



*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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San Diego County Orchid Society

CULTURE MEETING - April 4th, 6:30 PM

Mounting Orchids

Speaker - Peter Tobias

By Debby Halliday

For our April culture class we welcome back Dr. Peter Tobias. He will be talking about mounting orchids and growing mounted orchids. Peter is passionate about orchids in the wild and is a founding member and president of the Orchid Conservation Alliance. This charity is dedicated to protecting and preserving orchid habitat by supporting

private reserves in important orchid areas of the world.

Peter has been an orchid grower for over thirty years, with a particular interest in odd and unusual species. He has traveled extensively to various jungles of the world to study orchids in their natural habitats. This interest has led him to

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GENERAL MEETING - April 4th, 7:30 PM

Cymbidium Species

Speaker - George Hatfield

By Kay Klausing

The speaker at our April meeting will be **George Hatfield**. The topic of his presentation will be "**Cymbidium species**".

George Hatfield is current president of the American Orchid Society. He originally graduated from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona with a Bachelor in Science in Plant and Soil Science. He soon thereafter received a Pest Control Advisors License from the state of California and eventually got into orchids. He has made too many contributions to the orchid community to



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President's Message

Together, we produced an outstanding Spring Show! Debby Halliday and Jack Schaefer, our Show Chairpersons, along with the Show Committee, did a great 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 Anita & Jerry Spencer who won the Sweepstakes Trophy for Best Orchid in Show with their Ctt Trick or Treat 'Rainbow Valley' and to Rick Wells who won the People's Choice Award for his Phragmipedium Frank Smith 'Her Majesty'. Both were stunning plants. I selected the Palomar Orchid Society for the President's Trophy (Open). The human and canine skeletons under fiesta banners with a full moon rising on the horizon behind them, with one enjoying a Corona beer, parked in a chair and topped with a sombrero, helped create a clever and unexpected interpretation of our Fiesta theme. I was pleased to see many festive displays. I am grateful to those who incorporated our show theme "Orchid Fiesta!" into their designs. It gave a nice look to the overall show. Thank you to all who loaned plants for our SDCOS display. **Carey McCoy put together a beautiful SDCOS display complete with a festively dressed lady standing in her garden amongst many gorgeous orchids.**

I saw Diana Drummey, Chair of <http://coronadoflowershow.com/> at our Spring Show & Sale. She told me how very impressed she was with our show. She thoroughly enjoyed seeing all of our beautiful orchids. Diana visited us at our February

meeting to extend an invitation for us to participate in the Coronado Flower Show, Saturday, April 8th, 1 pm – 5 pm and Sunday, April 9th, 10 am – 4 pm at Spreckels Park, Coronado. View the show schedule at <http://coronadoflowershow.com/2017-show/divisions/flower-divisions-1/>. Orchids is Section I-"ORCHIDACEAE". Register your entries on Friday from 4 pm – 6 pm and Saturday from 7 am – 9:30 am.

I encourage you to enter and show off your orchids at this show, especially those orchids that stubbornly bloomed just a day or so too late for our Orchid Fiesta! Judging starts on Saturday at 9:30 am. All entries will be ribbon judged and awards presented for Best Orchid, Best Cattleya and Best Cymbidium. Also, there are sections for you to show your roses, cut flowers (various sections), container-grown plants – hanging, foliage and flowering, plus herbs, arboreals, bonsai, succulents & cacti. Other divisions include miniature/small designs, standard floral design, picture boxes, table designs, and education exhibits. Also offered are horticultural items for sale, food & drinks, including a Wine & Beer Garden, and relax with [bandstand entertainment](#). This show has a lot to offer and makes an enjoyable day. Admission is \$5; children <13 – free. **Entry is FREE if you volunteer an hour at the orchid display tent. Sign-up at:**

<https://www.volunteersignup.org/YM3T9>

to submit entries, judge and/or volunteer. Come to the show, enjoy, relax, and prepare to be amazed.

I wish you success in growing orchids!

Scott LaBouff

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create a unique habitat in his own backyard. If you ever have the chance to visit Peter you will be amazed at the success he has had in growing orchids on his avocado trees. Encinitas isn't the first place to come to mind when you think of orchids growing happily in the trees, but Peter has made it work extraordinarily well. He clearly understands how to mount orchids and then how to make them grow in a very natural way.

Peter will offer a demonstration and discussion of what it takes to make your orchids thrive in much the way that nature intended. You should find this a very interesting talk that may lead you to try new methods with your own collection.

I hope you'll join us at 6:30.

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all mention here. A few highlights are: He is a past board member and president of the Cymbidium Society of America, an accredited judge for both the AOS and CSA, a key note speaker for several important international orchid events and an author of many articles in orchid-related magazines. He also owns and operates Hatfield Orchids in Oxnard and

has received many awards from the AOS and the CSA for his hybrids.

This will be an interesting talk since we can learn from the pro about this genus where hybrids are so commonplace but species are hard to find and not often seen in collections.

George will also provide a matching plant opportunity table for the April meeting with Cymbidium species and hybrids.

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

From the Membership Desk

Please welcome our newest members: Mark Lewis, Greg & Natalie Murray, Paula & Allan Wasserman, Anchalee Gaffney, Dante H. Tanada, Socorro H. Tanada, and Hoi & Chi Bui Nguyen. And we welcome back Ronald & Evelyn McKinney, Kathy Andrews, and Don Rosenstock. Hope you all enjoyed the Spring Show – Orchid Fiesta!

Bob

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

Judging at the San Diego Judging Center (Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park), March, 2017.

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

Paph. villosum 'Windflower' CCE/AOS
Exhibited by Betty Kelepecz
Awarded CCE/AOS 91 points

Paph. Shun Fa Golden 'Piedmont' HCC/AOS
Exhibited by John Hagee
Awarded HCC/AOS 77 points



Paph. U.R. (Yang-Ji Apple x
rothschildianum) HCC/AOS
Exhibited by Arnie Gum
Awarded HCC/AOS 77 points



Getting Ready for Summer

By Bruce Berg

Now that winter is over, the plants we've kept inside to protect them from cold and wet conditions can be safely moved back outdoors. We know that we need to prepare our plants for the season when many of them will begin a period of rapid growth and we need to get the outside growing areas ready for them. As a guideline, most of the hardy plants can be moved outside when the nighttime temperatures remain above 50 degrees or after our Spring Show is over.

Spring Cleaning: Now is the time to do a bit of spring cleaning and look over the area where we will move our plants for the summer. Do a check to see that the area can provide the basic requirement your plants will need: light levels appropriate to the type of plant. Check benches or mounting areas for structural soundness. Spray with a bactericide like "Physan 20", or diluted "Clorox." If you have a spraying or watering system, check and clean filters and valves. Replace washers. Test to make sure everything works. Test water quality if you are using RO or DI, and you haven't used it for a while. Add Physan 20 to water tanks. Check your drainage system to make sure you don't have a potential mosquito problem. Put out snail and slug baits just to be safe. These pests are on the move this time of year and are looking for new homes and tender food. Spray for ants if necessary.

Preparation: Before you start working with your plants, set up a work area where you can have room to spread out and have your materials handy. You will probably need the following items: pots and potting mix; a tub or box to mix your potting mix in; your favorite potting tools such as gloves, spray bottles, scissors, etc.; virus testing supplies; Physan 20; rooting stimulants; newspapers; extra plant labels and soft lead pencils; and buckets to collect waste plant material and

old bark. Make a shopping list and get your stuff ready! I recommend a trip to Calavo Gardens!

Pots: You can reuse your old pots, but I would recommend that you go ahead and buy new ones. They are inexpensive, and you do not have to worry about virus transmittal. If you want to reuse clay pots, most experienced members would recommend that you clean them as best as you can and then heat them slowly in an oven set at 400 degrees for at least an hour, allowing them to cool in the oven before removing them and reusing them. If you have a sterilant spray to apply before potting, that would be a good idea also. Plastic pots can be washed then soaked for an hour in a solution of 1 cup Clorox per gallon of water, followed by a final rinse with clean water before reusing. A final spray with a sterilant is also advised. Use protective gloves and clothing when working with these chemicals. As a note, some members use plastic pots to plant their orchids in, and then put the plastic pots inside clay pots which provide humidity and stability and protection for wandering roots.

Potting Tools: I recommend that you purchase two cement grout mixing tubs to mix your orchid bark in, unless you have something better that you already have. They come in two sizes at Home Depot. The small one at about \$7 is just about right. Two of them will make the job easier, one to hold the mix, and one to use when taking your plants out of the old pots. You'll need a trowel to measure and mix the ingredients. You'll also need a supply of newspapers to line the tub as you take the plants out of the old pots and remove the old mix and to give you a clean work area for repotting each plant. Use a clean razor blade (you can find cheap ones in the paint department at Home Depot or at

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County Fair Update

By Bruce Berg



The county fair website is now open for online registration for individuals who wish to participate in the 2017 San Diego County Fair orchid competition. You have until May 12 to complete your registration to compete for ribbons and cash awards associated with the ribbons. Go to SDFAIR.com and select "participate" then select "competitive exhibits" then scroll down until you see the flowers box and select "flower show." When you select flower show "enter now", you will be taken to a screen that starts your registration process. Hit the "register button." You will need to use a credit card to pay the registration fee. Follow the prompts to get to the screen where you select whether you want to register for one show, or all 5 shows. There is one show per week during the duration of the fair. It is a good idea to print out and read the rules before registering. Orchids are the last two Divisions, 5100 and 5101.

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We have been given the opportunity to have the use of the stage on June 7th to put on demonstrations of repotting and talks about orchid culture. We can also have tables set up where we can do more hands on repotting and interacting with the public on that date. If we have some plants or planting materials for sale, we can sell them here. I'm inviting the folks at Palomar and CSA to join us as we've done in the past in a joint activity to meet and greet, but with a more interesting twist this year. If you are interested, let your society coordinator know. See you at the fair!

Getting ready for summer cont'd

Harbor Freight) or a sterilized pair of scissors to clean up the plant.

Potting Mix: You have a lot of choices here. Potting mix will vary based in part on the type of plant you are potting, the size of the plant and its roots, your watering habits, your microclimate, and your budget. I'll provide a future article on potting and potting mix options.

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Repotting Workshop

By Bruce Berg

Mark your calendars for April 15th. Bruce and Carol Berg will host a repotting workshop for new members as well as for other members who would like help learning how to repot your orchids. The workshop will start at 10 AM. Debby Halliday and several other experienced members will give hands on demonstrations showing how to repot orchids and help members repot their orchids. Test kits should be available for virus testing.

The address for the event is 9228 Maranda Dr. in Santee, CA. If you are coming east on Highway 52 into Santee, take the Mast exit, cross under the freeway and proceed on Mast Blvd until you reach Maranda Drive. It's a right turn just past the bridge over the lakes and thru the intersection with a signal light. We are on the left side of the street as you drive up. If you are coming north on H 125 into Santee, turn right onto Mission Hills and take a left onto Carlton Hills. Take a left onto Carlton Oaks and then a quick right onto E Heaney Circle and then left onto Maranda Dr.

The Society will have supplies available for the repotting. The cost per plant will be \$5 to cover cost of materials. Members are requested to only bring in one or two plants so that we can help everyone. Ben Machado is furnishing the materials, and members wishing to preorder additional materials from Ben should do so prior to the meeting. Ben now carries Kiwi bark from New Zealand which is a higher quality potting material used by some of our members. Note the bark we will be using is Sequoia bark.

There will also be a potluck meal, so bring a dish to share. You can sign up online at <https://www.volunteersignup.org/PFWT3>



San Diego County Orchid Society Board Meeting

Due to excused absences and ongoing preparations for the 2017 SDCOS Spring Show, the San Diego County Orchid Society Board of Directors did not hold a meeting for the month of March.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Ketelaar, Secretary

General Meeting - April 4th – By-Laws Notice

A vote will be taken to approve the revised By-Laws approved by the Board of Directors in February 2017. The revision was printed in the March newsletter and can be reviewed there.

Best of Section Winners 2017

		PLANT NAME	OWNER
	BEST OF SHOW	Ctt. Trick or Treat 'Rainbow Valley'	Jerry and Anita Spencer
SECTION	BEST OF SECTION	PLANT NAME	OWNER
1	Standard Cymbidium - Open	Cym. Galette 'Lemon Meringue'	Casa de Las Orquideas
101	Standard Cymbidium - Amateur	Cym. Magic Passion 'Rowes' x Cym. Champagne Robin 'Hatfields'	Mary Ann Chanthala
2	Medium & Miniature Cym. - Open	Cym. Lady Sarah 'Bridal Veil'	Edith and Leno Galvan
201	Medium & Miniature Cymbidium - Amateur	Cym. Ha Bui 'His Majesty'	Newport Harbor Orchid Society
3	Pendulous Cymbidium - Open	Cym. (Jade Pagoda x Cym. <i>devonianum</i>) 'Kathleen' HCC/AOS, CSA, not registered	Casa de Las Orquideas
301	Pendulous Cymbidium - Amateur	Cym. Len Southward x Cym. Peppercuss	Jerry and Anita Spencer
333	Best 3 Cymbidiums in Containers - Open	Cym. Chickta Cym. Sarah Jean 'Ice Cascade' Cym. Mary Green 'Spring Wind'	Edith and Leno Galvan
333.01	Best 3 Cymbidiums in Containers- Amateur	Cym. Doctor Len 'Geyserland' (all three)	Jerry and Anita Spencer
4	Standard Cattleya - Open	<i>C. amethystoglossa</i> 'SVO 4N' x <i>self</i>	Ruben Colmenares
401	Standard Cattleya - Amateur	Ctt. Trick or Treat 'Rainbow Valley'	Jerry and Anita Spencer
5	Compact Cattleya - Open	Pot. Mini Sunshine x Blc. Chyong Guu Chaffinch	Ruben Colmenares
501	Compact Cattleya - Amateur	Slc. Tropical Song x <i>L. anceps</i>	Debby Halliday
6	Miniature Cattleya - Open	Sl. Tinsywinsy	Debby Halliday
601	Miniature Cattleya - Amateur	<i>C. intermedia</i> v. <i>coerulea</i> aquinii 'Blue Splash' x <i>C. Claesiana</i> <i>coerulea</i> aquinii 'Hanedeia'	Renate Schmidt
666	Best 3 Catts in Containers- Open	<i>C. intermedia</i> (all three)	Renate Schmidt
666.01	Best 3 Catts in Containers - Amateur	<i>C. Claesiana</i> v. <i>coerulea</i> aquinii 'Hanedeia' <i>C. loddigesii</i> <i>C. loddigesii</i> f. <i>coerulea</i>	Phyllis Prestia
7	Phalaenopsis - Open	Phal. Sogo Davis	Orchid Design
701	Phalaenopsis - Amateur	Phal. I-Hsin Sun Beauty	Debby Halliday
8	Paphiopedilum - Complex Hybrids - Open	Paph. Volcano Goddess 'Arnie' HCC/AOS	Arnie Gum
801	Paphiopedilum - Complex Hybrids - Amateur	Paph. Harbur	Debby Halliday
9	Phragmipedium/Cypripedium Hybrids - Open	Phrag. Autumn Fire 'Liz' HCC/AOS	Debby Halliday
901	Phragmipedium/Cypripedium Hybrids - Amateur	Phrag. Frank Smith 'Her Majesty'	Rick Wells



Jerry and Anita Spencer with Best of Show Award

Best of Section Winners 2017 *continued*

SECTION	BEST OF SECTION	PLANT NAME	OWNER
10	Vanda Alliance Hybrids - Open	Aranda Noorah Alsagoff	Tuyet's Orchids
1001	Vanda Alliance Hybrids-Amateur	<i>Renanthera imschootiana</i>	Renate Schmidt
11	Dendrobium - Open	Den. Avril's Gold 'Ray' x Den. Aussie Parade 'Carrot Splash'	Tuyet's Orchids
1101	Dendrobium - Amateur	Den. Delicatum 'Crysta'	Elaine Leuwanos
12	Oncidium Alliance Hybrids-Open	Odcdm. Tiger Barb	Orchid Design
1201	Oncidium Alliance Hybrids-Amateur	Onc. Issaku Nagata 'R. L. Hammer'	Debby Halliday
13	Other Genera Hybrids - Open	Sarc. Kulnura Rusty 'Pink Red' x Sarc. Parma 'Lemon'	Sunset Valley Orchids
1301	Other Genera Hybrids - Amateur	Lycaste Our Tropics Chita	Rick Wells
14	Species - Open more than 6"	<i>C. violacea 'Lea'</i>	Sunset Valley Orchids
1401	Species - Amateur - More than 6"	<i>Paph. villosum</i> 'Windflower' CCE/AOS	Betty Kelepecz
15	Species - Open - Less than 6"	<i>Masdevallia ignea</i> AM/AOS	Betty Kelepecz
1501	Species - Amateur Less than 6"	<i>Schoenorchis paniculata</i>	John Alexander
16	Specimen Plant - Open	Den. Lynette Banks 'Yella' x Den. Golden Rain	Edith and Leno Galvan
1601	Specimen Plant - Amateur	<i>Epidendrum atacazoicum</i> 'Windflower' CBR/AOS	Betty Kelepecz
1701	Junior Entry	<i>Dendrobium kingianum</i>	Isabella Klausing
18	Small Displays - Open	Orchid Fiesta!	Pam Peters
1801	Small Displays - Amateur	Fiesta of Flowers	Debby Halliday

Winners of Flower Awards 2017

Trophy Name	Description	Orchid	Winner
Abernathy Trophy (Amateur)	Best Cymbidium	Cym. Len Southward x Cym. Pepperpuss	Jerry and Anita Spencer
Bean Trophy	Best of Vanda Alliance	Aranda Noorah Alsagoff	Tuyet's Orchids
Bertsch Trophy	Best Small Species Orchid	<i>Dendrobium gregulus</i>	John Alexander
Bishop Trophy	Best Miniature Cattleya Hybrid	<i>C. intermedia</i> v. <i>coerulea</i> x <i>C. Claesinter</i> v. <i>coerulea</i>	Renate Schmidt
Bliss Trophy	Best Large Orchid Species	<i>Paphiopedilum villosum</i> 'Windflower' CCE/AOS	Betty Kelepecz
Canale Trophy	Best Colored Cattleya Hybrid	<i>C. violacea</i> 'Lea'	Sunset Valley Orchids
Casa Herbrita Trophy	Best Sophronitis Hybrid	Slc. Circle of Life 'Hot Shot'	Suzi Sandore
Casamajor Trophy (Amateur)	Best of Paphiopedilum Alliance	Paph. Harbur	Debby Halliday
Casey Trophy	Best Oncidium Alliance	Onc. Issaku Nagata 'R. L. Hammer'	Debby Halliday
Cobb Trophy (Open)	Best Cymbidium	Cym. (Jade Pagoda x <i>Cym. devonianum</i>) 'Kathleen' HCC/AOS, CSA not registered	Casa de las Orquideas
Crosby Trophy	Best American Hybrid Cymbidium	Cym. Lady Sarah 'Bridal Veil'	Edith and Leno Galvan
DeMaria Trophy	Best Epidendrum Alliance	<i>Epidendrum atacazoicum</i> 'Windflower' CBR/AOS	Betty Kelepecz
Doros Trophy	Best Intergeneric Hybrid of Phalaenopsis Alliance	Phal. I-Hsin Sun Beauty	Debby Halliday
Dugger Trophy	Best Species or Hybrid Odontoglossum	Odcdm. Tiger Barb	Orchid Design
Foster Trophy (Amateur)	Best 3 Cymbidiums in containers not in a massed display	Cym. Dr. Len 'Geyserland'	Jerry and Anita Spencer
Geer Trophy	Best Specimen Plant	<i>Epidendrum atacazoicum</i> 'Windflower' CBR/AOS	Betty Kelepecz
Hadacheck Trophy	Best of Dendrobium Alliance	Den. Delicatum 'Crysta'	Elaine Leuvasos
Junior Trophy	Best Orchid by Junior Grower	<i>Dendrobium kingianum</i>	Isabella Klausing
Laughter Trophy	Best Phalaenopsis	<i>Phal. schilleriana</i>	Debby Halliday
Miller Trophy (Open)	Best of Paphiopedilum Alliance	<i>Paph. villosum</i> 'Windflower' CCE/AOS	Betty Kelepecz
Moore Trophy	Best White or Semi-Alba Standard-sized Cattleya	<i>C. Phyllis Prestia</i> AM/AOS	Phyllis Prestia
Pacific Trophy (Open)	Best 3 Cattleyas in containers not in a massed display	not awarded	
People's Choice Award	People's Choice	Phragmipedium Frank Smith 'Her Majesty'	Rick Wells
Peterson Trophy (Amateur)	Best 3 Cattleyas in Containers - not in a massed display	<i>C. Claesiana</i> v. <i>coerulea</i> aquinii 'Hanedeas' <i>C. loddigesii</i> <i>C. loddigesii</i> f. <i>coerulea</i>	Phyllis Prestia
Snyder Trophy (Open)	Best 3 Cymbidiums in Containers not in a massed display	Cym. Chickta Cym. Sarah Jean 'Ice Cascade' Cym. Mary Green 'Spring Wind'	Edith and Leno Galvan

Winners of Flower Awards 2017 *continued*

Trophy Name	Description	Orchid	Winner
Sprague Trophy	Best Compact Cattleya	Pot. Mini Sunshine x Blc. Chyong Guu Chaffinch	Ruben Colmanares
Sweepstakes Trophy	Best Orchid in Show	Ctt. Trick or Treat 'Rainbow Valley'	Jerry and Anita Spencer
Thorne Trophy	Best Colored Cattleya Alliance	Ctt. Trick or Treat 'Rainbow Valley'	Jerry and Anita Spencer
Van Kekerix Trophy	Best of Pleurothallid Alliance	<i>Pleurothallis unknown</i>	Wendy Daneau
Wilson Trophy	Most Unusual Orchid Flower	<i>Sudamerlycaste jimenezii</i>	John Alexander



People's Choice Award Winner
Phragmipedium Frank Smith 'Her Majesty'
exhibited by Rick Wells

The SDCOS display - thanks everyone!



WINNERS OF DISPLAYS - 2017		
DISPLAY AWARDS	DESCRIPTION OF AWARD	WINNER
Alesi Trophy (Open)	Best Small Display 20 sq ft or less. \$100 cash award.	Pam Peters
Alma Marosz Trophy (Open)	Most Educational exhibit. \$100 cash award.	Susan Lewitt
Balboa Trophy (Amateur)	Best Exhibit Illustrating Show Theme to include 10 or more flowering orchid plants with background material. \$100 cash award.	Palomar Orchid Society
Batchman Trophy	Best Orchid Society Exhibit. \$100 cash award.	Newport Harbor Orchid Society
Henry Marosz Trophy (Amateur)	Most educational exhibit. \$100 cash award.	SDCOS Kids' Corner - Nancy Walters
Jim Wright Trophy (Amateur)	Most Artistic Exhibit. \$100 cash award.	San Diego County Cymbidium Society
Pinckney Trophy (Open)	Most Artistic Exhibit. \$100 cash award.	Fouquette/Granite Hills/Tom Osborn
President's Trophy (Open)	Best Exhibit Illustrating Show Theme to include 10 or more flowering orchid plants with background material. \$100 cash award.	Palomar Orchid Society
Robinson Trophy (Amateur)	Best Small Display 20 sq ft or less. \$100 cash award.	Debby Halliday
SDCOS Grand Prize	Best Floor Exhibit to include 10 or more flowering orchid plants with background material, covering 64 sq ft or more. Cash award \$250.	Newport Harbor Orchid Society
SDCOS Trophy (Open)	Best Exhibit in a Natural Setting to include 10 or more flowering orchid plants with background material. \$100 cash award.	Sunset Valley Orchids
Winship Trophy (Amateur)	Best Exhibit in a Natural Setting to include 10 or more flowering orchid plants with background material. \$100 cash award.	Newport Harbor Orchid Society
American Orchid Society Trophy	Best exhibit of orchid plants or cut flowers covering 25 sq. ft. or more, awarded by American Orchid Society judges.	Newport Harbor Orchid Society
Orchid Digest	Best exhibit by an Amateur grower, covering 30 sq. ft. or more, demonstrating high flower quality and excellence of culture, awarded by the American Orchid Society judges.	Newport Harbor Orchid Society

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Spring Open House April 7th – 9th

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
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Cymbidiums

Karl Batchman casa@orquideas.com

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

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

David Eveleth at develethos@gmail.com.

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

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Orchid Dates to Remember

April 1st
SDCOS Species Group Meeting
First Saturday of the month
Paul or Ann Tuskes (858) 274-5829

April 4th, 6:30 PM
SDCOS Culture Meeting
First Tuesday of the month
Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

April 4th, 7:30 PM
SDCOS General Meeting
First Tuesday of the month
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April 5th
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 6th, 7:00 PM
SDCOS Board Meeting
Normally the Thursday following the General Meeting, Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 104

April 7th-9th
Andy's Orchids Open House
see advertisement page 13

April 19th
Cymbidium Society Meeting
Regular meeting, third Wednesday of month
Culture class at 6:30, Meeting at 7:00
Lake San Marcos Pavilion
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April 21st
San Diego Zoo's Orchid Odyssey
Third Friday of the month
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From the editor -

A cautionary tale

An exchange for trading in orchids and orchid seedlings is now operating in Yunnan, China. Exchanges allow the efficient pricing of commodities and make it easier for buyers and sellers to connect. The Yunnan exchange facilitates trading in orchid seedlings from commercial growers and marks the growth of the orchid market into a true commodity market. Exchanges also allow rapid price fluctuation of commodities with demand as well as futures purchases and short selling (bets that the price of an orchid seedling tomorrow will be higher or lower than today).

In the early 1600s, tulips in the Netherlands transitioned from a curiosity to a commodity and tulips became the 4th leading export product (after gin, herring and cheese). As prices rose, markets that enabled futures contracts (including trading fees) arose and

the price of tulip bulbs escalated rapidly; futures trades in the formal exchange and outside it enabled many to make a fortune overnight. Unfortunately, a rapid escalation of prices culminating in the fall of 1636 was followed in February of 1637 with the bubble bursting and the price index for tulip bulbs falling by about 20-fold between Feb 3 and May 1. "Tulip mania" is now a buzzword for irrational and dangerous market behavior.

Suggestions for the newsletter always welcome.

May your plants always grow!

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