



*To promote interest in orchids and their cultivation,
to educate by exchanging information and experiences
related to successful orchid culture, and to support
the conservation of orchids in the wild.*

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CULTURE MEETING - March 4th, 6:30 PM

Show us your orchids! Part two

By Debby Halliday, 2nd Vice President

Following on from our February meeting on prepping and preparing your orchids, this month's meeting is about how to enter the show and what happens next.

The class will cover the following areas:

- How to register your plants
- Plant categories and how to classify your orchids

- How ribbon judging works
- Special awards
- Timing & logistics for delivering and picking up your plants

Debby Halliday and Pam Peters will be presenting the class. Pam is the ribbon judging chair and is responsible for

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GENERAL MEETING - March 4th, 7:30 PM

A Search for Orchids in the Wild Travels in South America and China

By Scott Labouff, 1st Vice President

The central vision of the Orchid Conservation Alliance is that orchid rich habitats should remain undisturbed as reserves for the orchids and other organisms that live there. Thus the principal goal of the OCA is to foster the development of wild orchid reserves. To this end we partner with organizations in orchid rich countries, raising money and supporting them as much as possible. One particularly enjoyable way to do that is to organize fund raising trips to see

orchids in the wild. This talk will highlight the achievements of OCA projects in the reserves we support, located in Brazil, Ecuador, Colombia and China.

Peter Tobias started growing orchids in the early 1970's with a white phalaenopsis on a Chicago windowsill. His hobby really bloomed after moving to Encinitas in 1980. There he became

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Update from your president

by: Bruce Berg

Helmut Rohrl. Our society lost one of our longtime members. Helmut was an active member of the society for many years. He was active as an AOS judge. He wrote an article for each newsletter documenting which plants were submitted for judging, and if the plant was awarded, he gave us the award type and point ranking. He was also active in our Species committee, bringing in unusual plants to share. He also had a passion for creating hybrids, many of which were awarded plants.

Helmut, we will miss you.

New member culture seminar: On Sunday, February 2, Nico Goossens hosted a culture presentation on "How to mount orchids." Members who wished to learn first-hand how to mount orchids were given step by step hands on help to mount their plants.

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. We still need volunteers to help with putting on the show (see page 8 for volunteer signup links). Please sign up to help us out. We need a small group of volunteers to design and assemble our society display. If you can help us out here, please let Dave Hoffmaster, or me, know.

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Also, this is the time when our plants will be putting out spikes with fresh buds. Check those developing buds and stake up the flowers to show off the blooms so that the flowers will be well presented for judging at the show.

Newport Harbor Orchid Show: Thanks to Dave Hoffmaster and Scott Opis, our society made a showing at the Newport Harbor Orchid show on the weekend of Feb 7, 8, 9. while we did not win any display awards, several members were recognized with ribbons. Thanks also to the members who loaned flowers for our display.



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Judging at the San Diego Judging Center (Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park), February 2014.

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

There were 6 orchids presented for judging. One was awarded.



Lc. Mini Song 'Donald Halliday' AM/AOS
Exhibited by Debbie Halliday
Awarded AM/AOS 81 points

In addition, at the January 26th judging during the Winter Show in the Park, two orchids were awarded.



(above)

Lc. Purple Plume 'Rainbow Valley' CCM/AOS

Exhibited by Anita and Jerry Spencer
Awarded CCM/AOS 85 points

(left)

C. Blue Star 'Feuerback' HCC/AOS

Exhibited by Renate Schmidt
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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.

Newcomers Group Meeting Feb 2nd, 2014



On Feb 2nd our second Newcomers group meeting was held at Lico Orchids. Nico Goossens demonstrated surface mounting of orchids and everyone went home with one or more surface mounted plants. This hands on workshop included discussions of different mounting media from tree fern to the various woods available to cork.

In addition, the group was treated to a tour of the Lico Orchids greenhouse and outdoor growing areas. Afterwards, the group had a potluck lunch that was fabulous.



(Above) newcomers Liz and Leslie mounting their orchids
 (Right) In the course of the demonstration, Nico also performed a knot tying tutorial.

Thanks! to the regular members who showed up to help out and to our volunteer coordinator for making sure everyone knew where and when to show up.

Thanks also to Nico for hosting this event and showing off his growing area and greenhouse.

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The Pacific South Judging Center conducts three judging sessions in the Los Angeles and San Diego area each month. 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:

Tuskes, Ann and Paul 858-274-5829

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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.

Information for the newsletter must be submitted by the 15th of the month.

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Please contact Carol Berg at winklerca@yahoo.com.

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

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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. If you need to change your volunteer assignment prior to the show, please email the SDCOS Volunteer Coordinator (volunteer@sdorchids.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!

Spring Show: 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

<http://volunteersignup.org/YBHW4>

Friday

<http://volunteersignup.org/C7TFQ>

Saturday

<http://volunteersignup.org/MMHHR>

Sunday

<http://volunteersignup.org/4HQBB>

Special Orchid Tour Saturday, March 8 10 AM

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

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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.

Cattleyas, Oncidium/Odonts, Vandaceous

Greenhouse grown, West SD County
Helmut Rohrl (858) 452-0976

Species, all types

Indoor and outdoor
Ann & Paul Tuskes (858) 274-5829

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Edith and Leno Galvan (619) 441-7503

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[Christopher Croom](#) (619) 583-3804

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Cymbidiums

Karl Batchman casa@orquideas.com

Northeast County, all types

Dave Reid (760) 728-7996

San Diego Central

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Jim Wright (619) 276-5295
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Culture Class (continued from page 1)

putting together the judging teams for the annual shows. She joined our society in 1992 and is currently a life member of the SDCOS. Pam enjoys growing cattleya hybrids, Australian dendrobiums, and species from Central and South America in her outdoor shade house in coastal San Diego. Debby is your second vice president and has been showing orchids since the Spring Show in 2011. She regularly participates in ribbon judging as member of one the judging teams.

Our goal is to make you feel comfortable about taking the next step and bringing one or more of your best plants to share with the world. It is fun and satisfying. Remember, our show is only as good as the plants people bring in. More is better. Come and help make this the most spectacular Spring Show ever!

General Meeting (continued from page 1)

involved in the local orchid society and was a founding member of the San Diego County Orchid Society's Conservation Committee in 1991. The local success of that committee suggested that a national orchid conservation effort could be successful. The Orchid Conservation Alliance was incorporated by Tobias and three friends in 2006 with the primary goal of fostering development of orchid reserves. For his day job, Tobias is an Associate Professor of Immunology at The Scripps Research Institute in La Jolla, California.

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

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- * click the Facebook button on the SDCOS website
- * search "San Diego County Orchid Society" in Facebook
- * visit <https://www.facebook.com/pages/San-Diego-County-Orchid-Society/105488126182993>

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

Orchid Dates to Remember*March 1***SDCOS Species Group Meeting**

First Saturday of the month

Paul or Ann Tuskes (858) 274-5829

*March 4, 6:30 PM***SDCOS Culture Meeting**

First Tuesday of the month

Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

*March 4, 7:30 PM***SDCOS General Meeting**

First Tuesday of the month

Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

March 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

*March 6, 7:00 PM***SDCOS Board Meeting**

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

*March 21-23***SDCOS Orchid Show and Sale**

Scottish Rite Center

1895 Camino del Rio South

San Diego, CA 92108

*March 19***Cymbidium Society Meeting**

Regular meeting, third Wednesday of month

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

230 Quail Gardens Dr., Encinitas, CA 92024

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*March 21***San Diego Zoo's Orchid Odyssey**

Third Friday of the month

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Letter from the Editor

Dear SDCOS,

It is an honor and a privilege to take on the role of editor of this newsletter and to assist in getting fun and informative articles to the membership. I hope that I can live up to the excellent work that Chris Croom has put in over the years as the editor. We all should thank Chris for doing a great job for so long.

Those of you who are sharp-eyed will have noticed small changes to the format and spacing of the newsletter. Because Chris used a page setup software that is not available to my operating system, I have recreated the format and there are inevitable changes.

Anyone with (constructive) suggestions on what they would like to see in the newsletter should feel free to email me at develethos@gmail.com. I look forward to the next edition!

David Eveleth