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## CULTURE MEETING - March 3rd, 6:30 PM

### *Preparing for the Spring Show and Ribbon Judging*

By Debby Halliday, 2nd Vice President

As you may know, our last meeting was cancelled due to a water main break in the park. So this month I'll try to tuck in that presentation on showing your orchids along with a discussion of ribbon judging with Pam Peters.

Our big spring show is now just around the corner, so I hope you'll come take advantage of all the useful information we'll have for you on Tuesday night.

Pam Peters, our judging chair, has a presentation that will clear up some of the mystery and help minimize the anxieties you may feel about show competition. She is going to cover the overall Ribbon Judging program as well as getting into some of the detail of classes, entry requirements and entry procedures, and most importantly the

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## GENERAL MEETING - March 3rd, 7:30 PM

### *Perceptions and Realities of Growing Orchids*

By Kay Klausing, 1st Vice President

Our speaker for the month of March will be Harry Phillips, of Andy's Orchids fame. The topic of his talk is 'Perceptions and Realities of Growing Orchids'. This is a new presentation from Harry that will address the perceptions that hobbyists have about numerous aspects of orchid growing and the actual realities of experiences that he and his brother Andy have had in their many years of growing orchids. This talk should be very informative and of value to novice and advanced hobbyists alike.

Harry Phillips is a native San Diegan, whose father taught him to appreciate plants at an early age. He and his younger brother Andy were both exposed to exotic plants and flowers at an early age, but when Andy became interested and, later, obsessed with orchids, Harry somehow resisted becoming involved with them for as long as he could. Eventually he assisted Andy in his passion by building his first two greenhouses and Andy would reward him with a hybrid that was in bloom, tell him to bring it back when it goes out of bloom,

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criteria used to determine the awards. She'll also talk about some of the special awards available only at the Spring Show.

Pam Peters joined SDCOS in 1994. She has served on the Board and has been a Co-Chair of our Spring Show in the past. Some of you may have participated on judging teams and seen first hand the excellent job Pam does in managing our ribbon judging program. Pam is a comforting and welcoming presence when you bring your

plants to a show, always willing to answer questions and help your experience go smoothly. In 2009 she was awarded a Life Membership in SDCOS. She enjoys growing species and cattleya hybrids.

We hope that our double-header will leave you inspired and ready to participate in our spring show by bringing in your orchids for ribbon judging, AOS judging or creating a display. Remember, every orchid counts in making this our best spring show ever!

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Forrest Robinson Cultural Award is for any plant in the show.	28 Cultural Awards for Orchids 21 Display Awards including Cash Prizes

**Campout at Agua Caliente**

by Bruce Berg

It almost started out as a “Dark and Stormy Night” campout with rain forecast for the deserts on the weekend of January 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> when Nico Goossens and Bruce and Carol Berg had organized a camp out weekend at Agua Caliente Campgrounds to look for a colony of *Epipactus gigantea* orchids that society members had found growing along a desert stream bed years before. Over the years, the Society has scheduled camp outs and hikes to check on the colony to see how the plants are doing. We also enjoy seeing the desert environment

and learn about our diverse environments here in San Diego County. They were joined by members Dick Chadwick, Scott La Bouff, Ed Perez, Lena Shiroma, Cory Krell, and Lena's dad Garrett Shiroma. Fortunately, the rains passed us by and we only had cloudy skies on our hikes on Saturday. The first hike was on Marsh trail which was an exploratory hike on a riparian wash to scout promising terrain. Dick quickly spotted fresh bighorn sheep tracks and other desert dweller tracks and described what we were seeing as we walked along.

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## Culture Column for March

by Bruce Berg

The following is a cultural article written by Loren Batchman in February, 1999, and published with permission from the fine folks at the Casa de las Orquideas Nursery on their website.

“Getting your plants ready to show is important, and it is not difficult at all. The appearance of the plant is a factor in several of the plant categories for CSA award judging, and may affect the opinion of AOS and ribbon judges as well.

We start grooming plants at least a month or more before the show. I select the plants I think might be suitable for the show and make sure the spikes can develop without interference from surrounding plants and leaves. A Cymbidium spike caught under a leaf for even a few days will have a permanent kink and will not look as nice for that reason. For plants which are to have upright spikes, make sure the spike is growing upright, not off toward the edge of the pot. I will place a stake in the pot next to the spike, and encourage it to grow in the proper direction with a twist tie, or use a loop of telephone wire around the stake and spike and move it up slowly so the spike doesn't break by bending too much at one time. Keep insects and snails or slugs away with fervor. It only takes one bite to ruin a flower for judging. For white or green flowers which are prone to sunstaining, it is advisable to increase the shade for the plant. The color of the white or green flower will usually be much cleaner when it opens without that dark streak on the petals or sepals caused by too much sunlight.

When the spike has hardened up to the first flower, usually several weeks before the flowers open, we will tie the spike between the first and second flower, and leave it to

develop in the normal graceful arch. The spike can be tied up to the tip, but that gives the appearance of a weak spike and the judges will probably score a plant lower if the ties are left on. The spike can be tied up to the tip for transportation, but remove the upper ties before the show judging starts. Again, keep the spike away from the leaves or adjacent plants. Check to make sure all the buds are free to develop and open. Sometimes a bud will start to develop so that it is trapped in toward the spike by the stems of adjacent buds. We move these buds so

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## President's Message

March is here! Welcome spring! This is a busy, fun time of year. You should be busy grooming your soon-to flower orchids for our **International Spring Show "Around the World with Orchids"**. We look forward to seeing the best of our fellow orchid enthusiast accomplishments in orchid culture. As our theme this year is "Around the World with Orchids", I'd like to see country of origin information on your plant's registration tags. Whether species or hybrid, you can easily research this using the plant name and parentage, if unsure. Visitors can then appreciate the distribution of orchids throughout the world.

I look forward to reading Bruce's story, featured in this newsletter, of our **hikes in the Anza Borego Desert** in late January. We camped at Agua Caliente Regional Park and enjoyed bathing in the geothermal hot spring water. We had a great time and saw healthy vegetative growth of the native population of ***Epipactis gigantea***. To learn more about this handsome orchid, start at: <http://goorchids.northamericanorchidcenter.org/species/epipactis/gigantea/>

Thank you to Dave Hoffmaster and Bruce Berg for coordinating our society display at the 2015 **Newport Harbor Orchid Expo, "Orchids: Jewels of the Jungle"** this last month. We'll look forward to hearing their report.

Back to our 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>**. Members' participation is essential for a successful show. We have many volunteer opportunities open this week-end. Duties range from teams for set-up, being a host to welcome and answer visitors' inquires, registering plants and awards, conservation sales, plant hotel, merchandise sales and security. Encourage your family and

friends to attend and share your interest in orchids.

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>.

I am also looking forward to the upcoming **"Garden Party for the Century"** on **May 9<sup>th</sup>**, 10 am to 4 pm. We have 3 Host positions open on Saturday afternoon, 1-4 pm. Here you can share your knowledge and enthusiasm for orchids. You'll inform visitors about our society and benefits of membership.

Volunteer sign-up:

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

Other San Diego Botanical Garden Foundation member societies will be participating in this event. There will be various activities though out the day, kicked off with a parade.

I wish you success in growing orchids!

Scott La Bouff

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## Culture Column for February

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the trapped bud is free to develop normally.

The judges like clean plants. A cymbidium plant looks a lot nicer if the old dried leaf bases are removed from the plant. A bare backbulb looks nicer than the bulb with all the leaf bases left on. Pull any weeds or oxalis which may be growing in the pot. Just before the show, we like to clean the leaves to get rid of dust and water spots. We use a solution of about 25% milk in water, and just wipe both the top and bottom of each leaf. This not only removes the dust and helps to get rid of minor water spots, but it also imparts a mild glossy finish to the leaves. Just before the show, we will trim any dead leaftips to improve the appearance. We also remove any yellow or dying leaves completely.

The last thing we do before taking a plant to show is to cover the buds and flowers with a plastic garment or garbage bag. This prevents the flowers from moving leaves during transit and helps to ensure the flowers arrive at the show in judging condition.”

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Well, this would only last about a year until Harry decided that he wanted to keep one and get it to re-bloom, which was the beginning of the end.

In 1986, Harry, with his soon to be wife, Leslie, moved with Andy and his orchid collection to Encinitas, California. Being constantly exposed to all of Andy's orchids was beginning to have an effect on Harry. Shortly after, Andy left for four months to Costa Rica, and placed Harry in charge of the collection. When Andy returned he found that Harry had not killed too many plants and managed to become even more addicted. Andy, now feeling more confident about

leaving his orchid collection under Harry's care, began to plan a cycling trip through South America, which ended up lasting two years. After that it was all over for Harry, he was completely addicted to orchids. Harry assisted Andy part time, with the beginnings of Andy's Orchids for 10 years, while holding a full time job to pay the mortgage, going full time at the nursery about 12 years ago. He is usually the one who attends the shows, taking their well-known Wardian cases with them. Harry's passion in orchids are in the genera Sobralia and Elleanthus, but you ask him at any particular time of the year which is his favorite orchid, it will most likely be the one or ones in bloom at that time. He has traveled in Mexico, the Caribbean, and Ecuador viewing orchids in the wild. Harry believes that growing epiphytic orchids the way they grow in nature is best and the orchids seem to agree.

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

The plant table for the March meeting will be provided by Andy's Orchids.

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#### 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:

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

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## It Was A Memorable Show

by Bruce Berg  
Show Chairman

**What a Great weekend.** Thank you to all of you who made it work. Thanks to David Eveleth who was able to post the list of winning plants and photos in the February newsletter. Thanks also to Pam Peters who got the information compiled so quickly and for her hard work in coordinating the judging. Thanks to Jack Schaefer, our photographer and webmaster who did double duty in getting the newsletter photos as well as publishing the newsletter on our website. Thanks to all the members who brought in their plants to share with the public. I heard many compliments on the beauty and diversity of the plants made the show a wonderful show.

**The show wouldn't have been possible without the support of all the volunteers.**

**Thank you setup and tear-down crews:**

David Brown, Dave Hoffmaster, Ivan Allen, Betty Kelepecz, Bob Clark, Susan Lewitt, Myra DeTate, Scott Opis, Paul Tuskes, Dick Chadwick, Carey McCoy, Kay Klausung, and Scott La Bouff. **Plant Registration;** Pam Peters, Siv Garrod. **Security:** Fely Acantilado, Irma Adams, Dave Hoffmaster, Paul Tuskes, Gary Louis, Robert Vitacco.

**Host:** Renate Schmidt. **Finance Writing cash register receipts:** Wendy Garnicia, Lou Wilson, Ivan Allan, Vangie Nagrampa, Charlie Morgan. **Finance Cash register:** Myra DeTate, Jack Schaefer, Carol Berg.

**Conservation:** Betty Kelepecz, Shirley Hall, Nancy Walters. **Plant Hotel:** April Louis, Susan Lewitt. I may have missed your name here, if you did not sign up, or if I did not spot you working at the show. If so, I thank you for your service. **Behind the scenes:** Ivan Allen for coordinating the volunteers, David Brown for figuring out the changes to modify the table layouts, and Carol Berg for taking care of the finances.

**Ribbon Judging:** Thanks to Pam Peters again for a smoothly run judging event and to the members who volunteered to be judges. This is one of the most fun parts of the show when we get to look at the plants and talk about how nice they look while trying to determine what color ribbons to award to the flowers. At this show we had student guests from Mater Dei High School join each of the teams. They were quite interested in learning about our judging process and in how we evaluate orchids. They added interest to the judging groups by making us think again about why some orchids are better than others when we had to explain it to someone with a fresh and new set of eyes what our criteria were.

**AOS judging:** Our Pacific South Judging Center judging team consisting of Renate Schmidt, Arnold Gum, Steve Pruyn, Paul Tuskes, Students Phyllis Prestia and Lin Burzell evaluated and judged orchids submitted for AOS judging. The results and photos appear elsewhere in this newsletter. Thanks for your help in judging.

**Speakers:** We had standing room only at our speaker presentations. Thank you David Hoffmaster, Nico Goossens, David Brown, Paul Tuskes, and Debby Halliday for your great talks.

**Potluck:** After judging we again had a fun time sampling potluck lunch provided by our members. Ernie and Fely Acantilado again brought in my favorite Shrimp Pancit. Myra DeTate brought in a super fig pie that, if you haven't had before, could quickly become a favorite dessert. There were many other dishes to tempt us and I thank the cooks who brought them in.

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**Thank you vendors who brought in those wonderful plants to tempt us:** Lico Orchids, Rex Foster Orchids, Calavo Gardens, Courtland Orchids, Orchids by Anita, Granite Hills Orchids, Everything Orchids, Andy's Orchids, Casa de las Orquideas, Dave Reid Orchids, SDCOS Conservation, and Member Sales.

**Special Displays** For several years now, Casa de las Orquideas has been putting up small displays at our shows to showcase their fine orchids and to add to our shows. At this show they were given a show award ribbon thanking them for their display. Also at

this show, member Susan Lewitt designed and built two educational displays that drew quite a lot of interest by the public. The display had flip up photos of orchids and non orchids with the question "Am I an orchid?" Both young and old were intrigued to try and figure out the diversity posed by the display. Good job Susan! She received a special show ribbon for her display.

### **The San Diego County Orchid Society's Board meeting was held on February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015.**

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 7:10 by the President, Scott LaBouff.

The Secretary reported that the January Board minutes were approved by email and were published in the February Newsletter. The Treasurer presented the Financial report for January. A motion was made & passed to file the report for review.

Our webmaster reported on the web activity January. As expected, the hit count is significantly higher as we approach the Spring Show. He also reported the online Board Minutes page has been implemented. That page is accessible only to board members.

A discussion was held on the topic of inputs to the Newsletter. 3 recommendations resulted from the discussion. First, a hard deadline will be established. Any submittals after the deadline will be held for the next month's newsletter. Second, it was agreed that text and photos from each Show should be published in their own electronic newsletter separate from the regular newsletter. Third, Jack was asked to research a way to put content in a shared location on the web where all board members could have a chance to comment and suggest edits, reducing the number of versions of the document during the approval cycle before publishing. A demonstration of a suggested system will be conducted at the March Board Meeting.

The Membership chair reported that the membership count was down 1.

The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of March are now available. The possibility of holding a larger Show in the Park on one of those weekends was discussed. David Brown will be asked to look into this for us.

President, Scott LaBouff, reported that the new laptop has been purchased. Also an Orchid Wiz update will be installed on the other laptop for use by members.

He also reported that Carol Berg had registered our Society as a non-profit under Amazon's Smile program whereby one half of one percent (0.5%)

of the purchase price would be donated to the designated non-profit.

Under this program a buyer registers with Amazon Smile at the website: <https://smile.amazon.com>. One of the non-profits offered to the buyer during registration is our Society. When shopping at Amazon, use of the Smile page automatically routes the donation portion of each purchase to our Society.

In conjunction with the Balboa Park Centennial, our Society has been offered an opportunity to adopt a plot for the 2015 Centennial. Scott commented that options for a Society plot in the botanical building would be ideal.

Plans for our participation in the "Garden Party for the Century" are maturing.

In support of our goal of expanded Orchids in the Park Sales, Scott, Carol and Bruce visited the Cactus and Succulent Society's January Meeting to observe the use of their point-of-sale (POS) cash register and barcode system. Carol will have more information on costs and benefits of using a similar POS system.

It has been suggested that the Orchids In The Park judging add several classes. In particular we discussed adding a Society Display to be an 8ft by 8ft display like the Spring Show has. Also, 4ft by 2ft displays, basket and container displays, educational displays and corsage and cut flower arrangement classes were considered.

Our 1<sup>st</sup> VP, Kay Klausing, reported that Harry Philips of Andy's Orchids would be our March main speaker. The Opportunity Table will be provided by Andy's Orchids.

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President, Debby Halliday reported that Pam Peters will discuss Spring Show Judging and awards. Also, Debby will give her talk on "How to prepare your orchids for the Spring Show".

Debby also reported that April 18<sup>th</sup> will be the next repotting seminar to be held at the Berg's home at 10:00 AM.

Our Past President, Bruce Berg, reported the plans for the Newport Harbor Orchid Show which is scheduled for the weekend of February 14<sup>th</sup>.

The Finance Committee scheduled a meeting on February 8<sup>th</sup> at the Bergs to discuss the Garner Fund Trust.

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Bruce reported that Society's participation in the San Diego County Fair will be limited this year to an information booth. However he reported that the number of competitive sections for Orchid growers has been increased and there are more opportunities for our members to win cash at the Fair.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 PM and the next Board meeting is March 5<sup>th</sup> at 7PM.

**Spring Show Update**

by Bruce Berg

**The Spring Show is almost here!** It's time to start getting those award winning plants of yours ready to bring in for judging! We need all your blooming plants for filling the display tables to put on a massive display for the public. At our upcoming General Meeting for March, Debby Halliday will be giving you tips on how to prep your plants so that they can look their best for the judges, and Pam Peters will help you understand the judging categories.

**We also need plants to put in our Society display booth.** Be sure to put your name on the bottom of your plant pots so that it is easy to return your plants at the end of the show.

**We will need a lot of help from our members to volunteer** to fill the many jobs required to put on this show. To help us keep track of the volunteer schedules, and to give you a copy of the jobs and times that you have signed up for, please go to these web pages to sign up. There

is a separate page for each day. We will have coffee and tea and donuts in the mornings, as well as lunch at noon for all volunteers, whether you work in the morning or in the afternoon. We will also have sign-up sheets at the meeting if you wish to sign up there, or you can call our volunteer coordinator, Ivan Allen, at (760) 533-4975. The Show Committee will also provide a gift to each volunteer at the end of the show who signed up and worked at the show.

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>

We will have a corsage and floral arrangements booth this year and need small decorative vases for floral arrangements. **We will also need orchid flowers** and floral greenery to make corsages. Please bring these materials to the showroom.

**We will also need small boxes, paper and plastic grocery bags** for the plant hotel. Please bring these to the Scottish Rite building to the plant hotel area.

The Show Committee along with Dave Hoffmaster and I are looking forward to a fun and smooth show with your support and help again this year.

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### **Campout at Agua Caliente**

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Nico, as we have come to enjoy and learn from, described the plant life which was so abundant in the wash. Both mornings Scott and Ed made scrambled eggs while Bruce and Nico made waffles for breakfast. Nico used a campfire griddle and since the campsites had electricity, Bruce made waffles with his electric griddle. They were accompanied with fresh blueberries and homemade blackberry syrup, hashbrown potatoes and fresh brewed coffee. Always tastes best out camping!

On the second hike later that morning, the group found the *Epipactus* along the Moonlight Trail where they were just emerging. It seems that even with all the warm weather and rains that we have had this winter the orchids are not yet ready to bloom. We may want to come back in three

or four weeks for a day hike to find them in bloom.

Back at camp, we went to the natural hot springs pool to enjoy a hot soak before returning to camp to prepare chicken dinner over a campfire ala Lena and Carol. At the campfire, Nico outlined several other trips that we may want to undertake this year to search for orchids in the wild. Most of these hikes would be day hikes around the county, however there might be a trip up to the Sierras that would lend itself to being a camp out because of the distance to drive. If Society members are interested in future hikes, let Nico or Bruce know so that you can be given information. You can use our volunteer signup link at

<https://www.volunteersignup.org/7PL89>

to be sent information about future hikes.

## SDCOS Display at Westminster Show a Success

By Bruce Berg

Dave Hoffmaster, Carey Mc Coy, and Bruce Berg, with design assistance from Nancy Walters designed and put together a great display representing our society in the Newport Harbor's Orchid Show "Orchids, Jewels of the Jungle" which was held February 13, 14, and 15, 2015 in the Westminster Mall. The Mayor of Westminster, Tri Ta, selected Dave Hoffmaster's outstanding *Paph spicerianum* to receive the Mayor's Trophy. Individual plants won three Best of Section ribbons: Renate Schmidt took Best of Section, Cattleya, with her *Cattleya loddigessii*, while Debby Halliday took Best of Section, Phalaenopsis, with her Phalaenopsis Mini Purple Strips as well as Best of Section, Cymbidium, with her Cymbidium 'Ruby Valley'. In addition, nine other plants won ribbons. Thanks to the following members who furnished plants for our display: Helen Pfister, Debby Halliday, Scott Opis, Mary Ann Chanthala, Renate Schmidt, and Dave Hoffmaster. Thanks also to Charlie Fouquette for the loan of his treasure chest and to Nancy Walters, and Patti Hoffmaster for their bling and other props.

Congratulations to Nico and Lisa on their exhibit which won the best commercial exhibit award.



SDCOS Display at the 2015 Westminster Show  
"Jewels of the Jungle"



Mayor Tri Ta and former Mayor Margie Rice presenting  
Mayor's Trophy to Dave Hoffmaster's *Paph spicerianum*

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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

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### Orchid Dates to Remember

March 3rd, 6:30 PM  
**SDCOS Culture Meeting**  
First Tuesday of the month  
Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

March 3rd, 7:30 PM  
**SDCOS General Meeting**  
First Tuesday of the month  
Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

March 4th  
**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

March 5th, 7:00 PM  
**SDCOS Board Meeting**  
Normally the Thursday following the General Meeting, Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 104

March 7th  
**SDCOS Species Group Meeting**  
First Saturday of the month  
Paul or Ann Tuskes (858) 274-5829

March 13-15th  
**Santa Barbara International Orchid Show**  
Earl Warren Showgrounds  
Santa Barbara, CA

March 18th  
**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

March 20th  
**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

March 27-29th  
**Around the World with Orchids**  
Orchid Show and Sale  
Scottish Rite Center, Mission Valley  
see details in this newsletter



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From the editor

I guess I missed all the excitement with the water main break and all. Too bad there wasn't a meeting in Feb (nor was there any judging) but that just means that the March meeting will need to make up for it. March is a very busy month as we have our big "Around the World with Orchids" show at the end of the month, and the Santa Barbara show earlier in the month. I am sure there will be a car pool up to the Santa Barbara Show, ask around at the meeting - but don't spend all your budget up there, I am sure that there will be great plants at the San Diego show as well.

This winter, at least at my house, is shaping up to be the mildest winter that I can remember. I did not have to protect my plants a single night, and overall temps have been mild enough that I brought a bunch of plants that usually live inside until mid-March outside already in February. I hope that means that they are getting a head start on summer growth and this year will be a great season.

Don't forget to bring in plants for the "Doctor is IN" if you want some expert advice, and bring the flowering ones to the show! We need your plants and your enthusiasm!

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