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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 - September 2nd, 6:30 PM

### *Building a Home Greenhouse, Part 1*

By Debby Halliday, 2nd Vice President

Nico Goosens of Lico Orchids will be starting a two-part program on home greenhouses in September. Nico designed and built the hobby greenhouse for our club display at the Del Mar Fair. It was a well conceived and constructed building that attracted a lot of interest (see pictures). I suggested to Nico that he give a program on how to build a home greenhouse.

In planning the greenhouse talk he started to explore the chapters he would need to cover this quite extensive topic and realized that there was too much for a single session. We are therefore presenting this topic over two months in the hope of giving you a good overview.

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## GENERAL MEETING - September 2nd, 7:30 PM

### *Catasetums and Their Culture*

By Kay Klausing, 1st Vice President

Catasetinae is one of the most fascinating subtribe of the Orchidaceae. They represent about 200 species in 5 genera of mostly warm growing orchids originating from Central and South America with unique culture requirements. Learn more about this amazing group of species and their hybrids from Fred Clarke, the world-leading grower and hybridizer of this subtribe.

Fred Clarke has been growing orchids for since 1977 and has been hybridizing for 32 of those years. With over 29 years as a professional grower and manager in the

horticultural industry, Fred applies these skills at his orchid nursery; Sunset Valley Orchids, located in San Diego, California.

He is a passionate orchid grower whose curiosity in orchids is broad and varied. Although developing *Cattleya* hybrids has been his sustaining interest, he is also actively creating new *Catasetinae*, *Paphiopedilum* and Australian *Dendrobium* hybrids.

His pioneering work in *Catasetum* intergeneric breeding has led to the

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*Culture Class - cont'd from page 1*

The September meeting will cover the following:

1. Why grow plants in a greenhouse?

What are the considerations. History. Growing experience.

2. Planning the greenhouse and location.

Size, design, growing conditions. Expenses.

In the October meeting he'll talk about the process of buying and constructing a greenhouse.

Nico has been a member of the SDCOS since 1976. He grows orchids with Lisa Humphreys at Lico Orchids. Most of you will have seen their booth at our shows with its broad selection of interesting plants.

Here is how he described his history with orchids and building greenhouses. "I got into orchids when I received a refused warehoused shipment way back in 1976 or so and joined the SDCOS soon after. Hoping to keep these desiccated plants alive, I learned a lot about the resilience of epiphytic orchids. For the first 20 years or so I grew them mainly outside until I built my present greenhouse in 1995. I had helped build a small greenhouse and shade structures with friends and at my parents' home, but gained most of my construction experience building houses over the last 30 plus years. Growing orchids in the greenhouse really took off when I built our present greenhouse and I've helped built 2 or 3 greenhouses since."

This promises to be a very useful series for anyone considering taking the next step and investing in a home greenhouse. They are immensely fun and satisfying if you do it right. Nico can help you get there.

Class starts at 6:30 pm. See you there!

*General meeting - cont'd from page 1*

development of several notable hybrids, most recently the grex, Fredclarkeara After Dark, which produced "the **blackest** flower ever witnessed". This grex has received eight FCC's, six AM's and the coveted 'Award of Distinction' on the first flowers shown for judging!

Fred is an internationally acclaimed speaker and travels extensively within USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. He is an accredited American Orchid Society Judge in the Pacific South region. His plants have received hundreds of quality awards from the American Orchid Society.

The plant opportunity table will be provided by Fred Clarke, SVO Orchids.



## President's Message

Clear your calendar for the **SDCOS 'Orchids in the Park' Fall Show**, Saturday & Sunday, **October 25th & 26th**, 2014. The **Volunteer** efforts of our members make these shows successful. Service as a volunteer provides you with an opportunity to learn and share your passion for orchids with other members, friends, and the public. Please **sign-up** for your choice of activity during this weekend.

The recent **Newcomer's Potting Workshop** was a great success with sixteen attendees. I am sure many orchids are now happier. Thank you to **Debby Halliday** for organizing the workshop, **Ben Machado** who provided supplies, **Jim Wright** for his generosity as host, opening his home and wondrous backyard for this gathering, and to experienced members **Helen Pfister** and **Dave Hoffmaster** who shared their assistance and instruction. This was a dynamic workshop. Look for Debby's article in this edition of the newsletter.

I am excited that **Bruce Berg** will present his favorite **monthly culture tips** in this newsletter. If you'd like to contribute your favorite culture tip of the month write to [pastpresident@sdorchids.com](mailto:pastpresident@sdorchids.com).

Finally, I am looking for two persons excited to,

**Be the Volunteer Coordinator.** This responsibility is easier than ever with the use of [volunteersignup.org](http://volunteersignup.org). Members will find this a breeze to sign-up and give a few hours to support our society. Please email [president@sdorchids.com](mailto:president@sdorchids.com) if you are interested in this position. You will be

responsible for coordinating volunteers at our shows and meetings. I and The Board will provide guidance and support to make you, as Volunteer Coordinator, fulfilled in your service to our Society.

**Be the Publicity Coordinator.** You can have a lot of fun with this position where you will be responsible for the Society's presence to the public. The Society needs you to fully utilize the internet for the benefit of our Society and members. If you have an interest and aptitude for moderating postings to facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and explore other mediums, please email [president@sdorchids.com](mailto:president@sdorchids.com). Besides using the internet fully for show and meeting announcements, I think it will be fun and educational for you to set-up and moderate multiple SDCOS sponsored mediums where fellow members can post their favorite orchid photos, culture tips of the month, and approved announcements. It's an exciting time where we can share and rejoice in our passion for orchids remotely and at our pleasure. You will have the support and guidance to make you, as Publicity Coordinator, fulfilled in your service to our society.

I welcome member's suggestions at [president@sdorchids.com](mailto:president@sdorchids.com).

I wish you success in growing orchids,

Scott LaBouff

President

## From the Membership Desk

I just returned from a 5 week travel and have missed letting you know about some new members. Please welcome these as newer members: Deborah Feuerborn, Amina Benothmane, Laurence Lhoest, Muan Knight, Louise O'Neil, Charito & Alfredo Grace, Nancy Walters, Reed & Sue Phillips, Sharon Weiller, and Paola & Piero Bonissone. Also please welcome [back](#) Diana Kraushaar and Peggy Harrison.

Bob

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

Text and photos by Phyllis Prestia.

There were 6 orchids presented for judging.



Paph. Cathrine Briois 'Seagraves'  
AM/AOS  
Exhibited by John Hagee  
Awarded AM/AOS 83 points

Ctsm. Alexa 'Arnie' AM/AOS  
Exhibited by Arnold Gum  
Awarded 81 points



C. Royal Basin 'Speckles' AM/AOS  
Exhibited by Arthur Pinkers  
Awarded 81 points



## **NEWCOMERS POTTING WORKSHOP - Saturday, August 9**

What a great time we had in the potting workshop graciously hosted by Jim Wright. Ben Machado provided us with pots and medium. Jim and others gave training and tips to anyone who wanted them. We really got hands-on and divided plants, trimmed roots, laid in medium inch by inch with energetic pot whacking, and proudly labeled the finished products.

It was fun to watch our members who were new to this activity steadily gain in confidence as they went along. We also got to explore Jim's amazing gardens. His place is like a piece of the San Diego Zoo transplanted farther north with not only orchid houses, but also an impressive collection of palms. The weather was pleasant and cloudy, just how we like it.

After a busy morning of potting we all enjoyed the delicious and varied offerings of a potluck lunch. We even raffled off several plants at the end just for fun. A number of members stayed behind to clean up until Jim's place was spic and span.

We had a diverse group of participants from long-time growers who gave advice to brand new members just starting out. Thanks to all who came:

Helen Pfister, Scott Labouff, Dave Hoffmaster, Lena Shiroma, April & Gary Louis, Tom Ketelaar, Jane Arnold, Ivan Allen, Carey McCoy, Linda Espino, Liz Hildreth, Diana Smith, and I was there too, Debby Halliday.

We will plan to continue having these workshops on at least a quarterly basis. It's a great place to get to know each other and a very useful "way in" when you're trying to get comfortable with repotting orchids.

## **CHANGES TO PLANT REGISTRATION SCHEDULE FOR SHOWS IN THE PARK**

There have been some changes made to the plant registration schedule for our shows in the park. At the suggestion of a number of members, we decided an update was in order. Most of the changes are minor – just adding more color categories, clarifications, and some updates to genera that have changed names.

The most significant change is in the species section. We get such good participation from species growers that it has begun to seem a bit unfair to only give one Best in Section award to the entire species group. In the future there may be more revamping of the species classifications, but for now we are trying splitting it into two sections by size. Section 12 will be Standard species 6" or more from base to leaf tip and Section 13 will be Miniatures under 6". The classes will be the same for both sections.

We'll be interested to see how this works out and how you all like it. Pam welcomes your comments and input. The October show will be our first trial. Please take a look at the new schedule posted on the website.

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## Culture tip for September

Bruce Berg

**September is usually still a hot month,** especially out in East County, where I mist my plants in the mornings and in the afternoons only if the temperatures soar. As the days get shorter, plant growth slows down and most plants require less fertilizer and water. Cymbidiums do not need as much nitrogen in their fertilizer. You can use something like Hi Bloom or similar low nitrogen fertilizer through the end of the year. Check your Cattleyas for emerging spikes that foretell blooms in the fall. It is a good time to stake them up for presentation. If buds are showing, then remember the orientation toward the sun when moving plants so that you can return them to the same orientation after staking up inflorescences. Otherwise, the buds will twist around to reorient toward the light.

Start preparing for where your plants are going to go when the weather starts cooling. This is a good time to go thru your winter growing area and clean it. A misting with Physan or other antifungal treatment would be a good idea. Make sure that things like water and heat are working.

**Plant tags:** Plant tags are very useful tools for the orchidist. I'm always picking up tips from members and would like to share some of them this month. Several months ago at a culture forum, I picked up these tips. Both Debby Halliday and Pam Peters always make new plant tags when they repots a plant, and puts the old tag in the bottom of the new pot in case the new tag falls out. Several members use colored tags to give quick information for plants that have special requirements, such as: watering, bloom numbers and dates, repotting, winter rest, no

water during winter, or plant division history. Phyllis Prestia uses colored tags to record if the plant has been virus tested. I also made a tag with her name on it to put in a pot to mark a plant that I'll give her a division of the next time that I divide it. Some tags come with markings for recording bloom dates as well as repotting dates. Fred Tomaschke always lightly sands his tags first with 200 grit sandpaper before using a soft lead pencil. He says the tags are legible for 20 years. Debby Halliday buys "Sharpie Industrial Extra Fine felt marking pens online from Amazon.com that do not fade ("permanent markers" aren't when exposed to greenhouse conditions). The placement of tags in pots can indicate orientation of the plant on the bench toward the sun so that emerging flowers do not twist when plants are moved.

I use a 1/8" drill bit to drill a hole in a tag as well as in the plant pot. I wire the tag to the pot with a 6" piece of telephone wire. This solves a problem I've had with tags falling out of pots. I then write the plant name, the date the plant was repotted, or divided, and a code number that I use with my Orchidwiz database program. To find tags, you can check the internet. Repotme.com sells colored tags. Ben Machado has white tags in stock. I use his. To add the color option, I bought colored electrical tapes to wrap around the tags to tell me if the plant would bloom in summer, fall, winter, or spring. Remember that good penmanship will help you later figure out just what that plant name is when someone is admiring your plant and you want to tell them the name of the plant, or you are filling out a registration form to enter your plant in for judging at one of our shows.

## San Diego County Orchid Society Board Meeting Minutes August 7, 2014

**Attendees:** Scott LaBouff, Carol Berg, Debby Halliday, Jack Schaefer, Bruce Berg, Kay Klausing, Carol Kerr, Felisa Acantilado.

President Scott LaBouff called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM.

### Officer and Committee Reports:

#### Secretary's Report – Jack Schaefer

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

#### Treasurer's Report – Carol Berg

- Carol presented the July Treasurer's report.
- Scott LaBouff moved to file the treasurer's report for audit – the motion was passed.

##### 1. Finance Committee –

- a. Bruce discussed the Garner Fund's current situation.

The CD has matured and the question facing the committee was the amount to roll over to a new CD.

Jack moved to roll over the principal and 20% of the interest earned in the last period to a new CD and to use the remaining 80% of the interest for educational purposes. Motion passed.

2. Carol reviewed the proposed budget for 2014/2015.

Bruce moved to accept the proposed budget. Motion passed.

3. Carol discussed our current bank situation with Chase. Due to the insistence of Chase to charge us \$20/month fees (new), Carol suggested we terminate the Chase account and switch to another bank. After some discussion, Debby moved to transfer the account to San Diego Credit Union. Motion passed

#### Webmaster Report – Jack

- Jack had discussed the Web Page Count for both June & July. Generally the use of the website is up mildly. The news page has a steady 165 average hit count.

#### Membership Report - Bob Clark

- Bob was not present (excused absence) but reported via email that the membership count remains even at 325

#### Spring Show Relocation Report –

1. There was a general discussion of the problem. No actions take as both Bob and David were not present.

#### President's Report – Scott LaBouff.

1. Committee chair nominations reported as in progress. A new Volunteer Coordinator and a Social Media Coordinator are needed.
2. Purchase of a new computer is ongoing. Specifically the need for an HDMI port on the new computer was mentioned.

#### First Vice President's Report – Kay Klausing

1. Kay Klausing reported that speakers through the end of the year had committed to attend.
  - a. In September Fred Clarke will discuss Catasetums & provide the Opportunity table.
  - b. In October, Harold Koopowitz will discuss Flower Colors in Nature.
  - c. In November Paul Tuskes will discuss Laelias and provide the Opportunity table.
2. Kay discussed the issue of Speakers Fee's and our current budget. He requested an increase to \$250/speaker. Debby moved to allocate \$250 per speaker for 2015. 2nd & passed.

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*SDCOS Board Minutes, cont'd***Second Vice President's Report** – Debby Halliday

1. Debby discussed the culture class speakers. Nico will do a two part discussion on greenhouse construction in September & October.
2. The next New Member Culture class is slated to be at Jim Wright's home on August 9<sup>th</sup>. The topic will be repotting Cattleyas. The cost is \$3 per plant.

**Board Officer Items** – None**Past President's Report** – Bruce Berg

1. By-Law Changes - The finance committee approved proposed wording of the By-laws creating the finance committee and incorporating Garner fund provisions. This is to be recommended to the By-Laws committee consisting of Paul Tuskes, Bob Clark, Scott LaBouff and Bruce Berg.

**General Items -**

1. Debby will be absent from the September meetings.
2. Jack will be absent from the September meetings. Helen Pfister will stand in as acting secretary for Jack in September.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

The next Board meeting is **September 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Jack Schaefer, Secretary

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2nd Saturday of the month at 10 am

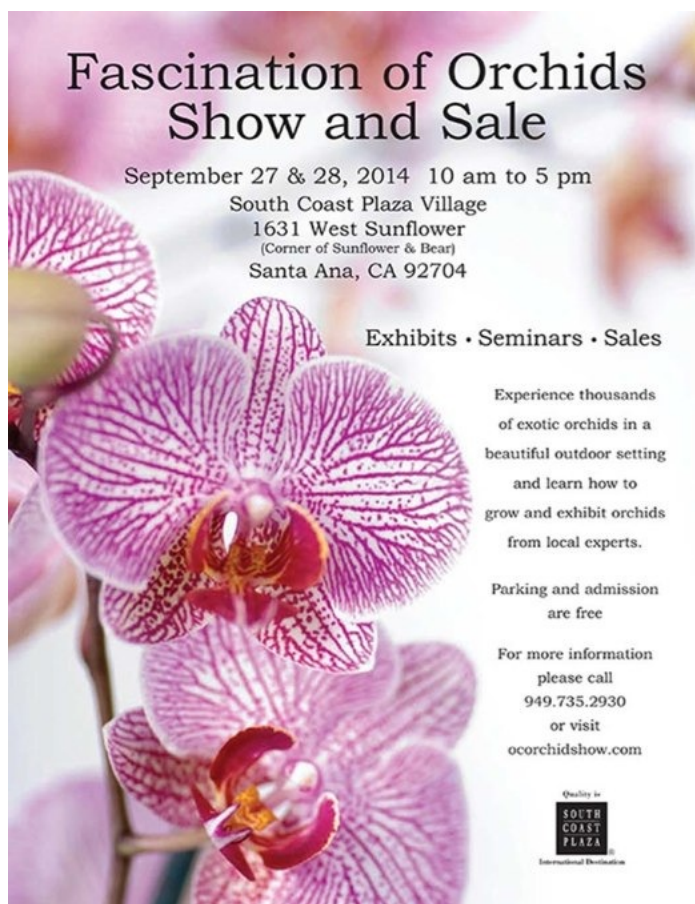
### Long Beach

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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:

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### **Encyclias, Epidendrums, Laelias**

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

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### **Cymbidiums**

Karl Batchman [casa@orquideas.com](mailto: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

Sign up at the meeting to volunteer for the fall show (Oct 25-26th). SDCOS is looking for a new volunteer coordinator and a publicity coordinator. These are great opportunities for involvement in the society and to have fun with it! See the article by Scott LaBouff on page 3 of this newsletter!

## SDCOS is now on Facebook!

To find our Facebook page you can do one of the following:

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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](mailto:develethos@gmail.com).

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

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### Orchid Dates to Remember

September 2nd, 6:30 PM  
**SDCOS Culture Meeting**  
First Tuesday of the month  
Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

September 2nd, 7:30 PM  
**SDCOS General Meeting**  
First Tuesday of the month  
Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

September 3rd  
**Palomar Orchid Society Meeting**  
Culture class at 6:30; program at 7:00  
First Wednesday of the month  
Lake San Marcos Pavilion  
331105 La Bonita Dr., San Marcos, CA 92078

September 4th, 7:00 PM  
**SDCOS Board Meeting**  
Normally the Thursday following the General Meeting, Balboa Park, Rm. 104

September 6th  
**SDCOS Species Group Meeting**  
First Saturday of the month  
Paul or Ann Tuskes (858) 274-5829

September 17th  
**Cymbidium Society Meeting**  
Regular meeting, third Wednesday of month  
Culture class at 6:30, Meeting at 7:00  
Lake San Marcos Pavilion  
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**San Diego Zoo's Orchid Odyssey**  
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From the editor

September is here, the kids are back in school and the summer vacations are over. I hope everyone is rested for the parade of fall shows. Our own fall show in the park comes up in October so please plan on showing, attending or volunteering.

As always, suggestions for the newsletter are welcome.

David  
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