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## CULTURE MEETING - July 3rd, 6:30 PM

### *Orchids to Grow in San Diego*

Speaker - David Brown

By Debby Halliday

We are pleased to welcome David Brown in July. He had to cancel his talk in March, but now will be able to join us. Here is a repeat of my article introducing him.

Long-time member David Brown will be talking about good orchids to grow outside in the San Diego area. With our mild climate, sea breezes and abundant

sunshine, many orchids love living here. You may be surprised at the number of different kinds of orchids that will thrive with just a bit of shade and some loving care.

David will show pictures of his growing area and plants and talk about what he does to succeed with many different types of orchids.

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## GENERAL MEETING - July 3rd, 7:30 PM

### *Orchid Viruses*

Speakers - Winnie Lin and Dr. Chin-An Chang

By Kay Klausing

**Note:** The July meeting will be held on **Monday** this month since Tuesday is a holiday!

The topic for our July meeting will be "Orchid Viruses" and we will have two speakers this month.

First, **Winnie Lin** from Rega Biotechnology will give a presentation with the title "**Agitest orchid virus rapid test: its principle and applications**". This will be a brief presentation (10-15 minutes) introducing Rega Biotechnology and their Agitest rapid orchid virus test kit

including the principle of the test and how to perform it, which features a video clip.

Next, **Dr. Chin-An Chang** will give the main presentation "Orchid Viruses: Transmittance and Management in the Orchid Nursery". Chin-An is professor at the Chaoyang University of Technology in Taiwan and a leading expert on orchid viruses. In his presentation he will give an introduction into orchid virus diseases and how this influences the orchid production industry.

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David joined our society in 1999, when he came to the Xmas party. He got food, wine, and a free orchid and was hooked. He still has the *Rhyncholaelia glauca* from that first meeting. David's main love is orchid species, about 70% of his plants are species, but his knowledge applies to the whole range of orchids you may be trying to grow.

David has held every office, been on the board, and was president of the society from 2008-2011. He received a Diamond Award from Orchid Digest in 2011. David was also in charge of our park shows for many years and is a life member of the SDCOS. With over fifteen years of growing orchids in San Diego, he really understands the benefits and challenges of this area.

I first met David when I was just a newcomer to the society. It was his friendly encouragement that persuaded me to try bringing my orchids to a show for the first time. The rest is history by now.

You are sure to pick up some new tips and may discover some plants you had never thought about trying. This promises to be an interesting and useful talk.

Please be in your seats on time so we can start at 6:30.

Debby Halliday



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

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He will describe the viruses known to infect orchids and their properties - especially how they are transmitted in the nursery. He will explain how to manage orchid viruses with a focus on the phalaenopsis production in Taiwan.

This should be a very informative talk even for orchid hobbyists as orchid viruses are a widespread problem and it is important not to ignore this in your private collection and put the necessary precautions in place to avoid a spread to the entire collection.

Sunset Valley Orchids will provide the plant opportunity table.

Join Winnie, Chin-An and fellow society members for dinner before the general meeting. (This month's meeting is on Monday so the Prado is NOT open, new location TBD, our reservation will be at 5:30). Please call 619-929-1452 to R.S.V.P.

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## July Miscellaneous Culture Tips

By Bruce Berg

**Back to School Sales:** This is a good time to look for some accessories for your orchid greenhouse workbenches. I like to visit Walmart and Staples at this time of year for items that I can use around my greenhouse.

Stainless steel school scissors go on sale for about a buck a pair. While they aren't surgical quality, for about the price of one really high quality pair of scissors, you can buy a dozen or so that you can replace annually. They are resistant to the frequent soaking in sterilant baths of TSP with no ill effects and can also be flamed to be double sterilized.

Plastic pencil boxes for about a buck can hold and organize an assortment of miscellaneous items that would otherwise litter the workbench. I keep my plant tags, pencils, soft erasers, drill and driver bits, as well as any other loose items that are littering the bench. The boxes come in different colors, so that I can find what I'm looking for easily, or making a label with a black magic marker on blue tape.

Soft lead mechanical pencils with nice grips are a nice find for writing plant names on labels.

Then there are milk crates (used to create book cases) and other storage supplies that go on sale that are useful in transporting plants and storing larger items in the greenhouses.

**Margarine Tubs:** Another thing that I use on my workbench are all those little margarine tubs to hold bits and pieces. They are just right to hold enough sphagnum moss and add water to repot a small plant, or mix up a small terrestrial soil mix. I also put them around my benches to see how much water is being delivered by my misting system to various plants.

**It's Getting Hot:** In many parts of the county, it's getting very hot and dry, so remember to check on your plants to make sure they are not getting too much light or heat. They can withstand higher temperatures if they are watered more frequently. You may need to look at the light levels too and adjust the amount of light that they are getting. I live in Santee and am misting my plants in the afternoons when the temperatures rise above 90 degrees, and watering them twice a week.

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## From the Membership Desk

Please welcome our newest members:

Candace Kienitz, Miguela Cuevaz, Chandra Mukerji, Jose Carlos Lopez, Susan Chenven, Raymond Lopez, and Julie Shawn Goll.

Bob

## ***Dendrobium speciosum***

By Bruce Berg

This month, in my quest to provide an ongoing series on plants that do well outdoors year round in San Diego, I'm writing about one of the showier plants, *Dendrobium speciosum*. I found one good article online at OrchidflowerHQ.com 2007 that I used as a reference in writing this article. I also referred to information in OrchidWiz.

*Dendrobium speciosum* is native to Australia where it grows from Northern Queensland to south-eastern Victoria. It is known as rock orchid or rock lily. The second part of its scientific name is derived from the Latin word *speciosa*, which means showy or beautiful.

There may be up to seven different forms and varieties of *Dendrobium speciosum*, depending on which biologist you happen to be reading, and they might be considered independent species rather than subspecies after the next revision of the genus *Dendrobium*. In the floral trade, you are most likely to find *Dendrobium* var. *speciosum* and *D. speciosum* var. *hillii*.

**Flowers:** *Dendrobium speciosum* develops large clusters of flowers along its long stems. The flowers are normally present from late winter to spring. A single stem can carry over 100 flowers. A specimen plant may easily have several thousand flowers. They are also quite fragrant. The standard color varies from snow white to creamy yellow, and each flower is decorated with purple dots in the labellum. Fely Acantilado, one of our excellent *D. speciosum* growers, has one plant that actually blooms three times per



year. She brought it in to our June 2017, meeting to share. If your plant does not bloom, one reason may be that it did not get a cool dry rest.

**Light:** Avoid dense shade, since a lack of light can prevent this orchid from flowering. In the late fall through winter, the plants need very bright light (3000 – 4500 fc).

**Watering:** *Dendrobium speciosum* should only be given a minimal amount of water during the winter season, just enough to keep it alive. Much more water is needed during spring and summer when the orchid is growing.

**Fertilizer:** A high nitrogen fertilizer should be used during spring and summer when your *Dendrobium speciosum* orchid is growing. Weakly, weekly. High phosphate in late summer and autumn. Reduce or eliminate fertilizer over winter when you also reduce water.

**Potting medium:** *Dendrobium speciosum* can grow on rocks or trees in the wild, and this must be considered when you chose how

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and if to pot your orchid. In the wild, it is often found growing with leaf litter around its roots from which it can extract nutrients. If you prefer to mount your orchid rather than pot it, it is safest to secure it with wire or twine until it has formed its own anchoring roots. If you prefer to pot your orchid, never use ordinary soil since this will be too soggy for your *Dendrobium speciosum*. Use a coarse orchid-mixture. Select a shallow pot with space for 2 or 3 years growth space from the root ball to the edge of the pot.

**Propagation:** *Dendrobium speciosum* can be best propagated by division of good proven clones. Propagation by seed is very tricky and is only carried out by orchid experts. It takes about fifteen years to bloom these plants from seed.

In our society, Charley Fouquette is the person I'd go to with further questions on growing this beautiful orchid.

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## How the Fair is Fun

By Bruce Berg

Members going to the County Fair need to go by our Society display which is located outside the O'Brien Building. You can see our great Society display featuring a very creative wagon built by Nico Goossens, and a western pioneer family created by Carey Mc Coy. There are beautiful orchids furnished by Debby Halliday, Dave Hoffmaster and Bruce Berg. Various critters and authentic western gear furnished by Bruce and his family, and the work Nico did in building a Boot Hill, and by Nancy Walters who

furnished authentic humorous tombstones and other finishing touches make our display stand out as the only society display to reflect the garden show theme "Happy Trails." Unfortunately, the judges this year only awarded us a fourth place ribbon for our efforts. We had fun building the display and I thank everyone who helped put together our display. We note that many visitors stop to appreciate it and take the bookmarks from the holder in front of our display.

Several of our members are also having fun entering the Orchid Container Floral Ribbon competition inside the O'Brien building which is located on the East side of the building near the roll up doors. This competition is rewarding members with cash for their ribbons, so take a look to see who will be able to make new additions to their orchid collections or greenhouse facilities after the fair is over! There is a new competition each week, for a total of five competitions during the fair which runs thru July 4th, so there will be new orchids on display each week. It's a



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challenge having enough plants in bloom over the month of June to enter fresh plants for five weeks!

And then there was the Orchid Day, June 7, when members Debby Halliday and Dave Hoffmaster gave talks about plants that grow well in San Diego. Alex Nadzan gave a talk about cattleyas and Lena Shiroma gave a demonstration on repotting a cymbidium. They are members of our society, but also members of Palomar and the Cymbidium societies. In addition, Nico Goossens, Tom Ketelaar, and Nancy Walters participated as greeters in talking with fair goers about orchids by handing out bookmarks and talking about orchids and about the benefits of joining an orchid society. Charley

Paddleford handed out literature for POS and visited with fairgoers. Debby commented that this year, "This was by far the most successful talk I have had at the fair."

We had a second opportunity to do a "meet and greet" at a "Flower Festival Day" that was held on Father's Day, June 18 that came up at the last minute. Dave Hoffmaster and his daughter Lauren handed out bookmarks and talked with Fair goers about growing orchids and about our Society. Charley Paddleford, and Bill and Shelly Wong represented the Palomar Orchid Society and talked to visitors about their Society. This is an activity where we get to also meet and work with members of the other orchid societies in the County.

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

There were 6 orchids presented for judging. Four were awarded:

Paph. Mem. Gordon Peters  
'Seagraves' AM/AOS  
Exhibited by John Hagee  
Awarded AM/AOS 80 points

Oncidesa Sweet Sugar 'Mem.  
Richard Waugh' CCE/AOS  
Exhibited by Debbie Halliday  
Awarded CCE/AOS 90 points



*C. warszewiczii* Kimberly Burzell'  
HCC/AOS  
Exhibited by Linden Burzell  
Awarded HCC/AOS 78 points



*Leptotes pohlitinocoi* 'Feuerbach'  
HCC/AOS  
Exhibited by Renate Schmidt  
Awarded HCC/AOS 78 points



#### **VIRUS TESTING SERVICE**

We are now offering a Virus Testing Service at our SDCOS regular meetings. The charge is only \$6 to cover the cost of the kit. Debby Halliday or another experienced member will be happy to virus test any plant you are concerned about.

Please email Debby at [debhallid@gmail.com](mailto:debhallid@gmail.com) if you plan to bring in a plant. We'll arrange to have kits there to help you.

If you only have a few plants to test or don't feel comfortable doing your own testing, this service is for you.

**REMEMBER – The Doctor is In** at our meetings. If you are worried about a plant, put it in a bag and bring it in. We'll have a look and do our best to advise you.



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**San Diego County Orchid Society  
General Meeting Minutes  
June 6, 2017**

**Summary**

The business portion of the General Meeting focused on the election of member-directors for the next SDCOS Board of Directors. Scott LaBouff, SDCOS President, read out loud the slate of candidates which had been approved during the SDCOS May General Meeting. The slate of candidates presented was as follows: President, Kay Klausing; First Vice-President, Deborah Halliday; Second Vice-President, Ken Campbell; Secretary, Tom Ketelaar; Treasurer, Myra DeTate; Director-at-Large, Pedro Sanchez. Scott twice requested the membership to submit more names for nomination. There were none submitted.

Scott requested a motion from the floor to accept the nominees for their respective offices and to close the nomination process. Jack Schaefer made the motion to close the nomination process and submit the nominees to a vote of the membership. The motion was seconded. The call for a show of hands to vote for the listed candidates was made by Scott. Hands of the voting membership were raised. A call for a show of hands for any negative votes was requested. No hands were raised. The vote was unanimous to approve the slate of candidates; the named persons were elected to office on the San Diego County Orchid Society Board of Directors for the 2017-2018 session. The members of the new Board of Directors will be installed into office at the July General Membership meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tom Ketelaar, Secretary

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**San Diego County Orchid Society  
Minutes of the Board of Directors Regular  
Meeting**

**June 1, 2017**

**Summary**

**Attendees:**

Scott LaBouff, Kay Klausing, Debby Halliday, Tom Ketelaar, Carol Berg, Bob Clark, Carol Kerr, Carey McCoy, Bruce Berg. Also in attendance was SDCOS member, Myra DeTate.

The meeting was held at Balboa Park - Casa Del Prado Building, Room 104. The call to order came at 7:05 P.M. by Scott LaBouff, President.

**Secretary's Report:** - Tom Ketelaar

May 2017 Board and General meeting minutes had been approved via email.

**Treasurer's Report:** - Carol Berg

Carol presented the May financials. There were routine questions. An update of the current membership roster and recently modified By-Laws booklet will be printed; the expense for this item will most likely fall in to the next fiscal year of 2017. There may be the option of providing roster and By-Laws information on the SDCOS website with access control therefore reducing some of the printing expenses. Hard copies will still be provided but only to those finding it necessary to have a physical copy. Scott will be following through on this item. Carol will be assisting the new treasurer with the preparation of the 2017 fiscal year budget. There are some line item descriptions and placements changes forthcoming which will be incorporated in to the new budget. Some of the revenue and expense accounts for the Spring Show have not yet been reconciled; a finalized report for the financial results of that show will be provided once they are tabulated. Bruce made a motion to accept

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and file the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

**Membership Report:** - Bob Clark

Membership for the month ending May 31, 2017 was 352.

**2017 and 2018 Spring Show Review and Planning:**

The request continues to the membership for suggestions on how to get better show exposure to prospective attendees for the 2018 event. For more membership participation with marketing efforts, the membership will be presented with resources, demonstrations, and suggestions on how to use social media and other resources targeting prospective show attendees through social groups, neighborhoods, clubs, chats, etc. in efforts to increase show attendance. Budget amounts for the 2018 show are being gathered; once completed the budget will be presented to membership.

**President's Items:**

1. On May 27<sup>th</sup> "Fiesta Botanica: Celebrating Balboa Park's Plants & Gardens" was held on The Prado from 10:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. The event was a success with many visitors to the SDCOS booth. Bookmarks were distributed, the Orchids in the Park banner was placed in a prominent location to help draw attendees to the orchid booth, high quality orchid books with many pictures and illustrations were available for review, the "Orchids to grow in San Diego" hand-out was available for the taking, examples of various potting media were on display, several potting and re-potting demonstrations took place. One of the plants was potted, un-potted, and re-potted so many times that at the end of the day it did not know where its home pot was! There were a total of twelve live orchids on display to the public and with their beauty, fragrance, colors, blossoms, leaf structure, etc. those orchids did a stellar job of

stimulating interest and questions from visitors. Many of the visitors enjoyed playing the 'Can you name the fragrance game?'; some could name the fragrance while others said they could smell no fragrance. Now isn't that interesting? Participant SDCOS members volunteering and in attendance to assist with discussion, answer questions, and pass out materials were: Carol Kerr, Ed Perez, Debby Halliday, Tom Ketelaar, and Scott LaBouff. There were also many visitors from neighboring booths and organizations who stopped by to 'check out the orchids' and bring their admiration to these unique plants.

2. The board members are considering what types of marketing efforts get the best 'bang-for-the buck' in bringing visitors to the various shows. Debby will tweak the "People's Choice" ballot format to include items bringing show traffic. It is important that marketing resources be targeted, what dollars are placed where, and then to statistically track what worked and what didn't. Tom will begin a list of marketing avenues to which the board members and any others may add resources. This will give the board and show committees a reference on where to place marketing dollars. The Spring Show committee will also be seeking ideas from show vendors.

3. Scott has been posting free Internet community calendar listings to promote the July show and sale. He has done this for the past four park shows and the past two spring shows.

4. Thanks to Paul Tuskes, who not only is a SDCOS member but acts as librarian and historian of the San Diego Shell Club (SDSC), received permission to donate the SDSC wheeled library case to SDCOS. The case requires some low-cost refurbishing. Due to the case donation, it is not necessary to construct a new one and monies the SDCOS board previously allocated for

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construction of a new rolling case will be applied to the necessary refurbishing, cosmetic changes, hardware items, etc. of the SDSC case in its service period for SDCOS.

5. The possible relocation of the SDCOS storage facility reported in the May board minutes and the May newsletter has taken place. The new location is comparable to the previous and the monthly expenses are less. The board considered the need for property insurance to cover the stored items. Carol Berg will scan the insurance coverage policy data and provide a copy to board members in order for the board to make a decision on this matter. Once the insurance information has been provided to board members, an email vote of board members will be conducted.

6. After election of the next board members at the June general membership meeting, the installation of the next board officers will take place at the July general meeting. The current board has begun the logistics for a seamless transition of duties and powers to the next board. Commencement of duties for the next board will begin with the July 3, 2017 General meeting.

7. As a reminder the July general meeting will take place on Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> due to the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday occurring on Tuesday. An email blast will be sent out to the membership to ensure good attendance.

**First Vice-President Items:** - Kay Klausing

1. Information for the July speaker, presentation topic, and plant table provider will be presented by Kay in the July newsletter.

**Second Vice-President Items:**

1. Debby has arranged the Culture Meeting speaker for July and will be providing more details in the July newsletter as to topic.

2. The next scheduled 'potting workshop' will be held July 15, 2017 at Debby's residence. It will be a pot luck first followed by the

repotting session. More information will follow in the July newsletter.

**Directors-at Large Items:** - Carol Kerr and Carey McCoy

Carol Kerr:

1. Carol re-emphasized how important it is to settle upon a theme for the 2018 Spring Show because of the lead times required. During Carol's comments, Debby stated that the mechanics of gathering themes had already begun and voting on the final theme will take place at the July General Meeting. Also, Carol made a suggestion to get word out to the membership for artists, friends or relatives of SDCOS members who are artists, and others who may wish to submit designs for show marketing ideas.

Carey McCoy:

1. Carey continues with arranging speakers for the July "Orchids in the Park" show; this will be her final endeavor with this task.

2. The refreshments budget continues to run under the targeted budget; through Carey's magic she has been able to provide meetings' refreshments enjoyed by all. Since 2015 Carey has been keeping an accurate accounting of attendance at the SDCOS monthly meetings. Those records have the monthly meeting average at 60.475 bodies. The December holiday and May awards events average 75-100 in attendance.

3. Carey presented a brief report for the results of the SDCOS display group at this year's San Diego County Fair. This year the fair's theme is "**Where the West is Fun**" with that theme running throughout the fair's marketing efforts which have already begun in local media. The SDCOS display was titled "**Happy Trails**" in cadence with the main fair theme. She presented a brief review of people who have been assisting with SDCOS activities at the fair this year. Bruce *continued on page 5*



Berg is the liaison to the Del Mar Fair and assists with display construction and maintenance, Carey and Nancy Walters are the creative designers; Debby Halliday provides magnificent plants as well as valuable assistance in set design; Dave Hoffmaster maintains and waters orchids EVERY Monday during the fair's run; Lou Wilson assists with set up; Nico Goossens provided the Conestoga Wagon and constructed Boot Hill where a lot of shoveling went on! Bruce, Dave, Debby, and Kay Klausing provided gorgeous orchid plants for the exhibit. For 2017 the display won a pink ribbon award in addition to a monetary reward of \$425.00; Debby received a meritorious green ribbon award for an Encyclia randii.

In review, Carey stated that in 2016 a first-place blue ribbon and a monetary amount of \$500.00 were awarded; in 2015 the rewards were a ribbon and \$600.00. From 2015 through 2017 the SDCOS display group brought in \$1,775.00 to SDCOS. Whether the society will continue to participate with a display at the San Diego County Fair in future years is a matter currently under consideration.

**Past President Items:** - Bruce Berg

1. Since Bruce will be stepping aside as the "Orchids in the Park" show coordinator, Dave Hoffmaster has volunteered to coordinate the July show only. Bruce re-emphasized the need for others to step up and coordinate the future shows in the park. If you men and women have churning creative juices, like to take charge and coordinate, are bored with your life's situation, looking for a challenge, etc. - **Step-up!!**

2. At the San Diego County Fair this year on June 7<sup>th</sup> between 11:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M., SDCOS, Palomar Orchid Society, and the San Diego County branch of the Cymbidium Society of America Inc., will be presenting 'potting demonstrations', have speakers, a

'meet-and-greet', have volunteers present to answer questions the show attendees may have regarding orchids and their culture, distribute bookmarks and informational materials, and much more. See you at the fair?

3. Bruce presented the report from the recent SDCOS Finance Committee meeting of May 14, 2017. Bruce expressed his and the board's appreciation to the current committee members and participants; he noted that with the next board forming in July, the Finance Committee members would also be changing. During his session of presentation, Bruce stated that Debby Halliday, secretary of the Finance Committee, had provided the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting in not only paper but also email copy format to board members. Once the officers of the next board have been installed, the necessary documents changing the signatories on the society's financial accounts will be completed per the By-Laws requirements.

**Scheduled Date for the next Board Meeting:**

Thursday, July 6, 2017, at 7:00 P.M. – Balboa Park - Casa Del Prado building, Room 104.

No other items being on the agenda, Scott made a motion to adjourn the meeting; it was seconded and approved.

**Meeting Adjournment:**

8:59 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Ketelaar, Secretary

## President's Message

I was treated to an amazing sight this month, watching the flowering of my *Stanhopea embreei*. The morning started ordinarily, when I stepped out onto the back porch to enjoy my orchids for a moment. I saw that one of the buds had started to crack open. I've heard stories about how quickly these flowers bloom. Today was my day to see this happen! I ran back into the house to grab my camera. Returning to the scene, I found that one of the buds already had one petal out. I immediately started recording and for the next fifteen minutes watched with wonder as each of the three buds opened almost simultaneously. It was an event similar to watching the hatching of an exotic bird, eventually spreading its wings from the confines of the shell encasing it the past several weeks. What a treat - Wow! Here is a link so that you see it in real-time for yourself - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z8hGQp\\_AwAY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z8hGQp_AwAY). I wish you could smell this flower; the aroma is similar to tangy orange juice.

**I most likely would have never seen this event in my lifetime had it not been for our club.** I happened upon an SDCOS meeting in progress one evening, several years ago, while walking my dog in the park. I was instantly hooked! Slowly, over the years I have built an interesting collection of orchids, mostly miniatures, with some exceptions such as my Stanhopeas. I purchased my *S. embreei* from Andy's Orchids at our 2015 Spring Show & Sale. I also have a *S. jenischiana* which I won from our plant opportunity table. Last year I added a *Gongora scaphaphorus* to my collection. Gongoras are similar to Stanhopeas. These are uniquely beautiful, pendent, orchids that grow well here in coastal San Diego. I recommend you give one a try.

**A great place to purchase a new orchid is coming at the end of this month, July 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, at our Summer "Orchids in the Park" Show & Sale.** Save these dates to participate, enjoy lots of beautiful blooms and do some shopping. We have 60 plus volunteer opportunities open. Please sign up now at <https://www.volunteersignup.org/FQ7TW>. Bring in your plants for registration on Friday from 4 pm – 7 pm or Saturday 8 am – 9 am. Join us at 9:30 am on Saturday morning to participate in judging. This is the perfect chance to ask questions and learn - I always do. 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. AOS judging will also be held at this show. Come join your orchid friends and let's have fun!

**Debby Halliday is hosting a potting workshop on Saturday, July 15.** This is an excellent opportunity to learn how to re-pot an orchid with expertise, plus you'll have an opportunity to explore Debby's greenhouse and beautiful gardens. See Debby's article on page 16 for details and the sign-up link.

**If you attended the San Diego County Fair this year, I hope that you visited our SDCOS display, and admired the weekly orchid show. Thank you, and congratulations** to all who participated in the shows. Thank you to those who participated with talks, demonstrations and our meet-and-greet on "Orchid Day" and "Flower Festival Day" Read Bruce Berg's article "How the Fair is Fun" on pages 5-6.

**July brings the swearing in ceremony of our newly elected officers. Myra DeTate** will be our new Treasurer. **Ken Campbell** will be our new Second Vice President. **Pedro Sanchez** will be a new Director-at-Large. **Debby Halliday** will be our new First Vice President and **Kay Klausing** will be our new

President. Continuing in their present roles are **Tom Ketelaar** as Secretary, **Bob Clark** as our Parliamentarian, Membership Chair and Director-at-Large, and **Carol Kerr** as Director-at-Large. I know that their collective talents and enthusiasm will serve us well. I wish them success and I will help them whenever I can.

**As Immediate Past President, I will** now serve as Chair of our Finance Committee. Under Bruce's leadership this committee has guided our treasury smartly. I'll work to studiously continue this guidance, including judicious use of the Jim Wright Fund and Garner Educational Fund. I will continue with efforts to promote our club meetings and shows. We've grown with many new members, some of which have come to us through our outreach to the community. I am keen to continue this. I, and other members, have had great fun sharing the benefits of our club at the Garden Party of the Century and Our Park-Our Treasure in 2015, the Coronado Flower Show the past two years, the Master Gardeners Spring Seminar and Fiesta Botanica this year, plus The Huntington Botanical Gardens International Orchid Shows the past two years. I thank Bruce Berg and Dave Hoffmaster for their lead in setting up SDCOS displays at Newport Harbor's shows the past few years. Jack Schafer will look for other opportunities to take us outside of San Diego at future regional events. All of these efforts serve our mission to bring an understanding and interest in orchids to the general public and to promote our shows and club.

**As President,** I had the good fortune of an outstanding Board of Directors who have helped to bring my vision, and other's ideas, together, collaboratively building significant enhancements to our club the past three years. These have included new audio/visual equipment, a new point-of-sale system,

dramatic Best-of-Section show cases, and graphics courtesy of Carol Kerr Graphic Design. Her company's graphics have been very valuable to me in promoting our shows and club. We've brought new resources to help you learn and understand your orchids better, whether it be use of our Orchid Wiz station, the "Doctor is In" program, virus testing program, or our regular re-potting workshops. Building a bigger and better library for members has been an effort I've been working on the past two years. Space challenges and material have been resolved. I thank Paul Tuskes and the San Diego Shell Club for the donation of their rolling bookcase to our club. Nico Goosens is in process of refurbishing this case and I am in the process of cataloging a hundred plus new additions to our library, donated last year, from Helmut Rohrl's collection, courtesy of his widow, Uschi Rohrl. Additionally, last year, we had our first club bus trip, traveling to the Huntington Botanical Garden for their show. I am working on scheduling another trip to HBG in early 2018 for an in depth look at their collection. Some of us have also enjoyed our campouts and other small group excursions the past few years. These shared experiences are wonderful memories for many of us. I look forward to all of this continuing into the future, with new enhancements and activities to come. Two items the Board of Directors have been working on is expansion of our "Orchids in the Park" shows and discussions in modernizing our web presence. I look forward to contributing to these on-going efforts.

**Our new Kid's Corner, created and managed by Nancy Walters, has been a great success at our park shows the past year and at this year's Spring show.** I am delighted that we now have an avenue to acquaint children with the wonders of orchids and their conservation. They are the future stewards of our world. Thank you Nancy!



**I thank Carey McCoy for her service as Director-at-Large the past two years.** She happily volunteered, and was elected, to complete the remainder of a previous D-a-L term. She has done much for us in this time. Carey has been integral in the creation of SDCOS displays at our annual Spring shows and at the San Diego Fair, she has scheduled speakers for our shows, and has participated as a member of the Finance and Show committees. I am happy to say that Carey will continue providing her delicious refreshments for us to enjoy at our monthly meetings. This has been a treat I am sure that all of you have enjoyed too!

**Again, special gratitude goes to Bruce Berg, who has served us well in this role as Past President with his commitment to our seasonal shows in Balboa Park.** Bruce is handing over his duties to our Show Committee members who will continue with his diligence in making these shows a must-attend event. Hopefully, he has also instituted our participation at the San Diego County Fair, with a great show of member's orchids for years to come. Bruce has often contributed his experiences in orchid culture articles, adding value to our newsletter. Thank you, Bruce!

**Special gratitude goes to Carol Berg, our outgoing Treasurer, who has stewarded our finances with great care since July 2010.** She has opened her heart and home to our club. Thank you Carol!

**One of the privileges I will treasure is having awarded Life Membership to Dave & Patty Hoffmaster, Bruce & Carol Berg, and recently to Jack Schaefer.** They have contributed much to us and I am sure they will continue where they can. Thank you!

**There are several other individuals that I want to thank for their contributions.** David Eveleth who keeps us informed as Editor of our monthly newsletter. **Ivan Allen** who regularly organizes our volunteers; **Mary Ann Chanthala** who assists with our social media presence, **Betty Kelepecz** and **Ron Kaufmann** who continue with organizing Conservation Sales and our yearly grants to orchid conservation projects world-wide, **Jack**

**Schaefer** who continues with his contributions as a member of our Show Committee, as our Web Master, Regional Show Coordinator and Spring Show Co-chair, plus Past Secretary; **Pam Peters** who continues to expertly shepherd our judging volunteers, plus organizing results and the awards; **Carey McCoy** who continues to provide us with refreshments, **Joy Cisco**, **Rosie Gamby** and **Corky Zumstein** who welcome us to buy tickets at our plant opportunity tables each month, **Ron Velarde** who has managed our library for many years, **Nico Goossens** who has participated at many of our out-reach events and has been our hiking guide on a number of excursions to check on populations of local native orchids. **David Brown**, who has been our representative to the San Diego Botanical Garden Foundation and who has provided his counsel as a Past President. **Felisa Acantiado**, as Past Director-at-Large, **Bob Clark**, as Parliamentarian, Membership Chair and Director-at-Large, **Carol Kerr**, as Director-at-Large, **Tom Ketelaar** as Secretary, **Debby Halliday** as Second Vice President and **Kay Klausing** as First Vice President. There are many other individuals that have assisted me the past three years. I thank them all and thank each of our members for all of your volunteer efforts at our meetings and shows. The achievements of an organization are the result of the combined efforts of each individual member.

I thank all of you for the opportunity to serve as President the past three years. It has been an experience I will always cherish. Thank you for your support!

**Reminder:** Due to the July 4th holiday falling on a Tuesday, our meeting is moved to Monday, July 3rd. I hope to see you there!

I wish you success in growing your orchids!

Scott LaBouff

## **NEWCOMERS SUMMER POTTING WORKSHOP - July 15, 2017**

Attention New Members! As I announced at the June meeting, we are having our summer potting workshop on July 15th at Debby Halliday's house. This is a great time for repotting your plants! Don't miss this opportunity. As always, we'll have a dividing and potting demonstration followed by time 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 again 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 Debby's 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/474AC>

Date: Saturday, July 15  
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.

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### **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**

Indoor and outdoor  
Ann & Paul Tuskes (858) 274-5829

### **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

### **San Diego Central**

Outdoor, all types  
Fred Tomaschke (619) 276-3235

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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](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 1st

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

First Saturday of the month

Paul or Ann Tuskes (858) 274-5829

July 3rd - **MONDAY**, 6:30 PM

#### **Note change of day to MONDAY!**

**due to the July 4th holiday**

#### **SDCOS Culture Meeting**

Normally First Tuesday of the month

Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

July 3rd - **MONDAY**, 7:30 PM

#### **SDCOS General Meeting**

First Tuesday of the month

Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

July 6th, 7:00 PM

#### **SDCOS Board Meeting**

Normally the Thursday following the General

Meeting, Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 104

July 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

July 15th

#### **Newcomer Potting Workshop**

see article this issue

July 19th

#### **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

July 21st

#### **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 29-30

#### **SDCOS summer show**

Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

Coming up...

August 1st, 6:30pm

#### **SDCOS Culture & General Meeting**

# Orchids

July 29–30

Saturday Noon – 5 p.m.

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From the editor -

In many places orchids have been decimated by overcollection, and one of those places is south Florida, where many native orchid species grew prolifically. Now there is a program to try and repopulate orchids in the suburban landscape - The "Million Orchid Project" sponsored by the Fairchild Garden. ( <http://www.fairchildgarden.org/science-conservation/the-million-orchid-project>). The goal is to put enough orchids in suburban gardens that the local populations become self-sustaining, and orchids naturally repopulate the hardwoods throughout south Florida.

Attentive readers may notice that in this month's newsletter there are three articles by Bruce Berg. Bruce continues to do a great job as a contributor and a member, and in particular always has articles regarding the fair. I'd like to thank Bruce for his many articles now and in the future, and also

encourage others to contribute or suggest article topics they would like to see. I will do my best to make sure that areas of interest are covered.

Suggestions for the newsletter always welcome.

May your plants always grow!

David  
develethos@gmail.com