



*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 - June 3rd, 6:30 PM

Repotting & Dividing Cattleyas

By Debby Halliday, 2nd Vice President

Many of you enjoyed our workshop May 17 on repotting cymbidiums. Continuing with that theme – it is that time of year – Dave Hoffmaster will give a talk and demonstration of repotting cattleyas for our June culture class.

Dave has been a member of the SDCOS for about 10 years. He joined, as most of us do, to learn more about growing orchids from real orchid growers. His

wife Patti actually introduced Dave to orchids when they met in 1999. However, it was really his father that first got him interested in plants when he was a botanist at Penn State. Young Dave would hang out in the greenhouse and enjoy the pleasure of helping green things grow. When Patti & Dave moved

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GENERAL MEETING - June 3rd, 7:30 PM

Orchid Trekking in Thailand

By Scott Labouff, 1st Vice President

Mary Gerritsen has been interested in orchids for over 30 years since her post-doctoral days in the late 70's in San Diego. She has worked in the biotechnology industry for many years, developing drugs for autoimmune disease, cardiovascular disease and cancer. Now semi-retired, she works as an independent biotechnology consultant and in her spare time, travels as much as she can to see orchids in habitat. In the past ten years she has enjoyed numerous orchid expeditions, trekking through various parts of the US and Canada, as well as Mexico, Costa Rica,

Panama, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Venezuela, Brazil, Borneo, Western Australia, Thailand and southern and western China. She has also traveled to various parts of Europe and the Mediterranean to photograph the terrestrial orchids there.

Mary enjoys writing about orchids, and is a co-author of [Masdevallias: Gems of the Orchid World](#) and [A Compendium of Miniature Orchid Species, Vol 1](#) and [A Compendium of Miniature Orchid Species, Vol 2](#), as well as writing articles

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Update from your president

by: Bruce Berg

By the time this goes to press, we'll be looking at the June General meeting. The June meeting will be a short business meeting with the main purpose of electing new officers and board members. Jim Wright will be stepping down as a Board Member at Large, as well as Helen Pfister who will be stepping down as Secretary, and David Brown who will be stepping down as Past President. Thanks to these members for their service to the Society. The new candidates for election include: Felisa Acantilado for Board Member at Large, Carol Kerr to fill the one year term left by Kay Klausing who is running for First Vice President, Debby Halliday who is running again for Second Vice President, Jack Schaefer as Secretary, Carol Berg as Treasurer, Scott LaBouff for President, and Kay Klausing for First Vice President. Bob Clark will continue on as Board Member at Large. I have completed the last year that I can be your President. Thank goodness for term limits! Nominations for other candidates will also be accepted from the General Members present. Thank you, Ron Kaufmann, for recruiting this excellent slate of candidates.

It has been an honor to serve as your President for the past three years. Thank you for your support in making our Society a more active and fun Society during this time. I believe in setting goals to look at what we are currently doing and look at what we want to do in the future. I think the board has

done an excellent job this year on their accomplishments. The current board decided to accomplish the following items:

- 1) Improve diversity and quality of speakers. Scott LaBouff has done an excellent job of bringing in some great speakers who have entertained and educated us with travelogues and presentations on current trends in orchid culture. He has also provided for some "super" opportunity tables which for the first time in years have made more money than what we paid for the plants.
- 2) Initiate a new- members culture class to give new members hands on experience with basic orchid culture issues. Debby Halliday has accomplished this task. We are seeing 20 to 25 members participating at each session.
- 3) Review the feasibility of moving the location for our Spring Show. Bob Clark and David Brown are working on this goal.

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to the San Diego area in 2001, he took advantage of the opportunity to begin growing orchids.

After starting out with the big showy hybrids, Dave has expanded his collection to include more exotic and challenging species and now has about 250 plants. He grows his plants outdoors including in a very efficient shade house on their coastal North County property. He still loves cattleyas and has lots of them in his collection.

Dave will repot and divide one of his cattleyas and will talk about the important considerations for being successful. He will discuss culture, pot choices, media selection, and the techniques he uses in this all important process. As a bonus, the division he creates will be placed on the opportunity table where you could win it.

This is a great chance to become knowledgeable and confident about repotting your cattleyas. Now is the perfect time of year for this job, so come learn from an expert!

Update from your President (continued from page 2)

4) Participate in the 2014 San Diego County Fair. Nico Goossens is taking the lead in designing and constructing our display. NOTE: We will need help from society members in constructing our display as well as volunteering their time during June to act as ambassadors to explain to the Fair goers the benefits of becoming members and visiting us at our orchid shows. This project is ongoing at this time.

5) Operate with a balanced budget. Our Treasurer, Carol Berg, has worked very hard to keep track of our expenses and incomes, keeping the board informed of our financial status. In addition, this year we established a Finance Committee to invest our Society monies. She has been joined by Helen Pfister and Scott Opis with excellent advice by Tom Ketelaar. Despite changing financial environment, she and the committee have established financial goals which have given us a positive financial profile and have made money with Society funds. The challenge ahead for the Society is to deal with decreasing revenues from the Spring Show, which traditionally was a big source of our funds.

Volunteering

The Summer Show in the park is coming up July 19th and 20th - Signups for the show are already online at

<http://volunteersignup.org/MAXMX>

or you can sign up in person at the monthly meeting.

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for orchid magazines including Orchids and Orchid Digest. She has a collection of mostly miniature, cool growing species. Mary is currently the president of the San Francisco Orchid Society and serves on the board of directors of the Orchid Conservation Alliance.

Her lecture "Orchid Trekking in Thailand" will take you on a virtual journey to the forests of the northern and northeastern provinces of this country. The peak time to view orchids in flower is towards the end of the dry season. In just over two weeks she saw over fifty different species in bloom. Mary will tell of her treks through the dry dipterocarp forests and the wet evergreen forests, and hopefully leave you with lasting impressions of the floral and cultural treasures of this fascinating country.

The plant opportunity table will be provided by Lico Orchids and Flowers.

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

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

Photos by Helen Pfister, report by Phyllis Prestia.

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

*Ansellia
africana*
'Arnilicious'
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Exhibited by
Arnold Gum



C. intermedia fma. *Coerulea*
'G7G0" AM/AOS
Exhibited by Outhay
Viengkhou
Awarded AM/AOS 80 points



San Diego County Orchid Society Board Meeting Minutes May 1, 2014

Attendees: Bruce Berg, Carol Berg, Kay Klausung, Debby Halliday, Helen Pfister, Bob Clark, David Brown and visitors Carol Kerr and Candy Kalman

President Bruce Berg called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

Officer and Committee Reports:

Secretary's report – Helen Pfister

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

Treasurer's report – Carol Berg

- Carol presented the report for the month of April.

David Brown moved to file the report for audit – the motion passed.

- The state Sales Tax report has been filed.

Webmaster's report – Jack Schaefer

- Jack emailed a report for the Board. Website numbers are way down, as expected. The Awards and Photos pages for the Spring show are online. The Marquee across the top of the main page has been updated. Debby's mid-month culture class and the County Fair participation has been updated.

Membership report – Bob Clark

- Bob reported that we are up five new members.

President's report – Bruce Berg

- Bruce reported that everything is going well for the San Diego County Fair at Del Mar. The theme is the Fab Fair, a take off on the Beatles invasion of the 60's.

- Nico will be doing most of the design with help from members.
- A discussion was held about including the other orchid societies in the county in our booth so that we would have more volunteers to meet with the fair goers and provide information about orchid societies. Since SDCOS funded the display, all prize monies won, if any, would be to the SDCOS.
- The replacement of the missing remote microphones is being looked into by David Brown, he will email the Board with his findings.
- Bob Clark reminded Bruce that Paul Tuskes is the chair of the By-Law committee and he is a member of said committee.

Second Vice President's report – Debby Halliday

- Cymbidium repotting is scheduled for May 17th at 1 PM at Debby's home. Snacks will be provided.
- Darci Salzl will be doing a repotting demonstration at the new members workshop.
- Ben Machado of Calavo Gardens will also be present with supplies.

Past President's report – David Brown

- Everything is on schedule for the July Show in the Park. David will contact Laura Nolden our volunteer co-ordinator so that sign up sheets will be available at the June meeting.

The next Board meeting is **JUNE 5th at 7 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,
Helen R. Pfister, Secretary

Concerning Plants for Judging Sessions

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
1151 Oxford Rd, San Marino, CA 91108
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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[Jim Wright](#)
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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.

Advertisers

Please contact Carol Berg at winklerca@yahoo.com.

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

The Fair is Coming, The Fair is Coming!

By Bruce Berg

The San Diego County Fair will soon be here. It opens to the public on Saturday, June 7. Your Society is entering a display in hopes of encouraging fair goers to stop by and visit with volunteers, who can provide information about our Society, along with information about our upcoming shows.

Because of the need for volunteers to serve as ambassadors, and to share in some expenses, our Society will be partnering with the Palomar and Cymbidium societies to man the display area. Member ambassadors will be asked to man tables in the display area and to welcome visitors to see our orchids, answer questions about orchids, and to hand out a flyer with information about our Society as well as about our upcoming show in July. We would like to also have demonstrations on how to repot plants. If you would be able to help with repotting demonstrations, please let Nico know when you volunteer.

Our booth was designed by Nico Goossens with his artistic flair. The garden theme is, "Flower Power." The main Fair theme is "The Fab Fair," which is a spin-off of the Beatles invasion 50 years ago. Our display will include some of the design elements from Nico's Spring Show display, but will be much larger and interesting. Bugs anyone? Bugs galore, from real insects in display boxes to rocks painted in psychedelic colors, puzzle games for kids as well as adults. The display will be a shade structure and small greenhouse, suitable for a San Diego backyard, complete with Nico's signature fish pond!

June 20 is designated as "Orchid day" at the fair. Charlie Fouquet and Ben Machado will give talks and demonstrations on that

day. We would also like to have repotting demonstrations at our booth.

We also need orchids to display in the greenhouse. If you have good looking plants that you would be willing to loan to the society for a week during the fair, please let us know. **We will need orchids each week in June.** The orchids will be kept in the greenhouse where they can be locked up at night. They will be rotated out weekly. We have volunteers who will make sure they are watered when needed. Orchids in the North County area will be coordinated by Dave Hoffmaster. 760-632-8220, davehoff5@yahoo.com. Orchids in the East County will be coordinated by Bruce Berg 619-258-1963, b2berg@yahoo.com. We could also use some larger outdoor plants in pots to decorate our garden area.

Come to the fair!

To volunteer, contact Nico Goossens at 760-942-4143, or licoorchids@aol.com.

Please volunteer! You will get free admission to the Fair.

Free parking is offsite at the horse area. There is a free shuttle to the front gate. Sign up quickly and your pass will be available at "will call" which will mean you don't have to go thru the public line, you just walk up, identify yourself, get your ticket and enter.

Volunteers needed for the Fair

We have 4 shifts to fill each day of the fair from June 7 until July 6. The fair is closed Mondays and the first two Tuesdays. Shifts are:

<u>Weekends</u>	<u>Weekdays</u>
10 – 1	11 – 1
12:30 – 3	12:30 – 3
2:30 – 5	2:30 – 5
4:30 – duskish	4:30 – duskish

The Fair annually attracts about 1.5 million visitors. We hope to attract more visitors to our shows, and hopefully more new members. This is a request for members to help us out by volunteering to man our display booth.

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Below: Nico and Tom Ketelaar setting the roof ridge for the greenhouse at the fairgrounds.



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 vacant - need a volunteer for this!

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Edith and Leno Galvan (619) 441-7503

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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

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

SDCOS is now on Facebook!

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- * search "San Diego County Orchid Society" in Facebook
- * visit <https://www.facebook.com/pages/San-Diego-County-Orchid-Society/105488126182993>

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Newcomers Meeting - Repotting Cymbidiums

Debby Halliday generously hosted the newcomers meeting in May - here are some photos!



Orchid Dates to Remember

June 3rd, 6:30 PM

SDCOS Culture Meeting

First Tuesday of the month

Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

June 3rd, 7:30 PM

SDCOS General Meeting

First Tuesday of the month

Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

June 4th

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

June 5th, 7:00 PM

SDCOS Board Meeting

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

June 7th

SDCOS Species Group Meeting

First Saturday of the month

Paul or Ann Tuskes (858) 274-5829

June 14th

Orchid Digest Speakers Day

(with judging at Huntington Gardens)

Sign up is through the Orchid Digest web site

Speaker Day 2014: <http://orchiddigest.com/>

June 18th

Cymbidium Society Meeting

Regular meeting, third Wednesday of month

Culture class at 6:30, Meeting at 7:00

San Diego Cty. Botanic Gardens—Ecke Bldg.

230 Quail Gardens Dr., Encinitas, CA 92024

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

June 20

San Diego Zoo's Orchid Odyssey

Third Friday of the month

10 AM-2 PM (orchid greenhouse is open)



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Letter from the Editor

Dear SDCOS,

I hope that none of our members were affected by the fires earlier in the month.

Wow, suddenly I know what it must be like to try and grow orchids in Borrego Springs. With a collection of almost all surface mounted plants grown outside, I could not keep the plants wet enough and started to worry about the rate at which my hard water was depositing minerals on the roots since it seemed to dry almost as I moved from plant to plant with the hose. Tips (other than "get a greenhouse, dummy") appreciated as I suspect these conditions will become more common even close to the coast where I live.

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