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CULTURE MEETING - February 2nd, 6:30 PM

101 Ways to Kill an Orchid

Speaker - Ron Kaufman

By Debby Halliday

Our culture class speaker in February will be Ron Kaufmann, chair of the SDCOS Conservation Committee and a founding director of the Orchid Conservation Alliance. Ron has been growing (and killing) orchids for nearly two decades. His presentation titled "101 Ways to Kill an Orchid" will cover some of the ways in which orchids can be brought to an

untimely end, along with suggestions for correcting some common horticultural errors.

Ron has a long-standing interest in conservation and has been a member of the SDCOS Conservation Committee for more than 15 years and chair since 2004. Since 1991, the Conservation

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GENERAL MEETING - February 2nd, 7:30 PM

Oncidiinae Intergeneric Hybrids - What Are They and How Do I Grow Them?

Speaker - Ron Midgett

By Kay Klausing, 1st Vice President

Ron Midgett began growing orchids in 1969 in the orchid-rich environment of Southern California. Since then, he has grown orchids in many different regions of the US and in the Caribbean. Currently, he resides in Santa Fe, New Mexico. He is a breeder with an emphasis on Cattleyas, Paphiopedilums, and Oncidiinae and owns New Earth Orchids. Several cultivars from his crosses have received AOS awards.

In addition to Ron's activities in the orchid business, he has been very active in the local orchid societies wherever he lived. He is also an accredited AOS judge currently serving in the Rocky Mountain Region. He has served as chairperson for AOS judging for the 2011 and 2012 New Mexico Orchid Guild Shows. In 2011, he was invited to participate in judging the Taiwan International Orchid Show. Ron has authored articles

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Committee has awarded over \$170,000 to support projects in 21 different countries. Ron also helped to found the Orchid Conservation Alliance and serves on the boards of the OCA, EcoMinga Foundation (a conservation foundation based in Ecuador) and Orchid Digest.

A marine biologist by training, Ron's scientific work includes studies of Antarctic and deep-sea ecosystems as well as marine communities in coastal Southern California. He has been growing orchids for nearly 20 years, starting with a reedstem *Epidendrum* and progressing to a diverse collection that contains mostly species orchids.

Ron grows orchids in a 36 x 24 foot greenhouse and several outdoor shade-covered areas around his house in San Diego. Friends have suggested that he build a second, much larger greenhouse to accommodate the many plants that often make walking through his greenhouse an exercise requiring extensive training in gymnastics and yoga to avoid serious injury. Thus far, this recommendation hasn't been followed, although the rationale grows stronger every day.

This promises to be a very interesting and useful presentation. You should learn some new ways to avoid killing the orchids you are trying so hard to grow!

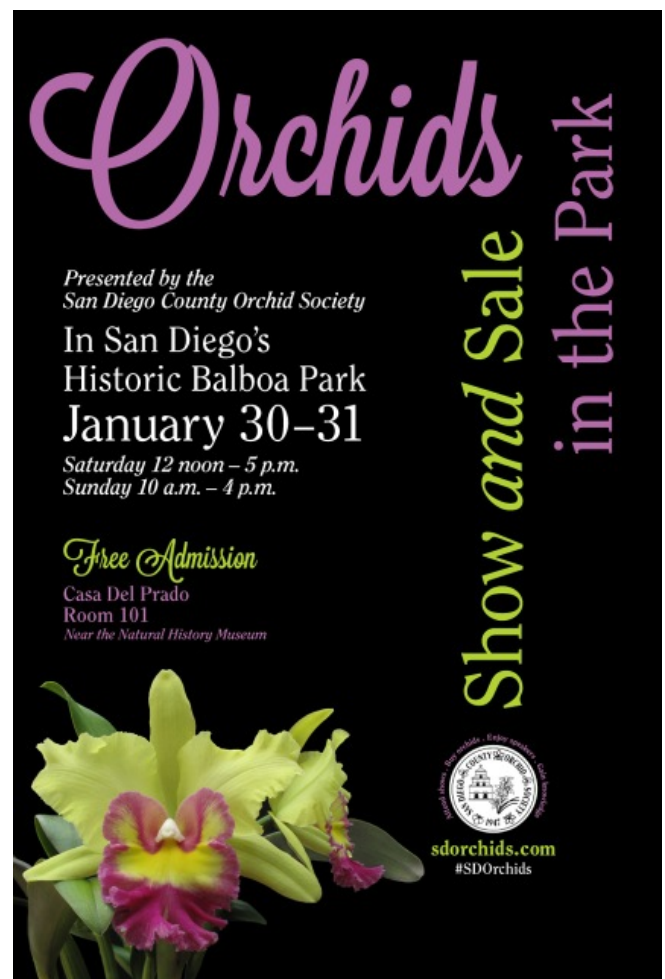
Class starts at 6:30. Be there!

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published in Orchids and the Orchid Digest. He was given the prestigious Ernest Hetherington award from the Orchid Digest for his article, "Beyond Sc. Beaufort—A 20 Year Odyssey in Cattleya Breeding". Ron feels a special honor in receiving this award because Ernest was one of his first mentors.


Ron will also provide the plant opportunity table for the February meeting with plants from his orchid business, New Earth Orchids.


Join Ron 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

I hope everyone who participates in our **SDCOS "Orchids in the Park" Winter Show and Sale, January 30th-31st**, will have a great time. Thank you in advance to all who bring in their beautiful plants for show, to everyone who volunteers their time, and to our vendors. Your participation will make this another successful show. *Volunteers are still needed. Sign up today at <https://www.volunteersignup.org/CQA74>. Also visit <http://www.sdorchids.com/WinterShow2016.html> for show information and the plant registration schedule. Additionally, we hope to complete the sale of orchids bequeathed to us by Jim Wright at the show. All proceeds from this sale are being set aside. I'd like to hear your ideas for the use of this fund.*

SDCOS International Spring Show "Orchids in Paradise" is **March 11th – March 13th. Set-up is March 10th. Sign up today to volunteer by visiting the following links:** Thursday March 10th <https://www.volunteersignup.org/7LXKX> ; Friday March 11th <https://www.volunteersignup.org/M3TAB>; Saturday March 12th <https://www.volunteersignup.org/QWT77> ; Sunday March 13th <https://www.volunteersignup.org/J3XDX> .This event is our largest of the year and biggest fund raiser for the society. Please sign up to volunteer and pay for the pre-sale tickets that you have picked up or that were mailed to you. Encourage your friends and family to attend and share your interest in orchids. Income from this show and our "Orchids in the Park" shows is used to bring you interesting speakers each month and all of the other benefits we enjoy as members.

Take a moment to check our newly updated show pages, sporting new, beautifully created graphics by Carol Kerr, at <http://www.sdorchids.com/Shows.html>. You can copy the images and paste them into your emails too.

Mark your calendars for these upcoming regional shows.

The Newport Harbor Orchid Expo & Sale is 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. SDCOS will participate in this show with a display. Please contact Carey McCoy and Dave Hoffmaster if you have orchids to loan for our display. Your plants will be treated with great care and promptly returned to you. Let Carey and Dave know if you want your plant entered for ribbon and AOS judging.

The Pacific Orchid Exposition is February 26-28 at Fort Mason in San Francisco. This year's theme, "A Legacy of Orchids", explores the history, traditions and folklore of orchids. Visit <http://www.orchidsanfrancisco.org/orchid-events/pacific-orchid-expo-poe/> for details.

The Santa Barbara International Orchid Show is March 4-6 at Earl Warren Showgrounds in Santa Barbara. This year's theme is "Wild World of Orchids!". Visit <https://sborchidshow.com/> for details.

I wish you success in growing orchids!

Scott La Bouff

Spring Show Report

By Jack Schaefer

We are now about 5 weeks out from the Spring Show.

Your Spring Show Committee members have been busy dealing with the mechanics of producing and advertising your show. Committee members have revised the Show Judging Schedule to include new Trophies honoring past Society Members. The Schedule includes new cash prizes for amateurs and changes some sections to reflect the variety of orchids that you, the amateur and commercial members of the Society, bring to us.

We've produced advertising posters using custom artwork by Tom Biggart, created a revised display layout featuring larger display areas, separated displays into two groups of six to create a walkway and included a larger Best of Section display. We've been able to attract international vendors and added new vendors to our sales area to replace vendors who have retired. Since this winter appears to be cooler than last year, we expect the vendors will have a plentiful supply of excellent orchids for you to choose from. We've also borrowed a feature from another show and arranged to have a supply of cardboard boxes available for sale by the Society to facilitate your shopping experience.

Of course we cannot have a successful show simply by arranging all the hardware so to speak. We need your help.

First of all, groom and nurture those orchids! Bring us your best and most beautiful. Bring us your unusual. Bring us your oddly wonderful. Bring us what you have so that there are tables full of orchids demonstrating the growing skills of our members. That's what this show is about!

And then, help us by getting involved. By now all members will have received packets

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of tickets. A major part of the funding for the show is the \$30 we ask for a packet of tickets. At a face price of \$8 each, you are getting a significant discount. Please, please, please sell or give these to your friends and neighbors.

We have bookmarks that, at least for us older folks who still have really-o truly-o paper books, remind us where we were in that treasured piece of literature. Not only are they functional, but they are beautiful as well!

We have posters available for anyone who can put them in a coffee shop, bookstore or library. They come in 3 sizes this year – small, medium and large. All feature Tom Biggart's beautiful artwork.

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We also need your help as volunteers. I know that when most of you read this we will be heading into our Winter Show and many of you have volunteered to staff that event. But as always, the Spring Show depends on your participation. Please volunteer for a couple of shifts. It's not difficult work. The hardest part is discovering a buyer who did not get their plants marked with the 'dot'. "No ma'am you have to go back and get the vendor to put a dot on this!" Scowl, scowl. But this is the only way we have to guarantee that all plants leaving the facility have been paid for. And we need you to do this job. You can take tickets, sell merchandise, guard the Display Hall from those wayward purchased plants, answer questions from the curious and best of all, enjoy the show!

In return for your participation, we've contracted with Ranch Catering to provide lunches for all volunteers. Ranch is known for tasty and nutritious lunches. In addition, we always provide a thank you gift to each volunteer. The details are not firm yet but I can say we will not be handing out coffee mugs this year. Maybe next year, but not this year!

All-in-all, we DO recognize that without your help we could not have a successful show and we really want this show to be a resounding success!

Yours Truly,

Debby Halliday & Jack Schaefer Co-Chairs.



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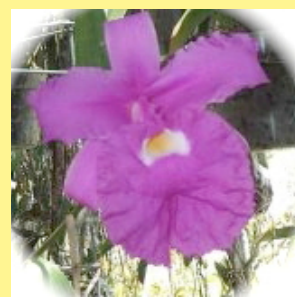
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Culture Tips for February

By Bruce Berg

Cold weather updates: After last month's article, I received another tip to pass on to members that comes from Tom Ketelaar. His suggestion is to put an oscillating fan where it can keep the air moving slowly over your plants at night. This is similar to what citrus growers do to protect crops as temperatures start dropping. If you have a heater that can be used in conjunction with the fan, you may be able to keep the temperatures high enough to protect your plants on the coldest nights. I would use this combo in a protected area.

Last month, I mentioned that Loren Batchman had written an article about the big freeze of 2007. Karl wrote to tell me that they have his article available on the Casa de las Orquideas website along with a number of other useful cultural sheets. They are also offering some special deals on their award winning plants, so check out the info at <http://www.orquideas.com/>.

I have provided some photos of orchids blooming in my shade area where night temperatures have been in the mid-30s in January. Some of my outside wintering cattleyas have come into bud and then I have taken them into my greenhouse where temperatures do not get below 50 degrees and the flowers do not seem to be damaged. Cymbidiums and Australian dendrobiums are not affected at all, just slow to show inflorescences.

Free Rain Barrels: With all the rain falling, I wish that I had more rain water storage capacity. The mathematics of rain collection tell us that for 1000 square feet of roof area, each 1" of rainfall will yield 625 gallons of



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C Pamela Heatherington

rainwater. However, all my barrels are full. Recently, I saw a news piece that said that there were free rain barrels available from the city that caught my attention, so I did a little research for you. If you live in the City of San Diego, there is a program advertised on a website that says you can purchase and

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install rain collection rain barrels for landscaping use and be reimbursed by the city for up to \$400 per property covering \$1 per gallon for multiple tanks up to 400 gallons. The minimum size tank size is 50 gallons. There are several vendors around with barrels that size that cost less than \$50. The website is: <http://www.sandiego.gov/water/conservation/residentialoutdoor/resrainwaterharvesting.shtml>.

The process outside the City for making a claim for installing rain barrels is also pretty straightforward. I filled out the online form in about 30 minutes. The website you start with is: <http://socialwatersmart.com/>. You fill out the form online and file a claim for a rebate. You need to make sure you select your water district. Padre Dam Water District does not reimburse as well as the City, so I will only be able to claim on 4 each 55 gallon tanks, but every bit helps. Read thru the form first and make sure what you want to buy if you haven't already installed your system, collect your paperwork, and you will be able to get your rebate! Let me know if you get your rebates!

The Spring Show Schedule – What Is It?*By Pam Peters*

The Show Schedule

<http://www.sdorchids.com/SpringShowSchedule2016.html>

for our March 11–13 spring show “*Orchids in Paradise*” is a reference manual explaining rules for open, amateur, and orchid society displays (exhibits), junior entries, and plant registration. The difference between open (commercial and vendor) and amateur



entries is described. The Show Schedule outlines how long exhibitors must have grown plants prior to entering in the show, and what happens if an entered plant has pests.

The Show Schedule is also the plant registration guide. There are 17 Sections listed by plant category (genera & hybrids) and Classes (colors). The awards for entered orchids, awards for displays, and national orchid societies' awards are listed on pages 15–18. There are several new cash prizes for displays this year, so put your thinking cap on and create your own small or large display. Contact Debby Halliday at debhallid@gmail.com for a display entry form.

SDCOS Conservation Grant Awardees 2015

By Ron Kaufmann

The SDCOS Conservation Committee met on December 5th to evaluate applications from a number of people and organizations. After careful consideration, the Committee recommended the following three grants for funding. All three of these recommendations were approved by the SDCOS board.

A vote of the membership is required for all society expenditures in excess of \$750, and a motion to approve these three awards will be made at the monthly General Meeting on February 2nd. If you have any questions about these applications or the review or approval process, please contact Ron Kaufmann (rkaufmann@gmail.com) by **January 31st**.

1. *Restinga Viva*. Submitted by Maria do Rosário de Almeida Braga, Brazilian Institute of Biodiversity, Brazil. Some coastal areas in Brazil can support a type of habitat known as restinga, which includes sand dunes and associated plants and animals. Flora of the restinga can include orchids, such as *Cattleya guttata*, *C. intermedia*, and many others. The Massambaba restinga near Rio de Janeiro is considered one of 14 centers of floral diversity in Brazil, but this area is under pressure from urban development and fires. One portion of this restinga already has been protected as a state park that includes an orchid reserve. The goal of the proposed project is to conserve the remaining portions of the Massambaba restinga through a combination of research on and in the restinga, and education of the local community. Information about the plants that occur naturally in this area, including the orchids, will be used to produce an illustrated field guide and develop educational campaigns in partnership with local public schools, citizen groups, the Rio Botanical Garden, and the Orchid Society of

Rio de Janeiro. This project will provide a foundation for environmental education programs and future research efforts, and the educational campaign will focus on local communities, with a goal of developing a culture that will support conservation of this habitat in the future. Total amount recommended = \$5,995

2. *Understanding the Ecological Niche Requirements of Rare and Endangered Orchid Species*. Submitted by Jaspreet Kaur, Texas Tech University. The ability of orchids to survive in nature involves a combination of biotic and abiotic factors. Some species are widespread while others are relatively limited in their range. The restricted occurrence of rare species suggests that their distribution may be limited by dispersal capacity, biotic interactions, and/or success under a narrow range of environmental conditions. Currently, we know relatively little about the detailed conditions in which orchid species live. For example, the survival of individual terrestrial orchids may be determined by soil composition, which itself can be complex and variable, as well as the nature of symbiotic soil fungi, which are necessary for orchids to acquire nutrition. In the proposed project, an integrated approach will be used to study *Piperia cooperi*, a rare, terrestrial orchid species native to Baja California and California, including San Diego County. Populations of this orchid will be surveyed, and environmental conditions, including soil characteristics, examined at a number of study sites throughout southern California. Samples of mycorrhizal fungi also will be collected and characterized, as will small amounts of orchid material for genetic analysis of population structure across the sampling sites. The results of this project should be very interesting scientifically and

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should provide important information about conservation strategies for threatened and endangered orchid species. Total amount recommended = \$5,050

3. *Restoration of Orchids in Human Transformed Landscape Involving Local Community in Wayanad District, Kerala, India.* Submitted by Jis Sebastian and Giby Kuriakose, Sacred Heart College, Kerala, India. The Western Ghats region of India is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and an important biodiversity hotspot. This area also provides ecosystem services that directly or indirectly support more than 200 million people. The Western Ghats contains more than 30% of the floral diversity in India, in part because of its diverse terrain and climate. Some portions of the Western Ghats have been transformed by humans into tea, coffee or cardamom plantations, but some native trees often are retained to provide shade for the crop plants. These land use practices typically disturb habitats and reduce orchid diversity, but studies from other areas show that plantations still may retain some of the native orchid flora. The Western Ghats are known to support high

orchid diversity, but no study to date has examined the conservation status of orchids in relation to habitat disturbance in this area. The proposed project will examine orchid displacement in relation to natural and human-related disturbance in Wayanad district, an area known to have rich orchid diversity as well as established coffee and cardamom plantations. Surveys of orchid diversity and disturbance will be carried out in natural habitats and adjacent plantations, in partnership with local NGOs and volunteer groups. Results will be shared with local communities and schools. In addition, efforts will be made to restore and rehabilitate fallen orchids that are encountered during the survey process. Total amount recommended = \$2,965

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:

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Balboa Park, Casa del Prado, room 104
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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:

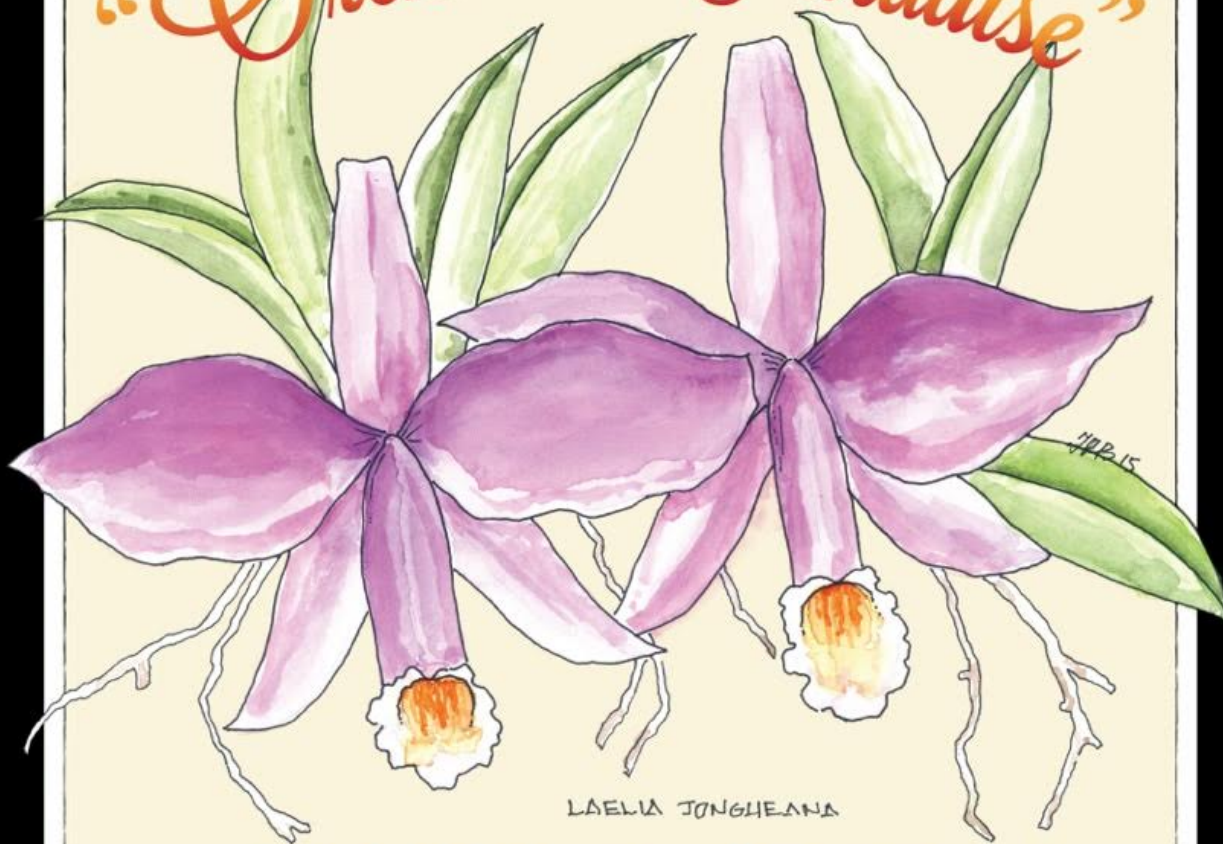
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Summary of Minutes of the SDCOS BoD Meeting for January 2016

By Jack Schaefer, Secretary

The San Diego County Orchid Society's Board meeting was held on January 7th, 2016.

Attending were Scott LaBouff, Kay Klausung, Debby Halliday, Bruce Berg, Carol Berg, Jack Schaefer, Bob Clark, Carol Kerr & Carey McCoy. Ron Kaufmann was present as a guest. The meeting was opened at 7:03 PM.

Ron Kaufmann was invited to discuss the grant proposals approved by the Conservation Committee.

Three proposals were presented and discussed by Ron and the Board. In separate motions, each was approved by the Board. Ron commented that he will be writing a column for the newsletter on these proposals and they will be presented to the membership at the next General Meeting.

The Secretary reported that the November Board minutes were approved by email and were published in the December Newsletter. There was no December Board meeting, consequently no minutes were published in January.

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

The webmaster reported on November and December website hit counts. After looking at the charts for the last 3 years, it is apparent that the website hit count has a consistent pattern which repeats each year. A motion was passed to stop reporting the website hit counts.

The current Membership was reported as 328 active members.

The By-Laws have been emailed for review & comment.

Spring Show Co-Chair Jack Schaefer reported that the Show Committee had met on January 2nd. The committee considered several topics including the Show Poster, the Show Judging Schedule and the revisions to the Display Floor layout at the Scottish Rite Center. Also, the committee approved the idea of selling cardboard boxes for use as containers when buying plants in the Vendor area.

Scott LaBouff, Society President, reported on the sale of the Jim Wright collection at the Fall "***Orchids in the Park***" Show and commented that the remainder of Jim's collection will be available at the Winter "***Orchids in the Park***" Show at the end of January.

On the topic of Society Display design for the Spring Show, Debby Halliday stated that she has talked with a member who is willing to help. Carey McCoy is going to assist with the display.

The Board requested that Carey McCoy and Dave Hoffmaster take the lead in constructing an exhibit at the Newport Harbor Orchid Show in February. She and Dave will be requesting the loan of plants to be used in the display.

Since Board of Directors elections are held in June, Scott asked if all board members were going to stand for re-election. It was confirmed that there would be open positions to be filled and a nominating committee should be formed.

Scott also noted that our umbrella organization, the San Diego Botanical Garden Foundation, is holding a meeting to review use of storage lockers in rooms 101 and 104 in the Casa Del Prado building. Scott and David Brown will be representing our Society at the meeting on January 23rd.

Our 1st VP, Kay Klausung, reported that Ron Midgett will be our main speaker at the February General Meeting. His presentation

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will be on Oncidiums. Ron will be providing the Opportunity Table.

Kay also discussed his research into the use of a headset microphone for the presenter. It was noted that generally, most presenters are happy with the lapel microphone that we currently have. However a Bluetooth slideshow control with laser pointer would be a great addition for our presenter's use. Kay will look for such a device. It was noted that Dr Prestia has one that works quite well.

Our 2nd Vice-President Debby Halliday reported that the Culture Class in February would have Ron Kaufmann as the speaker. It was noted that although there were no new questions posted on the "Dr Is In" monthly services, quite a few people had visited the Dr Is In webpage. Also, Debby has the virus testing kits available to check plants during the Culture Class at cost.

Under General Board Member's Items, Carol Kerr reported on her work on new "***Orchids in the Park***" posters for the upcoming Shows. Carey McCoy reported on the speakers for the Winter "***Orchids in the Park***" Show and Sale.

Past President's Items

Bruce Berg reported that the Finance Committee met on December 19th.

Bruce also discussed plans for the Winter "***Orchids in the Park***" Show coming up at the end of the month. The remainder of the Jim Wright Collection will be sold to members on Friday afternoon and to the public on Saturday afternoon, as was done at the Fall Show. Also, he noted that the project to provide orchids for planting at the Scottish Rite Center was completed to everyone's satisfaction.

During the discussion of the Winter Show plans, it was noted that we have been using a privately owned macbook with the Square Point of Sale(PoS) system. A motion was made to allocate funds for the purchase of a refurbished macbook suitable for use with the Square PoS. Further, our rental garage suffered water damage recently. Funds for additional plastic storage boxes was requested and approved by the board.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 PM and the next SDCOS Board meeting will be on February 4th at 7PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Jack Schaefer,
Secretary

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New Cash Awards Added to Spring Show

By Pam Peters

Several new cash awards for displays (exhibits) have been added to the March 11–13 Spring Show. The reason is to generate more cash awards for amateur displays. If you are interested in entering a small or large display, read the rules in the Show Schedule <http://www.sdorchids.com/SpringShowSchedule2016.html> and contact Debby Halliday at debhallid@gmail.com for a display entry form.

The cash awards are:

Best Small Display, open and amateur: \$100 each

Best Exhibit Illustrating Show Theme, open and amateur; \$100 each

Best Orchid Society Exhibit: \$100

Most Educational Exhibit, open and amateur: \$100 each

Most Artistic Exhibit, open and amateur: \$100 each

Best Floor Exhibit (Grand Prize): \$250

Best Exhibit in a Natural Setting, open and amateur: \$100 each

The list of awards for entered orchids can be found in the Show Schedule on pages 15 and 16. Awards for national societies' awards are on page 18.

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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
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Newsletter Entries

If you have monthly meetings, classifieds, submissions of interest, photos, or announcements related to orchids, please contact

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First Wednesday of the month
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SDCOS Board Meeting
Normally the Thursday following the General Meeting, Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room104

February 6th
SDCOS Species Group Meeting
First Saturday of the month
Paul or Ann Tuskes (858) 274-5829

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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

February 17th
Cymbidium Society Meeting
Regular meeting, third Wednesday of month
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Put your orchid in a clean plastic or terra cotta pot with that has no salt or fertilizer build-up. You may also use a cache pot.

Make sure your plant is secure in its pot and won't tip over. Before or after judging, the plant most likely will be moved to another spot. Remove the plant tag but tape your name to the bottom of the pot. Keep a list of the plants you bring in and what section they are in.

The joy of seeing your beautiful orchids on a display table with other members' plants is a source of pride. Receiving your first ribbon is total elation and a reward for your good growing habits.

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Clean cattleya alliance orchids by wetting the stems and pseudobulbs under a faucet and remove all dead sheaths and other dead tissue. A toughie sponge is helpful in doing this. Remove yellow or dead leaves and leaf tips with a sterile disposable razor blade. Stake and secure the flowers so that they are looking up and visible to the judges. Flowers may be beautiful, but if not properly staked, they won't win those ribbons.

Put your orchid in a clean plastic or terra cotta pot with that has no salt or fertilizer build-up. You may also use a cache pot.

Make sure your plant is secure in its pot and won't tip over. Before or after judging, the plant most likely will be moved to another spot. Remove the plant tag but tape your name to the bottom of the pot. Keep a list of the plants you bring in and what section they are in.

The joy of seeing your beautiful orchids on a display table with other members' plants is a source of pride. Receiving your first ribbon is total elation and a reward for your good growing habits.

Plant registration is Thursday, Mar 10 from 3:00 PM – 8:00 PM, and Friday morning, March 11 from 7:00 AM – 9:00 AM. The Schedule of Classifications for Plant Registration can be found on the SDCOS website <http://www.sdorchids.com/SpringShowSchedule2016.html>

Amateur growers can register plants as Amateur or Commercial. Registration tags should have the correct plant name (registration clerks can help you). Plants may be entered for American Orchid Society or Cymbidium Society of America judging. Please bring in your orchids and participate in our show!!!

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