Show in the Park

By Bruce Berg

Mark your calendars for the weekend of October 26 and 27. Your society is hosting an orchid show and plant show at Balboa Park in room 101 of the Prado building. As always, your help in putting on the show is key to a fun weekend when we get to show off our plants to the public.

We will be doing setup about 2 pm on Friday, the 25th. Plants can be brought in for registration after 3 pm, or on Saturday before 9:30 am. Plant judging starts at 10:00 am and goes until about noon when we open to the public until 5:00 pm and on Sunday from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm. We actually open the plant sales area to the public on Saturday before judging is over. The display area is open after judging and a little before noon. Plants can be registered on Friday from 4:00 until 8:00 pm 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.

As we get closer to the time to start protecting our plants from the cold and rainy winter season, this would be a good time to go thru our collections and pull out plants that you wish to either sell or donate. If you are a member and wish to sell plants, we have a member sales area. If you wish to sell your plants, you will need a vendor number which you can get by calling Carol Berg. Another option is to donate your plants to conservation. We have vendors who will be tempting you to fill those empty spaces on your benches with new plants.

Laura Nolden will have a sign up list at our October meeting. So, if you can help out, please sign up. Members who sign up and help out will be given coffee mugs as a thank

you gift. We need help with setup, tear-down, judging, security, hosting, and writing up sales tickets.

At the last show, we had good success with a potluck after judging. Let's do it again!

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October Update from Your President

By: Bruce Berg

Temperatures are soaring here in East County. One day last week, my outside thermometer registered 107 under shade cloth. It was 117 in my little greenhouse with 3 fans going, misting 3 times a day. Bad thing is I lost a bunch of plants. Good thing is that I now know which plants that can survive being baked.

There are a couple of new things happening that you might be interested in. First, one of our new members, Leslie Costello, who joins us from Florida, has offered to work on our Facebook page as a content editor. There is an article elsewhere in the newsletter giving instructions on how you can “Like” us on Facebook and receive posts on what’s going on. She is also looking at other social media to see how we can make our society visible to the public and hopefully bring in visitors to our shows and our meetings.

Another new venture that we are looking at is to see if we can start up another group for new members which will function like the Species group. Another new member, Laura Nolden, has told me a little bit about how this kind of meeting operates at her previous society in Houston. It must have been around for awhile, because Tom Biggart, who is also a refugee from Houston, endorses the idea. We will set up a trial meeting in November to see if it would be of interest to our society. Carol and I really enjoy the way the species group combines learning about species plants along with the opportunity to socialize with society members. We also like seeing how other members grow their plants. This kind of get together would be a good way for new members to do some “hands on” culture training on repotting orchids as an example of a topic for discussion at a meeting. More

information will be available at the October General Meeting.

If you like showing off your orchids, judging will be held October 5th and 6th at the San Diego International Orchid Show and Sale. Plant registration will be on Friday, the 4th. More information is available at their website, <http://www.sdbgarden.org/orchid.htm>. There will be many vendors there with some plants you really need for your collections. If you have plants to donate to Conservation, please contact either Ron Kaufmann, or Betty Kelepecz.

On the weekend of October 26 and 27, our society will host our “Fall Show in the Park” in room 101. This is a great opportunity to participate in one of our fun activities. Don’t worry if you haven’t had plants judged before or worry whether your plants are good enough to share. We’ve all been there. Let’s have fun! Plants can be brought in Friday the 25th from about 3 to 8 or on Saturday morning from 8 until 9:30 am. Judging will start at 9:30. If your plants aren’t on the tables with tags by that time, your plants won’t be judged. Check our website to try and determine class and section for your plants ahead of time.

We can use help setting up the room beginning about 2 pm on Friday. There are also other opportunities to help at the show. Laura Nolden will have signup sheets at the October meeting. If you have plants to donate to Conservation, please contact either Ron Kaufmann, or Betty Kelepecz. You may also sell your own plants in the member sales area. If you have questions, you can ask Carol or me. Until I can find someone who would be interested in co chairing the show with me, your help with the show will be very much appreciated. At the July show, we had a potluck on the Saturday. Let’s try it again at this show.

San Diego County Orchid Society Board Meeting Minutes

September 5, 2013

Attendees: Bruce Berg, Carol Berg, David Brown, Scott LaBouff, Debby Halliday, Helen Pfister, Bob Clark, Kay Klausing, and visitor Laura Nolden.

President Bruce Berg called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Officer Reports:

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

Carol Berg presented the treasurer's report for August. David Brown moved to file the report for audit—the motion passed. She also stated that our Income Tax Return has been completed, signed and sent to the IRS. Our bulk mailing permit expires on the 23rd of October. This will be revisited at next month meeting.

Committee Reports:

Jack Schaefer, our webmaster, is on vacation.

Bob Clark, our membership chair, reported that we are up one new member. The Membership Roster is due to be mailed soon. Bob is hoping to have this completed prior to the 23rd of October.

Old Business:

The laptop belonging to the Society has become extremely slow. Bob Clark volunteered to tackle this problem. It was noted that this laptop was purchased in 2006.

Bruce Berg is still working on the purchase of the following items: Laser pointer and Adapter for USB connection. The AVG anti-

virus software has been installed.

New Business:

The Goals for 2013-2014 set forth by Bruce Berg were approved are as follows:

Improve diversity of speakers.

Initiate "new members meeting" to mimic species meeting format. Bruce and Carol may host the first meeting.

Include culture topics and or hands on cultural training.

Pot luck.

See different orchid growing areas.

Do show and tell with any orchid including hybrids.

Review feasibility of eliminating the Spring Show at Scottish Rite Center by expanding the scope of at least one of our Park Shows.

Cost vs. income issues with staying at Scottish Rite.

Get foreign vendors to return.

Increase the number of visitors.

Participate in 2014 San Diego County Fair as a Society with members also being exhibitors.

David Brown moved that we amend the goals to add the following goal:

Retention of membership—the motion passed.

Bruce Berg nominated the following people: Connie Clark as refreshments representative, Helen Pfister as Orchid Digest representative and Leslie Costello as Social Media representative—the motions passed.

David Brown requested the Board's approval to purchase card stock, spending no more than \$30.00—the motion passed.

The International Orchid Show at the San Diego Botanic Garden, is October 6th and 7th. The following individuals have volunteered to work at the Society table: Laura Nolden, Helen Pfister, Debby Halliday, and Kay Klaus-ing.

San Diego Floral Association has requested a Society representative for Wednesday the 16th of October at 1:30 PM. David Brown has volunteered.

Speakers for October will be as follows:

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

Bruce Berg will be out of town for the next Board meeting; Scott LaBouff will chair the meeting on Thursday October 3, 2013.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Helen R. Pfister, Secretary

Spring Show Committee

The spring show committee has come up with the following proposed budget for our next spring show that will be held at the Scottish Rite Center, March 21-23, 2014. This is a proposed budget as the San Diego County Orchid Society Board and the membership need to approve it before it can be adopted. The proposed budget is:

Advertising and Marketing	\$ 5000
Awards and Judging	\$ 3000
Facilities	\$17000
Food	\$ 3200
Merchandise	\$ 500
Seed Money	\$ 3000
Supplies, Copies & Postage	\$ 2500
Total	\$34200

Call for Volunteers

By Brenda Ward

The Southland Orchid Show Committee is proud to present our 8th annual show at the Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical Gardens, "Orchid Masquerade."

The show cannot be done without the help of the volunteers. Please help us by signing up as a ribbon judge, plant hotel, or host/hostess for the event. Volunteers will receive a free commemorative pin and free entrance to the show. Ribbon judges will receive a free lunch.

I sent the forms to your society's representative. If you cannot make it to the meeting or did not get a chance to sign up, you may call me at 714-907-5743 or email me at wardbrendar@hotmail.com

We need ribbon judges on Thursday, October 17 from 9:30 am—noon. Let me know if you have any orchid preference. The plant hotel and host/hostess volunteers are needed on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. There are three shifts of 1½ hour each on Friday afternoon: 12:00—1:30, 1:30—3:00, and 3:00—4:30. There are three two-hour shifts for Saturday and Sunday: 10:00—12:30, 12:30—2:30, and 2:30—4:30.

All volunteers are invited to attend the awards ceremony on Thursday, October 17 at 6 pm. Appetizers and drinks will be provided. Preview and plant sales starts at 3:30 pm.

In addition to the volunteers, we also need your attendance. There will be vendors, plant displays and speakers. Please show your support by volunteering at or attending the show.

Orchids have adapted so well that they mimic the appearance and/or scents of insects and other flowers. It will be fun to see the displays for this year's show.

Thank you very much for your time.



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Letter From the Editor

Dear SDCOS,

From my little vantage point in Normal Heights, it seems like we dodged a bullet this summer with only about two weeks of 90-degree-plus temperatures. Further East there were some trials and tribulations that some growers experienced; Bruce mentions some of these in his article on pg. 9.

October is typically a big month for us in the SDCOS; in addition to handmaking costumes for all of your orchids for Trick-or-Treat purposes (I know you do this), we have the International Orchid Show and Sale at the San Diego Botanical Garden Foundation (formerly Quail) on the first weekend, and the Fall Show in the Casa Del Prado during the fourth weekend. So, you have to time the plants you buy at the International Orchid Show just right so that three weeks later their buds will be opening and they'll be in peak form for our show, maximizing your (quasi ill-gotten) award earning potential.

Contact Information:

Christopher Croom

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In the Board meeting minutes on pg. 10, you'll find a number of admirable annual goals for the SDCOS, including a focus group for new members to help bring them into the fold. You may also notice that the annual show in the Scottish Rite Center is something we're trying to figure out how to improve, because it's not worth the effort if we don't. If any of you hiding in the woodwork out there have some brilliant ideas about how to breathe new life into the annual show, now is the time to share your pearls of wisdom.

Happy Growing,
Christopher