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CULTURE MEETING - January 5th, 6:30 PM

Understanding Orchid Viruses – Testing & Data

Speaker - Kay Klausing

By Debby Halliday

Kay Klausing, our 1st VP, will present our culture class for January. This talk is an update of his talk about viruses last June. We all became more aware of viruses after discovering some in Jim Wright's collection. Kay then organized a bulk order of virus kits for anyone interested in testing some of their plants.

The first talk was an introduction into orchid virus with some genetics and systematics and a general overview. This new one has a brief refresher at the beginning but focuses on more practical aspects like detection and prevention.

I will summarize the literature on the prevalence of orchid viruses and the

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Kay has outlined his lecture as follows:

GENERAL MEETING - January 5th, 7:30 PM

Sobralias for Southern Californian Gardens

Speaker - Tim Culbertson

By Kay Klausing, 1st Vice President

The speaker at our January meeting will be **Tim Culbertson**. The topic of his presentation will be "**Sobralias for Southern Californian Gardens**".

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 for their

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Culture Meeting continued

effectiveness of disinfection methods with my recommendations. I'll do a live demo of a test and give a summary of my test results (I will use the data from my intermediate house, 295 plants, that's what I have tested so far) and my conclusions about the spread of orchids viruses in collections.

This will be an interesting and valuable presentation for all of us who share a concern about virus in orchids.

I hope you'll join us at 6:30.

General Meeting continued

herbarium. In short, he really likes plants.

For this meeting, he will be sharing a presentation on Sobralias. These plants are easy to grow and flower, are vigorous, and can be grown outdoors in your gardens

Tim will also provide the plant opportunity table for the January meeting with the newest, modern, outdoor-growing Sobralias, with both large and seedling plants.

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.

From the Membership Desk

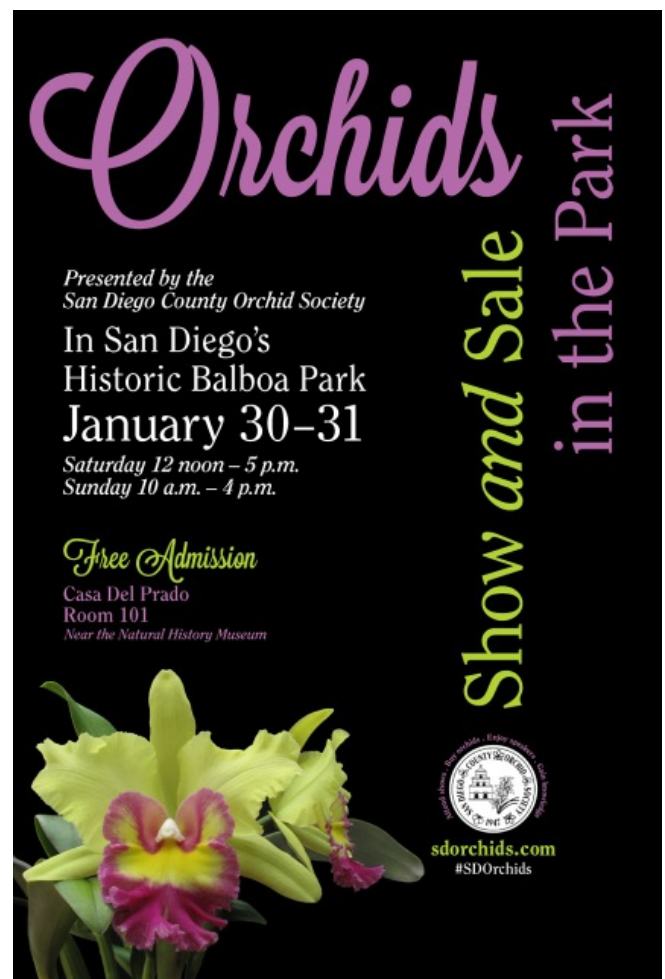
Happy New Year to all. I have some notes related to your membership dues.

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Bob



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President's Message

I wish a happy and prosperous New Year to you and your family. This year marks our Society's 70th anniversary. Let's celebrate this occasion with enthusiasm knowing we have a vigorous Society which provides us with so much delight and many opportunities for learning. We have done exceptionally well with our events this past year for which I am grateful to all who helped out. I look forward to another year where we can all share our passion for orchids with one another, to improve our understanding and practices in nurturing our flowering gems.

Liberty Hyde Bailey, an American horticulturist, botanist and cofounder of the American Society for Horticultural Science, once said, *"A garden requires patient labor and attention. Plants do not grow merely to satisfy ambitions or to fulfill good intentions. They thrive because someone expended effort on them"*. The same applies to our Society. I ask each of you to commit to yourself to volunteer a few hours to SDCOS activities throughout this year. There are ample opportunities for you to do so. Please contact Debby, Kay or myself if you'd like to give a culture talk, be a featured speaker, or host a workshop. If there is an activity or topic you'd like to see included, let us know that too. Additionally, our shows are not possible without the dedication and work of our many members. I hope that each of you will take a moment to add our 2016 show dates to your new calendar and reserve a few hours to volunteer. You are also welcome to bring along a friend to help. All 2016 show dates and volunteer positions are posted at

<http://www.sdorchids.com/VolunteerLinks.html>. Sign-up today.

The achievements of an organization are the result of the combined efforts of each individual member. I am confident you will also find a lot of satisfaction in being part of our wonderful shows. It's a great way to get to know your fellow members and to really feel like you belong to the Society. I thank all of you who volunteer your time and energy to make our shows a success.

Our [Winter "Orchids in the Park" Show and Sale](#) is January 30th & 31st. Set-up is on January 29th. Help is needed on January 28th to transport the remainder of the Jim Wright collection from SVO to the park. This will be one of your last chances to purchase orchids from Jim's exceptional collection. Sign up to volunteer during this show at

<https://www.volunteersignup.org/CQA74>

Our shows, with the abundance of beautiful and exotic flowers our members have produced through their efforts and loving care, are a highlight for the public and ourselves as well. It's wonderful to see the results of everyone's dedicated care of their orchids.

Also mark your calendars for the Newport Harbor Orchid Expo & Sale 2016, February 12th – 14th. Our friends at NHOS will be happy to see you there. Visit

<http://nhosinfo.org/event/newport-harbor-expo-2016/>

for details.

I wish you success in growing orchids!

Scott LaBouff

Spring Show 2016 Update

by Debby Halliday

Our Spring Show is only a few months away. How the time flies! Tickets are now available. Please come to the January Meeting and pick yours up. Any that are not picked up will be mailed after the meeting. Please remember to pay Patti Hoffmaster. This is an important part of our fundraising. You can sell them to family and friends or put them in a Christmas stocking. What a nice treat for someone to look forward to in the spring!

Our beautiful show poster has also been printed and copies will be available for distribution at the next meeting. We will have both large and small posters that you can take to your local community center, library, etc. The more we can promote the show, the better.

Please start planning to volunteer at the show. It is a big undertaking and we need lots of help to make it work. You can help with set-up, ticket sales, security, judging, and more. Ivan Allen will be managing the sign-up list, so we hope you'll join us. One of the best ways to get to know your fellow members of the SDCOS, and to really feel a part of our club is to volunteer at a show. This is the big one – don't miss it!

Debby is getting a good response from vendors. We will have several new vendors in addition to our traditional group. Some of them have taken double booths, so we expect an active and interesting sales area.

Jack is working on a new design for the show floor, which we will unveil early in the new year. We will have places for small tabletop displays as well as 8x8 and 9x9 floor display options. Making a display is lots of fun and you can win prizes too. You can create and enter a display yourself or invite a friend to join you. Let your imagination soar. You can also loan plants for use in the SDCOS display

and still have them entered for individual judging. Carey McCoy is in charge of making our SDCOS display the best one ever.

We are also looking for interesting unusual vases to use for cut flower bouquets. We would prefer vases with a bit of character, but nice bud vases would also be welcome. Have a look in your cupboards and keep an eye open if you go to a flea market. Small table decorations sell well at our shows.

That's the update. More information will be coming soon. Plan to participate.

70th Annual Show and Sale

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Some Cold Weather Tips

By Bruce Berg

With nighttime temperatures dipping into the 30's here in Santee this week, I've been thinking about some tips that I've heard over the past from various orchid growers that I'd like to pass on this month. Remember Tom Biggart's advice, "Cold and wet is really bad." If you have plants outside, the first thing that you should do is to protect them from rains. If you are using shade cloth, you can cover the shade cloth with clear plastic sheathing. The thicker the mil rating the less likely it will rip apart in the wind. Edges can be secured to pvc pipe using duct tape. Twine or ropes can be laced over the plastic to keep it from becoming a giant sail. You can then roll it up when not needed.

Plants whose roots have been allowed to dry are less likely to be damaged by periods of cold, so reduce the amount of water you give your plants that are exposed to really cold temperatures, watering them more when it warms up again. Some growers use strings of the old fashioned Christmas lights to lay down alongside pots to give just a little heat to keep the plants alive during cold spells. There are other items that would work like this. In cold areas up North, they sell engine block heater tape strips that are just a heat strip that can keep an engine block from freezing (they are available on EBay smiles). A radiant space heater might also work, if the area was somewhat enclosed. Piglet warming pads also will work. If you have the option to move your plants close to your house, or into the garage, this would also be something you could do.

In an extreme cold condition (27 degrees in Solana Beach. Yes, it happened here in 2007) Loren Batchman misted his

Cymbidiums to form an icy blanket over the plants. The ice prevented the plants from cooling below freezing.

If you have other tips to share, let me know and I'll publish them next month.

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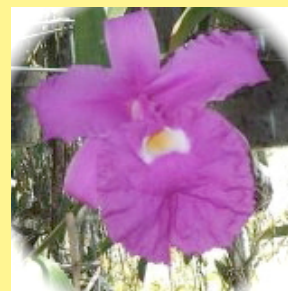
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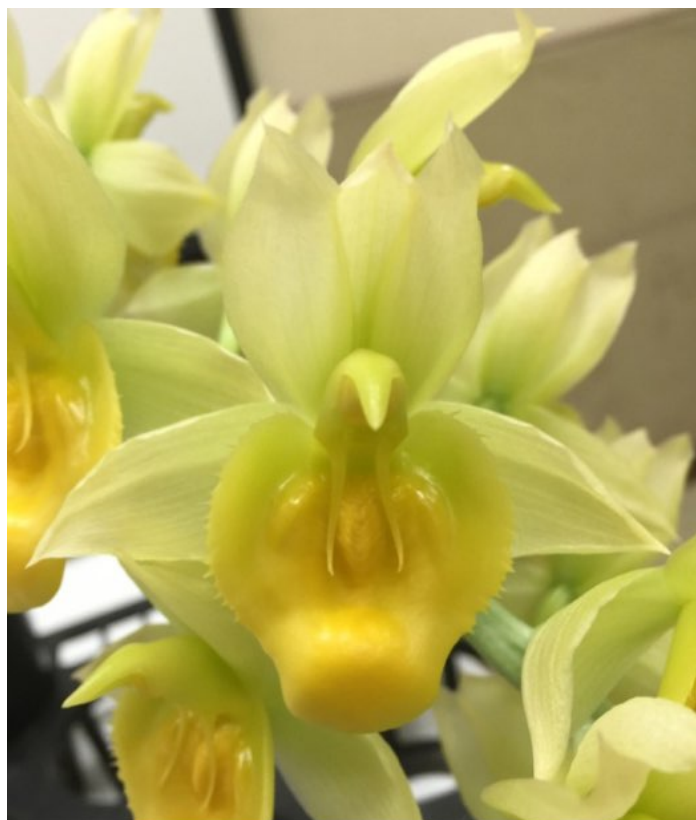
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Judging at the San Diego Judging Center (Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park), December, 2015.

Text and photos by Phyllis Prestia, except Ctsm Millie's Frilly Dragon by Arnold Gum
There were 8 orchids presented for judging. Five were awarded:

Ctsm. spitzii v. aurea 'SVO Gold'
FCC/AOS
Exhibited by Fred Clarke
Awarded FCC/AOS 90 points



Ctsm Millie's Frilly Dragon SVO Frills
AM/AOS
Exhibited by Fred Clarke
Awarded AM/AOS 84 points



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Judging at the San Diego Judging Center, continued from page 6

C. trianae 'Suprema' HCC/AOS
Exhibited by Lynn Burzell
Awarded HCC/AOS 79 points



Clowesetum Maeve 'Sunset Valley Orchids
Freckles' AM/AOS
Exhibited by Fred Clarke
Awarded AM/AOS 84 points



Phrag. Don Wimber 'Amazon Sunset'
HCC/AOS
Exhibited by Debbie Haliday
Awarded HCC/AOS 77 points

How orchids grow in the Jungles of Costa Rica

by Bruce Berg

On our recent trip to Costa Rica, we visited during the rainy season when orchids aren't really in bloom, (August – November). These photos are offered to show you how and where orchids grow in a natural state in the jungles of Costa Rica. While we cannot reproduce these conditions in our growing areas exactly, you might find some ideas here.

Here is a pretty typical look at a tree branch in the edge of a forest area. Notice in the enlargement how many different plants have colonized the branch and how it is growing in a horizontal direction. It is also very wet. Orchids would find it easy to root on branches like these. Another photo with a shot showing orchids on a tree trunk. When not in bloom, they are difficult to identify.

Another place orchids grow is in the upper story of trees, called "broccoli trees" in the hills where the clouds create "cloud forests" where the humidity stays very high year round.

Trees also provide resting and hiding places for wildlife like these vampire bats (page 9).



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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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Bruce Berg's bats from page 8

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Indoor and outdoor
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Vandas, Ascocendas

Edith and Leno Galvan (619) 441-7503

Encyclias, Epidendrums, Laelias

Christopher Croom (619) 583-3804

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Cymbidiums

Karl Batchman casa@orquideas.com

Northeast County, all types

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

San Diego Central

Outdoor, all types
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SDCOS Holiday party! (photos by Jack Schaefer, David Eveleth)
The party was well attended, with everyone making short work of the delicious food and taking home a great plant.



2016 Winter Show in the Park

By Bruce Berg

WINTER SHOW IN THE PARK IS ALMOST HERE!

On the weekend of January 30th and 31st 2016, we will be hosting our Winter Show in the Park. All members are invited to bring in their plants for judging. In addition, members wishing to enter tabletop displays may do so. Because of space limitations, please coordinate with me before the show if you wish to enter a display. See the show rules published on the website for more information, or contact Pam Peters. At the last show we inaugurated the "People's Choice Award." It was a big success and will be a part of this show.

We will have members give talks during the show again on various cultural topics.

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 29rd. Many hands make quick work. We will also need help during the show with various tasks, including security and helping with sales. 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. Signup sheets will also be available at the January meeting.

<https://www.volunteersignup.org/CQA74>

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 show, or we can mail them to you at our cost which is \$2.00. The deadline for letting him know what bar codes you need is January 15, 2016.

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 3 PM and 7 PM on Friday the 29th and from 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM on Saturday the 30th. 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!



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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.

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Orchid Dates to Remember

January 2nd
SDCOS Species Group Meeting
First Saturday of the month
Paul or Ann Tuskes (858) 274-5829

January 5th, 6:30 PM
SDCOS Culture Meeting
First Tuesday of the month
Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

January 5th, 7:30 PM
SDCOS General Meeting
First Tuesday of the month
Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

January 6th
Palomar Orchid Society Meeting
Culture class at 6:30; program at 7:00
First Wednesday of the month
Lake San Marcos Pavilion
331105 La Bonita Dr., San Marcos, CA 92078

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

January 15th
San Diego Zoo's Orchid Odyssey
Third Friday of the month
10 AM-2 PM (orchid greenhouse is open)
Janette Gerrity (619) 231-1515 ext. 4306

January 20th
Cymbidium Society Meeting
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From the editor -

A new year begins, and for the society it is the 70th anniversary year and show. The year's beginning is a time of reflection and renewal, a time to determine not when but how we will make this world a better place in the coming months. As the Dalai Lama said, "It is not enough to be compassionate - you must act." In this coming year we bring the joy and beauty of orchids to members and non members of the society through participation in SDCOS meetings, events, and support for our fellow members.

Suggestions for the newsletter always welcome.

David
develethos@gmail.com

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