

To promote interest in orchids and their cultivation, 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 - April 5th, 6:30 PM All about Schomburgkia's

Speaker - Ben Machado

By Debby Halliday

Ben Machado will be giving our culture presentation about Schomburgkia's.

Many of you know Ben as the owner of Calavo Gardens and the helpful supplier of pots and bark for our potting workshops. He also is a real expert on Schomburgkias.

Like so many of us, Ben loves everything orchids. But, of course, he found that he was better at raising certain varieties of orchids due to his particular growing conditions, especially Schomburgkias. At first he was attracted because of their bulb structure, the dramatic inflorescence and the floral structure. When he personally witnessed a *Schomburgkia* 

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# GENERAL MEETING - April 5th, 7:30 PM How to Make an Orchid Reserve

Speaker - Peter Tobias

By Kay Klausing

The speaker at our April meeting will be SDCOS member Dr. Peter Tobias. The topic of his talk will be "How to Make an Orchid Reserve".

Peter Tobias received his first orchid, a white hybrid Phalaenopsis, as a gift in the early '70s.

At that time he had a colleague who was heavily into orchids and he promised Peter another orchid if he could keep the first one alive for a year. A year later the Phal. was still alive on a windowsill in Chicago, so Peter was given a second

orchid, this time a Miltonia regnelli. This colleague also introduced Peter to ordering orchids from abroad and soon he was hooked. He ordered from India and Brazil and shortly thereafter had lots of plants growing around the apartment. Moving to Encinitas in 1980 made growing a lot easier, which only allowed his orchid habit to get further out of hand. Peter's particular interest in species sparked an interest in seeing them in the wild. In the last few years he has been fortunate to travel to several countries

#### **Culture Meeting continued**

splendida under natural growing conditions, he was hooked. He has since amassed an impressive collection and is now one of the few growers in the country with a complete collection of Schomburgkia species.

Ben is a longtime member of the SDCOS, serving in many capacities over the years, including volunteer, board member and officer for several years, and show chairman of the Spring Show for three years. He was also the show director for the International Orchid Fair at the San Diego Botanic Gardens for seven years.

Ben discovered orchids shortly before retirement, when he became concerned about how to remain active once he stopped working. Now, long after retirement, raising orchids plus running the orchid supplies business that he operates from his home keep his "to do" list well filled.

Yes, Ben knows that the name Schomburgkia has vaporized. He has worked with these plants for so long that it is hard to give up the old name. Most of us wouldn't recognize the new one anyway. More will be discussed about the naming during his presentation.

Ben will share with us some of the culture requirements for raising this truly unique genus of orchids. You should find this a very interesting and worthwhile presentation. Don't miss it!

Class starts at 6:30pm.

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rich in orchids including Brazil, Mexico and Madagascar to see orchids in the jungle. That travel has gotten him involved in trying to grow his orchids in a relatively natural environment. His backyard in Encinitas has two very large avocado trees that have turned out to be ideal habitat for many orchids. The

travel, as well as a general leaning towards preservation of nature, got him involved in orchid conservation, initially as the first chairman of the San Diego County Orchid Society's Conservation Committee, and now as the president of the Orchid Conservation Alliance.

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

The plant table for the April meeting will be provided by Sunset Valley Orchids.



#### **President's Message**

Together, we produced an outstanding Spring Show! Debby Halliday and Jack Schaefer, as first-time Show Chairpersons, along with the Show Committee, did a fantastic job diligently working through details over several months to put this show together. Each and every one of you, our members, helped to make it a success! I thank all who participated, whether you brought in plants, volunteered in some capacity or supported our vendors by adding to your collection. Congratulations!

There were so many gorgeous orchids on display. Congratulations to Betty Kelepecz who won the Sweepstakes Trophy for Best Orchid in Show with her Paphiopedilum villosum and to Debby Halliday who won the Spring Show debut of our People's Choice Award for her Paphiopedilum Sophie's Caramel Tiger. Both were stunning plants. Charley Fouquette, Tom Biggart and Tom Osborn were awarded the President's Trophy (Open). Their display was a pictureperfect idea of enjoying Orchids in Paradise: sitting in a beach chair, enjoying a natural display of orchids while sipping a drink and reading a cleverly named book, Orguídeas En El Paraiso (Orchids in Paradise).

Twelve AOS and two CSA trophies were awarded at our show! We debuted new trophies this year too! The Sprague Trophy was awarded to Betty Kelepecz for Best Compact Cattleya, Slc. Sunset Lake. Mary Ann Chanthala was awarded the Jim Wright Trophy Amateur Most Artistic Exhibit with her beautiful display. Susan Lewitt was awarded the Henry Marosz Trophy Amateur Most Educational Exhibit for her Orchid Q&A display consisting of three towers filled with orchid trivia and culture information. I was thrilled to see that Susan's display was also awarded a well-deserved AOS

Educational Exhibit Certificate of 93 points. Wow!

I was captivated with some gems displayed. A little gem in the Palomar Orchid Society display belonging to Merle Robboy was Pterostylis curta, a species found in New Caledonian and southeastern Australian woodlands, also called the Blunt Greenhood. This was awarded the Wilson Trophy for Most Unusual Orchid Flower. Another gem, **Dendrobium wardianum** 'Verde' belonging to Alan Castillo was awarded an AOS Certificate of Botanical **Recognition.** A CBR is awarded to a rare and unusual species with educational interest that has received no previous awards. I was happy to see Ed and Julie Marty back with their Orchid Stamps from Around the World display which won an AOS **Educational Exhibit Certificate of 86** points. While I don't have the space here to name everyone, know that I appreciate everyone's efforts and beautiful orchids that made this a great show. It was magnificent to see everyone's accomplishments with outstanding displays and individual orchids, so well grown. Visit http://www.sdorchids.com/ SpringRibbons 2016.html to see all of the awarded Show Trophies and Awards.

I thank Tom Fudge of KPBS for featuring our show on Friday's Evening Edition and on KPBS radio through the week end of our show. It was a joy to have him. Members of SDCOS were featured in additional KPBS stories expressing their joy in growing orchids. I also thank KFMB Channel 8 for their coverage of our show in addition to the San Diego Reader who featured us in their Your Week center section. These, in addition to other various media listings, helped to bring in new visitors, giving us an opportunity to share our interest in orchids. Bob Clark signed up more than a few new

President's message continued

members. Please be sure to welcome them!

Sharon Lowry, from the Coronado Floral

Association, wrote to me how very

impressed she was with our Spring Show. She thoroughly enjoyed seeing all of our beautiful orchids. As you may recall, she visited us at our February meeting to extend an invitation for us to participate in the Coronado Flower Show, Saturday, April 16 and Sunday, April 17 at Spreckels Park, Coronado. Download the show schedule at http://coronadoflowershow.com/schedule/ The theme for Orchids is "Year Around Beauty". I encourage you to enter and show off your beautiful orchids at this show. Remember to wear your SDCOS badge when attending and share our enthusiasm for orchids. You will see an incredible display of flowers of all types. Additionally, there will a Plant Sale, plus various musical groups playing on the Band Stand, a Wine & Beer Garden, and a Food Pavilion. Come to the show, enjoy, relax, and prepare to be amazed. Entries will be accepted on Friday, April 15, from 4 pm to 6 pm and Saturday, April 16 from 7 am to 9:30 All entries must be picked up Sunday,

I wish you success in growing orchids!

Scott La Bouff

April 17 at 4 pm.

#### From the Membership Desk

Please welcome our newest members – Anne Metevier, Troy J.C. Kahle & Steven Shulman, Pam Murphy, Francis Sorce Jr. & Vanessa Sorce, Quang Luu, Robert Ziering, Fatemeh Ratcliffe & Anthony Ratcliffe, Rosalba Rodriguez, Susy & Ira Lerner, Eric Rosen & Avito Azarcon, and Garrett Shiroma.

Bob

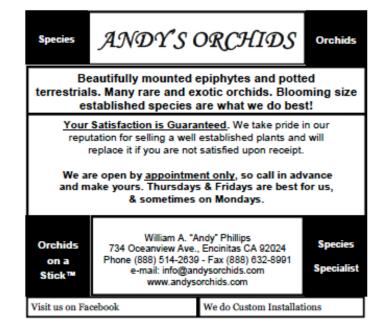
## **NEWCOMERS POTTING WORKSHOP - May** 21

Attention New Members! It's that time again. Your orchids are popping new little roots and starting to outgrow their pots. You're in luck! We are having a potting workshop on May 21 at Bruce & Carol Berg's house. Bruce will demonstrate how to divide and repot an overgrown plant — with some divisions available to share. Debby will demonstrate how to repot a phalaenopsis.

We will meet at **10 am** and get to work. After the demonstrations you will be free to work on your own plants – for best results they should be showing new root growth. There will be experienced members on hand to help if you need it. There will be a few donated cymbidiums to repot as well.

We are asking for a nominal fee of \$5 per plant to cover supplies. Ben Machado will provide medium and a range of pots. He will also have a few other supplies on hand for sale if you need them.

Please bring a lunch dish to share. We'll provide drinks and utensils. You are invited to



Newcomers potting workshop continued

enjoy the meal and conversation and check out Bruce's cleverly efficient growing areas, including rain barrels, before or after lunch.

Here are the details. We ask that you sign up in advance so that we can have a place for you to work and enough supplies. Here is the link for online signup:

#### https://www.volunteersignup.org/FHH39

Date: Saturday, May 21

Time: 10 am

Address: 9228 Maranda Drive

Santee, CA 92071

Cost: \$5.00 per plant

Our previous workshops have been lots of fun. Here's your chance to find that "way in" to repotting orchids. You'll also get to enjoy socializing and becoming better acquainted with your fellow club members. Put it on your calendar! And don't worry, if you can't make this one, we'll be having another one soon.

NOTE – as always, you don't have to be a new member to come. If this session interests you, go ahead and sign up. You'll be welcome.

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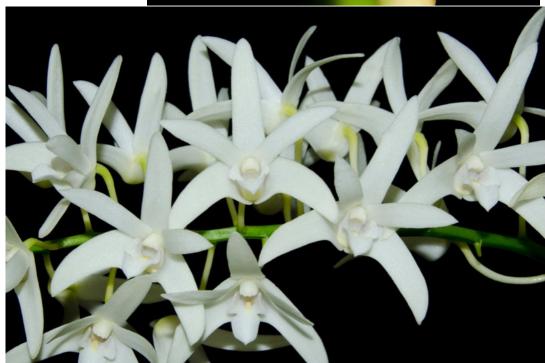
Judging at the San Diego Judging Center (Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park), March 2016.

Text and photos by Arnold Gum Two orchids were awarded:

> Restrepia lansbergii 'DMH' AM/AOS 80 pts. Exhibited by David Helt



Dendrobium Greta Snow 'Charley's Favorite' AM/AOS 84 pts. (Den. Jayden x Den. speciosum) Exhibited by Charles R. Fouquette



## Spring Show 2016 - ORCHIDS IN PARADISE

By Debby Halliday and Jack Schaefer

We want to express our gratitude to every one of the many people who helped us make the Society's 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Show and Sale a success.

Our Show Committee, consisting of Dave and Patti Hoffmaster, Bruce & Carol Berg, Pam Peters, Tom Biggart, Scott LaBouff, Ivan Allen & Tom Ketelaar gave us a wealth of direction and support, allowed us to ask silly questions, corrected mistaken opinions, pointed out tasks we'd missed and then offered to do them! What a great team! Their involvement, enthusiasm and energy made it possible for us to put on a really good show and even have fun doing it.

And we want to acknowledge the many volunteers who came and helped. Whether they judged or clerked, sold tickets, gently told the elderly they could not leave with a plant because it did not have the dot-of-the-day, staffed the Plant Hotel, made beautiful corsages and arrangements for sale, sold plants in the Society and Conservation Committee booths or just were there to support us, Thank You. We cannot say it enough —

Thank You, Muchas Gracias, Danke, Tusen Tack, Maraming Salamat Po.

You made this show work!

We also thank the 23 vendors who came to our show ready to sell plants and who put in such wonderful displays – from the collection of Phalaenopsis hybrids, artistically arranged among leafless tree limbs, to the equally leafless tree full of Cattleyas above a chaise lounge, bottle of soda and a book, "Orquideas en el Paraiso", to a real running waterfall; thank you.

To the Societies who put in displays: Palomar, Cymbidium, Newport Harbor, SDCOS, and the individuals who made displays, Debby Halliday, Mary Ann Chanthala, Rich LaClair-Zoehrer, Sue Fouquette, Paul & Ann Tuskes, Pam Peters, and Harry Polis – thank you. You brought your best orchids and design ideas and set a lively pace of competition. We were treated to beautiful and odd, common and exotic, serious and clever; each display bringing a bright piece of creativity with orchids into our show.

We had wonderful educational displays as well. Ed Marty brought his fabulous orchid stamp collection and Susan Lewitt contributed towers of clever orchid information and guessing games to test your orchid IQ.

To the AOS and CSA Judging Teams. Thank You. The AOS and CSA Judges bring a level of professionalism, of judging skill based on years of experience, of lively debate, and of excellence, to our show. We value and prize those interesting certificates and trophies. As we wander the show floor there is the occasional "Wow look at the AOS Certificate on this plant!" or "Oh yeah. Here's the Cymbidium Gold Award". Which means someone's contribution was judged by the very best and found worthy of an award.

A very special thank you goes to the members who groomed their plants for months, packed them carefully into their cars and made the effort to bring them to the show. We had so many glorious plants on our tables. Everyone we spoke to commented on the sheer volume and variety of orchids on display. As we have said over and over, if you don't bring your plants, we don't have a show. Well, you brought your plants and we had a spectacular show! Thank you all so much.

We have really enjoyed this experience. It's been a pleasure working with every one of you. Safe to say, we'd even try it again next year. Hard act to follow though.....

Good job, SDCOS! We couldn't have done it without you.

Our Thanks -

Debby and Jack Co-Chairs.

### **Spring Show 2016 - ORCHIDS IN PARADISE**

For a listing of Trophies and Awards, go to <a href="http://www.sdorchids.com/SpringRibbons">http://www.sdorchids.com/SpringRibbons</a> 2016.html
Here are a few photos



## **2016 San Diego County Fair Update**By Bruce Berg

Online registration for members wishing to enter plants for ribbon judging in the 2016 San Diego County Fair is now open! The deadline for registration is midnight, May 13. The fair opens June 3, and closes July 4. Dates for taking plants in for judging are in the rules published online. When you are registered, you will be sent a packet of information giving you information about access to the fair. If you wish to purchase an exhibitor's badge which will allow you unlimited access to the fair, contact me and I can provide you with more information.

All entries must be made online. To register, you start by going to sdfair.com. There is a menu in the middle of the page, select flower show. On the next screen, there is a button "Enter Now". At this point you can look at the rules if you select Flower Show blue button. When you are ready to proceed, select "sign in" at the top right. You will be ask to create a login password and account. Follow the prompts and you will then be led to a screen where you select what department/division to select. Container orchids are Division 5100. If you wish to enter any or all of the shows (one show per week) then you select class 4. If you wish to enter other divisions, go back and select them i.e. cut orchids. Division 5101. After you have selected the divisions that you wish to enter, then select the **continue** button and proceed to checkout.

We are going to have an outdoors exhibit this year. The theme is: "Mad About the Fair" a spin off on Alice in Wonderland. Throughout the gardens area, you will see displays/ characters in Steampunk cosplay costumes as well as Alice characters. Carey McCoy already is planning a Mad Hatter Tea Party with a serving of orchids in our display! We could use some more costumed overstuffed

critters or pink flamingos for the tea party. If you are interested in helping, let us know.

We will also have a couple of "Meet and Greet" days where we will share booth and tables with the members of the other orchid societies and talk to the public about our society events and activities.

## **Getting your Plants Ready for Summer**By Bruce Berg

Now that the weather has gotten nice and our orchids are showing signs of new growth, it's time to get them ready for their big growth season. If you have kept your plants in a protected environment, like a bathroom, or a greenhouse over the winter, and you move them outside for the summer, or if you just want to check your plants over and make sure that they have more room to grow this summer, this is the month to get started.

Also look over the area where your plants will be living for the next six months. Are the benches and shade structures clean, or in need of any repairs? How about any automated watering systems? Better check things out before you have all your plants moved in and then have to move them again. How do you know what your plants need? One clue is to look at the pot and see if the new roots are growing over the edges of the New healthy roots will be white with pot. bright green tips. If the potting mixture has deteriorated and turned to mush, it will give off a musty smell. Your plants need a welldraining mixture so that they can dry out between waterings. If the mix has decomposed, the roots can rot and drown the If new pseudobulbs and roots have plant. grown beyond the pot, you may want to take the plant out of the pot and cut off all but the

Getting your plants ready for summer continued

newest three or four pseudobulbs and repot them. Repotted and reestablished backbulbs make good gifts to friends or contributions to Conservation. Just remember to use good sanitary practices when cutting on your plants to keep from spreading pathogens.

If your plant does not need to be repotted, take a look at the leaves and do a cleaning of any dead sheaths or old flower spikes. Check for critters that may have been munching on your plant over the winter. Give the plant a shot of a systemic fertilizer, like "Bayer Advanced All in 1" to discourage new pests from moving on to your newly cleaned up plant. Find a spot where the plant will get the amount of light it needs to grow well. This is a good time to look up the plant online to find culture info on it, or to check with our society computer "Orchidwiz" program for orchid culture info.

A little tip to help your plants adjust to their new home is to mark the orientation of the pot towards where the sunlight comes from where the plant resided over the winter when you move the pot to a new location. I stick a blank plant label towards the bright side of the pot when moving it so that I remember to keep the pot oriented correctly in its new bench location, unless you want to have the plant change direction of growth. Then I move the name tag so that I can read it while walking down the isles between benches.

#### Saturday, June 4, 2016

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## Summary of Minutes from the Board of Directors Meeting for March 2016

By Jack Schaefer, Secretary

**Board of Directors Meeting:** The San Diego County Orchid Society's Board meeting was held on March 3rd, 2016.

Attending were Scott LaBouff, Kay Klausing, Debby Halliday, Bruce Berg, Carol Berg, Jack Schaefer, Carol Kerr & Carey McCoy. Bob Clark was excused absent. The meeting was opened at 7:03 PM.

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

The Treasurer presented the financial report for March. A motion was made & passed to file the report for audit. The Treasurer explained that the Conservation Committee Grant Funds had been wire-transferred to the recipients. The Spring Show Program advertisements that had not been paid were discussed.

The webmaster reported on updates to the website.

Jim Wright Fund – A discussion focused on the need to solicit suggestions from the membership and to keep the membership informed of the spending decisions.

Show Funding – A discussion of the way the board allocates funds to the various shows resulted in two items

- The board needs to establish a capital expense fund in the budget for purchase of equipment and fixtures having a useful life of longer than 1 year.
- The board needs a permanent committee to coordinate a display kit for Society Displays for SDCOS Shows and Shows at other locations.

Spring Show Co-Chairs Jack Schaefer & Debby Halliday, and President Scott LaBouff

reported on progress on the Spring Show. The final Spring Show Committee meeting will be held on March 5th at the Berg's home after the species meeting. Debby reported on vendors and displays, including the income to date from the sales booths. Jack reported on the Show Program, Fire Permits, and Scottish Rite Center facilities. Scott reported on his publicity efforts. KPBS's Tom Fudge has committed to attend on Friday during the judging. Also, our event has been included in various Community Calendars, The Reader and various other media. To help with publicity efforts, Scott proposed that the Show Theme be chosen in June so that posters and advertising media can be available mid-August.

President Scott LaBouff reported that a Nominating Committee consisting of Pam Peters and Charley Fouquette has been formed. Of the current board, only Jack Schaefer, Secretary, is stepping down from his current position. However, Jack is willing to fill the Director At Large position being vacated by Bob Clark whose term is ending. As a result, the Nominating Committee will only need to find a candidate for the Secretary's position.

Our 1<sup>st</sup> VP, Kay Klausing, reported that Peter Tobias will discuss Orchid Conservation at the April General Meeting.

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President Debby Halliday reported that the Culture Class in March would feature Ben Machado discussing Schomburgkia orchids.

Under General Board Member's Items, Carol Kerr discussed promotional materials. Carey McCoy discussed a presentation she made to a Sierra Club Wilderness Basics Course on the 10 wild orchids found in San Diego County.

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Past President's Items

Bruce Berg discussed the Campout and Hike planned for March 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> at Agua Caliente County Campground. A volunteer signup sheet has been placed on the website for all who want to go. He also discussed the San Diego County Fair (SDCF) activities which are starting up. He reported that the Garden Area Theme is "Alice in Wonderland". Other areas may have different themes. Registration is not yet open but Bruce will be notifying participants when it is available. SDCF has requested suggestions for speakers. Carey, Debby, Phyllis Prestia and Alex Nazdan have been recommended.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 PM and the next SDCOS Board meeting will be on April 7th at 7PM.

Addendum 1 – After the meeting, Bob Clark sent a report discussing the collection of postage for those who request hardcopy newsletters.

Addendum 2 – President Scott LaBouff authorized purchase of 3 new "Orchids in the Park" signs from an existing budget item.

Respectfully Submitted, Jack Schaefer, Secretary

## 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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#### **Orchid Hotlines**

The SDCOS offers this service to members who seek cultural information about their orchids. Here are some friendly hobbyists with a great deal of experience about certain types of orchids, and they have kindly volunteered to answer your questions.

Cattleyas, Oncidium/Odonts, Phals, other Greenhouse grown, West SD County Debby Halliday <u>debhallid@gmail.com</u> 858-756-3578

#### Species, all types

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#### **Paphiopedilums**

Ann Tuskes (858) 274-5829

#### Vandas, Ascocendas

Edith and Leno Galvan (619) 441-7503

### Encyclias, Epidendrums, Laelias

Christopher Croom (619) 583-3804

#### **Pleurothallids**

Christopher Croom (619) 583-3804

#### **Cymbidiums**

Karl Batchman <a href="mailto:casa@orquideas.com">casa@orquideas.com</a>

#### Northeast County, all types

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

#### San Diego Central

Outdoor, all types

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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 <a href="mailto:develethos@gmail.com">develethos@gmail.com</a>.

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**

April 2nd

#### **SDCOS Species Group Meeting**

First Saturday of the month

Paul or Ann Tuskes (858) 274-5829

April 5th, 6:30 PM

#### **SDCOS Culture Meeting**

First Tuesday of the month

Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

April 5th, 7:30 PM

#### **SDCOS General Meeting**

First Tuesday of the month

Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

April 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

April 7th, 7:00 PM

#### **SDCOS Board Meeting**

Normally the Thursday following the General Meeting, Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room104

April 13th

#### **Cool Growing Orchid Society Auction**

6:30 pm, Garden Grove Masonic Lodge

April 14-17

#### **Spring AOS Members Meeting**

Asheville, SC

April 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

April 20th

#### **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



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#### From the editor -

The show season was in full swing in March and we look forward to repotting and the start of a great summer of orchid growing. In the midst of the vast array of orchids on display at the shows, it is amazing to think that we don't even know all the orchid species currently on earth. A new species, *Encyclia inopinata*, was discovered in Mexico earlier this year, and it is estimated that there are likely many more undiscovered species of orchids around the world. We don't know what we don't know - but habitat preservation is an important part of conservation and the maintenance of species diversity. Peter Tobias will speak to us this month about orchid reserves and the importance of habitat preservation.

Suggestions for the newsletter always welcome.

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