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the conservation of orchids in the wild.*

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SPRING AWARDS PARTY - May 3rd, 6:00 PM

Our regularly scheduled meeting Tuesday will be replaced in May by our annual awards potluck banquet to celebrate our successful Spring Show and Plant Sale.

A big "Thank you!" to all the volunteers who enabled the show! It was a great success and would have not been possible without your help!

Please join us for an evening of socializing and a good meal.

Ann and Paul Tuskes will present a slide show displaying all the beautiful orchids, displays and volunteers at the show.

Appetizers and drinks will be served at 6 pm followed by Dinner. A selection of entrées and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided by SDCOS as well as plates, cups and utensils.

If you did not have a chance to sign up for the potluck dinner at the April meeting please bring a food item to share and join us.

Potluck food categories include:

Appetizers
Salads
Breads
Vegetable or side dish
Dessert

Note that there is no plant forum or plant opportunity table this month.

However, the regularly scheduled AOS judging in room 104 will take place as usual (6 PM).

Members are encouraged to bring a blooming orchid to be used as a decorative centerpiece for the dining tables.

Please contact Kay Klausing if you have any questions.

Email: Firstvp@sdorchids.com

Last months newsletter inadvertently omitted Betty Kelepecz' Best in Show Paph villosum (below) - apologies from the editor!



President's Message

In celebration of a wonderful Spring Show, we'll enjoy our Annual Awards Banquet this month, in place of our regularly scheduled meeting. While relishing good food and delighting in each other's company, Ann Tuskes will take us on a journey, re-experiencing the highlights of our Spring Show with the many volunteers and participants who made it such a success. Again, thank you and congratulations to all who participated!

May 21st, Bruce and Carol Berg are hosting a re-potting workshop. Are you new to growing orchids? Does re-potting worry you? Do you have one or more orchids showing new roots and growth, and it's getting a bit crowded in the pot? Do you have a plant with musty smelling bark? Is the medium over a year or two old? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then sign-up to attend, at

<https://www.volunteersignup.org/FHH39>.

See Newcomers Potting Workshop article on page 4.

March 25th-27th several SDCOS members, and a couple of friendly orchid enthusiasts from Pasadena, camped out under the stars at [Agua Caliente Park](#) [see video of park/camp] in the Anza-Borrego Desert. On Saturday we ventured on a short hike along [Moonlight Canyon Trail](#) [see video of trail/flora/fauna/pools] to see the nearby colony of [Epipactis gigantea](#) [wikipedia]. I am happy to report they are doing well. There were perhaps 200 plants vigorously growing in a [seep](#) [Wikipedia] of spring water. Many were in bloom, adding to the beautiful splashes of color we saw from the native vegetation along the trail. Visit http://www.sdorchids.com/Agua_Caliente_Campout_Hike_2016.html to see photos of the *Epipactis*, other wildflowers, and us hanging out at camp. Ask the participants about their experiences: Carol & Bruce Berg, Carol Kerr, Nico

Goossens, Gabriel & Gabrella Penazola, Ed Perez, Leo and Gem Sullivan, Darcy Thom, Lou Wilson and myself.

Saturday, April 16th was a beautiful day in Spreckels Park at the Coronado Flower Show. With the participation of Felisa Acantilado, Debby Halliday, Carol Kerr and Lila Wagar, SDCOS had a lovely booth with many orchids on display and lots of visitors crowding in to see them! SDCOS show flyers, website signs, and *Orchids to Grow At Home* care sheets, completed our booth. Read Debby's article, *SDCOS Joins the Coronado Flower Show* on page 3. There were many amazingly beautiful displays, novel arrangements, and of course pretty flowers, throughout the Coronado Flower Show. It was great to have been a part of it! Pictures are featured on pages 3 and 4.

Summer is just about here! Are you ready? May is a great time to go through your collection, inspect, clean, and re-pot where needed – deteriorated bark or other mediums must be replaced for your orchids to thrive through the summer months.

I wish you success in growing orchids!

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SDCOS Joins the Coronado Flower Show ***By Debby Halliday***

The Coronado Floral Association invited our club to join the 91st Annual Coronado Flower Show this year. It was a great success. Four members brought plants and Scott La Bouff and Lila Wagar helped with judging. The public seemed very appreciative of our efforts and kept the exhibit full of spectators most of the time. The organizers said it was the best orchid display they have had in years. They were very pleased that we brought our plants.

Lila and Scott were assigned to a judging team for ferns, picture boxes, and various floral sections including orchids. They provided the other judges with orchid judging basics, which were much appreciated.

The members who brought plants were Felisa Acantilado, Debby Halliday, Carol Kerr and Lila Wagar. We managed to have plants in almost every section plus a few they hadn't thought of! Our display included *Bulbophyllum*, *Cattleya*, *Brassavola*, *Encyclia*, *Cymbidium*, *Dendrobium*, *Epidendrum*, *Brassia*, *Oncidium*, *Odontoglossum*, *Paphiopedilum*, *Phragmipedium*, *Phalaenopsis*, and *Ansellia*, both hybrids and a few species. The visitors were quite amazed by the variety and snapped loads of pictures.



We also earned a large share of the ribbons and awards. Felisa earned a blue for her gorgeous purple *Dendrobium nobile*, Lila won ribbons for her lovely *Ansellia* and *Cattleyas*, Carol won ribbons for her *Phal* and *Odontoglossum*, and Debby dominated the awards. She won Best *Cattleya*, Best *Cymbidium*, and Best Orchid in addition to ribbons in other sections. She also won a Horticultural Excellence rosette, given to the best plant in the show, for her *Brassia Rex 'Chorus Line'*, which was spectacular with 7 spikes and 110 flowers.

We were able to hand out a lot of show schedules and other orchid information to the attendees. A number of people were interested in



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attending our meetings and many promised to come to our orchid shows.

This is a fun show in a beautiful park location. It's not hard to get to and the parking was better than expected. The Boy Scouts help with lugging the plants. There is live music, food, beer, and many other interesting floral and horticultural exhibits to visit. It's a good place to show our beautiful orchid plants. We should definitely plan to attend again next year!

Here are some pictures.



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

From the Membership Desk

Please welcome our newest members – David Vandenbrock & Michael Vandenbrock, Morlane O'Donnell, and Sara Cummings.

Bob

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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), Apr., 2016.
Text and photos by Phyllis Prestia.

There were 16 orchids presented for judging. Six were awarded:

Phal. Sogo Rose 'Arnie
Berry' AM/AOS
Exhibited by Arnold Gum
Awarded AM of 80 points



Comparettia x maloi
'Windflower' AM/AOS
Exhibited by Betty
Kelepecz
Awarded AM of 80
points



Paph. wenshanense 'Arnie' HCC/
AOS
Exhibited by Arnold Gum
Awarded HCC/AOS of 77 points

Tolumnia velutina
Isabella' CCM/AOS
Exhibited by Kay Klausing
Awarded CCM of 85 points



Brassovola nodosa 'Big Deal' AM/AOS
Exhibited by Deborah Halliday
Awarded AM/AOS of 81 points



Renanthera imschootiana
'Feurbach' AM/AOS
Exhibited by Renate Schmidt
Awarded AM/AOS of 82 points



Reedstem Epidendrums, Easy Orchids to Grow

By Bruce Berg

Epidendrums (eh-pee-DEN-drum) are known by several nicknames, the “Poor Man’s Orchid,” the “bullet-proof Orchid,” or other names giving the reader the clue that these orchids are among the easier and more hardy of orchids to grow. Jay Phal on his website states: “This is another of the large genera with over 1000 known species throughout tropical Americas and the Caribbean. It is distinguished by a slit rostellum and the lip is united with the column creating a nectary tube that continues through the pedicel. Many of this genus have reed like stems but they also can have thickened pseudo bulbs. This is a genera that much work needs to be done to make it more uniform. Culture for this group is as diverse as the climates that they occur in, from tropical lowlands to high alpine cloud forests, but as a rule most appreciate intermediate conditions and an even watering and fertilizing schedule. There are many terrestrial species in this group as well as epiphytes so culture is important. The only common factor is good drainage. This genus is part of the Cattleya alliance and is often used in breeding orchids.” The Epidendrums that most of us will encounter are the ones called Reedstem Epidendrums, or Epis in this article for short. This article is intended to address culture requirements for common Reedstem Epidendrums only.

Epis have been hybridized to produce a large and interesting array of colors including white through the primary color spectrum, along with variations in between. Hybridization has also reduced the long inflorescences and made the flowering heads more compact and showy.



They are very easy to grow on most patios, being able to handle our outdoor temperatures and more sunlight than most other orchids. They are also very easy to share. Most of them will easily create miniature plantlets on the old bloom spikes, called “keikis” that can be easily twisted off and potted up and made into a new plant. Thus making a great conversation or friendship plant to keep on your patio.

Light

This may be the single most important factor. With too little light, the plant will become leggy and will not flower well, if at all. The level should be equal to or greater than that for growing cattleyas (2500-3500 foot-candles or about 60-70% shade). Many growers can grow them in full sunlight if the plants acclimatize first, depending on location in the county. If you give your Epidendrum too much light, the foliage may bronze a bit from stress. When growers describe their Epis as rambling to three and four feet tall, the problem is always too little light.

Water

Epidendrums, like most tropical orchids, have two distinct seasons; a hot, wet

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growing period followed by a cooler, drier, flowering season. These orchids are generally forgiving of water frequency and quality. Be sure to water copiously, letting water drain out of the bottom of the vessel, to prevent mineral buildup in the mix. Keep the roots moist year round, but, as for most orchids, do not let the plant sit in water. Depending on where you live in the county, you may have tap water that is just fine for *Epis*. While this is not generally true for most of our orchids, *Epis* are more tolerant of the minerals found in our waters, just try and make sure you flush the pots when watering.

Potting Media

For *Epidendrum secundum*, *Epidendrum radicans* and *Epidendrum ibaguense*, almost any planting mix will do, because these are extremely tolerant of soil conditions. These three species make a spectacular display in raised planter beds or in tubs or pots. Use a potting mix of large or small bark amended with any combination of perlite, moss, charcoal, sand or gravel. Either a plastic or clay pot is fine (clay needs watering more often). Repotting or replacing raised beds is generally not necessary, although plants do need to be top-dressed with additional mix as the mix decomposes or is washed away during watering. For *Epi. cinnabarinum*, and *oerstedellas* and their hybrids, it is best to choose a fast draining mix of one part medium bark, one part fine bark, and one part perlite and replace the medium every 12 to 18 months, or when the mix smells musty.

Fertilizer

These orchids require copious amounts of fertilizer. When fertilized regularly they respond immediately with denser flower spikes, greener, stronger leaves and more robust roots. Use any balanced fertilizer

according to manufacturers' recommendations.

Temperature

They can tolerate a wide range of temperatures and most can handle near-freezing conditions. Note that *Epidendrum cinnabarinum* and many of its primary hybrids are not tolerant of low temperatures (below 55 F) for extended periods. This is also true for many of the newer hybrids. If the plant looks stressed, sometimes trimming it down and moving it to a warmer location in the winter will stimulate new growth.

Pests

Only two pests are commonly associated with reed stem *Epis*: hard brown scale and aphids. The former can sometimes appear,

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Los Angeles County Arboretum & Botanic Garden
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since - as is the case for many orchids - the flowers exude nectar which attracts ants, which commonly carry scale. Normal observation and response will remedy this problem. During the warm weather flowering season, aphids can quickly become a problem. Fortunately, they are easy enough to see and deal with. Be sure to provide ample air circulation and you may not even have a problem.

Sources for Epis:

Cal Orchid has been hybridizing Epis for a number of years and have developed some great "pom-pom" style plants in a wide variety of colors. <http://www.calorchid.com/>

Of course, if you are looking for the Epidendrum species plants, you can find everything you want locally at Andy's. <http://www.andysorchids.com/>

The other good source for these plants is to visit our Conservation and Member sales tables at our Shows in the Park where members will offer you divisions (or keikis) for sale.

Good luck with growing these easy to care for and rewarding orchids.

Saturday, June 4, 2016

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Summary of Minutes from the Board of Directors Meeting for April 2016

By Jack Schaefer, Secretary

Board of Directors Meeting: The San Diego County Orchid Society's Board meeting was held on April 7th, 2016.

Attending were Scott LaBouff, Kay Klausing, Debby Halliday, Jack Schaefer & Carol Kerr. Carol Berg, Bruce Berg, Bob Clark & Carey McCoy were excused absent. The meeting was opened at 7:09 PM.

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

The Treasurer was absent but had emailed the financial report for April to board members for review. A motion was made & passed to file the report for audit.

The webmaster reported on updates to the website.

Jim Wright Fund – Scott noted that the board should focus on projects with long term benefit to the Society. One project would be a proper sign for the Best of Section tables at the shows. The sign would have to fit in the 8 ft by 1 ft lath sections currently in use and be light weight. Debby noted that some Spring Show vendors had expressed a desire to move to wall position booths so that they could hang advertising signs. She suggested we purchase more 8ft by 4ft lath sections to build walls in the center core of the sales area to solve this problem.

Scott suggested researching portable lighting systems for use on all plant display tables at the shows. Jack and Kay agreed to research costs.

Spring Show Co-Chairs Jack Schaefer & Debby Halliday reported on the Spring Show. We noted improved financial results, much better publicity and very positive feedback from vendors. On the down side, SRC did not

put out the extra handicap parking signs as requested.

President Scott LaBouff reviewed the prospective officer lineup for the 2016-2017 board. He noted that Bob Clark had decided to remain in his Director-At-Large position. Jack Schaefer reaffirmed he would be stepping down from his Secretary position. Scott moved to create a new Director-At-Large position with specific oversight for all Shows, both hosted by the Society and those we attend regionally. Scott moved to amend the by-laws to create the new DAL position. The motion was 2nd and passed. Scott asked Jack Schaefer to fill the position when the By-Laws changes are ratified and he accepted.

Scott discussed a plan for the Society to develop a quarterly program for use in education systems in the San Diego area. Key items in his plan included student participation in judging at park shows, sections on orchid species, hybridization, conservation and the care of orchids.

He also reported on work with Nik Honeysett, CEO of Balboa Park Collaborative, to include the Society's events in the Balboa Park App.

He noted that the society has received an invitation to participate in the Huntington Botanical Garden's Orchid Show, scheduled October 19th through 23rd, 2016. A motion was made to apply for an 8 ft by 5 ft display table at the show. The motion was 2nd and passed. Scott noted that the AOS Membership Meeting has been scheduled in conjunction with the HBG's Show.

Our 1st VP, Kay Klausing, discussed plans for the annual May Awards Banquet potluck. The board allocated funds to provide main entrée items. A signup sheet has been made available via the website. Members are encouraged to bring plants to serve as table decorations. The Society will be providing

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coffee, tea and sodas.

Kay also reported that Norito Hasegawa will discuss Multi-Floral Paphs at the June General Meeting.

Our 2nd Vice-President Debby Halliday reported that the Culture Class in June would feature Dave Hoffmaster with a presentation on Cattleya Repotting.

Under General Board Member's Items, Carol Kerr discussed her review of the current Society Seal.

Past President's Items

Bruce Berg was absent from the meeting and no Past Presidents items were discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 PM and the next SDCOS Board meeting will be on May 5th at 7PM.

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:

Tuskes, Ann and Paul 858-274-5829

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Board Elections Slated for June Meeting*By Bruce Berg*

It's almost time again for elections of our Board of Directors. The following Board Officers have offered to run again for re-election: Scott LaBouff for President; Kay Klausing for First Vice President; Debby Halliday for Second Vice President; and Carol Berg for Treasurer. Bob Clark has offered to run for the outgoing Director at Large position that he filled before that will run from 2016 until 2019. We have a nominating committee consisting of [Felicia Acantilado](#), [Tom Biggart](#), [Charley Fouquette](#), [Dave Hoffmaster](#) & [Pam Peters](#), who are looking for a candidate to be our next Secretary, as Jack Schaefer will be vacating this position. When you see the Officers of the Board, give them thanks for the extra work they do in handling the business of the Society to bring us all the benefits and programs that we enjoy.

Northern Thailand Orchid note*by Tom Biggart*

A couple of months ago I gave a talk at the general meeting on the culture of Northern Thailand orchids. I said I would print some photos in the newsletter as the plants bloomed. So here is one of the first ones.

This is *Dendrobium thrysiflorum*. I have had this plant for several years and occasionally I would get one or two spikes. Using the cultural practices developed by using the climate data presented in the talk the plant exploded and gave me this incredible display. A few other species are currently in spike and should present an equally impressive display.

Happy growing!

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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

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Meetings

San Diego Orchid Society meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at the Casa Del Prado in Balboa Park.
Culture Class: 6:30 PM, Room 101
General Meeting: 7:30 PM, Room 101

Newsletter Entries

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

David Eveleth at develethos@gmail.com.

Information for the newsletter must be submitted by the 15th of the month.

Advertisers

Please contact Carol Berg at winklerca@yahoo.com.

Orchid Dates to Remember

May 3rd, 6:00 PM
SDCOS Spring Awards Party
First Tuesday of the month
Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

May 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

May 5th, 7:00 PM
SDCOS Board Meeting
Normally the Thursday following the General Meeting, Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 104

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

May 14th
Casa de las Orquídeas seedling sale
170 S Nardo, Solana Beach

May 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

May 20th
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

May 21st
Newcomer's Repotting Workshop
Bruce & Carol Berg's
See article page



San Diego County Orchid Society
P.O. Box 161020
San Diego, CA 92176

1st Class

Postage

Required

From the editor -

As spring progresses, many of us will also be battling insect pests on our plants. But the world of orchids in the wild is also a world of insects. Orchids are most often pollinated by insects, and many insects have evolved along with orchids in a world of equivalent wonder and beauty to the flowers they pollinate. Some insects take it one step farther, and mimic orchid flowers to entrap prey - and these insects can be just as colorful and beautiful as the flowers we grow. See

<http://www.pri.org/stories/2016-04-20/these-beautiful-looking-mantises-use-their-colors-their-advantage>

Suggestions for the newsletter always welcome.

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