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the conservation of orchids in the wild.*

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San Diego County Orchid Society

SDCOS Holiday Party - December 2nd, 6:00 PM

The San Diego County Orchid Society annual Holiday Party is on December 2nd. This will be in place of the regularly scheduled Culture and General meetings. We'll start our party off right with yummy appetizers served at 6 pm with the main meal following. This year SDCOS will provide main dishes to include assorted meat and vegetarian dishes. **Society members are asked to bring an appetizer, side-dish or dessert to share, providing 8-10 servings.** A selection of desserts and beverages will be provided by SDCOS. No RSVP is required. Guests are welcome.

Orchid plant exchange: Anyone who brings an orchid plant may participate. The orchid plant exchange works as follows: Bring a nicely decorated orchid plant (well potted & pest free), with your name clearly labeled on the plant. The first person to select a plant of their preference is randomly chosen. Whoever's plant this person selects is then called to make their own selection and so forth. The more appealing plants are selected first, so the nicer you're exchange plant is, the sooner you will be called to select a plant of your own.



SDCOS member's gift orchid: SDCOS will present a gift orchid to each society member present.

Come join your friends for a fun evening of delicious food, good company, and new orchids to begin a jovial holiday season.

President's Message

I will look forward to seeing you at our holiday party on December 2nd. I wish you and your family a joyous holiday season.

Looking forward to the coming year...

Our society has been invited to participate at the 2015 Newport Harbor Orchid Expo, February 13 – 15 in Westminster. The theme this year is "Orchids: Jewels of the Jungle". SDCOS will participate. Please contact me if you have plants we can use. Plants provided by you for the SDCOS display are open to AOS, CSA, and ribbon judging. NHOS also extends an invitation to you to serve as a volunteer for judging or a choice of duties scheduled during this week-end. Please contact Tina.Coombe@me.com if you can volunteer.

SDCOS will participate in the "Garden Party for the Century" on May 9th, 2015. Please save the date to participate in this SDBGF and City sponsored event as part of the centennial anniversary of the 1915 Panama-California Exposition. SDCOS will have a booth and display for this event. Volunteer hosts are needed to share information about our society to the public. Additionally plants are needed for the day.

Don't forget to care for your plants during this busy time of year. You may have an entry for our SDCOS "Orchids in the Park" Show and Sale January 24 & 25th.

Scott La Bouff

President

Awards at Fall Show in the Park by Bruce Berg

Anita and Jerry Spencer took both the Best of Show Trophy and the Forrest Robinson Trophy with their gorgeous Dendrobium "Enobi Purple" plant at the October Show in the Park which was held the weekend of October 25th and 26th in room 101 at Balboa Park.

Other winners included the following: Section 4 Cattleya Alliance Standard, Blc. Guanmiau City 'Black Rosie' presented by Billy Baker; Section 5, Cattleya Alliance Compact, C. Tropical Pointer 'Cheetah', presented by Anita Spencer; Section 6, Cattleya Alliance Miniature, Lc. Fiery Fantasy x Sl Pole Star, presented by Tom Biggart; Section 7, Paphiopedilum Hybrids, Paph. Ching Hua Dancer 'Oscar' presented by Alan Castillo; Section 8, Phalaenopsis Alliance Hybrids, Phalaenopsis hybrid yellow/red, presented by Debby Halliday; Section 9, Oncidium Alliance Hybrids; Colmanara hybrid, presented by Carol Kerr; Section 10, Other Genera Hybrids, Dendrobium Enobi Purple presented by Anita and Jerry Spencer; Section 11 Specimen Plants, *Laelia finkeniana*, presented by Tom Biggart; Section 12 Species >6 Inches *Encyclia dichroma*, presented by Tom Osborn; Section 13, Species < 6 inches, *Aerangis luteo-alba*, presented by Debby Halliday.

The following members also brought in plants for judging: Felisa Acantilado, Irma Adams, Ivan Allen, Billy Baker, Carol and Bruce Berg, Tom Biggart, Alan Castillo, Mary Ann Chanthala, Bob Clark, Monica Cordero, Myra DeTate, David Eveleth, Debby Halliday, David Helt, Liz Heldreth, Dave and Patti Hoffmaster, Carol Kerr, Tom Osborn, Pam Peters, Pat Schmidt, Anita and Jerry Spencer, Ann and Paul Tuskes, Nico Goossens, Lisa Humphrys.

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We sure could have used more plants. Maybe it was the weather, but whatever the reasons may have been, the tables were pretty sparsely populated with plants. If you have plants in bloom, please bring them in to our shows. The judging criteria are set to reward as many plants as possible to encourage our members to show off their plants.

As a new feature for this show, Nico Goossens, Casa de las Orquideas and Susan Lewitt put up displays.

We also had Speakers giving talks at the show: Paul Tuskes "Fertilizing Orchids"; Debby Halliday, "Growing Phalaenopsis"; and Nico Goossens, "Orchids 101"

We had the following vendors offering a great selection of plants and supplies for sale: Lico Orchids, Rex Foster Orchids, Calavo Gardens, Cortland Orchids, Orchids

by Anita, Granite Hills, Everything Orchid, Orchid Source, Andy's, Red's Orchids, and our own Conservation sales booth as well as members sales.

Thanks to Paul Tuskes and his team of AOS judges who came in to judge plants for AOS awards. One job at the park shows where members come together and have fun while learning more about orchids is participating on our ribbon judging teams. Thank you Pam Peters for coordinating this event. The following members participated on our ribbon judging teams: Ivan Alan, Jerry Spencer, Jack Schaefer, Pam Peters, Vangie Nagrampa, Scott La Bouff, Tom Ketelaar, Linda Humiston, Dave Hoffmaster, Liz Hildreth, Debby Halliday, Siv Garrod, David Eveleth, Myra DeTate, Odell Chanthala, Anita Spencer, Lou Wilson, and Lena Shiroma. After the judging members enjoyed a pot luck lunch with many delicious dishes.

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Photo: Arnie Gum



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In addition to helping with judging at the show, we had many of our members volunteer to help with the other tasks required to put on a show. Our Volunteer Coordinator, Ivan Alan, was in contact with those of you who either signed up at the meetings or online to coordinate schedules. Thank you Ivan. While it helps to have people just show up to help, it makes the job of knowing that we will have enough people to make the show work really stressful if we don't know if we will have enough people on hand. We were short security and receipt writing people this show. Members worked extra shifts to cover vacancies because we didn't have enough people volunteer to help out. Thanks to the following people who signed up and helped out: Scott La Bouff, Paul Tuskes, Susan Lewitt, Bob Clark, Helen Pfister, Debby Halliday, Jack Schaefer, Carey Mc Coy, Laurence Lhoest, Pam Peters, Tom Ketelaar, Lou Wilson, Nancy W, Wendy

Garnica, Mary Ann Chanthala, April and Gary Louis, Carol Kerr, Charlie Morgan, Carol Berg, Myra DeTate, Shirley Hall, Kay Klausing, Dick Chadwick, and Dolores Maxwell. Thank you to any other members who helped out whom I did not get your names recorded. Your help was appreciated.



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Culture Tip for December

By Bruce Berg

As Tom Biggart said at last month's culture class, "Cold and wet equals dead plants," so this month is a good time to look at our growing conditions to avoid that BAAAD catastrophe of losing our plants to cold and wet conditions. Hopefully you have made provisions to either move your plants to a protected area, or have checked to make sure that the area where they are located will have temperatures within the ranges the plants can tolerate. Someday soon, hopefully, we will get rains and our plants should be protected from sitting in cold wet conditions.

Cymbidiums are outside growers that can take colder temperatures and rains with the exception of when they are in spike, and then you will want to move them in where the buds are protected from the rains so that the flowers are not damaged by Botrytis when they open. There is an excellent article on the AOS website at <http://www.aos.org/Default.aspx?id=120> which describes the Botrytis fungus and how to prevent/treat it. This is also a good time to check your cymbidiums for spikes and to stake them upright when they are flexible and easy to train. Fertilize them with a high phosphorus and potassium fertilizer (10-30-20).

Members of the Catasetinae family (catasetums, clowesia, cynoches, and mormodes) are entering their dormant period as evidenced by the yellowing and dropping of leaves. Note that some actually initiate spikes at the outset or during their dormant period. Cut back and eventually eliminate water and fertilizer until Spring as recommended by Fred Clarke [on his website](#). This recommendation is from the Palomar Orchid Society.

Some Cattleya hybrids are growing and getting ready to bloom next month and will need water and fertilizer. Remember that we have a show coming up the weekend of

January 24th and 25th and you will want to stake up those emerging spikes and fertilize the plants to encourage blooming.

If you acquire any new plants during this season, you might want to put them in an area where you can observe them for a couple weeks before adding them to your collection, since the changes in weather may encourage critters to move onto plants being moved into greenhouses from outside growing areas. It is also a good idea to give new plants a spray with Physan 20 and/or fertilizing with a systemic like Bayer all in one just in case. I try to do this after taking my plants in for shows, or when obtaining new ones at shows or at meetings, or thru plant trades with other members.

Finally, Have a happy holiday season and enjoy your orchids and the beauty they bring to our world.



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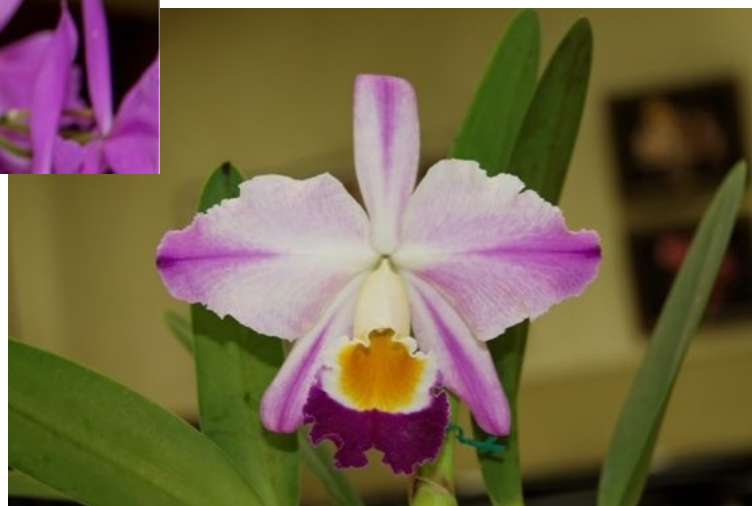
Judging at the San Diego Judging Center (Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park), October and November 2014.

Text and photos by Arthur Pinkers.

In October there were 6 orchids presented for judging. Two were awarded:

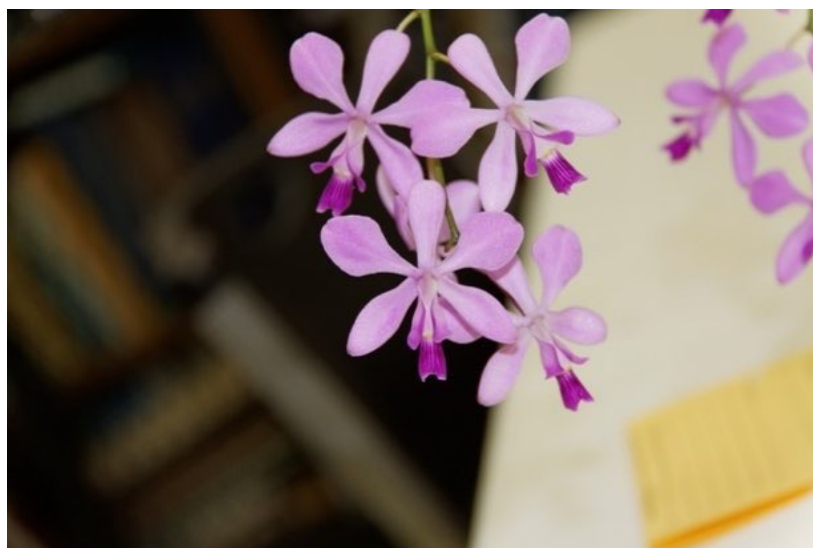


C. labiata fma. *rubra* 'Harriette' HCC/AOS
Exhibited by Lynn Burzell
Awarded HCC/AOS 76 points



C. wallisii fma. *flammea* 'L. A. Burzell'
AM/AOS
Exhibited by Lynn Burzell
Awarded AM/AOS 84 points

In November there were 5 orchids presented for judging. One was awarded:



Encyclia dichroma 'Arnold' AM/AOS
Exhibited by Arnie Gum
Awarded AM/AOS 81 points

**San Diego County Orchid Society
Board Meeting Summary
November 6th, 2014**

The San Diego County Orchid Society's Board meeting was held on November 6th, 2014.

Attending were Scott LaBouff, Kay Klausing, Debby Halliday, Carol Berg, Jack Schaefer, Bob Clark, Carol Kerr, Felisa Acantilado & Bruce Berg. The meeting was opened at 7:14 by the President, Scott LaBouff.

The Secretary reported that the October Board minutes were approved by email and were published in the November Newsletter. The Treasurer presented the Financial report for October. Carol noted that the Society's income from the Fall Show was above the expected income. Also she noted that the Society's taxes would be done in mid-November. A motion was made & passed to file the report for review.

Our webmaster reported on the web activity for October. A discussion of the details of uploading Board Minutes & other documents to the web was continued from the last meeting.

The Membership chair reported that the 2014-2015 Roster was printed and would be distributed at meetings. Membership currently stands at 328.

The President discussed several items. The search for a new laptop continues. He asked our webmaster to recommend several currently available laptops which meet the Society's needs. He also reported that business cards are being printed for the President, 1st VP and 2nd VP.

A discussion of the Spring Show Budget was conducted. The issue is the budget publication in the newsletter. It has been a custom to publish the proposed budget twice before the membership is asked to vote on it.

However the budget was not included in the November newsletter. It was decided to publish in the December newsletter and conduct the vote at the Holiday Party.

The President also noted that the Balboa Park Centennial activities include a "Garden Party of the Century" on May 9th, 2015. We have accepted an invitation to participate. We will use a 10' by 10' tent provided by the Park. We are expected to have plants & personnel to staff the tent.

Our 1st VP Kay Klausing reported on the plans for the Holiday Party. The board reviewed the budget for supplies & the allowance for the gift orchids. Kay and Carol were asked to inventory the paper cups, plates & cutlery supplies on hand.

Kay also discussed the January Main Speaker situation. As of the board meeting we did not have a speaker committed. Several suggestions were made. The February and March speakers have committed. The commercial virus testing company Agdia has representatives who present information on their virus testing kits and their participation as a main speaker was discussed. It was decided that they might be a better fit for a culture class discussion.

Our 2nd Vice-President, Debby Halliday noted that the quarter page advertising flyers had been updated and that she would be willing to liaison with the West Coast Greenhouse Growers.

Our Past President, Bruce Berg, reported on several items. First, the Finance Committee was scheduled to meet in early November at the Berg's home. Next, he noted that the parking changes apparently had little impact on parking for the meetings. Apparently the 2 hour limit was not being enforced after 6pm.

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He noted that our participation in the Centennial celebration in May includes providing the personnel for the 10' by 10' tent mentioned by Scott LaBouff above. We plan to focus on Orchid Conservation topics in the Panama geographic area. The San Diego Botanical Garden Foundation (SDBGF) will be hosting a flower show on that day and we have been asked to suggest a judge for the competition.

Bruce & Carol Berg met with Cindy Benoit of the San Diego County Fair (SDCF) to discuss plans for the June fair. This year's plans include moving the orchid competition inside the main hall. The Palomar Orchid Society and the Cymbidium Society will be invited to participate. We have chosen not to participate in the garden display competition this year; however we may staff a booth and distribute information sheets and other materials. When we do this we can have days designated as "Orchid Day" in the garden section of the fair. In addition there will be a section of the garden area set aside for the floral associations of Balboa Park for small table top displays. See Bruce's comments in the coming newsletters for more details.

Also Bruce reported that the advance tickets and bookmarks for the Spring Show are at the printers.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM and the next Board meeting is December 4th at 7PM.

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

From the Membership Desk

by Bob Clark, Membership Chair

Please welcome our newest member, Janice Kelly.

If you haven't picked up your 2014-15 Membership Roster and By-Laws booklet you can do so at one of the regular Tuesday meetings or catch me at one of our orchid shows. If you would like a digital copy, email your request to Membership at membership@sdorchids.com.

Candy and I wish you Merry Holiday Season and hope your New Year is Happy and Prosperous.

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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Vandas, Ascocendas

Edith and Leno Galvan (619) 441-7503

Encyclias, Epidendrums, Laelias

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

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Cymbidiums

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
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Spring Show Committee

The spring show committee proposes the following budget for the 2015 spring show to be held at the Scottish Rite Center on March 27 – 29. The proposed budget has already been approved by the SDCOS Board but still needs approval from the society membership. We will vote on this at the December meeting. The proposed budget is:

Advertising and marketing	\$ 5000
Awards and judging	\$ 3000
Facilities	\$17000
Food	\$ 3200
Merchandise	\$ 500
Seed money	\$ 3000
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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.

Orchid Dates to Remember

December 2nd, 6:00 PM
SDCOS Holiday Party
First Tuesday of the month
Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

December 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

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

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

December 17th
Cymbidium Society Meeting
Regular meeting, third Wednesday of month
Culture class at 6:30, Meeting at 7:00
Lake San Marcos Pavilion
331105 La Bonita Dr., San Marcos, CA 92078
orchldy2@mac.com or (760) 732-0055

December 19th
San Diego Zoo's Orchid Odyssey
Third Friday of the month
10 AM-2 PM (orchid greenhouse is open)
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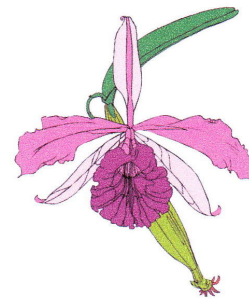
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