



# San Diego County Orchid Society

*To promote interest in orchids and their cultivation,  
to educate by exchanging information and experi-  
ences related to successful orchid culture, and to sup-  
port the conservation of orchids in the wild.*

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## **CULTURE MEETING—January 7, 6:30 PM** *Connecting with the SDCOS Online*

By Debby Halliday, 2nd Vice President

I hope you all are enjoying the holidays and look forward to seeing you in January. We have a very informative talk planned to start the New Year off right. Jack Schaefer, our webmaster, will be introducing and demonstrating the SDCOS website. He has been hard at work adding features and functionality this year and the website is getting better and

better. It includes pictures, news, cultural information and more. It's definitely worth exploring.

Leslie Costello is in charge of social media and has been updating the club Facebook page. She'll be showing you how to find it and what to do

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## **GENERAL MEETING—January 7, 7:30 PM** *Miniature Orchids*

By Scott Labouff, 1st Vice President

Dan Newman, owner of Hanging Gardens located in Pacifica, California, will present Miniature Orchids. Orchids come in many sizes, from massive to miniscule. While there is no universal definition of what makes a miniature orchid, most collectors would agree that everyone who gets hooked on orchids eventually runs out of space! There are more fascinating species in the world than any of us can hope to accommodate, but by including some smaller-growing plants in our collections, we can fit more variety into the space we have available. The aim of the talk will be to illustrate the charm and diversity

of "miniature orchids," and to discuss their needs in cultivation.

Dan first got interested in orchids as a teenager following a visit to the greenhouse at the Los Angeles County Arboretum in Southern California where he grew up. After reading an article in *Sunset* magazine and devouring the few orchid books available at the local public library he mustered the resources to order three species orchid plants from Orchids by Hausermann in Illinois:

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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](mailto:batescroom@gmail.com).

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Information for the February newsletter must be submitted by January 15.



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## Orchid Dates to Remember

*January 4*

**SDCOS Species Group Meeting**

First Saturday of the month

Paul or Ann Tuskes (858) 274-5829

*January 7, 6:30 PM*

**SDCOS Culture Meeting**

First Tuesday of the month

Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

*January 7, 7:30 PM*

**SDCOS General Meeting**

First Tuesday of the month

Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

*January 8*

Normally, the 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

*January 9, 7:00 PM*

**SDCOS Board Meeting**

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

*January 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

[orchldy2@mac.com](mailto:orchldy2@mac.com) or (760) 732-0055

*January 17*

**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



**San Diego County Orchid Society**

**Winter Show and Sale**

**Casa del Prado Room 101**  
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By: Helmut Rohrl

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### **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  
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## Judging at the San Diego Judging Center

Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park,

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

There were 6 orchids presented for judging.  
Four were awarded.



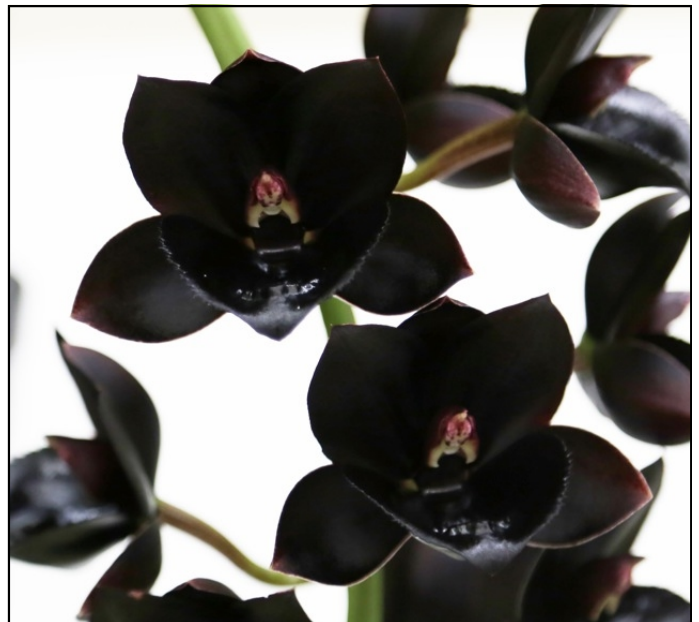
Cycd. Jumbo Ecstatic 'SVO' AM/AOS.  
Exhibited by Fred Clarke.  
Awarded AM of 88 points.



Fdk. Enter Night 'SVO' AM/AOS.  
Exhibited by Fred Clarke.  
Awarded AM of 88 points.



Den. eriiflorum 'Wonderful Willie' CCM.  
Awarded CCM of 85 points.  
Helen Pfister.



Fdk. After Midnight 'SVO Dark Beauty' FCC/AOS.  
Exhibited by Fred Clarke.  
Awarded FCC of 91 points.

## December 2013

### Update from your President

By: Bruce Berg

I hope you and your family had a wonderful holiday season!

The weekend of November 16, Charlie Fouquette, Ben Machado, Scott LaBouff, Helen Pfister, and my wife, Carol, along with help from Laura Nolden, hosted a repotting seminar for our new members, which was enjoyed by the 25 new members who came over. We did some hands on repotting of plants brought in by members as well as discussions about what tools to use, and local sources for supplies. Debbie Halliday is setting up the next seminar, which is tentatively set for February second again at the Berg house. The subject for this seminar will be a presentation by Nico on mounting orchids on sticks. For more details see the article by Debbie Halliday. There will be an email sent out to the new member culture seminar list. The list will also be available at the December general meeting.

Our Society has been invited to put on a display at the 2014 Newport Harbor Orchid Show and Sale on the weekend of February 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014. If you would like to either chair the team who will build the display, or help build the display, contact me. We will need about 25 plants for the display. The plants will be open for AOS judging.

We are partnering with some students from Mater Dei Catholic High School who are interested in learning about orchids. These students are planning to attend the culture portion of our January meeting. Tom Biggart has been working with their science teacher to develop a program for the students to help them to learn more about orchids. The students will become SDCOS student members under a program initiated several years ago. Students can become members at no cost as

long as they are students and participate with us in culture training, as well as helping out at our shows as student volunteers.

Our winter Show in the Park is going to be held the last weekend of January. There will be a sign-up sheet for members to volunteer to help at the show. All members are encouraged to either help at the show and to bring in your plants for display. Now is the time to start looking at our collections and grooming potential ribbon winners. Setup for the show will be on the Friday before the show opens. We need help on Friday afternoon after 2 o'clock to help with setting up the partitions and tables.

## 2014 Winter Show in the Park

By: Bruce Berg



On the weekend of January 24, 25, and 26, we will be hosting our Winter Show in the Park. All members are invited to bring in their plants

for ribbon judging, and/or AOS judging.

We need help setting up the show and in hosting the show. Setup involves setting up the lattice partitions, the tables, and the tablecloths. Setup will begin about 2 PM on Friday the 24th. Many hands make quick work. We will also need help during the show with security and marking up receipts.

This is a great time of year for Cymbidiums and Cattleyas.

Come in and join in the fun!

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when you get there.

Bring your questions and ideas. Our media presence is a work in progress and our goal is to make these sites as useful and informative as possible. We hope you'll come away feeling much more comfortable with the ways you can connect with SDCOS every day, not just at the meetings.

See you at 6:30.

***General meeting, continued from page 1***

*Brassavola cucullata*, *Brassia gireoudiana*, and *Paphiopedilum venustum*, whose exotic shapes and markings in one of the books' illustrations had captivated him. Unfortunately, conditions in his childhood bedroom were not ideal (there may also have been issues with consistency of care), and those early subjects soon made the ultimate sacrifice, providing an early lesson in how not to grow orchids.

On a vacation to Hawaii some twelve years later, in 1982, Dan bought a tiny Dendrobium hybrid seedling at a lei stand in the Honolulu Airport. The bright San Francisco apartment where he was living by then turned out to be a much better environment for orchids. When the little Dendrobium grew into an impressive blooming specimen, he was hooked! By 1996 he had 350 orchids in the same one-bedroom apartment. That year he moved his plants to a rented commercial greenhouse in San Francisco. Later, he acquired the large species collection of his friend and orchid mentor, Walter Teague (think *Pleurothallis teaguei*), and his hobby evolved into his nursery, Hanging Gardens. Dan started growing orchids full-time in 2000. A few years later he moved to a larger greenhouse in Pacifica, on the coast a few miles south of San Francisco. He currently has approximately 15,000

plants, mostly cool to intermediate growers (true warm growers are difficult in the cool coastal climate, but he tries to push the envelope as far as it will go!). His collection includes a few hybrids but is mostly made up of species, his first love.

Dan joined the San Francisco Orchid Society in 1987, and served as its president in 1996-1997. In recent years, he has spoken on a variety of topics to horticultural groups in California and elsewhere.

Join Dan and fellow SDCOS members at the Prado Restaurant for dinner before the general meeting. Call 619-248-7300 to RSVP.

The plant opportunity table will be provided by Dan Newman, Hanging Gardens.

Dan will also present 'Dendrobiums: Jewels of Gondwana' on Wednesday, January 8th at Palomar Orchid Society. Meeting time: 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm. Visit [www.palomarorchid.org](http://www.palomarorchid.org) for address and directions

Dan Newman's email is [hgardens@earthlink.net](mailto:hgardens@earthlink.net).

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Wednesday  
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6:30 P.M.  
Preview

7:00 P.M.  
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## Orchid Show and Sale

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## San Diego County Orchid Society Board Meeting Minutes December 5, 2013

**Attendees:** Bruce Berg, Carol Berg, Jim Wright, Debby Halliday, David Brown, Scott LaBouff, Bob Clark, Helen Pfister, Kay Klaus-ing and visitor Jack Schaefer.

President Bruce Berg called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM.

### Officer Reports:

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

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

The rent for the garage has increased.

### Committee Reports:

Jack Schaefer, our webmaster, reported that the number of people visiting the web page is about the same. The Winter Show in the Park is showing more activity as well as the Spring Show "A Symphony of Orchids."

Bob Clark, our membership chair, reported that our membership is down from last month.

It was suggested that our members check out our Facebook page and to check the like us box. Leslie Costello has been working on this page for the benefit of the society.

### Old Business:

The Society's computer has been reformat-ted.

David Brown has suggested that the July 2014 Show in the Park be expanded. Bob Clark, chair, of the new committee being formed to expand the scope of the Orchid Shows in the Park will work with David Brown on this idea.

This larger show might be named "Orchids in the Park" and will have displays by vendors and members on a voluntary basis.

The New Members Culture Class held at the Berg's home was a success.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2014 at the Berg's home. It was suggested that when materials are used we might ask for a small donation to cover expenses.

### New Business:

The January Show in the Park is coming up fast and Bruce and Scott are both hard at work getting everything ready. Bruce Berg will send out vendor request on a first come first serve basis.

Bruce Berg will contact Paul Tuskes in re-gards to the Society's Bylaws. Bob Clark and David Brown volunteered to work with Paul in this endeavor.

A nominating committee is still being formed. One director at large and several officers will need to be replaced at the next election.

The donated Wardian case that Bruce has at his home will be picked up by David Brown and Jack Schaefer and moved to the garage. David Brown suggested that this case be used at our shows for display of Masdevallia and other environmentally-sensitive orchids.

Volunteers are needed for the Newport Har-bor Orchid Show. Set up is February 6th and teardown is February 9th.

Helen Pfister will not be at the Board meet-ing on February 6th and Laura Nolden has volunteered to be secretary pro tem for that meeting.

David Brown needs to purchase some neces-sary equipment for the Society. He will get the price list for the next Board meeting.

David Brown will be writing an article for the newsletter about the 2015 celebration in Balboa Park. David will be asking for donations of specimens of all types that grow well here in San Diego. He will work with the Park and Recreation Department to recognize those making the donations (and SDCOS) and to coordinate donations that will be displayed in the Botanical Building and grown at the nursery at Morley Field. This will not only be for the 2015 Centennial for the future as well.

Speakers for January 7, 2014:

Culture Class—Jack Schaefer and Leslie Costello—*How to use the website and Social Media Sites.*

General Meeting—Dan Newman from Hanging Gardens—*Miniature Orchids.*

Plant Opportunity Table—Hanging Gardens

The next Board Meeting is Thursday January 2, 2014 at 7 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Pfister  
Secretary

## Martha Hodges

Our society recently lost a life member, Martha Hodges. Martha was born in Cincinnati, Ohio in 1935. She passed away from her recent illness on November 5, 2013. She and Bob Hodges were married in 1969.

Professionally, she worked as an endocrinologist. She gave Bob much support and encouragement with their affair with orchids. Bob always donates plants in support of our society at our shows. They were both active in setting up our big spring shows.

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## Letter From the Editor

Dear SDCOS,

This is a good time of year to start doing a personal inventory and assessing the ways in which we contribute to the laundry-list of anthropogenic planetary problems, in addition to reflecting on who we are as growers and hobbyists.

I, for instance, have decided to have a completely carbon-neutral, water-conserving year in 2014. In addition to not showering, brushing my teeth, or washing dishes, clothes, or cars, I will also not go to work because even if I commute by bus, carbon is still going into the atmosphere. I have sworn off of electricity, so the next newsletter will be made entirely by hand from cut-out letters from myriad magazines, and might therefore look like a ransom note. To free room in the oceans for more jellyfish and salps, our most important carbon sinks, I plan on subsisting entirely on these gelatinous fauna for the duration of 2014. In addition to solar powered flatulence electrolysis to harvest useful hydrogen fuel, I will also use solar distillation to make drinking and orchid water out of *any* solids or liquids that contain moisture. Who needs graywater when you never actually use the purified stuff?

### Contact Information:

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But seriously, I hope you all had a fantastic Holiday Season, that the orchids are doing well, and that all the ones that are on the tray that has to be brought inside at night have similar care requirements. Have an awesome New Year, and give everything a little extra water and fertilizer because the warm weather makes them think it's spring and you feel guilty.

Happy Growing,  
Christopher