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to educate by exchanging information and experi-
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port the conservation of orchids in the wild.*

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CULTURE MEETING—February 4, 6:30 PM *Show us your orchids!*

By Debby Halliday, 2nd Vice President

Our biggest orchid show of the year is coming in March. It's not too soon to start preparing your orchids to enter the show looking their very best.

Debby Halliday, 2nd VP, will be giving you some tips on how to groom, stake, and otherwise make your orchids show-ready. She'll also discuss the registration and entry process for ribbon judging.

Debby first entered a show in March 2011, after David Brown complimented a phalaenopsis she had brought to a meeting. She nervously took in a few plants to the BIG SPRING SHOW. As she wandered around wondering what to do next, Pam Peters gave her a warm welcome and showed her exactly how to

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GENERAL MEETING—February 4, 7:30 PM *Orchids of Bhutan*

By Scott Labouff, 1st Vice President

Sandra Tillisch Svoboda will present "Orchids of Bhutan." Sandra was fortunate enough to be able to travel to the Kingdom of Bhutan in 2007. It afforded her the opportunity to learn about the culture and flora of a very special country. She will share a bit about the culture and people of Bhutan and the orchids that grow in this country where the landscape ranges from [subtropical](#) plains in the south to the [sub-alpine](#) Himalayan heights in the north.

Growing up in Minnesota, Sandra's only exposure to orchids was that prom corsage. After graduating with

a degree in nursing, she moved to California and ended up in Santa Barbara. She began her orchid life as a pot washer for her husband Al and became fascinated with the history of her husband's complex Paphiopedilum collection which included many of the oldies like Paph. F.C. Puddle. Al's knowledge, love, and enthusiasm for orchids were contagious and when they built a second greenhouse, she decided it would be hers and that was the moment that orchids became an important part of

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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 David Eveleth at develethos@gmail.com.

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



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Orchid Dates to Remember

February 1

SDCOS Species Group Meeting

First Saturday of the month

Paul or Ann Tuskes (858) 274-5829

February 4, 6:30 PM

SDCOS Culture Meeting

First Tuesday of the month

Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

February 4, 7:30 PM

SDCOS General Meeting

First Tuesday of the month

Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

February 5

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

February 6, 7:00 PM

SDCOS Board Meeting

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

February 19

Cymbidium Society Meeting

Regular meeting, third Wednesday of month

Culture class at 6:30, Meeting at 7:00 PSan Diego Cty. Botanic Gardens—Ecke Bldg.

230 Quail Gardens Dr., Encinitas, CA 92024

orchldy2@mac.com or (760) 732-0055

February 21

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Third Friday of the month

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Concerning Plants for Judging Sessions

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
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
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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.
Two were awarded.



C. trianae 'Kimberly Burzell' HCC/AOS
Exhibited by Linden Burzell
Awarded HCC/AOS 75 points



Cahuzacara (Pot.) Dogashima Paradise
'Strawberry' HCC/AOS
Exhibited by Debby Halliday
Awarded HCC/AOS 79 points

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PRESENTS

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February 2014 Update from your President

By: Bruce Berg

I hope that you had a good time at our winter park show. It is always fun to see all of the plants members bring in for judging. I also hope that you enjoyed the talks some of our members gave on various orchid topics. Moreover, I wish to thank speakers for helping by sharing their knowledge of orchids.

Chris Croom, our newsletter editor, has decided that he needs to retire from that position. When you see Chris and Eowyn walking around, please thank them for all of the good work they've done for us over the years. We have a new newsletter editor ready to take over the helm. David Eveleth, develethos@gmail.com, will be taking over the news editor position.

Upcoming new member culture seminar: On Sunday, February 2, Debbie Halliday has scheduled a seminar for new members as well as all other members at Lico nursery on the topic of mounting orchids. Please refer to another article in the newsletter for more details.

Hiking and camping in the desert to find *Epipactis gigantea*: Nico and I are planning a camping and hiking trip in the Anza-



Borrego Desert March 7-9. Two years ago, a small group of us camped at the Agua Caliente campground. We actually found orchids! The hike from the campground was about 4 miles round trip. What was even nicer was the Hot Springs at the campground where we could relax after the hike. The next day, our hike was also about 4 miles round trip. Meals were cooked around the campfire in Dutch ovens. We are planning a return trip on the weekend of March 7, 8, and 9. This hike will be shorter, or longer depending on who wants to do more hiking. The Sunday hike will be up Pena Spring Canyon, about a 2 mile round trip. If you would be interested in finding out more about this trip please contact Nico, licoorchid@aol.com or me, b2berg@yahoo.com. If you are only interested in joining us in day hikes, also let us know. If you are interested in camping, the sooner we know the better so that camping space reservations can be made.

Spring Show: This is the biggest fund raiser for the society. Please pay for the tickets that you have picked up, or that were mailed to you. Without this income, we may be short funds to provide all of the benefits we enjoy as members.

Newport Harbor Orchid Show: We need a few good orchids to show in a society display booth at the Newport Harbor Orchid Show and Plant Sale the weekend of February 7, 8,

and 9. Irma Adams, Dave and Patti Hoffmaster, Connie McCoy, and I will set up our booth. We have had reciprocal display booths at our respective shows in a mildly competitive competition for several years. This is also a good opportunity to do some shopping. This show is the furthest south that is supported by the Santa Barbara nurseries, as well as our local nurseries. This is an AOS judged event. If any of our society members wish to assist us in the setup of this event, you should contact Dave Hoffmaster, davehoff5@yahoo.com. Also, if you have plants that you would like us to display in the Society booth, contact Dave.

Membership: If you haven't paid your membership dues, please do so. It has been brought to my attention that some memberships have lapsed and members are still participating in Society activities. Your membership due date can be found on the mailing label of your directory. If you are not sure, contact Bob Clark, membership Chairman, bob1clark@san.rr.com.

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register and enter her plants. (It wasn't that hard.) The rest is history. It was great fun and she's never missed a show since!

This could be you. It takes lots of plants to put on a good show and every member's contribution makes a difference. Whether you bring one orchid or twenty, showing is a really fun way to participate. It also gives you a reason to get your plants in shape and a chance to share your beauties with the public.

This discussion should leave you feeling confident and excited about taking the plunge.

Show us your orchids!

General meeting continued from page 1....

her life. Sandra currently serves as President of the American Orchid Society. She is an accredited judge in both the American Orchid Society and the Cymbidium Society of America judging systems and is treasurer of the AOS Pacific South Judging Center. She is also the present Editor in Chief of the Orchid Digest. She was president of the Cymbidium Society of American and co-chair of the annual Cymbidium Society Congress.

Locally, she has served on the boards and been president of the Orchid Society of Santa Barbara and the local branch of the Cymbidium Society. Sandra served on the board of the Santa Barbara International Orchid Show and, for several years, was the show manager of this prestigious show, one of the largest in the nation. Besides the plants themselves and the never-ending opportunity to learn about them, Sandra loves being involved in the orchid world because it offers an opportunity to meet and work with so many amazing and fascinating people.

Join Sandra 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 a selection of orchid species provided by Andy's Orchids as well as a collection of blooming cymbidiums.

2014 Winter Show in the Park

By Bruce Berg, Chairman

January 25 and 26 was a great orchid show and sale weekend put on by the members of our Society. Congratulations to all who worked to make it a success. Thanks also to the members who brought in some beautiful plants. Walking around during the show, it was easy to overhear comments from our visitors who were wowed by the beauty and diversity of the plants on display.

Congratulations to Anita and Jerry Spencer for sharing *Lc. Purple Plume* the Best of Show and winner of the Forrest Robinson Trophy.

The show wouldn't have happened without the support of our volunteers. If I have left your name off, please forgive me: Allie Tran, Ana Majevskis, April Louis, Barbara Smith, Betty Kelepecz, Bruce Berg, Carey McCoy, Carol Berg, Carol Kerr, Charlie Morgan, Connie Clark, Dave Hoffmaster, David Brown, David Eveleth, Diana Carlson, Diana Smith, Dick Chadwick, Gary Louis, Jack Schaefer, Jerry & Anita Spencer, Laura Nolden, Lena Shiroma, Linda Humiston, Liz Hildreth, Mary Ann Chanthala, Medrick Bullock, Myra DeTate, Paul Tuskes, SC Lou Wilson, Scott LaBouff, Scott Opis, Susan Lewitt, Suzanne Brown, Tom Ketelaar, Tom Smith, Wendy Garnica, Siv Garrod, and Kay Klausing.

Thanks also to Pam Peters, and the volunteers who helped with judging: Irma Adams, Bruce Berg, David Brown, Charley Fouquette, Linda Gardner, Siv Garrod, Debby Halliday, Betty Kelepecz, Kay Klausing, Scott LeBouff, Pam Peters, Lena Shiroma, Barbara Smith, Tom Smith, Anita Spencer, Jerry Spencer, and Wendy Garnica.

Also special thanks to our vendors for providing a tempting array of plants for us to pur-

chase: Andy's, Casa de las Orquidias, Orchid Source, Everything Orchid, Charlie Fouquette, Anita Spencer, Tom Osborn, Calavo Gardens, Rex Foster Orchids, Lico Orchids, and our Conservation Committee.



Congratulations to Anita and Jerry Spencer for their *Lc. Purple Plume* winning Best of Show and the Forrest Robinson Trophy.

2014 Winter Show in the Park Winners

Best of Show

Lc. Purple Plume
Jerry & Anita Spencer

Forrest Robinson Cultural Award

Lc. Purple Plume
Jerry & Anita Spencer

Section 1

Cymbidium Standard Hybrid
Cym. hybrid
Scott La Bouff

Section 2

Cymbidium Hybrid Miniature
Cym. Ruby Valley
Debby Halliday

Section 3

Cymbidiuym hybrid (pendulous)
not awarded

Section 4

Cattleya Alliance Standard
L. anceps x C. percivaliana 'Caligula'
Debby Halliday

Section 5

Cattleya Alliance Compact
Brs. nodosa x Pot. Lisa Taylor Gallis
Debby Halliday

Section 6

Cattleya Alliance Miniature
not awarded

Section 7

Paphiopedilum hybrids
Phrag. Don Wimber
Debby Halliday

Section 8

Phalaenopsis Alliance Hybrids
Phal. hybrid
Debby Halliday

Section 9

Oncidium Alliance Hybrids
Onc. Twinkle
Debby Halliday

Section 10

Other Genera Hybrids
Den. Rainbow Sun
Jerry & Anita Spencer

Section 11

Specimen Plants
Lc. Purple Plume
Jerry & Anita Spencer

Section 12

Species
Dendrochilum tenellum 'January' GM/WOC
Nico Goossens



This primary hybrid between *L. anceps* and *C. percivaliana* 'Caligula' earned Debby Halliday 1st Place and Best of Section 4 at the recent Show in the Park.

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Encyclias, Epidendrums, Laelias
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Cymbidiums
Karl Batchman casa@orquideas.com

Northeast County, all types
Dave Reid (760) 728-7996

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Jim Wright (619) 276-5295
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SDCOS Volunteer Opportunities

SDCOS loves its volunteers! Our members play an important part in the success of our shows and we appreciate you.

We have two ways you can sign up to volunteer. As always, you can sign up in person at any monthly meeting. Additionally, an online volunteer signup system will be employed starting with the 2014 Spring Show. The volunteer signup links will be published in the monthly newsletter and online at the website. Your personal information entered to volunteer will not be shared with others. Your info and this online signup only helps SDCOS better interface with you and manage its volunteers. Any member who does not have a personal email address may still use this online system to volunteer.

When you sign up, you will receive confirmation of your chosen volunteer assignment by email. The email will come from "DONOTREPLY@volunteersignup.org". If you need to change your volunteer assignment prior to the show, please email the SDCOS Volunteer Coordinator, [Laura Nolden, at laurakn@yahoo.com](mailto:Laura.Nolden@laurakn@yahoo.com). She will also remind you of your volunteer commitment prior to the show by email or by phone.

Thank you for your supporting SDCOS though your time as volunteers!

To sign up to volunteer for the 2014 Spring Show, please visit the following links. Additionally, you may sign up in person at the next monthly meeting.

[Thursday, March 20](#)

[Friday, March 21](#)

[Saturday, March 22](#)

[Sunday, March 23](#)

Table Top Displays

If you are interested in trying your hand at displays but are not ready to take on one of our big floor exhibits, try a table top display. These displays are much smaller in size but can be just as much fun to put together. There are several categories starting with a 2' x 2' and working up to the larger 4' x 4'. You can test your creative skills by arranging your plants and greenery in an aesthetic manner. The theme for the show is "A Symphony of Orchids" and if you can work that into your display, all the better. These displays require a minimum of three flowering orchids but there is no upper limit. You may enter up to 7 plants in your display for judging. There are 9 cash prizes for displays (see Show Schedule: Marose Trophy, SDCOS Cash Prizes - open and amateur. Each display will be judged on its creativity.

If you are interested in getting involved, please refer to the display rules under sections 16 or 1601 of the show schedule. They are available on our website under the spring show. If you do decide to put in a display, contact Dave Hoffmaster at 760-529-2947 or by email at davehoff5@yahoo.com so we can reserve you a space.

Special Orchid Tour Saturday, March 8 10 AM

Join the San Diego County Orchid Society at Jim Wright's home on Saturday, March 8.

Address
2151 Burgener Blvd.
San Diego, CA 92110

Look for the palms!

San Diego County Orchid Society Board Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Bruce Berg, Carol Berg, Bob Clark, David Brown and Helen Pfister

President Bruce Berg called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

Officer and Committee Reports: Secretary's report—Helen Pfister

- December Board minutes were approved via email prior to this meeting and were published in the January newsletter.

Treasurer's report—Carol Berg

- Presented the report for the month of December.
- David Brown moved to file the report for audit—the motion passed.
- Carol Berg suggested that the Society no longer accept Master Card as the fees are very high.

Webmaster's report—Jack Schaefer

- Although not present, sent a report that the number of visits to our website have gone down since November.

Membership report—Bob Clark

- We are up 4 total members.
- Will be doing the mailing of the February newsletters.

President's report—Bruce Berg

- New Board meeting agenda format.
- January Show in the Park update.
- Review of Bylaws—Committee is being formed.
- Donated Wardian Case—will repost in the next newsletter for best offer.
- Newport Harbor Show—will request volunteers at next meeting.
- Student members—Bruce will email the teacher with the meeting information.
- San Diego County Fair—Bruce will respond to the Fair committee.
- Christopher Croom has stated that it is

time begin looking for a new editor.

Past President's report - David Brown

- Working on the article for the newsletter in regards to the 2015 Park Celebration.
- July Show in the Park 2014—patio A is not available. Patios A and B have been reserved for July 2015.
- Discussion held in regards to the name Orchids in the Park—Possibly for a larger July 2015 show when using patios A and or B.

Spring Show Committee report—Bruce Berg, co-chair:

- Everything for the show appears to be on track and moving forward.

Speakers for February 2014:

- Culture Class—TBA
- General Meeting—TBA
- Plant Opportunity Table—San Diego County Orchid Society (from donations)

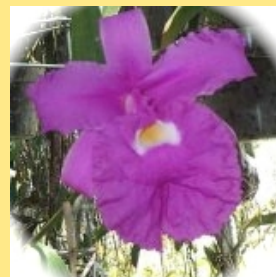
The next Board meeting is February 6, 2014 at 7 PM.

Helen Pfister will not be present at the February meeting and Laura Nolden has volunteered to be secretary pro tem.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Helen R. Pfister, Secretary

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For more information about Facebook, you may contact our social media coordinator Leslie Costello by email at socialmediacoordinator@sdorchids.com.

Spring Show Presale Tickets

The spring show is fast approaching and we need help from the membership to make the show a success. Attendance at the show is critical and we need your support to bring in as many guests as possible. By now you should have received a letter with six tickets in it. If you can sell these tickets to your friends and co-workers, it would help the society. If you cannot, we certainly understand. We do ask that you send any money collected or return any unsold tickets to Patti Hoffmaster, at the address given in the letter. Thank you for your help and understanding.

SDCOS Newcomers Group Meeting

- Sunday, February 2, 2014 9:30AM-1:00PM
- Home of Nico Gossens and Lisa Humphries
309 Via Nancita, Encinitas, CA 92024
- \$8 (for provided plant and mounting supplies)
- Please bring lunch goodies to share (potluck)

This meeting will focus on mounting and growing orchids on planks or plaques. This meeting is free to attend, but has a nominal fee to cover supplies and a plant for mounting, if you are interested. Nico Goossens and Lisa Humphreys of Lico Orchids have kindly offered to host the workshop. Nico will give a thorough presentation and demonstration. Members will then have a chance to mount an orchid themselves to take home. Lico Orchids will supply plants and mounts for a nominal charge of \$8.00. If you have a plant of your own you want to mount, feel free to bring it along. Nico will be happy to give you some advice. He also has various mediums for mounting available, from shingle to cork bark and Manzanita. Prices for plaques range from about \$2 - \$10.

This is a great opportunity to increase your orchid knowledge and meet your fellow members in a low-key and fun setting. The workshop will be followed by a potluck lunch. Please plan to bring something to share.

[Online signup sheet for this class is available at: http://volunteersignup.org/FEEAY](http://volunteersignup.org/FEEAY)

NOTE: this form requests your email address—any member who does not have email, please enter LAURAKN@YAHOO.COM and your name, phone number. I'll call you to remind/confirm. Thank you! -Laura



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Letter From the Editor

Dear SDCOS,

It's crazy to think that the SDCOS let me edit this newsletter since June of 2005, and I have been grateful to have this opportunity to help produce information that will assist our Members in having a more rewarding experience with their orchids.

I'm even more grateful to Dave Eveleth for being willing to take over editing the newsletter, and to my wife Eowyn, who took many fabulous photographs over the years that graced our pages. Make sure to email Dave your fantastic pictures of flowers and shows so that we always have pretty images to insert. We may also need a photographer to replace Eowyn.

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And while I'd like to use this space to print the most amazing string of words you've ever seen in sequence, I don't have it in me this morning, which is why it's a good time for me to step down. I have greatly enjoyed your company over the years, and never felt that I dedicated enough time to this hobby to be doing what you let me do for so long. I am very thankful to have gotten to know so many of you and benefitted from your tremendous expertise. In future, I'll see you wherever orchid species are sold!

Happy Growing,
Christopher