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related to successful orchid culture, and to support
the conservation of orchids in the wild.*

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CULTURE MEETING - July 1st, 6:30 PM

Flasking Orchids at Home

By Debby Halliday, 2nd Vice President

We have a very interesting topic and speaker in July. Betty Kelepecz will talk about flasking orchid seeds in her own home lab. We all know Betty as an expert in raising cool growing orchid species. Well, she also has a real propagation lab in a spare room at home where she flasks orchid seed for herself and Andy's Orchids among others.

Betty's undergraduate education and first post-college employment was in microbiology. While a police officer at the Los Angeles Police Department, she was the commanding officer of LAPD's Crime Lab and after retiring from law enforcement, she was hired as the lab director of a private forensic DNA laboratory. When the lab shut down,

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GENERAL MEETING - July 1st, 7:30 PM

Laelias of Mexico

By Scott Labouff, 1st Vice President

The genus *Laelia* was at one time a very large group of orchids ranging from Mexico through Central America and Brazil. Today's taxonomist, rightly or wrongly, have reduced the genus to a small group of eleven species all of which are endemic to Mexico. These plants vary from the quite common to some which are rarely seen in collections. The flowers and plants are quite variable and all exhibit a classic beauty associated with other members of the *Cattleya* group. All of these species are unique and have considerable worth in horticulture. Many have great potential as parental stock. This lecture will deal

mostly with the variability of the many flowers and the habitats from which they grow.

James attended the University of California at Santa Barbara where he studied anthropology. In 1971 he began working at Santa Barbara Orchid Estate. After 16 years there, and becoming manager, he left to establish his own nursery with his wife, Lauris. In 1987 they purchased *Orchids by Rowe*, a 2 acre cymbidium nursery 2 blocks from

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My Last Update as your President Bruce Berg

It's finally here. At our July 1st meeting, Scott la Bouff will be sworn in as the new President of the San Diego County Orchid Society along with a new slate of officers by outgoing past president, David Brown. My duties to our society will change to one of advisor to the board. There have been many good things that I will remember about the past three years as things that together, the society has accomplished. I'm looking forward to doing more of the fun things. I appreciate all the support and help that you have given me during the past three years.

The Fair is in full swing. We still need volunteers to help meet fair goers and talk to them about our society. If you want to have a free day at the fair and also help your society, please contact Nico Goossens at 760-942-4143, or licoorchids@aol.com. He is doing all the coordinating of people who want to come and work for three hours at the fair. He also has the tickets to get you in for free. Thanks to all the volunteers so far who have helped build the display, loan plants, act as ambassadors, paint rocks, bugs, birds, and all the tasks needed to put together a great first display for our society at the fair. We are partnering with the Palomar Orchid Society and Cymbidium Society of America on the ambassadoring and furnishing plants in the display. It's been fun visiting with members from the other societies in the county. Nico will need help after the end of the fair to take the display down.

Our Summer Show in the Park is coming up on the weekend of July 23rd (setup), 24th, 25th. David Brown is the Show Chairman. Signups can be done online or at our meeting. Remember that you can bring in your own orchids for sale, or donate them.

San Diego County Orchid Society Summer Show and Sale



Casa del Prado Room 101 Balboa Park
Saturday July 26, 2014 noon until 5:00 pm
Sunday July 27, 2014 10:00am until 4:00pm
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Orchids in the Park

It is time once again for the Summer Show and Sale in Balboa Park. The dates for the show are Saturday July 26th (noon til 5:00 pm) and Sunday 27th (10:00 am til 4:00 pm) and as usual we will be setting the Show up on Friday July 25th beginning about 2:00 pm. I am the first to admit that we put on a lot of Shows every year, but this is just another opportunity to display our plants and to educate and encourage the public to grow orchids for themselves. The Summer Show easily has the most attendance of any of our Shows in the Park since the weather is usually very pleasant and the sun doesn't set until almost 8:00 pm. If you have a plant in bloom, I really would like to encourage you to share it with us and the public.

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Summer Show (continued from page 2)

As always we need you to participate for this to be a success. We need to see the fabulous orchids that you have in bloom. With the mild winter that we have had, I am betting that there will be some things at this show that we have not seen in a while. So begin getting your plants ready for the Show.

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egg creation. So if you can bring something to share, that would be great. I look forward to seeing all of you at another great show put on by US.

I hope to see many, many of you at the Summer Show and Sale in the Park,
David Brown

Culture Class (continued from page 1)

Betty obtained various pieces of equipment that she used to establish a small home hobby orchid propagation lab.

Before her first flasking experience, she sought out a well-known and successful orchid propagator (is there such a thing?) SDCOS member Billy Baker, who was kind enough to teach her the basics of orchid propagation. She flasked her first orchid in 2008. It was a green capsule from none other than a Masdevallia orchid of hers that she had personally pollinated. She has found it to be fun and satisfying and a continual learning experience. Since 2008, Betty has flasked over 200 mostly species orchids.

For most of us, there is an air of mystery about the journey from orchid seed to viable plant. I was fascinated to discover that we had in our midst a serious hobbyist who had taken on this most challenging and technical phase of orchid growing. I think you will find her talk both informative and inspiring. Hobbyists can actually do it all!

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General Meeting (continued from page 1)

the Pacific Ocean, and redesigned the former cymbidium cut flower range to what is now a world re-knowned orchid nursery providing one of the largest varieties of orchid species and hybrids in the U.S.

Cal-Orchid maintains an active breeding program and stud collection built upon decades of international travel. James is very well known for having a distinctively selective 'eye' for the new unusual plant, and Cal-Orchid's new and long-time customers enjoy reaping the benefits. The nursery's inventory features the Cattleya, Cymbidium, Odontoglossum, Masdevallia, Lycaste, and Paphiopedilum alliances as well as a good assortment of African species. James and Lauris, have become recognized for their superior 'Pacific' line of reedstem Epidendrums, which have evolved over 12 years of selective breeding and have garnered awards around the world.

James has published in the AOS, Orchid Digest, and CSA magazines, and is well respected for his vast knowledge as well as his distinctive sense of humor. He lectures all over the world, from Japan to South Africa, to Europe, at orchid shows and World Orchid Conferences. He is a Cymbidium Society of America Judge, former member of the AOS Conservation Committee, and active member of the Japan Grand Prix Organizing committee where he has judged every year at the world famous Tokyo Dome.

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

Text and photos by Phyllis Prestia.

There were 5 orchids presented for judging. One was awarded.

Encyclia Royal Basin
'Midnight' HCC/AOS
Exhibited by Arthur
Pinkers
Awarded HCC/AOS
77 points



Spring Show Committee

by Dave Hoffmaster

It is time to think about a theme for next year's spring show. The show committee is soliciting suggestions from the membership as to possible ideas for the theme. Last year we selected "A Symphony of Orchids" and it worked well for us. This year, we need as many good ideas as we can get. We encourage all of you to submit ideas as the more, the better. On the other hand we ask you to limit the number of suggestions to 5 or 6 so as to not over whelm the show committee. Your ideas can be submitted to me in writing at a society meeting or by email at davehoff5@yahoo.com.

Each year we come up with a poster to advertise the show and ask the exhibitors to work the theme into their displays so think about how easily your ideas will apply. This is a completion and the person that submits the winning theme will receive a one year subscription to Orchid Digest. I subscribe to that magazine and, trust me; you would like a subscription as well. So give us your ideas and hopefully, yours will win.

We need your suggestions no later than our society meeting on August 5th. That way, the show committee can review all the ideas and submit the best ones for a vote at the September meeting. We look forward to your participation.

San Diego County Orchid Society Board Meeting Minutes June 6, 2014

Attendees: Bruce Berg, Carol Berg, Kay Klausing, Bob Clark, David Brown, Jim Wright, Scott LaBouff, Jack Schaefer Acting Secretary and visitors Carol Kerr and Lou Wilson.

President Bruce Berg called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

Officer and Committee Reports:

Secretary's report – Jack Schaefer (acting)
May Board minutes were approved via email prior to this meeting and were published in the June newsletter.

Treasurer's report – Carol Berg

Carol presented the report for the month of May.

David Brown moved to file the report for audit – the motion was seconded

and passed.

Carol noted that SVO had donated a quantity of FDK After Dark plants and they were being sold with funds going to conservation.

Carol discussed the new keys and who has them. She also commented that new Signature cards would be required in mid-July after installation of the new officers.

Carol moved the allocation of \$40 for supplies for the new member culture class. The motion was seconded and passed.

Carol reported that John Walters has an extensive collection of Orchid Digest magazines & would like the society to find a use for them. After discussion it was decided to compare our current holdings with John's collection, reserving any issues for society

use that we don't already have and to dispose of the rest as the society sees fit.

During discussion of John Walter's donation, 1st VP Scott LaBouff moved to acquire copies of Mary Gerritsen's A Compendium of Miniature Orchid Species, Vol 1 & 2 as well as her Masdevallias: Gems of the Orchid World. The motion was seconded and passed.

Bob Clark moved to allocate \$300 to purchase a new projector. After discussion of priority, Bob Clark amended his motion to allocate \$1000 to purchase a HD/WXGA projector (3000 lumen). The current projector is old and will be retained as a backup. David Brown will research available projectors and report back to the board. The motion was seconded and passed. Also discussed is the need for an Apple to PC video adapter. David Brown will research available options and cost.

Webmaster's report – Jack Schaefer

Jack noted that web count numbers are coming back up as expected with emphasis on the Summer Show.

Jack also discussed the query originating in China requesting registration of the sdorchids.com web domain to a Chinese company. Jack will do further research into the request and report back with actions needed/taken to resolve this matter.

Membership report – Bob Clark

Bob reported that we are down 3 members to 324. Since last fall there has been a steady gain but this month shows a slight downturn.

Spring Show Relocation Feasibility Committee – Bob Clark, David Brown

No report. Pres. Bruce Berg requested Bob and David to establish deadlines for a go/no go decision.

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Board Meeting Minutes*continued from page 6***President's report – Bruce Berg**

Bruce reviewed the accomplishment of goals for the current year. 3 of 4 goals were met. The unmet goal is the movement of the Spring Show from Scottish Rite Center.

Bruce reported he and Carol and 6 other members had attended the Awards Banquet for the San Diego County Fair. SDCOS received a \$400 award for a Certificate of Merit. The Society's entry is eligible for another \$125 award after the fair if the display is maintained. The Fair administration was very happy with Nico's overall design and the greenhouse. Bruce moved to send a thank you card and allocate \$150 a visa card for Nico & Lisa. The motion was seconded and passed.

Bruce discussed the display design and the manning of the display & information booth.

The purchase of additional advertising materials including the quarter sheet flyers and the bookmarks based on the Spring Show bookmark design. Scott moved to allocate \$500 for advertising materials. The motion was seconded and passed.

The replacement of the missing remote microphones is being looked into by David Brown, he will email the Board with his findings.

Board Elections: Bruce reported the elections held at the June meeting. He also thanked David Brown for his participation as Past President.

First Vice President's report – Scott LaBouf

July Meeting: Scott reported that James Rose from Cal-Orchids will be the July main

speaker. The topic will be on Laelias. James will provide the plant table.

August Meeting: Dr Ardetii is scheduled to be the August main speaker. The plant table will be provided from the society's donated collection with supplements from local vendors.

Second Vice President's report – Debby Halliday

Debby was not present. Carol Berg reported that the new member culture class at Debby's home was a huge success.

Next New Member Culture Class (NMCC) date/place is TBD.

Past President's report – David Brown

David reported that he had found 2 new microphone cables for use in the meetings. Also the cordless microphone situation was discussed. Our current equipment is fairly obsolete and will have to be replaced. Research continues.

Summer Show Chairmans Report – David Brown

David is talking with vendors. A copy of the original show poster was requested by Bruce Berg for making advertising materials. David is to email the file to Bruce. David also noted that he has the permits for all 2015 Balboa Park activities. The 2016 dates have been submitted but are tentative until permits are issued. This also applies to the 2017 dates.

The next Board meeting is **JULY 3rd at 7 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,
Jack Schaefer, Acting Secretary

Report from the Fair

By Nico Goosens

Word has it that our exhibit at the Del Mar Fair is the most visited exhibit at the fair gardens. That fact won't be contested by the many volunteer ambassadors who are kept busy answering many questions about orchids and insects. It is a testament to all the volunteers that great interest is created when you help people understand the nuances of nature and the importance of all the parts playing a role. While most people have the misconception that orchids are difficult to grow, we hobbyists all realize that a little bit of knowledge about how orchids grow in nature, makes this untrue. While this year's fair theme, The Fab Fair - highlighting

the Beatles coming to America fifty years ago, allowed us to connect the importance of beetles, our Fab Millions, with plants (and for our benefit) as both pollinator and decomposers in the world, it is the one to one conversations with ambassadors that help fair goers understand how important all insects are in nature and how easy it can be to grow orchids. Hopefully everyone visiting our exhibit booth will realize that growing orchids can be a very rewarding pastime.

Our exhibit highlights a small greenhouse, an outdoor shade arbor, and a small garden setting where many orchids can grow. We used a small stream and pond with bunch grasses and terrestrial orchids to depict an easy to care garden. The cute small



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greenhouse is large enough to judiciously house several hundred orchids both potted on the bench and mounted on the wall or hanging from the rafters. And the shade arbor can be a fabulous way to grow orchids outdoors. People leave with the realization that they too can have showy orchids in their home environments.

This is the first time, to my knowledge, that all three San Diego county orchid societies collaborated to inform the general public about our orchid passions. With exhibit construction help, orchid plant loans, exhibit props, and volunteer ambassadors (from members of five So Ca societies), we truly presented an exhibit worth visiting and staying a while. Outside loan contributions greatly enhanced our display: wall blocks from RCP, Torrey Pine trees from HAGGAI Tree Company, rain barrel and fountain from RainThanks & Greywater, custom rain gutter from Hydroflow, plus greenhouse and mist fogger from LICO Orchids. I would be remiss not to mention the guidance and support from landscape designers Candace Vanderhoff of Rainthanks & Greywater and Gigi Lopatriello of Sun-Coast Design. Then I

really want to thank Jerri Larsson from BioQuip Products for his guidance on insect knowledge, but especially for his generous loan of insect boxes for our information table. However, I believe it is the contributions of all the volunteers as ambassadors that truly made the difference at the Fair.

The Del Mar Fair runs through July 6, so it's not too late to visit the fair or volunteer to ambassador and enjoy our orchid exhibit.

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.

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Tour of Jerry and Anita Spencer's

Anita and Jerry generously hosted the society at their home and greenhouses for a potluck in June. The food and camaraderie were fantastic and both Jerry and Anita shared tips on how they manage to grow such big and healthy plants. In addition, a few choice plants were for sale. Thanks to the Spencers for a great Saturday!



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From the Membership Desk

Please welcome our newest members: Alan & Alice Orr, John Hagee, Alan Castillo, and Bill & Doris Bertch.

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Orchids in the Park (cont'd from page 2)

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David Brown

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

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.

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Karl Batchman casa@orquideas.com

Northeast County, all types

Dave Reid, Reid's Orchids (760) 310-2153

San Diego Central

Outdoor, all types

Jim Wright (619) 276-5295

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.

SDCOS is now on Facebook!

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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.

Orchid Dates to Remember

July 1st, 6:30 PM

SDCOS Culture Meeting

First Tuesday of the month

Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

July 1st, 7:30 PM

SDCOS General Meeting

First Tuesday of the month

Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

July 2nd

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

July 3rd, 7:00 PM

SDCOS Board Meeting

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

July 5th

SDCOS Species Group Meeting

First Saturday of the month

Paul or Ann Tuskes (858) 274-5829

July 16th

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.

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

July 18th

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 this month is replaced by the General Meeting Minutes

**San Diego County Orchid Society
General Meeting Minutes
June 3, 2014**

Bruce Berg read the slate of officers as recommended by the nomination committee for the coming year:

Scott LaBouff – President
Kay Klausing – First Vice President
Debby Halliday – Second Vice President
Carol Berg – Treasurer
Jack Schaefer – Secretary
Felisa Acantilado – Director-at-large 2014-2017
Carol Kerr – Director-at-large 2012-2015 replacing Kay Klausing
Bruce Berg – Past President

David Brown moved to accept the slate as read, the motion was seconded.

Bruce Berg then asked for any nomination from the floor. Being none he asked for a vote – the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Helen R. Pfister Secretary