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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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# San Diego County Orchid Society

## CULTURE MEETING - January 6th, 6:30 PM

### *Orchid virus testing and control*

By Debby Halliday, 2nd Vice President

Debby Halliday, that's me, will present the culture talk in January. Once your collection reaches a certain size, it is almost inevitable that you will introduce a virused plant. Although viruses cannot be cured, you can test for them and prevent the spread of viruses to other plants.

I will demonstrate virus testing with the Agdia home test kit, give some tips for

recognizing virus in your plants, and talk about how to keep from spreading it around, even when you don't know you have it. We'll also talk some about other pests and diseases you might encounter this time of year and I'll share my favorite ways of dealing with them.

I grow orchids in a greenhouse and shade house in Rancho Santa Fe. Mine

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## GENERAL MEETING - January 6th, 7:30 PM

### *Orchid travels in Madagascar*

By Kay Klausing, 1st Vice President

The speaker at our January meeting will be SDCOS member Dr. Peter Tobias. The topic of his talk will be Orchid Travels in Madagascar.

Peter Tobias received his first orchid, a white hybrid Phalaenopsis, as a gift in the early '70s. At that time he had a colleague who was heavily into orchids and he promised Peter another orchid if he could keep the first one alive for a year. A year later the Phal. was still alive on a windowsill in Chicago, so Peter was given a second orchid, this time a *Miltonia regnelli*. This colleague also introduced Peter to ordering orchids from

abroad and soon he was hooked. He ordered from India and Brazil and shortly thereafter had lots of plants growing around the apartment. Moving to Encinitas in 1980 made growing a lot easier, which only allowed his orchid habit to get further out of hand. Peter's particular interest in species sparked an interest in seeing them in the wild. In the last few years he has been fortunate to travel to Brazil and Mexico to see orchids in the jungle. That travel has gotten him involved in trying to grow his orchids in a

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is a very eclectic collection and I can't resist trying new varieties, even if they might not like it here. I am currently the second vice president of the SDCOS and in charge of the culture talks. My primary interest is in seeing people become more confident and successful in growing orchids. It is a hobby I have pursued off and on for over 40 years, in varied climates from a lean-to greenhouse in Brooklyn, to the Caribbean rain forest to my lovely greenhouse of today. The challenges are different in each environment, but many strategies for success remain the same.

Join me to talk about viruses and disease prevention. Let's start the year off right!

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

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## From the Membership Desk

### Membership Renewal Process:

The process starts in the month prior to membership expiration. Membership delivers a renewal notice to the member. The notice has your name, address, and expiration date. If the date is not correct please see Membership. Delivery is done in one of three ways: hand delivery at a Society meeting or show, US Postal mail, or email. At this point the ball is in your court and you have a few methods to renew. Before making payment please review the form and select any options that you wish.

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d) Any donation to Orchid Conservation

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Payment can be done with one of the methods: pay Membership with cash or check at a meeting or show, mail your check and completed notice to the P.O. box on the notice, or via PayPal through the membership button on the [www.SDOrchids.com](http://www.SDOrchids.com) website. If you use PayPal and want the newsletter mailed, you will have to get that additional \$5.00 per year to membership via one of the first two methods.

That about covers the process. If anyone has any questions please check with Membership.

Bob Clark  
Membership Chair

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relatively natural environment. His backyard in Encinitas has two very large avocado trees that have turned out to be ideal habitat for many orchids. The travel, as well as a general leaning towards preservation of nature, got him involved in orchid conservation, initially as the first chairman of the San Diego County Orchid Society's Conservation Committee, and now as the president of the Orchid Conservation Alliance.

Join Peter and fellow society members for dinner at the Prado Restaurant, before the general meeting. Please call 619-929-1452 to R.S.V.P.

2015 Winter Show in the Park.  
By Bruce Berg

## WINTER SHOW IN THE PARK IS ALMOST HERE!

On the weekend of January 24, and 25, 2015, we will be hosting our Winter Show in the Park. All members are invited to bring in their plants for ribbon judging, and/or AOS judging.

Our vendors will have many tempting plants to add to your collections. Buying quality blooming plants at a show is a good way to have blooming plants that will be in bloom for next year's Winter Show.

We need help setting up the show and in hosting the show. Set up involves setting up the lattice partitions, the tables, and the tablecloths. Set up will begin about noon on Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Many hands make quick work. We will also need help during the show with security, and marking up receipts. Ivan Allen has the online volunteer sign-up form ready for you to login and sign up to help with one or more of the jobs needed to put on the show. He will also have sign-up sheets at the January meeting. We need more volunteers than we had at the last show, so please help us out at this show.

Please bring in plastic bags, paper bags with handles, and cardboard boxes to put orchids in when they have been sold.

If you have plants to donate to Conservation, please bring them in on Friday or contact Ron Kaufmann if you can't bring them in. As usual, there will be tables at the back of the sales area for member sales. If you wish to sell your plants and need more information, contact Carol Berg or me.

Plant registration will be between 3 PM and 7 PM on Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> and from 8:30 AM to 9:00 AM on Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup>. Judging will

begin at 9:30 AM. Members are encouraged to participate on the judging teams where you can learn more about orchids as well as meet your fellow members. After judging we will again have a potluck for the judges and volunteers,. So come and join in the fun!

This is a great time of year for Cymbidiums, and Cattleyas. We did not have very many plants brought in for the October show, so if you have plants in bloom for the January show, bring them in to share!

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## President's Message

I hope everyone enjoyed your holidays. I wish you a Happy New Year! 2015 brings you opportunities to develop your passion for orchids with interesting speakers, shows, workshops, hikes and perhaps a campout soon. We have done exceptionally well with our events this last year. I am looking forward to the coming year. Some upcoming events are mentioned below. A robust volunteer showing is needed. Please volunteer when possible. Your participation is noted and appreciated.

**SDCOS "Orchids in the Park" Winter Show and Sale is January 24 & 25<sup>th</sup>. Set-up is January 23<sup>rd</sup>.** Bring your orchid for judging and enjoy the show. See Bruce Berg's article in this newsletter. Volunteer at

<https://www.volunteersignup.org/L8CH3>.

Our society has been invited to participate at the **2015 Newport Harbor Orchid Expo, "Orchids: Jewels of the Jungle", February 13 – 15** in Westminster. SDCOS will participate. Please contact Dave Hoffmaster or Bruce Berg if you have plants we can use. Plants provided by you for the SDCOS display are open to AOS, CSA, and ribbon judging. If you'd like to volunteer for set-up and take down please sign-up at

<https://www.volunteersignup.org/Q4YJM>.

See Bruce Berg's article in this newsletter. 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](mailto:Tina.Coombe@me.com) if you'd like to volunteer during this show.

**SDCOS International Spring Show "Around the World with Orchids" is March 27<sup>th</sup> – March 29<sup>th</sup>. Set-up is March 26<sup>th</sup>.** Volunteer sign-up sheets:

Thursday March 26<sup>th</sup>

<https://www.volunteersignup.org/8LQJ7>;

Friday March 27<sup>th</sup>

<https://www.volunteersignup.org/TK9K7> ;

Saturday March 28<sup>th</sup>

<https://www.volunteersignup.org/3RJ4Y> ;

Sunday March 29<sup>th</sup>

<https://www.volunteersignup.org/JH8B8>

SDCOS will participate in the **"Garden Party for the Century"** on **May 9<sup>th</sup>**, 10 am to 4 pm. Save the date to visit this SDBGF sponsored event as part of Balboa Park's Centennial Anniversary of the Panama-California Exposition. SDCOS will have a booth, providing us another opportunity for out-reach to the general public.

Volunteer sign-up:

<https://www.volunteersignup.org/4CTFB>.

Additionally plants are needed for display and sale. Also during this weekend SDFA will have a flower show in Balboa Park. Details will be announced as they develop. Historical information link:

[Wikipedia.org\\_Panama-California\\_Exposition](http://Wikipedia.org_Panama-California_Exposition)

**SDCOS "Orchids in the Park" Summer Show & Sale is July 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>. The Fall Show & Sale is October 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.**

I wish you success in growing orchids!





Scott La Bouff



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

Text and photos by Phyllis Prestia (unless otherwise noted).

There were 10 orchids presented for judging. Seven were awarded:

<p>Ctsm. expansum 'SVO Midori' AM/AOS Exhibited by Fred Clarke Awarded AM/AOS 83 points</p>	<p>Fdk. Enter Light 'Sunset Valley Orchids Red Burgundy' AM/AOS Exhibited by Fred Clarke Awarded AM/AOS 83 points</p>
	
<p>Morm. Virgin del Valle 'Sunset Valley's Dark Horse' AM/AOS Exhibited by Fred Clarke Awarded AM/AOS 81 points</p>	<p>Telepongon inits 'DJH' AM/AOS Exhibited by Davild Heft Awarded AM/AOS 81 points</p>
	

## Judging cont'd.

Phal. Chiada Stacey 'Sweetheart' HCC/AOS  
Exhibited by Norman's Orchids  
Awarded HCC/AOS 78 points



Dtps. Sun Jye 'Diamond' JC/AOS  
Exhibited by Norman's Orchids  
Awarded JC/AOS




Lepanthes telepongoniflora 'DJH' HCC/AOS  
Exhibited by Davild Heft  
Awarded HCC/AOS 77 points



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### **Upcoming Newport Harbor Orchid Society Orchid Show**

by Bruce Berg

The Newport Harbor Orchid Society is hosting their Annual orchid show "Orchids: Jewels of the Jungle" at the Westminster Mall, in Westminster, CA the weekend of February 13 thru 15, 2015. Our society has been invited to participate in putting up a display table. In addition to needing volunteers, we will also need plants to enter for ribbon and/or AOS/CSA judging.

Our members can enjoy the displays exhibited by the LA area societies over the Valentines weekend outing, and also do some orchid shopping from vendors who usually do not make it down to our shows.

We will need 5 volunteers who can travel up with Dave Hoffmaster and myself on Thursday, February 12 to put up our display

and return to remove the display on Sunday, February 15, 2015. Dave and I will provide the transportation. We are planning to meet at the Park and Ride lot located at the NE corner off the La Costa Freeway exit at the I 5 interstate at 10 AM. on the 12<sup>th</sup>.

Please sign up at this website <https://www.volunteersignup.org/Q4YJM> or on the sign up sheet at the next General Meeting if you can help us out. And by the way, there will be a number of vendors at this show who were not at our January show who will have some interesting plants for you to see.

The accompanying photo is our display from the last show.



**San Diego County Orchid Society  
Board Meeting Minutes  
December 4, 2014**

**President Scott LaBouff canceled the December 2014 Board Meeting due to the activity in Balboa Park for the December Nights festivities and the absence of several board members.**

The next Board meeting is **Monday January 5, at 7 PM due to room schedule change.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Schaefer, Secretary

Addendum:

Your secretary was unable to attend the Holiday Party on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, however Helen Phister reported that the budget for the 2015 Spring Show was presented. She moved to accept the budget. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed.

J. Schaefer

**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



Holiday party photos! (Thanks Helen for the great photos!)

The SDCOS Holiday Party was a great success, with holiday cheer, outstanding company, a wonderful plant gift exchange, and great plants for everyone.







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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.

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Debby Halliday debhallid@gmail.com  
858-756-3578

### **Species, all types**

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### **Vandas, Ascocendas**

Edith and Leno Galvan (619) 441-7503

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

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

### **Pleurothallids**

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

### **Cymbidiums**

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

### **Northeast County, all types**

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

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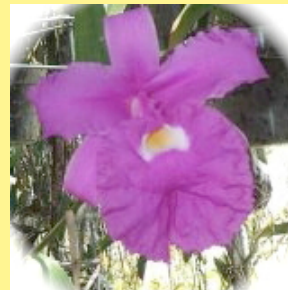
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### Meetings

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.

### Advertisers

Please contact Carol Berg at [winklerca@yahoo.com](mailto:winklerca@yahoo.com).

### Orchid Dates to Remember

January 3rd  
**SDCOS Species Group Meeting**  
First Saturday of the month  
Paul or Ann Tuskes (858) 274-5829

January 5th, 7:00 PM  
**SDCOS Board Meeting**  
**(Note special date!)**  
Normally the Thursday following the General Meeting, Balboa Park, Rm. 104

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

January 6th, 7:30 PM  
**SDCOS General Meeting**  
First Tuesday of the month  
Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

January 7th  
**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

January 16th  
**San Diego Zoo's Orchid Odyssey**  
Third Friday of the month  
10 AM-2 PM (orchid greenhouse is open)  
Janette Gerrity (619) 231-1515 ext. 4306

January 21st  
**Cymbidium Society Meeting**  
Regular meeting, third Wednesday of month  
Culture class at 6:30, Meeting at 7:00  
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From the editor

A new year and a new beginning for us all. I am making a new years resolution to more actively facilitate new material for the newsletter, so would like to remind everyone of the “Doctor is IN” opportunity to bring your sick plants in - this is also an opportunity to share the knowledge in the newsletter. Bring your sick plant in and find out how to bring it back to health in 2015! Be the first to have your plant featured in the newsletter for lack of blooming!

The weather is starting out a bit nasty at my house, very cold and rain in the outlook. I’m wondering, given that we are getting more rain this year, when or if I need to cover some plants to keep them from getting too wet (because as we all know *cold and wet is dead*). Despite that, it looks like one of my *Dendrobium speciosums* is going to bloom this year, a first for me and an affirmation that we can now look forward to the fragrance of spring with lengthening days.

We’ll have a great series of meetings, shows and get-togethers in 2015, so stay tuned.

“Reflect on your present blessings, of which every man has many; not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some.”--Charles Dickens

As always, suggestions for the newsletter are welcome.

David  
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