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# San Diego County Orchid Society

## CULTURE MEETING - July 5th, 6:30 PM

### *All about Tolumnias*

Speaker - Nico Goossens

By Debby Halliday

This month's culture class is about growing Tolumnias, those delightful mini-*oncidiums* we all enjoy so much. They pack a lot of impact into a very small, compact package with their sprays of brightly colored flowers coming out of surprisingly small plants.

Nico Goossens will be our speaker. He has focused on Tolumnias for many

years and really knows how to grow them. Whether it is mounting, watering, over-wintering, or coaxing out the maximum amount of blooms, Nico has cracked the code.

He grows orchids with Lisa Humphreys at Lico Orchids and is a long-time member of our society. Most of you will

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## GENERAL MEETING - July 5th, 7:30 PM

### *Stanhopeas*

Speaker - Ron Parsons

By Kay Klausing

The speaker at our July meeting will be Ron Parsons.

The topic of his talk will be Stanhopeas.

Ron Parsons has been growing orchids for over 40 years and has been interested in and has grown species orchids for most of that time. He loves to photograph orchids and other flowers whenever he can, whether it is in collections or on trips to see them in nature. Ron has approximately 40,000 digital images, most of which are orchids, and has a slide library of

flower photographs that exceeds 100,000 images. He has about 2500 published photos that have appeared in magazines, periodicals, journals, and books. He was co-authored three books, all with Mary Gerritsen. The first two are called *Masdevallias*, *Gems of the Orchid World* and *Calochortus*, *Mariposa Lilies and their Relatives*, and a third book has just been published in January of 2014, a two-volume set called *A Compendium of Miniature Orchid Species*. The most recent book has nearly 1200 pages,

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## President's Message

Our "Orchids in the Park" Show and Sale is July 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>th</sup>. Set-up is July 29<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars! Many volunteers are needed! At last count we have 65 open volunteer positions needing to be filled for this show. Please sign-up at

<https://www.volunteersignup.org/PALM8>.

Teamwork makes set-up and take-down easy and jobs in-between are fun and interesting. Plus, you get to hang out with your orchid friends and enjoy beautiful blooms. **If you have an orchid in bloom, register it for the competition and show. Registration is on Friday from 4 pm – 7 pm and Saturday 8 am – 9 am.**

**Join us at 9:45 am on Saturday to participate in the judging of show entries.** Judging is really a fun and rewarding activity. I always learn something new. Afterwards, re-energize with pot-luck good eats and stay to admire the orchids displayed, listen to a talk about orchids, and buy a new orchid or some needed supplies. I encourage SDCOS members to engage with our show visitors. The easiest way to do this is by simply offering some information about an orchid someone is admiring. **AOS judging will also be held at this show.**

**If you attended the San Diego County Fair, I hope that you visited our Mad About the Fair – Alice in Wonderland SDCOS display, and admired the weekly Orchid Show** which was well supplied with a wide variety of beautiful and unusual orchids by our members. Congratulations to all who participated! **The SDCOS Display won 1st Place and a cash award for best plant society display.** You'll find photographs of our display in this newsletter. SDCOS, along with the Palomar Orchid Society and the local Cymbidium Society of America engaged the public with two meet-and-greet events. **I thank Bruce Berg for his coordination of this outreach to the public. We have given**

**away lots of SDCOS bookmarks, announcing future show dates!**

Carey McCoy wrote: *"Many people need to be thanked for this effort: especially Heather Ashley McCoy, Debby Halliday, and Nancy Walters. Bruce Berg and Dave Hoffmaster will continue to care for the exhibit. Lisa Humphries, Debby Halliday and Kay Klausing provided magnificent plants. Lou Wilson assisted in set-up. It was a collaborative effort".*

**July brings the swearing in ceremony of our newly elected officers.** I look forward to continuing to serve the members of SDCOS, with an energetic and motivated Board of Directors.

**I welcome Tom Ketelaar to the Board of Directors as Secretary.** I am certain that Tom, with his experience and enthusiasm, will serve us well.

I wish you success in growing orchids!

Scott LaBouff

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**NEWCOMERS POTTING WORKSHOP -  
July 23, 2016**

*By Debby Halliday*

Attention New Members! As I announced at the June meeting, we are having a potting workshop on July 23rd at my house. As always, we'll have a dividing and potting demonstration followed by the opportunity to work on your own plants. There should be plenty of friendly experienced members on hand to help you.

We will meet at **12 pm** for potluck lunch and then get to work. It is an afternoon schedule this time because our work area will be in the shade then. Ben Machado will provide medium and a range of pots. We will also supply scissors, labels, stakes, gloves, etc., so you only need to bring your plants. For best results they should be showing new root growth. That will insure that they take off and grow immediately with minimum transplant shock.

We are asking for a nominal fee of \$5 per plant to cover the supplies you use. Ben will also have a few other items 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 take a tour of my greenhouse and gardens before or after the workshop.

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/HJ9M8>

Date: Saturday, July 23  
Time: 12 pm  
Address: 6769 La Valle Plateada  
Rancho Santa Fe  
Cost: \$5.00 per plant

Our workshops are really fun. Our participants always learn something and walk away with a new confidence in their ability to care for orchids. It's also a great place to meet some of the other members of the club in a very relaxed and friendly setting.

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.

***Culture Meeting continued***

have seen their booth at our shows with its broad selection of interesting plants. Nico has years of growing experience, has hosted a mounting workshop, and is a thorough and interesting speaker.

Tolumnias should be part of everyone's collection. They are quite undemanding, take up very little room and put on a great show. If you want to find out how to succeed with these charming little plants, be sure to be here at 6:30. It promises to be a very informative and interesting presentation.

We like to start promptly at 6:30, so please plan to be in your seats and ready to pay attention on time.

***General Meeting continued***

1800 photographs, and features more than 500 species.

Given Ron's excellent photography and the unique and spectacular properties of the flowers of Stanhopeas this will for sure be an interesting talk.

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.

The plant table for the July meeting will be provided by Andy's Orchids.



## Society Display takes First Place

*By Bruce Berg*



**Our Society display at the County Fair was awarded the first place blue ribbon for container plant collections exhibited by plant societies and clubs!** This is accompanied by a check for \$500 which will be much appreciated by our Board. Kudos to the creative efforts of Carey Mc Coy and Nancy Walters along with assistance from Carey's talented daughter, Heather. Nancy and Carey created a display following the

theme of this year's garden fair theme, "Mad About the Fair" and "Alice in Wonderland with Steampunk." Debby Halliday loaned us a table full of "singing Phalaenopsis" orchids, while Kay Klausing loaned us some of his fantastic cattleya orchids for the Queen of Hearts to paint red. Lisa Humphreys furnished a table full of mini phalaenopsis orchids to be part of a tea party presided over by the Mad Hatter, Alice, a rabbit, and a cute mouse in an antique teapot accompanied by various mismatched clocks, tea pots and cups, furnished by yours truly, Carey, and Nancy. Lou Wilson, Dave Hoffmaster, and I helped assemble the display. Dave came back during the month to water the plants and Debby traded out the plants as they went out of bloom with plants that had been inside for floral judging.

If you come to the fair, be sure to visit our display. It is located outside against the south side of the O'Brien building in the plexiglas and lath enclosure across from the floral offices about half way between the 2 sets of double doors. Also go inside the O'Brien Hall and look for the orchids on display on the East



2016 SDCOS Display at County Fair

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side of the building.

**Members also participated in two “meet and greet” events during the fair.** June 19<sup>th</sup> was Flower Festival Day where we had a table set up for us where we could visit with Fair goers about our society and what we do. Members Alex and Tamra Walker, Carol Berg, Bruce Berg, Carey McCoy, Ivan Allen, Lou Wilson, Nico Goossens, Tom Ketelaar, and Debby Halliday, helped out visiting with fair goers and handing out flyers and bookmarks advertising our upcoming orchid shows along with Palomar Orchid Society members Debra Funakoshi, Cecily Bird, Cheryl Adams and Lynn Ludlam, who had information about their societies also. Ben Machado and Debby Halliday gave interesting talks to fairgoers about orchid topics.

The second “meet and greet” date was June 23<sup>rd</sup> where we had an informational booth available to us to do the same meet and greet activity. Members Bruce and Carol Berg, Tom Ketelaar, Ivan Allen, Lou Wilson,

Nancy Walters, Carey McCoy, Jack Schaefer, and Carol Kerr worked in an informational booth along with Palomar members Jim Anderson, Lena Shiroma, and Alex Nadzan. Do you know that we have quite a few members who belong to all three societies in the County? These active members were also helping out here. We handed out flyers and bookmarks advertising our upcoming Summer Show in the Park.

**Several members also participated in the floral ribbon competition at the fair.**

There was a separate show each week of the fair, so competitors brought in plants for five separate competitions. Our members brought in very nice plants for the show. One interesting thing about this ribbon competition is that the fair pays cash for ribbon awards. I'll post an update in next month's newsletter with info on who won the trophy for the most money earned in ribbons for container plants and who won the trophy for the most money won in ribbons for cut flowers.



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Judging at the San Diego Judging Center (Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park), May 2016.  
Text and photos by Phyllis Prestia.

There were 10 orchids presented for judging. Five were awarded:

*C. warscewiczii* 'Fabio  
Nahas' AM/AOS  
Exhibited by Linden  
Burzell  
Awarded AM/AOS 83  
points



*C. Zip* 'Red Velvet AM/  
AOS  
Exhibited by Glenn F.  
Stall  
Awarded AM of 82  
points



Phrag. Living Fire 'James Wright'  
HCC/AOS  
Exhibited by Deborah Halliday  
Awarded HCC of 77 points



Enanthleya Middleburg 'MAJ' x Encyclia  
bractescens) HCC/AOS  
Exhibited by Arnold Gum  
Awarded HCC/AOS 78 points

Rodrumnia Cherry Hollow 'Very  
Cherry' AM/AOS  
Exhibited by Alex Nadzen  
Awarded of 82 pointsAwarded  
AM of 83 points



## SUMMER SHOW IN THE PARK

*By Bruce Berg*

**On the weekend of July 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016, we will be hosting our Summer Show in the Park.** Plans are being finalized for the lattice panel layouts for vendor sales booths and display areas. New for this show will be a youth corner that Nancy Walters is going to set up with some activities to interest some of our younger visitors. If any of our members are interested in helping Nancy with this new activity, contact her. We will also have some of the props from our fair exhibit on display.

**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 1 PM in room 101 on Friday the 29<sup>rd</sup>. 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 July meeting.

<https://www.volunteersignup.org/PALM8>.

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 pick them up at the show, or we can mail them to you for \$2.00. The deadline for letting Kay know what bar codes you need is July 5<sup>th</sup>, 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 the 29<sup>th</sup> or contact Ron Kaufmann or 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.

**Plant registration will be between 4 PM and 7 PM on Friday the 29<sup>th</sup> and from 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM on Saturday the 30<sup>th</sup>.**

**Judging orientation will begin at 9:45 AM on Saturday morning with judging to start immediately afterwards.** 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 bring in a dish to share and come and join in the fun!

Our vendors will have many tempting plants to add to your collections. Buying quality blooming plants at a show is a good way to have blooming plants that will be in bloom for next year's Summer Show.

**There will be AOS judging provided at this show**

This is a great time of year for many varieties of orchids including, Oncidiums, Dendrobiums, and Cattleyas, so if you have plants in bloom, bring them in to show them off!

See you at the show!

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

By Jack Schaefer, Secretary

**Board of Directors Meeting:** The San Diego County Orchid Society's Board meeting was held on June 2nd, 2016.

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

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

The Treasurer distributed copies of the monthly treasurer's report to board members for review. A motion was made & passed to file the report for audit.

The webmaster reported on updates to the website.

The Membership Chair reported on the current membership count.

Jack Schaefer and Debby Halliday reported on the Spring Show Wrapup meeting. One of the results was the decision to move the selection of the Show Theme for 2017 2 months forward to the July General Meeting.

Jim Wright Fund – Carol Kerr and Jack Schaefer will be collaborating on signs for the Best of Section Tables.

President Scott LaBouff discussed the procedure for the election and installation of Officers and Board members for the coming year. He also mentioned the Huntington Botanical Gardens Orchid Show to be held October 21<sup>st</sup> through 23<sup>rd</sup>. It was noted that the American Orchid Society (AOS) will be holding their Fall Members meeting in conjunction with the Huntington Show. The website: <http://www.aosfall2016.com> has more details.

Our 1<sup>st</sup> VP, Kay Klausing, reported that Ron Parsons will discuss Stanhopeas at the July General Meeting.

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President Debby Halliday reported that Nico Goossens would present the Culture Class in July.

Under General Board Member's Items, Carol Kerr discussed ideas for the Best of Section signs.

Carey McCoy was absent but sent an email via Scott Labouff stating:

*"Many people need to be thanked for this effort: especially Heather Ashley McCoy, Debby Halliday, and Nancy Walters. Bruce Berg, Dave Hoffmaster will continue to care for the exhibit. Lisa Humphries, Debby Halliday and Kay Klausing provided magnificent plants. Lou Wilson assisted initially in set-up. It was a collaborative effort"*

Past President Bruce Berg gave an update on the San Diego County Fair. He reported that our Society Display was awarded the 1<sup>st</sup> Place Blue Ribbon for Plant Society Displays with a cash prize of \$500 and the possibility of another \$150 cash prize at the end of the fair if we maintain the display throughout the show. Bruce also discussed the Meet and Greet activities planned for Sunday June 19<sup>th</sup> and Thursday June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Bruce noted that the Finance Committee scheduled a meeting at Scott Opis' home for Saturday June 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM.

Bruce reported on the plans for the Summer "Orchids in the Park" Show and Sale scheduled for the last weekend in July. He stated that most of the regular vendors responded to our invitation to participate. Jack Schaefer will produce the floor plan drawings and Nancy Walters & Carey McCoy are

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creating a children's display space.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:19 PM and the next SDCOS Board meeting will be on July 7th at 7PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Jack Schaefer,  
Secretary

Addendum #1 – On June 3<sup>rd</sup>, during an exchange of emails on the topic of Speakers Fees initiated by Kay Klausing, Bob Clark moved to authorize a speaker fee limit increase to \$250 for the September Speaker. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed.

Addendum #2 – At the Society's General Meeting on June 7<sup>th</sup>, President Scott LaBouff introduced the nominees for the Board of Directors for the 2016-2017 fiscal year. He asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Seeing none, he called for a voice vote to elect the slate of nominees. The vote carried. The newly elected Board Officers and Members are to be installed at the Society's General Meeting in July.

Respectfully Submitted, Jack Schaefer,  
Secretary

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**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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## Stolen Plant

*by Debby Halliday*

I'm sorry to report that my specimen *Leptotes bicolor* from the Jim Wright collection was stolen from the orchid show at the county fair yesterday. I missed getting a picture of it in bloom, but here is a picture of the plant. I am so sad that it is gone. If anyone should see it somewhere, please let me know.

Thanks.



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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 [debhallid@gmail.com](mailto:debhallid@gmail.com)  
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 [casa@orquideas.com](mailto:casa@orquideas.com)

### **Northeast County, all types**

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

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Membership Chair: [Bob Clark](#)

### Meetings

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

### Newsletter Entries

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

David Eveleth at [develethos@gmail.com](mailto:develethos@gmail.com).

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

### Advertisers

Please contact Carol Berg at [winklerca@yahoo.com](mailto:winklerca@yahoo.com).

## Orchid Dates to Remember

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

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

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

July 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

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

July 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

July 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  
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July 30th-31st  
**SDCOS Summer Show in the Park**  
Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101  
see article on page 8



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From the editor -

We all work very hard to cultivate our orchids and make sure that they have just the conditions they need to grow. Here in the summer, we concentrate on keeping our plants suitably wet. However, in some areas of the USA certain orchids are actually an invasive and undesirable species that are hard to kill! The terrestrial *Epipactis helleborine* is a listed invasive species in Wisconsin (see <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Invasives/fact/HelleborineOrchid.html>) and the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel published tips on how to get rid of this difficult to kill plant (<http://www.jsonline.com/features/garden/techniques-for-eliminating-invasive-orchid-b99745804z1-383278741.html>) along with a very nice photo of the plant.

With orchids as with all things, all generalizations are false. Make the most of the summer growing season!

David  
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