

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 - January 3rd, 6:30 PM Tips & Tricks for Easier Orchid Growing

Speaker - Debby Halliday

By Debby Halliday

Happy New Year! I thought we'd start off the year with some tips and tricks I have developed to make my orchid growing easier and better. The longer you grow, the more you discover about what works and doesn't work in growing, repotting, and maintaining your collection.

I'd like to share the ideas I've come up with and hope that you will also chip in

with some of your favorite practices. From preparing medium, to virus testing, to staking, labelling and potting, there is always something new to learn. We figure out how to be more efficient, keep better records, and grow happier plants. I have found over time that there are tricks to everything. One of the joys of being in our society is that you don't have

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GENERAL MEETING - January 3rd, 7:30 PM Phalaenopsis species! Ecology Informs Culture

Speaker - Tom Mirenda

By Kay Klausing

The speaker at our January meeting will be **Tom Mirenda**. The topic of his talk will be "Phalaenopsis species! Ecology Informs Culture". Tom Mirenda has been the Orchid Collection Specialist at the Smithsonian Institution for the last 16 years. There he cares for and curates an extremely diverse collection of orchid species and hybrids from all over the world. Tom is active in developing and producing huge educational exhibits using the collection plants and visited by hundreds of thousands of visitors.

Trained originally as a Marine Biologist, Tom made the switch to plants and orchids in his late 20's while living in Hawaii. Since then he has worked with orchids at NY Botanical Garden, Brooklyn Botanic Garden and an extensive private collection at Greentree Estate in Long Island. Tom was also the floor manager at the New York International Orchid Show for many years during this period. For the last 11 years, Tom has contributed two columns each month for ORCHIDS magazine and is

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President's Message

I wish you, and yours, a happy and prosperous New Year. The New Year brings renewed commitment to fulfill ambitions of completing projects and eagerly moving forward with fresh ideas. As we celebrate our Society's 71st year I look ahead, anticipating many opportunities for learning to improve our own individual understanding of orchids and practicing our culture of them. Trials in growing an orchid genus/species you've not tried before can be challenging and rewarding. Fellow members are always willing to help guide you when an experienced hand is needed. I encourage you to try something new this year. Remember, you can always ask SDCOS' "The Doctor is In" a question when help is needed. Go to: http:// www.sdorchids.com/TheDoctorIsIn.html

Our Winter "Orchids in the Park" Show and Sale is January 28th & 29th. Set-up is on January 27th. Sign up to volunteer during this show at

https://www.volunteersignup.org/3DKQE

70 positions are open for sign-up. It's wonderful to see the results of everyone's dedicated care of their orchids. I hope to see yours! Bruce Berg provides details on page 8.

Also mark your calendars for the Newport Harbor Orchid Expo & Sale, February 10th – 12th 2017. Our friends at NHOS will be happy to see you there. For details, visit http://nhosinfo.org/orchidshow/.

On page 7 Debby Halliday and Jack Schaefer provide us with an update on our 2017 Spring Show and Sale. I am excited that we are using a digital marketing firm, SpinGo, specialized in promoting events such as ours. The ads are targeted to those who have a history of browsing orchids and related interests on the internet. The benefit of this strategy is to promote interest in our show

to a targeted audience and offer advance on-line ticket sales. If you see an ad for our "Orchid Fiesta!" Show and Sale, I ask that you resist the urge to click it. The purpose of this campaign is to find new visitors interested in coming to our show. We get a set number of clicked ads per day, so if you click our ad, you make it unavailable to a potential new visitor to our show. Jack is in the process of building the landing website for our SpinGo campaign. When it is finished, the link will be made available to members so that you may quench your curiosity, without using our pre-paid ads. Our show will also be featured on a number of SpinGo's partner event calendars, many of them news outlets and local social media. You can help too by distributing our "Orchid Fiesta!" postcards to small businesses you frequent. Pick up a handful at our meetings.

Together we've made considerable recent enhancements to our Society with many projects completed and more to come. Among them is Nancy Walters' start-up of our Kids' Corner at our park shows. I've read the AOS Kids' Corner features in Orchids and I am happy that SDCOS now offers this experience for our young visitors. I thank Bruce Berg for facilitating this addition to our park shows. Nancy, Debby and Jack are now working to add this feature to our 2017 Spring show. Please ask them how you can help. Material and plant donations are always welcome. Sponsorship opportunities are open to help defray costs. It would be wonderful to be able to provide a plant to each child interested in having their own first orchid. Liberty Hyde Bailey, an American horticulturist, botanist and cofounder of the American Society for Horticultural Science wrote: "Give the children an opportunity to make a garden.

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Let them grow what they will. It matters less that they grow good plants than that they try for themselves." The future of orchids and their conservation is in their hands. This forum is our opportunity to provide them an introduction to orchids and enhance their understanding of the importance of conservation in general, and the joys of orchids specifically.

Please volunteer at every opportunity. We need you! Thank you!



You make a living by what you get. You make a life by what you give."- Winston Churchill

I wish you success in growing orchids! Scott LaBouff

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to invent them all yourself!

I'm Debby Halliday. I've served as your 2nd VP since 2013. I've been growing orchids on and off for over 40 years in places as diverse as Brooklyn, an island in the Caribbean, and now Rancho Santa Fe. I've had a

greenhouse in California since about 2010, and have put together my first serious orchid collection in many years. I grow a wide variety of species and hybrids in both the greenhouse and a shade area behind it. I love to exhibit my plants and you'll always see a lot of them at our shows. Of course, the main trick to having lots of plants in flower is having lots of plants. By now I have lots of plants. That means lots of failures as well as successes and learning along the way.

So come listen to my tips and tricks. You might discover something you want to try at home.

We like to start promptly at 6:30, so please plan to be in your seats and ready to listen on time. See you then.

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developing a new book based on those writings. Tom travels frequently around the US and internationally giving presentations to diverse audiences, from scientists to the general public, about orchid ecology, pollination biology, strategies for orchid conservation. He is passionate about seeking collaborations between the worlds of Botanic Gardens, the hobbyist community, commercial growers and scientists to work together toward the goal of protecting orchids and their habitats. Currently working on a project to coordinate and centralize North American orchid conservation efforts, Tom hopes to extend the influence to other parts of the world where orchids are imperiled.

In his lecture, Tom will cover most of the Phalaenopsis species currently in cultivation and will discuss some of the nuances of their culture based on where they come from. The talk is not about Phalaenopsis hybrids!

Join Tom and fellow society members for dinner at the Prado Restaurant, before the general meeting (Our reservation is at usually at 5:30). Please call 619-929-1452 to R.S.V.P.

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

There were 3 orchids presented for judging. Two were awarded:

Miltoniopsis Bleuana 'Shawnee' AM/AOS Exhibited by Deborah Halliday Awarded AM/AOS 80 points Rlc. San Diego Hot Spots x Blc Sun Spots
'Arnie' HCC/AOS
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Twitter, with use by members, promotes our mission. Get regular meeting and show updates.

Try it out. Post your favorite orchid photo of the moment.

Perhaps share a timely culture tip. Sign-up is easy!

SDCOS Conservation Grant Awardees 2016

The SDCOS Conservation Committee met on December 3 to evaluate applications from a number of people and organizations. After careful consideration, the Committee recommended the following six grants for funding. All 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 January 3. If you have any questions about these applications or the review or approval process, please contact Ron Kaufmann (rkaufmann@gmail.com) by Sunday, January 1.

1. Mutualistic Interactions Above and Belowground in an Andean Orchid Species: Toward Holistic Conservation. Submitted by Yasmin A. Alomía, Universidad de los Andes, Colombia. The tropical Andes support some of the richest ecosystems on earth, in terms of species diversity. Many species are endemic, known to occur within a limited geographic range. The factors that determine species distributions are thought to include highly specific environmental conditions and the existence of critical mutualistic relationships with pollinators and mycorrhizal fungi. However, these types of relationships have rarely been examined in a detailed, systematic fashion. The proposed project will examine how environmental characteristics and the nature of mutualistic interactions correlate with the morphological and genetic structure of multiple populations of Dichaea pendula. Populations of this species from six different forests in Colombia, separated from each other by long distances and valleys, will be studied. In each population, pollinators will be identified, genetic structure will be assessed, and the identity of local mycorrhizae will be

determined. Combined, the knowledge generated by this study will be valuable for understanding the conditions under which these orchids exist and will inform conservation practices based on a more complete understanding of the relationships between orchid species and their environment. Total amount recommended = \$3.500

- 2. Orchid Diversity and Host Tree Assessment in Martshala, Samdrup Jongkhar, Eastern Bhutan. Submitted by Ugyen Chophel, Department of Forest and Park Services, Ministry of Agriculture and Forest, Eastern Bhutan. Bhutan supports a diverse orchid flora, at the intersection between two biogeographic regions. present, Bhutan is known to contain more than 420 orchid species, 14 of which are endemic. However, the eastern region of the country has not been well explored and seems likely to contain additional species, based on the number of orchids that are known from neighboring regions of India with similar environmental conditions. The goal of this project is to explore forested areas in southeastern Bhutan and identify orchids that occur there, as well as the host trees on which the epiphytic orchids are living. results of this project will be submitted for publication in scholarly journals and used to produce a pictorial guidebook that will be distributed to schools as a means of informing students and community members about the value of orchids and their conservation. Total amount recommended = \$3.000
- 3. Integrated Strategy for the Restoration and Conservation of Epiphytic Orchidaceae in the Southeast of Mexico. Submitted by Anne Damon, El Colegia de la Frontera Sur (ECOSUR), Chiapas, Mexico. Southeast Mexico includes the two most biodiverse states in the country, Chiapas and Oaxaca.

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Deforestation, destruction and degradation of ecosystems and illegal extraction are the principal causes of orchid extinction in this Conserving orchids in the face of these pressures requires an integrated strategy that will make sustainable use of orchid resources in a way that supports their conservation. The goals of this project are supported by three sets of activities: maintenance of a living collection of the orchids of Soconusco; development of a program for the conservation and sustainable use of orchids from southeast Mexico; and establishment of an initiative to create a commercial category of organic, orchidfriendly coffee. The efforts supported by this proposal should enhance the conservation of orchids in southeast Mexico and establish programs that will help to protect orchids and their habitat in the future. Total amount recommended = \$3,500

- 4. Guide for the Sustainable Management of Epiphytic Orchids in Southeast Mexico. Submitted by Anne Damon, El Colegia de la Frontera Sur (ECOSUR), Chiapas, Mexico. Chiapas is one of the most biodiverse states in Mexico and has a rich orchid flora, including 322 identified species. Effective conservation of orchid species in this region requires that those who are interested in protecting orchids be able to reliably identify these plants in the field. This proposal will support the creation and publication of a field guide to the orchids of Chiapas that can be used in workshops and training seminars, and shared with students, researchers and community groups that collaborate to study and conserve orchids in southeast Mexico. This guide will help people to make informed decisions about the management and sustainable use of native orchids. Total amount recommended = \$1,580
- 5. Formation and Training of a Select Group of Young Orchid Researchers and

Enthusiasts for the Southeast of Mexico. Submitted by Anne Damon, El Colegia de la Frontera Sur (ECOSUR), Chiapas, Mexico. Southeast Mexico is home to a diverse array of orchid species, many of which are threatened by habitat loss and degradation, and unsustainable exploitation practices. To combat these processes, the Program for the Conservation and Sustainable Exploitation of the Orchids of Southeast of Mexico was established, with the collaboration of rural community groups situated in key areas. Each year, the project hosts the Plant Science Workshop for Young People that is part of a national plan to promote quality science and motivate the best students in Mexico. The requested funding will support an Orchid Conservation Workshop for Young People and from there maintain the group as an important element of the Integrated Strategy for the Restoration and Conservation of Epiphytic Orchidaceae in the Southeast of Mexico. Total amount recommended = \$1,580

An Initiative to Establish a Community-Based Orchid Sanctuary in Palpa District, Submitted by Bhakta Bahadur Nepal. Raskoti, Institute of Botany, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing, China. Orchidaceae is the largest plant family in Nepal, with over 450 species, a number of them endemic, belonging to more than 107 A number of these species are disappearing from their natural habitats. primarily due to habitat destruction and overexploitation, lack of public awareness, and the absence of an effective conservation This project aims to raise local program. community awareness about the conservation importance of orchids and establish an orchid sanctuary, which will be a good model for orchid habitat conservation. This research will focus on an area rich in orchid diversity, with more than 150 species recorded within a 2 square km area during a

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Spring Show 2017 'Orchid Fiesta!' Updates

Greetings and Happy Holidays to all.

The last several weeks have been quite productive for your Spring Show Committee.

I'm happy to report that Pam Peters, our Judging Chair, has completed revisions to the Show Schedule. The updated Schedule is available on the website in Word, PDF and HTML formats.

Perhaps the biggest change to the Show Schedule is the addition of Section 18 and 1801, Small Displays, back into ribbon judging. Small displays will now be eligible for first through third place ribbons and best in section, just like individual plants. section, you will find displays of less than 20 square feet in a variety of configurations. Educational Displays of this size are also included. Flowers are optional for Educational Displays. There is quite a variety of Small Tabletop displays defined in the With all of the choices, we hope schedule. many of you will create small displays to enhance our Orchid Fiesta! It's easy and fun, and you can even join with a friend. your imagination! Pam and Debby will talk more about this at the February meeting. Please note – you can do a large 8 x 8 or 9 x 9 display if you want to. We'd love it!

Nancy Walters will be bringing her Kids' Corner to our Spring Show. Nancy has suggested that we decorate the Kids' Corner with a display of photos showing the activities and attendees from the *Orchids in the Park* shows. While we don't expect to have a lot of families with children, we will have some fun activities ready for those who do come.

A perennial problem for your Show Committee has been figuring out how to publicize our Show. This year we have decided to hire SpinGo to promote our event.

SpinGo uses our photos and materials to create online advertisements. You will begin

to see these popping up on Facebook and Google Ads after the first of the year. PLEASE DO NOT CLICK ON THE ADS! I know that sounds counter-intuitive, but we pay SpinGo based on the number of ad clicks. We want to focus all our funds on clicks by people who do NOT know about our shows. Obviously, you know a lot about the show! Also, we are planning to use EventBrite to offer our Show Tickets online. This will be a new process for our Treasurer, Carol Berg, and her front door staff.

We encourage all Society Members to start thinking about displays, large and small, and how to work your best orchids into the "Orchid Fiesta!" Theme.

We are looking forward to a great Show in March!

Jack and Debby, Spring Show 2017 Co-Chairs

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preliminary survey. In this area, many species are on the verge of extinction due to deforestation, road construction, and poor community awareness about the importance of orchids. This project will include orchid surveys of the area, rescue of orchids being threatened by development activities, and an education program for local communities that includes the establishment of an orchid conservation committee. Total amount recommended = \$3,300

San Diego County Orchid Society Board Meeting

Due to holiday preparations taking place in Balboa Park, the San Diego County Orchid Society Board of Directors did not hold a meeting for the month of December.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Ketelaar, Secretary

2017 Winter Show in the Park.

By Bruce Berg and Carey Mc Coy

WINTER SHOW IN THE PARK IS ALMOST HERE!

On the weekend of January 28th and 29th, 2017, we will be hosting our Winter Show in the Park. All members are invited to bring in their plants for ribbon judging. We will also have AOS judging for this event, although it will occur on Sunday morning the 29th due to a scheduling conflict for our AOS judges. We were just notified that the AOS fees for registration for awarded plants is going up from \$35 for AOS members to \$40 and \$60 for nonmembers. Another reason to join AOS if you regularly enter plants for AOS judging.

Kids' Corner: Nancy Walters will be hosting the newest addition to our Park Show activities again with activities designed to spark interest by our younger visitors in orchids. This time Nancy and Bud Close want to help the kids pot orchids. We need donations of keikis of either Dendrobiums or Epidendrums for them to pot. These kids really get excited when they get to take home their first orchid! If you wish to volunteer for helping out with the repotting or other craft activities, let Nancy know and come have some fun at the show!

We need help setting up the show and in hosting the show. Set up involves setting up the lattice partitions, the tables, and the tablecloths. Set up will begin about noon on Friday the 27th. Many hands make quick work. We will also need help during the show with various tasks. 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

and sign up to help out. We really need member support to help out. It is very difficult for us to plan the event if we do not know if anyone will be coming in to help us.

If you wish to sell your plants and need more information, contact Carol Berg or me. change beginning this year is that if you expect to sell more than \$600 worth of orchids this year, you will need to fill out IRS Form W-9 and give it to Carol Berg. We have the forms. You will need to use bar code stickers compatible with our readers to sell your plants. 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 January 11th, 2017.

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 28th, or contact Betty Kelepecz if you can't bring them in. As usual, there will be tables at the back of the sales area for member sales.

Plant registration will be between 4 PM and 7 PM on Friday the 27th and from 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM on Saturday the 28th.

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Winter show continued

Carey is working on getting some interesting talks put together for the show, so when you come in to volunteer, you can also listen to some good informational talks about orchid culture!

This is a great time of year for Cymbidiums, Dendrobiums, and Cattleyas, so if you have plants in bloom, bring them in to share!

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 Winter Show.

We are looking forward to seeing all of you at the show!

From the Membership Desk

Please welcome our newest members – Alice McLennan and Thomas Ingwers. If you receive the newsletter in the mail (fyi-others - It's in black & white only.), then we need \$5 to cover the postage for each year you want it mailed to you. No postage – no newsletter in the mail! Bob C

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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@vahoo.com.

Orchid Dates to Remember

January 3rd, 6:30 PM

SDCOS Culture Meeting

First Tuesday of the month

Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

January 3rd, 7:30 PM

SDCOS General Meeting

First Tuesday of the month

Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

January 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

January 5th, 7:00 PM

SDCOS Board Meeting

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

January 7th

SDCOS Species Group Meeting

First Saturday of the month

Paul or Ann Tuskes (858) 274-5829

January 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

January 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

January 28th-29th

SDCOS Winter Show in the Park

Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101



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From the editor -

As you read this, the darkest day of the year is now behind us and while the winter (in meteorological terms) will persist for another 2 months, the days start to get longer. All the plants will know by the end of January that spring is coming. We just need to make sure that the outdoor plants survive the coldest part of our winter, January.

Bring your plants to the show at the end of the month and come yourself to see all the great flowers. It's a bright spot in January that portends the warming trend and the end of winter here.

May your plants always grow!

David develethos@gmail.com



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