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CULTURE MEETING - July 7th, 6:30 PM

The Lure of Ladies' Slippers - Growing Paphs and Phrags

Speaker - Richard LaClair-Zoehrer

By Debby Halliday, 2nd Vice President

Richard LaClair-Zoehrer will be giving our class in July. If you were at the Spring Show, you'll remember his stunning floor display filled with beautiful paphs & phrags. He won the first place cash award for Best Exhibit of 10 or more Orchids by an amateur. He also won Best of Paph Alliance for his Paph. Chiu Hua Dancer. He is clearly a very

dedicated and competent Ladies' Slipper grower. He will be talking about how he achieves such great results growing both indoors and more recently in a home greenhouse.

Rich is a long-time orchid grower and fan. He first started with orchids at age 15. He was in the Santa Clara Orchid Society for many years, serving as

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GENERAL MEETING - June 7th, 7:30 PM

Beautiful Miniature Vandaceous Orchids for Outdoors

Speaker - Tim Culbertson

By Kay Klausing, 1st Vice President

The speaker at our July meeting will be Tim Culbertson. Tim is the youngest accredited judge with the American Orchid Society, and has served in various capacities with local orchid societies. He is teaching middle school kids for a living, but one of his passions has always been plants.

Tim began growing orchids as an offshoot from working at Longwood Gardens in Philadelphia just after college. In addition, he has worked at the Smithsonian Institution tending to their

orchids, and also for several years for the United States National Arboretum, collecting rare plants and documenting cultivated species and hybrids for their herbarium.

In his presentation, he will be sharing the recent tremendous advancements in breeding *Sarcochilus* and *Neofineta* as well as help identify some of the important parents in the backgrounds of new and modern colors found in these genera. These plants are easy to grow and flower, are vigorous, and have low

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president twice. He moved to our area two years ago and joined the SDCOS early last year. Rich notes that although his first love was Phalaenopsis, he now specializes in Paphs and Phrags.

This will be the second time Rich has shared his knowledge with us. I know everyone who heard him speak the last time came away inspired to do more with these very enticing and interesting orchids.

We like to start promptly at 6:30, so please plan to be in your seats and ready to listen on time. See you then.

General meeting continued

cultural demands; they are natives of Australia or Japan and will grow easily outdoors in Southern California. By the end of this presentation, you will have a new appreciation of what goes into breeding trends for these types of plants, as well as an appreciation of their beautiful flowers and ease-of-growth.

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

Tim will also provide the plant opportunity table for the July meeting with new, modern, cutting-edge cool-growing Vandaceous species and hybrids, with both (hopefully) blooming and unbloomed plants.

From the Membership Desk

Please welcome our newest members Louis C. Towne, M.D. and Richard W. Pier.

Bob

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President's Message

Our "Orchids in the Park" Show and Sale is July 25th & 26th. Set-up is July 24th. Mark your calendars and ***sign-up for a short four hour volunteer shift*** during this event at <https://www.volunteersignup.org/WJYCQ>. ***We need you!*** There are lots of activities to choose from during the show. We'll debut our new Point of Sale system at this show. **If you have an orchid in bloom, bring it in to exhibit.** You can participate in judging on Saturday at 9:00 am. This is always a fun and rewarding activity. I always learn something new. Afterwards, stay and admire the orchids displayed, listen to a talk about orchids, and perhaps buy a new orchid or some needed supplies.

If you attended the San Diego County Fair, I hope that you visited our booth, listened to a talk on Orchid Day and simply enjoyed a "A Walk in the Park" to admire the variety of plants and flowers on display. You'll find photographs of our display in this newsletter. This display, put together by Nancy Walters, Carey McCoy, Dave Hoffmaster and Bruce Berg, won several ribbons and a cash prize. SDCOS members Charley Fouquette, Tom Biggart, Helen Pfister and Bruce Berg also participated in the floral competition at the fair, coming home with many ribbons for their award winning orchids. Congratulations!

July brings the swearing in ceremony of our newly elected officers. I look forward to our continuation, serving the members of SDCOS, with an energetic Board of Directors.

I welcome Carey McCoy to the Board of Directors as *Director-At-Large*. I am certain that Carey, with her energy and enthusiasm, will serve us well.

I'd like to introduce Carey to you. *She writes,* "I first admired orchids at the Del Mar Fair and at Ridgeway Orchids near the elementary school I attended. My father built my first greenhouse for Cymbidiums. I later

married the nephew of SDCOS Past President (1994), Bud Close. My wedding bouquet was made of white Phalaenopsis. My husband had a large glass greenhouse full of Cattleyas. We searched for wild orchids on four Hawaiian Islands while hiking for two summers. The marriage didn't last but my love of orchids did! I attended SDCOS's Spring Show & Sale in 2012. I was welcomed by Patti Hoffmaster who showed me her favorite species orchids and introduced me to Dave Hoffmaster and Bruce Berg, and then she guided me to Bob Clark. I joined (SDCOS) then purchased a white Phalaenopsis. I attend almost all Culture and General Meetings, workshops, and Species Meetings where I provide homemade quiche Lorraine."

Carey always volunteers at our shows and is wonderfully skilled at preparing beautiful exhibits for our Annual Spring Shows. Carey participated in creating SDCOS exhibits for "Orchids by the Sea" Show in 2013, "A Symphony of Orchids" Show in 2014, winner of the President's Trophy, and "Around the World with Orchids" this year which won Best Society Display and a cash prize. Carey has also assisted in creating our exhibits the past two years at the Newport Harbor Orchid Society shows, which won Second Place both years. Furthermore, the past two years, Carey has helped with the preparation of our exhibits at the San Diego County Fair. Carey enjoys greeting visitors at these venues.

Carey has created a poster board promoting SDCOS which she displays at the Kensington/Talmadge Garden Club, as well as at Kensington/Talmadge Community Association meetings. Carey is a staff member of the Sierra Club Wilderness Basics Course where she speaks to students about native orchids

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such as the colonies of *Epipactis gigantea* at Agua Caliente in the Anza-Borrego Desert and *Habenaria hyperborea* (synonym *Platanthera hyperborea*) she has found growing in Alaska.

Carey taught elementary students in National City for 35 years. Here she was awarded 'Teacher of the Year' and "Employee of the Month". She treasures her portraits for these awards, where she is surrounded with Cymbidiums in bloom, in her classroom.

We often see Carey wearing an apron. She assisted Kay Klausung with our May and December banquets last year. Last month, we enjoyed delicious strawberry shortcake and other treats provided by Carey. Carey, along with Ed Perez, is our new Refreshment Coordinator. We can look forward to a tasty selection of treats in the future. Carey invites you to stop in the kitchen area before our meetings to say "Hi".

I wish you success in growing orchids!

Scott LaBouff

County Fair Update

by Bruce Berg



Charley Fouquette talking about Australian Dendrobiums at the 2015 County Fair

June was a whirlwind of activity for the society members participating in the San Diego County Fair. Nancy Walters, Dave Hoffmaster, and Carey Mc Coy worked magic in putting together a display booth exhibiting the show theme "A Walk in the Park." It turns out that Nancy's Mom is in a photo taken during the 1935 exposition, taking a "walk in the park." A poster of the event is part of our society display. Likewise, Carey's extended family actually attended both the original 1915 and 1935 expositions and a photocopy of the 1915 ticket which was issued to her husband's grandfather, William Franklin McCoy, is displayed in the booth. Antique chairs, tables, shawls, and a replica of a flower cart furnished by Nico Goossens and Lisa Humphrys add to the time element of the display.

Add to that the fantastic plants loaned by members Mary Ann Chanthala, Kay Klausung, Dave Hoffmaster, Bruce Berg, and a small display created by Victoria Cohen, and you'll know why fair visitors stop and appreciate the

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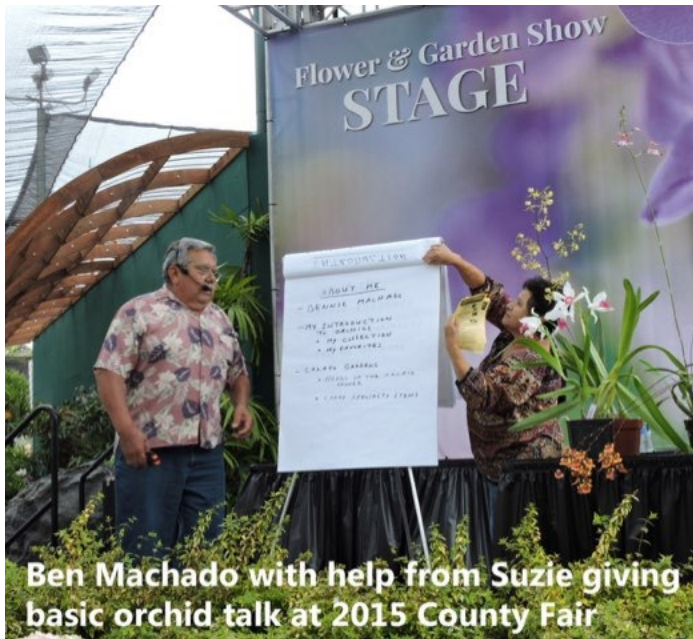
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Ben Machado with help from Suzie giving basic orchid talk at 2015 County Fair

beautiful display. Three of our plants in the display were awarded outstanding plant awards.

At the awards ceremony for garden displays, our display was awarded the Award of Merit Ribbon, which comes with a cash prize of \$350. When we maintain our display for the duration of the fair, we will also be awarded the Paul Ecke Jr. Award for another \$100. We also won a Third place ribbon for container plants that is worth \$150.

At the completion of the first week for orchids submitted for ribbon competition, members Tom Biggart, Charley Fouquette, Helen Pfister, and Bruce Berg all had big smiles, as they saw how many ribbons their plants had won. Half of the competitors this year are society members. If you come to the fair, be sure to visit the orchid display inside the O'Brien hall, and then go out to the gardens area to see the society display which is up against the south side of the O'Brien building where the Bonsai displays used to be.

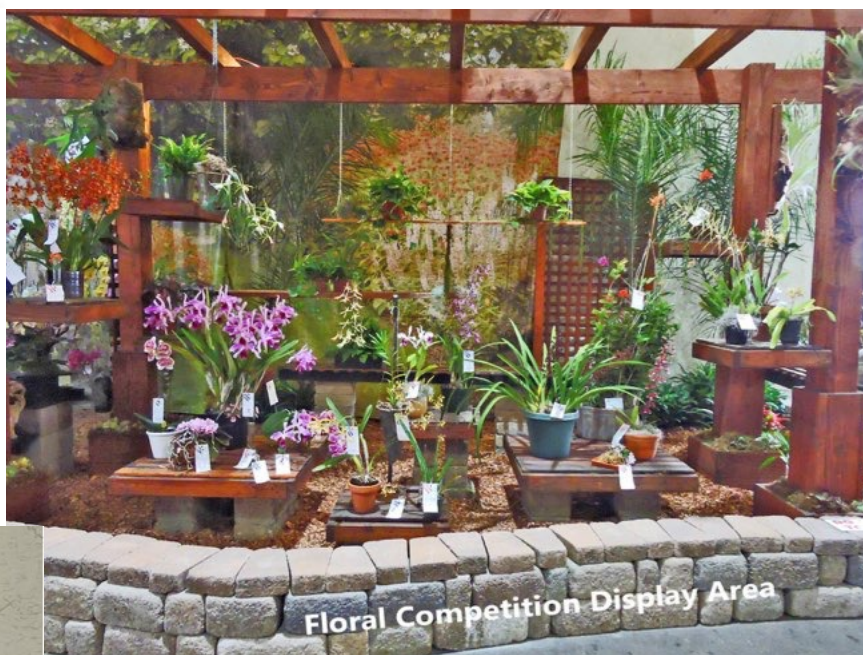
June 11 was "Orchid Day" in the gardens. Charley Fouquette and Ben Machado gave talks at the open theater location to fair goers while members from all three orchid societies manned information booths at both ends of the gardens, meeting and greeting fair goers. Palomar (POS) and Cymbidium Society (CSA) members handed out flyers advertising their auctions and meetings along with our society members who handed out our book markers advertising our upcoming shows at Balboa Park.

June 9 and 19 were additional "meet and greet" days at the fair where volunteers Ivan Allen, Tom Ketelaar, Carol Berg, Nancy Walters, Carey Mc Coy, Bruce Berg, Lou Wilson, Bob Clark, Bud and Joan Close, Genie Hammond, Merele Robboy, Candy Kalman, Lena Shiroma, Dolores Maxwell, Nancy Hoyt, and Joyce Schoof, along with members from the POS and CSA met with fair goers to talk with them about upcoming orchid events and the benefits of joining an orchid society.





2015 SDCOS Display at the County Fair



May Judging results
Arnold Gum

Dryadella cristata 'DMH'
awarded AM 83 points
exhibited by David Helt



Dracula raven 'Nick Braemer'
awarded AM 85 points
exhibited by Betty Kelepecz

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

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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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Spring Show Date Change!

The spring show will be March 11-13, not in February as previously announced.

Spring Show 2016 Theme

Dave Hoffmaster

Our next spring show is only 9 months away and it is time to start working on it. That's right; the next spring show is at the beginning of March, earlier than this year. The first thing we need to do is select a theme and that's where you come in. We need the members to submit their ideas to the show committee so we have lots of possible themes from which to pick. We are looking for themes that are not only catchy but something that can easily be worked into the displays and poster. Last years' theme was "Around the World with Orchids" and made for some creative displays.

We've looked back in the history books and here are the last 11 Show Themes:

- 2015 Around the World with orchids
- 2014 A Symphony of Orchids
- 2013 Orchids by the Sea
- 2012 A Galaxy of Orchids
- 2011 Orchid Magic
- 2010 A Rainbow of Orchids
- 2009 Around the World with Orchids
- 2008 Orchid Opulence
- 2007 Orchids: Varied Treasures
- 2006 Orchids on Parade
- 2005 Orchids 'Ooh-la-la'

These were great themes but we'd really like something different!

Please submit your ideas to Jack Schaefer (webmaster@sdorchids.com) or Dave Hoffmaster (davehoff5@yahoo.com). We ask that you limit your list to 5 or 6 suggestions and you can send them to us by email or deliver them to us at the July meeting. You

need to get your ideas in as soon as possible as we need to vote for the winning entry at the August meeting.

The person who submits the winning theme will receive a one year subscription to Orchid Digest magazine. So put on your thinking caps and make a list.



L. purpurata var. *carnea* grown by Felisa Acantilado

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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Board of Directors Meeting Summary

by Jack Schaefer

At the General Meeting of the San Diego County Orchid Society on June 2nd 2015, the Past President Bruce Berg announced to the membership that the current board members whose terms are about to expire are standing for re-election. This includes Scott LaBouff as President, Kay Klausung as 1st Vice President, Deborah Halliday as 2nd Vice President, Carol Berg as Treasurer, Jack Schaefer as Secretary and Carol Kerr as Director at Large. Bruce opened the floor for nominations from the membership. There were no nominations and Bruce invited a motion to approve the re-election of the existing board members. David Eveleth so moved. The motion was 2nd and passed by unanimous voice vote.

The San Diego County Orchid Society's Board meeting was held on June 4th, 2015.

Attending were Scott LaBouff, Kay Klausung, Carol Berg, Jack Schaefer, Carol Kerr, Bruce Berg & Bob Clark. Debby Halliday & Felisa Acontilado were absent. The meeting was opened at 7:10PM

The Secretary reported that the May Board minutes were approved by email and were published in the June Newsletter.

The Treasurer presented the Financial report for June. A motion was made & passed to file the report for review. Carol noted that the Finance Committee will meet on June 21st at the Berg's home at 10AM.

She also noted that the Amazon SMILE program forwarded a check for \$5.00. This is the result of members using the SMILE program and designating SDCOS for a donation from Amazon. Also a number of unusable items removed from the garage had been sold for \$30.

Our webmaster reported on the web activity May. The page hit count hovers around 1900

hits/month as expected. The Volunteer Signup and the Dr Is In webpages both had page hits in the 30-40 range

Membership Chair reported a total membership count of 326.

Scott LaBouff, Society President, reported that Felisa Acontilado has resigned from the board effective immediately. Her resignation was accepted by the board. Carey McCoy had expressed a desire to serve on the board and she was nominated to fill the remainder of Felisa's term. The nomination was 2nd and passed by the board.

Scott also reported that the Garden Party of the Century was considered a great success. We also contributed to the San Diego Floral Association's "Our Park-Our Treasure" Floral Show. SDFA was very happy with our participation and invited us to participate next year.

Our 1st VP, Kay Klausung, reported that Tim Culbertson will be speaking at the June general meeting. The title of his presentation is "Miniature Vandaceous species and hybrids for culture outdoors". Tim will also provide the Opportunity Table.

Kay also reported on his research into Point Of Sale (POS) systems which would replace our current cash register. He recommended a Square Inc. POS system. The board reviewed & discussed the details of the system. Since the Board had allocated funds for POS system purchase in May, Kay was asked to proceed with the purchase. We expect this system will be in use at the July Show & Sale.

The 2nd Vice-President, Debby Halliday, was absent.

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Board meeting summary cont'd

Our Past President Bruce Berg reported on the San Diego County Fair activities. We have been awarded an Outstanding Display Award of \$350. Bruce noted the participation of the Palomar Orchid Society and the San Diego County Cymbidium Society in creating the display.

He also reported that the 2015 Spring Show Committee Wrap-up was held at Dave Hoffmaster's home. A general discussion of the show pro's and con's was held. The 2016 Spring Show is in late February, a full month earlier than the 2015 Show. Consequently the Committee planning and preliminary activities will have to start early. Advertising materials have been printed and will be distributed at the San Diego County Fair and following events.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM and the next SDCOS Board meeting will be on July 2nd at 7PM.



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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

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Orchid Dates to Remember

July 1st

Palomar Orchid Society Meeting

Culture class at 6:30; program at 7:00

First Wednesday of the month

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July 2nd, 7:00 PM

SDCOS Board Meeting

Normally the Thursday following the General

Meeting, Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 104

July 7th, 6:30 PM

SDCOS Culture Meeting

First Tuesday of the month

Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

July 7th, 7:30 PM

SDCOS General Meeting

First Tuesday of the month

Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

July 11th

SDCOS Species Group Meeting

First Saturday of the month

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July 15th

Cymbidium Society Meeting

Regular meeting, third Wednesday of month

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July 17th

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From the editor -

This month's culture meeting is about the growing of Paphiopedilum and Phragmipedium orchids. Paphiopedilum orchids are among the more endangered orchid species groups and the number of Paphiopedilum species considered endangered has increased in the latest edition of the endangered species list (the IUCN "Red List" <http://www.iucnredlist.org>) in the June update. Much of the threat to these species is collection and trade as ornamental flowers, and international trade in these plants has been documented to be very common in the area of origin (southeast asia). This is despite the fact that international trade in all orchids is restricted and trade in wild collected Paphiopedilums in particular is illegal.

Hobby growing of orchid species can serve as a repository of plants and some orchids that are frequently grown in our members collections are extinct in the wild, making the cultivated plants the last living members of their species. Growing endangered species can be part of the effort to preserve species diversity. However, we need to remember that these plants became extinct in the wild through overzealous collecting driven by commercial demand that may be driven by hobbyist demand. It is important that we all exercise care about where we get our plants, and not encourage the illegal trade. There are lots of good growers with beautiful Paphiopedilums available. Come to the culture class and try your hand at these gorgeous plants.

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