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the conservation of orchids in the wild.*

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

### *Let's Talk About Pests*

Speaker - Debby Halliday

By Debby Halliday

I just returned from two weeks away and found the bugs were at play while I was gone. The combination of heat and high humidity we've been having seems to be just what they had in mind. Add to that our shorter days, and it's time to get serious about pre-winter pest control.

I am going to share some scary pictures with you to help you recognize your

enemies and we'll talk about methods to fight off mealy bugs, scale, thrips, aphids etc. before they seriously damage your plants.

I hope you'll learn some techniques to better protect your collection from pests.

If you have some great control methods you'd like to offer, all ideas are welcome.

See you at 6:30.

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

### *The Genus Cycnoches and How to Grow Them*

Speaker - Phyllis S. Prestia, Ed.D

*By Kay Klausing, 1st Vice President*

Phyllis S. Prestia, Ed.D. is a retired educator and Middle School Principal. She received a Doctorate of Education at Rutgers University, where she also served as instructor in the graduate education program.

Originally from New Jersey, she moved to California with her husband to retire in the sunny, San Diego area and grow orchids. Her collection includes a variety of species and hybrids across several genera grown both in a small greenhouse



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*General meeting continued*

and three outdoor growing areas under shade cloth.

In her orchid life she has been the President of the San Diego County Cymbidium Society and currently serves as the Vice President of the Cymbidium Society of America, as well as keeping active in several Southern California orchid societies. She is currently participating in the orchid judge training programs of both the American Orchid Society and Cymbidium Society of America.

Phyllis' presentation on the genus *Cycnoches* will give the hobbyist orchid grower a thorough review of the distinctive traits of these spectacular orchids. She will highlight the key species most popular in modern *Cycnoches* breeding and their influence of color and form in both primary and complex hybrids.

With a comprehensive review of the culture for these relatively easy to grow orchids, including tips from her own successful experience growing them, even those new to the genus can enjoy these beautiful, fragrant orchids.

Join Phyllis 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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**From the Membership Desk**

Please welcome our newest member Alma S. Bischoff, Alex Nadzan, Katherine Noyes, William and Robin Hunt, Phyllis Kessler, and Taylor Garcia. Also please welcome back Darcy Salzl.

Bob

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## President's Message

**SDCOS participated in The Huntington Botanical Gardens International Orchid Show, "Beautiful Orchids", October 16 – 18, 2015. Dave Hoffmaster, Jack Schaefer and Carey McCoy set up a display of orchids loaned by Tom Biggart, Helen Pfister, and Renate Schmidt, as well as orchids from Dave's and Jack's collection. Also displayed were posters promoting our Fall show and our 2016 Spring show, designed by Carol Kerr and team. Thank you for presenting and representing SDCOS at this show.**

**We had a successful Fall "Orchids in the Park" Show and Sale, October 24th & 25th. Bruce Berg and Carey McCoy, our Show Co-Chairs, did a wonderful job in organizing this show. Pam Peters expertly organized and lead our Judging teams. A list of Best of Section Fall Show winners is featured on page 4 with many photographs of these beautiful orchids on following pages. Thank you to all who volunteered, exhibited, judged, and to our speakers and vendors.**

**Congratulations to Jerry and Anita Spencer who won the inaugural James & Lise Wright Best of Show Trophy, as well as the Forrest Robinson Cultural Award with Cattleya Tristar Bouquet 'Hawaii'.**

**Many of you will have purchased an orchid from Jim Wright's exceptional collection, perhaps a favorite. I am looking forward to seeing these specimens in bloom at future shows, shown by their new owners. Much effort and time was generously given by a few dedicated members to ensure this collection remained intact and well cared for since early August. Peter Tobias, Tom Biggart, and I transported the majority of Jim's collection to SVO where Fred Clarke has expertly cared for them. Equally, Peter provided expert care to the remainder of the collection. Many**

**hands transported plants to the Park for sale at our show. The team here included Bruce Berg, Jack Schaefer, Bob Clark, Tom Ketelaar, and Lou Wilson. Providing great assistance in the sale of this collection were Carol Berg, Carol Kerr, Siv Garrod, Myra DeTate, Debbie Halliday, and Kay Klausing. Thank you! More of Jim's collection will be available at our Winter show.**

**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](http://www.nnvos.org) for event information and registration.**

**The Holiday Season is approaching. It's time to mind your orchids as the weather cools, adjusting your watering schedule as plant growth slows and withhold water from those that require a dry winter rest while in dormancy.** Orchid genera which generally require very little moisture or none at all from Halloween through Valentine's Day (easy to remember holidays) include: cane type orchids, the Catasetinae group, Coelogyne, Cymbidium (water lightly), Deciduous and terrestrial group (protect bulbs from moisture when dormant), Australian and noble type Dendrobiums, Lycaste group – deciduous keep dry and skinneri type water lightly, and Neofinetia. Look up your orchid(s) or ask a fellow member if you are unsure of requirements for a particular plant in your collection. Orchid Wiz is also available for you to use during meetings. Also see "Getting ready for winter" by Bruce Berg on page 8.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

I wish you success in growing orchids!

Scott LaBouff

## Fall Show Winners

right: James&Lise  
Wright Best of Show



Sec	OCTOBER 2015	Orchid	Winner
	James & Lise Wright Best of Show	Cattleya Tristar Bouquet 'Hawaii'	Jerry & Anita Spencer
	Forrest Robinson Cultural Award	Cattleya Tristar Bouquet 'Hawaii'	Jerry & Anita Spencer
	People's Choice Award	Phalaenopsis hybrid white	Debby Halliday
1	Cymbidium Standard Hybrid	Cymbidium Chen's Ruby	Debby Halliday
2	Cymbidium Hybrid Miniature	Cymbidium Peter Pan 'Greensleeves HCC/AOS	Tom Biggart
3	Cymbidiuym Hybrid Pendulous	none entered	
4	Cattleya Alliance Standard	Cattleya Tristar Bouquet 'Hawaii' (small)	Jerry & Anita Spencer
5	Cattleya Alliance Compact	Bc. Maikai 'Lea'	Pedro Sanchez
6	Cattleya Alliance Miniature	Ctna. Jamaica Red 'Sentenal'	Alex Nadzan
7	Paphiopedilum Hybrids	Paph. Makuli x Paph. Macabre	Debby Halliday
8	Phalaenopsis Alliance Hybrids	Phalaenopsis hybrid white	Debby Halliday
9	Oncidium Alliance Hybrids	Oncidium Solana	Debby Halliday
10	Other Genera Hybrids	Dendrobium Enobi Purple	Jerry & Anita Spencer
11	Specimen Plants	Cattleya Tristar Bouquet 'Hawaii'	Jerry & Anita Spencer
12	Species > 6"	<i>Bulbophyllum longissimum</i>	Debby Halliday
13	Species < 6"	<i>Oncidium onustum</i>	Kay Klausing
14	Display	Phalaenopsis Display	Pam Peters

# Fall Show Winners







## Getting ready for winter

By Bruce Berg

I'm writing this article on a day in October when it's currently 105 degrees outside under my shade cloth structure and I need to go outside every couple of hours to mist my poor plants down to keep them from cooking in the heat wave we're experiencing. Other than damaging emerging blooms that I'd hoped to enter at our show in a couple weeks, the plants seem to be taking the heat all right. So what should we be doing to prepare for when the temperatures start to fall in November and December?

Checklist:

- Go thru plants, clean them, trim them up, and treat them with systemic (Bayer All in One)
  - Use a foliar spray with vitamin B1 to boost plant hormone growth. Mary Ann Chanthalla gets great results using Mega Thrive.
- Research your plants to determine if some of them need special treatment during winter:
  - Dry rest,
  - Minimum night temperatures higher than what is expected where you live
- If you have to move them to a warm area: Check heating equipment, fans, lights, watering systems.
- Spray the area with Physan 20 or weak bleach to kill algae or pathogens. Put out snail, slug baits and ant poisons, if you suspect or see the pests.
- Check over your wintering over structure, it's easier to make repairs when it's empty.
- When you move plants, it's a good time to make that inventory list you've been thinking of doing. Take photos of the plants. Start a notebook.
- When you move the plants, make note of the orientation of the plant towards the

sun and keep that orientation in the new location. I use the plant tags to mark sunny side of the pots.

Phalaenopsis orchids will need night temperatures dropping into the lower 50s to initiate setting the next year's inflorescences. So leave these plants out for awhile, but be prepared to bring them in when temperatures dip below 50 at night.

Cymbidiums and Epidendrums are pretty temperature tolerant plants throughout our county. Unless the temperatures are going to get below 30 degrees, these plants should be fine. The thing to watch for, however is that they should be protected from cold wet rains. Cymbidium blooms in particular can be damaged by being wet and cold. Most growers will bring cymbidiums under cover when the spikes start to grow.

If you live close to the coast, most of the orchids you are likely to grow can survive the winters outside. Debby Halliday has published a list of these plants as has Paul Tuskes. These lists can be found on our website. These plants, to my knowledge should do well outside in East County over the winter:

*L. anceps*

*L. purpurata* and most hybrids

*C. sophronitis* and most Cattleya hybrids with the letter "s" on the name tag, i.e. Slc

Tangerine Jewel

Most Cymbidiums

*Den. speciosum* and hybrids

Most Epidendrums and their hybrids.

Brazilian rupicolous Laelias i.e. *L. bradii*



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

Text and photos by Phyllis Prestia.

There were 7 orchids presented for judging. Two were awarded:

*Gomesa colorata* 'Jojo's  
Fire Cracker' HCC/AOS  
Exhibited by Andy's  
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Awarded HCC, 78 points



*Gomesa colorata* 'Jenny' AM/AOS  
Exhibited by Andy's Orchids  
Awarded AM, 80 points

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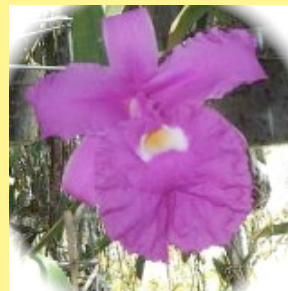
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Balboa Park, Casa del Prado, room 104  
1st Tuesday of the month at 6 pm

#### 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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Photos from the Huntington Show



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

Christopher Croom (619) 583-3804

#### **Pleurothallids**

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#### **Cymbidiums**

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

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### **The San Diego County Orchid Society's General meeting was held on October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

At the general meeting, Spring Show Co-Chairman Jack Schaefer entertained a motion to approve the 2016 Spring Show Budget as published in the Society's newsletter. David Eveleth so moved and the motion was 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Jack opened the floor for discussion and comments. Seeing no comments Jack called for the vote. The motion was passed.

### **The San Diego County Orchid Society's Board meeting was held on October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015.**

Attending were Scott LaBouff, Kay Klausing, Bruce Berg, Carol Berg, Jack Schaefer, Bob Clark, Carol Kerr & Carey McCoy. Excused absent was Debby Halliday. The meeting was opened at 7:06PM.

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

The Treasurer presented the financial report for October. A motion was made & passed to file the report for audit.

The webmaster reported on the August and September website hit counts.

The Membership Chair reported that membership was 321 members.

Spring Show 2016 – Co-Chair Jack Schaefer reported on the September 19<sup>th</sup> Committee meeting. 2 water color paintings by Tom Biggart were selected by the committee for use in our advertising. An Encyclia Dr Ben will be used on our promotional poster. The *Laelia jongheana* will be used on our program. A new poster is being prepared for the Huntington Library's Orchid Show. This poster will feature the *Laelia jongheana* but is only for use at that show. Also Jack reported he had found 4 sections of lath at a rummage

sale for \$28 total. These will be used to replace damaged lath sections.

Scott LaBouff, Society President, reported that Helen Pfister has resigned as Orchid Digest representative.

Kay Klausing volunteered for the position and was accepted by the board. The plans for the sale of the Jim Wright Orchid Collection are moving forward. Currently the collection will be available for purchase by **members only** in Room 104 at 3PM on Friday October 23<sup>rd</sup> and the morning of October 24<sup>th</sup>. On Saturday afternoon, plants from the collection will be moved over to Room 101 for public sale. New lapel and hand held microphones were purchased and used at the October General Meeting. We are still looking for a compatible headset.

Our 1<sup>st</sup> VP, Kay Klausing, reported that Phyllis Prestia will speak on *Cynoches* at the November general meeting. The Opportunity Table will be drawn from the Society's collection of donated plants.

He also noted that we need access to the internet before 10AM during our "*Orchids in the Park*" Show and Sales events.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President was absent.

Under General Board Member's Items, Carey McCoy reported that she has 9 speakers available for the October "***Orchids in the Park***" Show and Sale.

#### **Past President's Items**

Bruce Berg distributed copies of the Investment Policy documents covering the Society's General Fund and the Garner Trust Fund. Bruce moved to adopt these investment guidelines. It was 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed. Financial reports on the investments are to be reported quarterly.

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The next Finance Committee meeting will be at the Berg's home on December 20<sup>th</sup> at 10AM.

The Society By-Laws are in need of revision and Bruce and Bob Clark will be preparing the updates.

The Scottish Rite Center has invited our Society to participate in the upgrades to the landscaping around the Scottish Rite Center in Mission Valley. Bruce is requesting donated plants which do well out-of-doors.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM and the next SDCOS Board meeting will be on November 5th at 7PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Jack Schaefer,  
Secretary

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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.

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### Orchid Dates to Remember

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

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

November 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

November 5th, 7:00 PM  
**SDCOS Board Meeting**  
Normally the Thursday following the General Meeting, Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room104

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

November 11-15  
**AOS Fall meeting**  
Reno, NV

November 18th  
**Cymbidium Society Meeting**  
Regular meeting, third Wednesday of month  
Culture class at 6:30, Meeting at 7:00  
Lake San Marcos Pavilion  
1105 La Bonita Dr., San Marcos, CA 92078  
orchldy2@mac.com or (760) 732-0055

November 20th  
**San Diego Zoo's Orchid Odyssey**  
Third Friday of the month  
10 AM-2 PM (orchid greenhouse is open)  
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December 5-6th  
**Casa de las Orquideas Open House**  
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From the editor -

Fall is here and with it the fall show, lots of great plants and great photos. November means that Cymbidium season is here, although with the warm winter and summer many of my plants seem confused. We've seen a number of beautiful *Laelia anceps* in flower at the monthly meetings and at shows, and mine are spiking well to flower at least a month or two early compared to the usual bloom.

The forecast is for a wet winter, so get ready to protect your plants from the rain. It sounds crazy talking about protecting orchids from too much rain, but some plants may need this. Remember, as Tom says, "wet and cold = dead". Collect that water (see Bruce's articles in past newsletters on rainwater collection) and save it for the summer.

Suggestions for the newsletter always welcome.

David  
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