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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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CULTURE MEETING - October 6th, 6:30 PM

Building Your Orchid Collection

Speaker - Ken Campbell

By Ken Campbell

This month Ken Campbell will talk about building (or in his case re-building) an orchid collection. We are all looking for opportunities to add a beautiful new plant to our collection, but what are the questions we should be asking ourselves before letting go of that hard earned cash or credit card. Is the plant healthy? Just looking at a plant can many times can tell

you a lot, but what should I be looking for? Do I have the right growing conditions, or do I even know what kind of environment this plant might like to have. And how about buying plants on-line where you might only be seeing a picture of a not-for-sale sample ... How big a risk am I taking?

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GENERAL MEETING - October 6th, 7:30 PM

Miniature Orchids and How to Grow Them

Speaker - Mary Gerritsen, PhD

By Kay Klausing, 1st Vice President

Mary has been interested in plants for most of her adult life, and has been growing orchids on and off for the last 35 years, despite several cross country moves as part of her "other life" as a biomedical scientist. Her passion for orchids was rekindled when she moved to the San Francisco Bay area in 1997 and attended an orchid show. Returning home with a few plants, she decided to join a local orchid society to learn more about taking care of them, and from these beginnings, her current passion

grew exponentially! Now Mary truly has put her roots down, and has orchids in two greenhouses, three lath houses, her front porch, sun room, and anywhere else she can. Her collection of about two thousand plants, mostly species, is rich in masdevallias and other miniature orchids of many different genera. She has co-authored three botanical books with co-author and photographer Ron Parsons "Masdevallias, Gems of the Orchid World", "Calochortus, Mariposa Lilies and their Relatives", and most recently,

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Culture class continued

So as your orchid collection grows, and your investment of time and emotional attachment grows along with it, knowing the answers to these and many other important questions will be your challenge.

Unfortunately Ken is in the process of rebuilding his collection after discovering that viruses had essentially taken over his greenhouse. He says in hindsight that he is not surprised by this current situation. Having inherited a modest orchid collection from his wife's parents about 15 years ago, and at that time knowing very little about orchids, he eventually found his orchid education outpaced by the many challenges facing those of us who raise orchids. But during those 15 years he learned a lot and looks forward to sharing many of those difficult and sometimes heartbreaking lessons-learned, with the hope that others can avoid making some of those same mistakes.

General meeting continued

"A Compendium of Miniature Orchid Species". Mary is also an occasional contributor to the AOS magazine *Orchids*, and *Orchid Digest*. One of Mary's favorite pastimes is to travel to exotic (and some not so exotic) places to see orchids *in situ*, and to gain a better understanding of their varied habitats. Thus she has visited Costa Rica, Panama, Ecuador, Peru, Colombia, Venezuela, Brazil, Mexico, Germany, France, Luxembourg, Crete, Rhodes, Mallorca, Australia, Singapore, Borneo, South Africa, Thailand and Sulawesi (Indonesia) on orchid "field trips", as well as various sites in the US and Canada to see the North American native

orchids. Mary is an active member of the Peninsula Orchid Society, having served as a director, vice-president, president, and show chair. She is a past-president of the San Francisco Orchid Society, and the treasurer and one of the directors of the Orchid Conservation Alliance.

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



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President's Message

Our Fall "Orchids in the Park" Show and Sale is October 24th & 25th. Your participation helps to make this show a success. Come and enjoy time with friends and fellow members during the show. **Please sign up to volunteer at**

<http://www.volunteersignup.org/R87h9>.

We need you! Plant registration is open Friday, October 23rd, from 4 pm to 7 pm and Saturday, 8 am to 9 am. Refer to the [Show Registration Schedule](#) to determine the Section and Class for your plants. Orchids from Jim Wright's collection will be offered for sale to SDCOS members during plant registration hours on Friday and Saturday. Afterwards, the plants remaining will be offered for sale to the public. All sales proceeds will be recorded by SDCOS in Jim's name.

The Huntington Botanical Gardens International Orchid Show, "Beautiful Orchids", is October 16 –18, 2015. Visit

<http://www.huntington.org/orchidshow/>

for show hours and a listing of exhibitors and vendors. I invite your participation in this show. **Dave Hoffmaster will Captain our Show Team.** All plants loaned for our display will be handled with care and promptly returned. Loaned plants may be entered for competition in the show, if you wish. Please contact Dave Hoffmaster at davehoff5@yahoo.com for details. **If you are interested in volunteering at the Huntington's Show,** contact Brandon Tam, Orchid Collection Specialist, at btam@huntington.org. **You will also have free admission by showing your SDCOS badge. All Plant Registrations are due by Wednesday October 14, at 6:00 pm.** Ribbon judging starts at 9:00 am on Thursday, October 15.

The Northern Nevada Orchid Society is hosting the American Orchid Society Fall

Member's Meetings and Show, November 11-15, 2015 at the Atlantis Casino Resort and Spa in Reno, Nevada. This shall be a grand event! Visit www.nnvos.org for event information and registration.

The Celebration of Life memorial service for Jim Wright held at San Diego Botanic Gardens (Quail Gardens) was a memorable event. Pictures from this event are featured in this newsletter. **Ivan Allen and Carey McCoy contributed much time and effort here.** Thank you Ivan and Carey.

I was recently interviewed for an article featuring SDCOS in Coast News Home & Garden. You may view this at

["San Diego a hotspot for orchid admirers"](#)

pages B4 & B14.

In closing, a reminder that October still brings the possibility of hot, dry Santa Ana winds, so mind that our orchids are protected by sheltering and providing extra humidity for them. This can be as simple as a quick, occasional spray, using humidity trays, or sitting your plants *above* a bowl of water.

I wish you success in growing orchids!

Scott LaBouff

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Judging at the San Diego Judging Center (Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park),
September 2015.

Text and photos by Phyllis Prestia.

There were 5 orchids presented for judging. Three were awarded:



Vanda falcata 'Feuerbach' CCE/AOS
Exhibited by Renate Schmidt
Awarded CCE of 90 points

Cattleya jenmannii 'Kimberly Burzell' AM/
AOS
Exhibited by Lynn Burzell



Laelia colnagoi CHM/AOS
Exhibited by Betty Kelepecz
Awarded CHM of 85 points

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL POTTING WORKSHOP

By Debby Halliday

We enjoyed another successful potting workshop on August 29th at Debby Halliday's in Rancho Santa Fe. The weather was a little steamy, but everyone was enthusiastic and managed to get a lot done in spite of the heat. We had an excellent turnout, with around 25 members attending. Our thanks to Dave Hoffmaster for demonstrating and breaking up an overgrown *Prosthechea radiata*. He shared many pieces with the members, who seemed very pleased to have these "party favors". Debby also demonstrated how to repot a phalaenopsis.

Ben Machado again supplied us with plenty of bark and pots. Bruce Berg offered valuable assistance and Carol took pictures. Everyone brought tasty goodies for lunch, and I got to enjoy some of the leftovers for several days!

Thanks to those who came early, we were set up and ready when people started to arrive around noon. We enjoyed chatting and eating and then most of us went on a tour of Debby's greenhouse. Everyone seemed quite interested and made nice comments about the orchids and the greenhouse and took lots of pictures.

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Finally we needed to get down to work, and the real fun began. Most members had brought plants that needed attention, from phals and cattleyas to overgrown cymbidiums. We had burlap on the lawn for the cymbidium projects and tables for working on the smaller plants. There was a full compliment of tools, gloves, pencils and labels available to anyone who needed them. The trash cans filled up as the medium bins went down. It was fun to see the confidence grow as members learned that they really could do this. By the end all the plants looked so nice in their tidy new pots.

The time passed quickly. Everyone helped clean up the mess and a few of us sat around drinking more of Carol's sun tea and enjoying the afternoon. We agreed that the event was a great success. Our goal of giving new members a "way in", not just in potting orchids, but in getting to know more people in their society, was once again achieved.

If you missed this one, don't worry. We promise to do it again before long. It's just too much fun!



2015 Fall Show in the Park.

By Bruce Berg

FALL SHOW IN THE PARK IS ALMOST HERE!

On the weekend of October 24th and 25th, 2015, we will be hosting our Fall Show in the Park. All members are invited to bring in their plants for ribbon judging.

Carey McCoy has joined me as Co-Chair for the Park Shows. Thank you Carey!

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 23rd. Many hands make quick work. We will also need help during the show with various tasks. 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. Please go to the website and sign up to help out.

<https://www.volunteersignup.org/R87h9>

The initial roll out of the bar-code system worked well at the last show. If you wish to sell your plants and need more information, contact Carol Berg or me. If you need more bar code stickers, contact Kay Klausing so that he can have them printed out for you. You can either pick them up at the meeting or at the show, or we can mail them to you at our cost which is \$2.00.

Please bring in plastic bags, paper bags with handles, and small 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 Betty Kelepecz if you can't bring them in. As usual, there will be tables at the back of the sales area for member sales.

As Scott covered in his comments, **we will have a members only sale of the plant collection bequeathed to the society by**

Jim Wright on Friday afternoon from 3 PM until 8 PM and again from 8 AM until 9 AM in Room 104. Plants will then be offered to the public in the sales area in Room 101.

Plant registration will be between 4 PM and 7 PM on Friday the 23rd and from 8 AM to 9 AM on Saturday the 24th. Judging will begin at 10:00 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!

Due to a lack of available AOS judges, and a misunderstanding on AOS filing requirements, there will not be AOS judging provided at this show.

This is a great time of year for Oncidiums, Dendrobiums, and Cattleyas, so if you have plants in bloom, bring them in to share!

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 Summer Show.

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Orchid Plant donations requested

By Bruce Berg

There will be a new look at the entrance to the Scottish Rite Event Center when we have our next Spring Show! The front entryway has been completely re-landscaped! In recognition of our long standing relationship with the Center, we have been asked to participate with them in the new landscaping design. They would like to incorporate some outside-hardy orchids in the front entry landscape. We are looking for donations of mature or specimen size plants to go into a mature landscape. The donations will be acknowledged with a plaque acknowledging the donations. We are looking for plants that will bloom in the spring time as well as later in the year.

Dave Hoffmaster and I have met with Beth Schneidemiller to determine the plants we would like to use. If you have plants that you would like to donate, please let either Dave or me know. We will arrange transportation.

Here is what we are looking for:

D. speciosum. We could use one or two specimen size plants, or alternatively, plants of *Anselia Africana*

D. kingianum, one or two specimen size plants.

Cymbidium hybrids, six mature plants in good shape preferably with long lasting blooms. Bright colors preferred, or white.

Epidendrum hybrids, six to ten reed stem varieties in bright colors.

Eulophia petersii. We could alternatively use other *Eulophia* species. One or two plants.



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Spring Show 2016 Update

Well, it's official. We have a theme for the Spring Show. It is "**Orchids in Paradise**" submitted by Pam Peters. She has received a prize of a one year subscription to Orchid Digest for her winning entry. Thank you Pam!

Your show committee is busy sending out invitations to our many vendors (and trying to get a few new ones) to make sure our shopping area is top class. We have added the show theme name to our advertising posters that will be at the Huntington Gardens show. Tom Biggart will present us with artwork ideas for the official show poster on Saturday the 19th. We should have something to show you in the next few months.

We know that public awareness is very important to the success of our show. Therefore, we plan to get started soon and advertise early and often! We have a good theme that should lend itself to lots of beautiful and inventive exhibits, so our job is to make sure the world knows something fun is going on.

As you will hear us say many times, please mark March 10-13 on your calendar and plan to participate. We will need plants and we will need volunteers. This is our premier event of the year. It's fun to be part of it and we can't have a great show without everybody pitching in.

In October you will be voting on the final show budget. A copy is attached for your information. We promise to be as efficient in our use of funds as possible and spend only what we need to make this a fabulous show. Tickets will be available for sale soon as well.

If you can, consider getting together with a friend and putting in a floor or tabletop display. It's creative and fun and you can win trophies and prizes, not to mention all the

photos the public will take of your beautiful display. Now is a good time to start thinking about how you might use the show theme in your design. Closer to the show we'll have a program with more details on how to go about this.

If you have any questions or suggestions, let us know.

Debby Halliday, Co-Chair
Jack Schaefer, Co-Chair

Proposed Show Budget

Advertising and marketing	\$ 3,500
Awards and judging	\$ 3,000
Facilities	\$ 18,600
Food	\$ 3,300
Merchandise	\$ 400
Seed money	\$ 3,000
Supplies, copies and postage	\$ 1,500

Total	\$33,500

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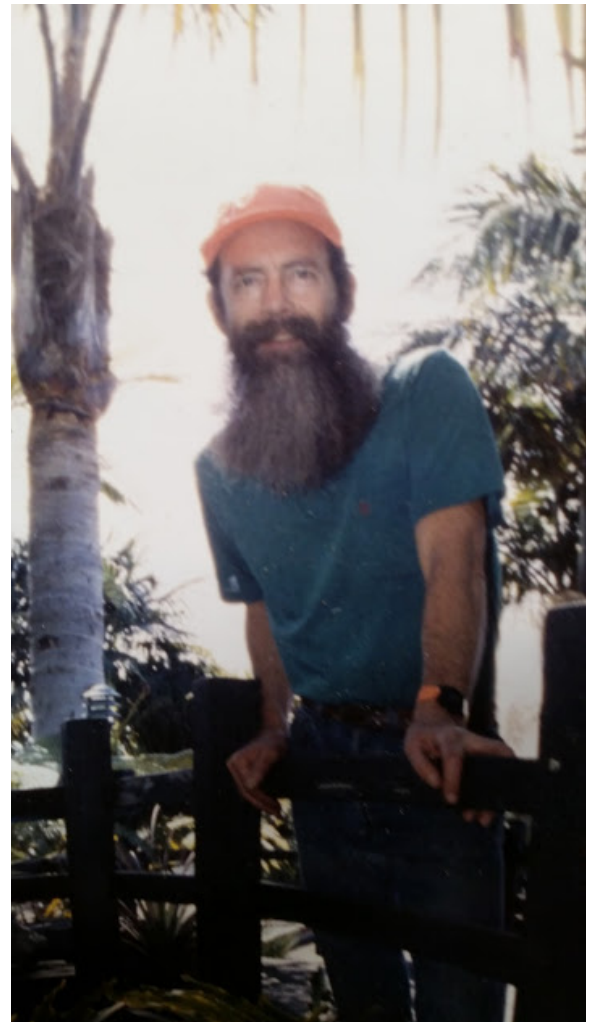


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Concerning Plants for Judging Sessions

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:

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Saturday . October 3 . 10 am - 2 pm



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10 am: **Dave Hoffmaster**, San Diego County Orchid Society
"How to Grow, Maintain and Re-bloom your Phalaenopsis Orchid"

11 am: **Walt Meier**, San Diego County Cymbidium Society
"Growing and Blooming Cymbidium Orchids"

1 pm: **Alex Nadzan**, Palomar Orchid Society
"Growing Cattleya Orchids Outdoors in Southern California"

2 pm: **Nico Goosens**, Lico Orchids and Flowers,
"How to Re-bloom Your Orchid"

Cost: Free with paid admission or Garden membership.
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Edith and Leno Galvan (619) 441-7503

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Board of Directors Meeting Summary

The San Diego County Orchid Society's Board meeting was held on September 3rd, 2015.

Attending were Scott LaBouff, Kay Klausing, Bruce Berg, Carol Berg, Debby Halliday, Bob Clark, Carol Kerr & Carey McCoy. Excused absent was Jack Schaefer. The meeting was opened at 7:19PM.

Carol Kerr was substitute Secretary for Jack Schaefer who was absent.

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

The Treasurer presented the financial report for September. A motion was made & passed to file the report for audit. Carol reported that the Repotting Workshop returned a small profit. Also a Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for September 20th at 10AM in the morning. It will be held at the Bergs home.

The webmaster was absent so there was not website report.

The Membership Chair reported that membership was 320 members.

Spring Show 2016 – Co-Chair Debby Halliday reported that the 2016 Show Theme is "Orchids In Paradise" which was submitted by Pam Peters. She also noted that a Committee meeting needs to be held soon to meet with Tom Biggart on the artwork for the Show Program and Show Poster.

Bruce Berg commented that he and Dave Hoffmaster were meeting with representatives of the Scottish Rite Center to review ideas for decorating the exterior of the building with orchids. A donation plaque idea was discussed.

Scott LaBouff, Society President, discussed plans for Jim Wright's Celebration of Life to be held September 26th at the San Diego Botanical Gardens between 9AM and 11AM.

A memorial table with some of Jim's awards and Jim's guest book will be setup. Also, Scott and Peter Tobias will speak. Scott has asked Ivan Allen for a volunteer sign up sheet to be available to our members and the members of other societies.

Jim's collection of plants have been willed to the society and arrangements are proceeding to have them available for sale to members at our October "Orchids in the Park" Show and Sale. Room 104 will be used for the sale starting for members only at 3PM on Friday October 23rd and the morning of October 24th. Sales to the public will start in the afternoon of the 24th.

A replacement cordless microphone system for use during our general meetings was discussed.

The board adopted a liability form for off-site events including hikes and campouts.

Our 1st VP, Kay Klausing, reported that Mary Gerritsen will speak on her book "*Miniature Orchids and How To Grow Them*" at the October general meeting. She will bring 2 signed copies of her book. The Opportunity Table will be drawn from the Society's collection of donated plants and some dendrobiums from SVO.

He also noted that we need access to the internet before 10AM during our "Orchids in the Park" Show and Sales events. Debby pointed out that the AOS has webinars (web based seminars) which might be used for culture classes if the internet speed is acceptable. Debby and Kay will research this.

The 2nd Vice-President, Debby Halliday reported that her PDF files used in her culture classes are available for posting on the website. Kay volunteered to ask local orchid nurseries to host open house events for Society members.

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Board meeting summary, continued from page 14

Under General Board Member's Items, it was reported that we are signed up to participate in the Huntington Botanical Society's Orchid Show. This happens Oct 16th & 17th. We will be asking for plants to be loaned for creating a display. Dave Hoffmaster and board member Carey McCoy are spearheading the effort.

Carol Kerr reported that the Spring Show Theme has been incorporated into our advertising signs.

Our Past President Bruce Berg noted that the September Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for September 20th at 10AM at the Berg's home. Also the By-Law changes will be written by Bruce and Bob Clark and submitted to the membership soon.

A discussion of AOS judging for the "*Orchids in the Park*" Show and Sale events ensued. It was reported that we need to submit one form for each event which costs \$50. Debby and/or Paul Tuskes will discuss this with AOS.

Scott observed that our Show and Sale events are not mentioned in either "*Orchids*" magazine or "*Orchid Digest*" magazine. This should be rectified as soon as possible.

Modifications to the floor plan of room 101 for "*Orchids in the Park*" Show and Sale events was discussed, including possible future use of the Casa del Prado patios.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 PM and the next SDCOS Board meeting will be on October 8th at 7PM.

SDCOS is now on Facebook!

Check out: [facebook.com/San-Diego-County-Orchid-Society](https://www.facebook.com/San-Diego-County-Orchid-Society)

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Twitter, with use by members, promotes our mission.

Get regular meeting and show updates.

Try it out. Post your favorite orchid photo of the moment.

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San Diego County Orchid Society

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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

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

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

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

October 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

October 8th, 7:00 PM
SDCOS Board Meeting
Normally the Thursday following the General Meeting, Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 104

October 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

October 21st
Cymbidium Society Meeting
Regular meeting, third Wednesday of month
Culture class at 6:30, Meeting at 7:00
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Hi Members,

I am really enjoying what I learn and observe at our monthly meetings. For over 3 years I haven't missed many first Tuesdays. And to think it started when I received several orchids without tags or blooms which I could not identify online. The first glimpse of the "Christmas-like display" of members' blooming gems greeting us on the left side of the room, to me, was puzzling and enticing at the same time. The part that has me hooked on orchids is the opportunity table, because if I get lucky I take home some strange plant that may bloom within a year, or I send it to a speedy death. It is not Spring and today I see I have 4 different plants revealing spikes ready to bloom -- two do not have tags so I excitedly wait for the gift reveal! Pretty cool that my very small yet diverse collection takes turns blooming at different times through the year.

Thank you to all the speakers and all who help educate us. Not knowing what I am doing, but still having fun.

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From the editor -

Thanks so much to all the contributors to the newsletter for making this an engaging and informative few pages.

I hope everyone saw the article featuring SDCOS in The Coast News (pages B4 & B14)
http://issuu.com/coastnewsgroup/docs/fall-home--garden_-2015/1?e=1070920/30134165
featuring our president Scott LaBouff (great job Scott!)

In addition we have on page 17 a letter to the editor from one of our most valued members, Carol Kerr. I'm delighted that both this issue of the newsletter and the previous issue have had unsolicited contributions from members. Keep up the involvement!

The equinox in September heralds our fall show and sale. For me this is the time to look carefully at the collection and make difficult choices - do I want to reserve some of the precious window space for this plant over the winter, or does it go to the Fall show to be sold to some deserving orchid fancier with more space or different taste? Alas, the warm winter and summer mean that several of my valued plants are now a lot bigger than they were last year - and space in that window will be at a premium. The blood moon does not mean apocalypse, it means opportunity at the fall sale! Show your plants

Suggestions for the newsletter always welcome.

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