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the conservation of orchids in the wild.*

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## CULTURE CLASS - August 1st, 6:30 PM

### *Orchid pests and their management*

Speaker - Ken Campbell

By Ken Campbell

This month's Culture Class will address identification and management of the various pests that do harm to our collections. If you grow orchids for any length of time, indoors or out, you will eventually face a care problem caused by an orchid pest or disease. Knowing how to detect, diagnose and treat these challenges is vital to becoming a successful orchid grower.

Besides occasional attacks by the usual suspects such as aphids, mealybugs, scale and the like, our speaker recently defeated an infestation of thrips, one of the most difficult of orchid insects to control. Come hear tips and strategies for prevention as well as elimination of this pest and their other unwelcome friends so your collection can grow strong.

Culture Class starts at 6:30 pm... Hope to see you there.

## GENERAL MEETING - August 1st, 7:30 PM

### *Directions in breeding oncidiums*

Speaker - Curtis Gean

By Debby Halliday

I am pleased to welcome Curtis Gean as our main speaker this month. Curtis is a semi-retired photographer/videographer, an AOS judge, and a passionate orchid grower. He was first introduced to orchids in 1970 when looking for plants and flowers to use in a photo shoot. His early mentor was Homer C. Dobson, who brought him to his first orchid society meeting. There he won two plants and was hooked. He notes that one of those plants, Den. Petite Jewels (Midnight x *bigibbum*), is still alive and doing well.



*Gomesa echinata*

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He entered the AOS judge's training program in 1973, and was elevated to Certified Judge in 1983. In 1996, he moved to Mexico where he ultimately spent 10 years. He returned to California in 2007 only to find he had to re-certify as a judge for the AOS. He once again became a judge in 2013.

Curtis writes "Orchiditis is a compelling and insidious disease, it takes over your life if you let it, and becomes all-consuming. I love it, and every day I find something new to explore.

"While in Mexico, I had the chance to look for Orchids in the states of Nayarit, Jalisco, Colima, Michoacan, and Guerrero. I was able to find many epiphytes and semi-terrestrial species. Through some contacts there, I was also given the opportunity to re-locate many plants slated for destruction because of road improvement projects and the like. We moved them to a nearby area and they were saved.

"During my "re-training" as a Judge, I had to prepare a presentation on how certain species influence the hybrids. I chose *Oncidium leucochilum*, a Mexican species, as my subject. The research that I did for the presentation is the basis for this talk. I also have an interest in other species in the Oncidinae alliance, one of which is *Gomesa echinata* (formerly *Baptistonia echinata*) and what might result from using this species as a hybrid parent.



*Oncidium leucochilum*

"I hope you will enjoy my presentation on *Oncidium leucochilum*, and a brief overview of *Gomesa echinata*."

See the attached photos. The plant table will be provided by Curtis and will be sourced from Gold Country Orchids. There will be oncidiums as well as other desirable plants on the table. Plan to buy raffle tickets! I am looking forward to this lecture which promises to be very interesting.

Debby Halliday, 1<sup>st</sup> VP



*Oncidium leucochilum*

**ORCHID MARDI GRAS!**

We have a theme for our 2018 spring show and it is Orchid Mardi Gras. Our thanks to Sue Fouquette for suggesting the winning theme. She will receive a free subscription to Orchid Digest for her creativity.

This theme seems particularly appropriate given our show date of March 24-26, the weekend before Easter. I see beads and ruffles and glitter and a profusion of brightly colored orchids adorning our displays and tables. Start imagining! This should be a really fun theme to work with.

We will now get to work on a great poster and advertising campaign to get people to attend our celebration. Here is your first reminder that we need everybody to participate. There are many positions to fill to make this a successful show and we will need you! We also give a beautiful orchid plant as a thank you at the end.

More news soon.  
Your Co-Chairs  
Jack Schaefer  
Debby Halliday

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**From the Membership Desk**

Please welcome our newest members:  
Angelic Nguyen, Cathy Smith, and Madeline Rodriguez.

Bob

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**San Diego County Orchid Society****General Meeting Minutes****July 3, 2017****Summary**

The business portion of the General Meeting focused on the installation of SDCOS Board of Directors officers and one Director-at-Large serving for the 2017-2018 term. Scott LaBouff, SDCOS President, invited Bruce

Berg and the newly elected board members to approach the lectern area. Bruce conducted the installation service. After Bruce introduced the name of each of the officers and the Director-at-Large, he read a summary of the position's duties and obligations. The elected officers and Director-at-Large verbally affirmed to carry out their duties and obligations to the best of their abilities. The newly elected and installed officers are as follows: President, Kay Klausung; First Vice-President, Deborah Halliday; Second Vice-President, Ken Campbell; Secretary, Tom Ketelaar; Treasurer, Myra DeTate. The new Director-at-Large is Pedro Sanchez and Scott LaBouff will now serve as Past-President. All will be serving along with the continuing Directors-at-Large, Bob Clark and Carol Kerr.

After the short installation ceremony, Bruce thanked outgoing board members Carol Berg as Treasurer and Carrie McCoy as Director-at-Large for their hard work and services provided to the organization. Bruce in turn offered to Scott as Past-President, his assistance and service. Scott returned his and the organization's thank you and appreciation to Bruce for his many years of service with the San Diego County Orchid Society.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Ketelaar

Corporate Secretary

## Oncidiums

By Bruce Berg

This month I will provide some additional information for several of the species of Oncidiums listed on our website. Some of the more interesting plants in the oncidium group are the hybrids which I hope to write about later.

**General culture notes:** When repotting oncidiums, use smaller sized mixes when repotting plants with smaller roots. Place plants where the new growths are going to have the most growing space away from the edge of the pots. New growths and inflorescences usually emerge from the base of the first leaf on a new pseudobulb. Use a balanced fertilizer on plants during the growing season. Flush out the pots once a month to get rid of built up salts from fertilizers. Fertilize weakly, weekly. Water frequently enough so that the top one third of the pot can dry out by night time. This means it is best to water in the morning. Avoid watering when the days are cool and overcast since the roots will not dry out quickly if cold and soaking wet. Try several locations to find where the light conditions are best for your plants. For a starting point, check out Jay Pfahl's web site or Orchid Wiz for lighting conditions.

**Oncidium flexuosum:** This is a plant which produces many branching inflorescences of bright yellow flowers up to or more than 200 flowers per plant on specimen plants. It likes a slightly lower light than cattleyas (1800 – 2500 fc). It does well in smaller sized shallow well-draining pots using medium sized potting mix. In nature they tend to bloom in fall into winter. Fertilize weakly weekly with a balanced fertilizer when the plants are actively growing.

**Oncidium incurvum:** This is a small, Mexican species with purple blooms and a

white lip. This is a cool growing orchid from the cloud forests. Andy lists this orchid as a fragrant, easy to grow orchid.

**Oncidium leucochilum:** This is a large sized, cool growing Mexican species with 1 to 12 ft long inflorescences with many brown with white lipped flowers and branches. Hardy grower in a basket. Use loose planter mix.

**Oncidium ornithorhynchum:** This is a small, fragrant, yellow flowered plant from Columbia. Note, until 2010, there was a mistake in classification in this plant and it was described as a pink flowered plant per Jay Pfahl. Our website description is in error. It is a cool growing plant that blooms with low light in the summer with long (20") pendant star shaped inflorescences.

**Oncidium tigrinum:** This is a very large, cool to cold growing, (3") Mexican species that is fragrant and very striking to see. It is called the tiger striped oncidium for its bold stripes on the petals which contrast against a bright yellow lip. The plant blooms in the fall and winter season and is a cool to cold grower.

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

*C. aclandiae* f. *alba* 'SVO' AM/AOS  
Exhibited by Fred Clarke, Sunset Valley Orchids  
Awarded AM/AOS 82 points

*C. Pacavia* 'Ace' AM/AOS  
Exhibited by Phyllis Prestia  
Awarded AM/AOS 81 points



*Phal. tetrapsis* 'Panda' AM/AOS  
Exhibited by Norman's Orchids  
Awarded AM/AOS 81 points



C. Intertexta 'Kimberly Bennett' AM/AOS  
Exhibited by Lynden Burzell  
Awarded AM/AOS 80 points



Phal. Sogo Golden 'Fangtastic' AM/AOS  
Exhibited by Norman's Orchids  
Awarded AM/AOS 80 points



Phal. violacea f. coerulea 'Jamie Fang' HCC/AOS  
Exhibited by Norman's Orchids  
Awarded HCC/AOS 78 points



Paph. Lady Booth 'Denise's Joy' HCC/AOS  
Exhibited by William Tse  
Awarded HCC/AOS 78 points



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

**July 6, 2017**

**Summary**

**Attendees:**

Kay Klausing, Ken Campbell, Tom Ketelaar, Myra DeTate, Bob Clark, Carol Kerr, and Scott LaBouff. Debby Halliday was not present – excused absent. Pedro Sanchez was absent. Also in attendance were SDCOS members Bruce Berg, Carol Berg, and David Brown.

The meeting was held at Balboa Park - Casa Del Prado Building, Room 104. The call to order came at 7:10 P.M. by Kay Klausing, President.

Kay introduced David Brown, the SDCOS room acquisition representative. David presented the procedures for reserving rooms in Balboa Park, the location of the acquisition forms, status of reserved rooms and Patio A, locations of secured lockers, and SDCOS books stored in Room 104.

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

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

**Treasurer's Report:** - Myra DeTate

1. Myra with the assistance of Carol Berg, past Treasurer, presented the June financials. There were routine questions. Future monthly financials will be provided the board and approved via email with quarterly and annual financials presented at those scheduled Board meetings. Also presented during this section of the Board meeting was the proposed budget for the 2017 fiscal year. Some discussion occurred. Myra made a motion to accept the June financials and the 2017 budget. The motion was seconded, voted upon and approved.

2. Since incorporating a POS (Point of Sale) computerized system at the shows and regular functions, the Board has been pleased with the operation and efficiency. However, since there oftentimes is a long line of purchasers awaiting to pass through check-out and to be more efficient, the need for additional processing items to complement the existing equipment was

discussed. Myra made a motion to purchase the necessary POS equipment with the stipulation that the total purchase amount would not exceed \$749.00. The motion was seconded, voted on and approved.

3. There was brief discussion regarding the Park show and Spring show budgets. No action was taken and the items will continue under consideration.

**President's Items:**

1. Kay presented his agenda for tonight's Board meeting listing the items for discussion. Goals for future Board and General meetings format, time constraints, room organization, speakers, productivity, and audio-visual were presented and discussed.

2. The use of social media to spread information about the various shows to the membership and public was briefly presented.

**First Vice-President Items:** - Debby Halliday

Debby was not present at this meeting but will provide in the August newsletter information and details regarding the August meeting's main speaker.

**Second Vice-President Items:** - Ken Campbell

1. Ken will provide in the August newsletter information and details regarding the August meeting's Culture Class.

2. Ken presented his "Second VP Talking Points" to the Board. Items presented, briefly discussed, and open for future consideration were: a) SDCOS newsletter lay-out, presentation, length, visuals, topics, distribution, having recipients want to read the newsletter, etc. b) Culture Class's purpose, format, audience participation, audio-visual, physical lay-out, distractions and disruptions. c) raffle ticket selling times, audio-visual equipment, technical knowledge of the equipment and/or having a member as an equipment technician.

**Past President Items:** - Scott LaBouff

1. Scott brought in and showed the Board members the recent edition of "California Gardens" magazine indicating the placement of SDCOS ad; he reminded SDCOS members to

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review the reworked California Gardens magazine ad on page six of the July SDCOS newsletter and future newsletters. Both ad formats were addressed and improved by Carol Kerr. Scott thanked Carol for offering her talents and time in this endeavor.

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

Thursday, August 3, 2017, at 7:00 P.M. – Balboa Park - Casa Del Prado building, Room 104. No other items being on the agenda, Kay made a motion to adjourn the meeting; it was seconded and approved.

**Meeting Adjournment:** 9:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tom Ketelaar, Secretary

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## President's Message

As the newly installed President of the San Diego County Orchid Society, I want to extend my gratitude to the past Board of Directors for their stewardship and to the members for their support. I would also like to welcome two new members to our board. Ken Campbell will be joining as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and Pedro Sanchez as Director at Large.

Pedro has been growing orchids for 5 years all outdoors with an emphasis on the Cattleya alliance. He was lucky enough to find the right mentor in Fred Clarke of Sunset Valleys Orchids who taught him the tricks about growing Cattleya well and it shows in Pedro's plants.

Ken has been raising orchids both in a greenhouse and outside here in San Diego for about 15 years. His biggest challenge is trying to fit all the orchids he can into his relatively small greenhouse (aren't we all out of space?). So be on the lookout for tips from him on how to really pack them in close.

As 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Ken is in charge of the Culture Class, which meets at 6:30, just before the general meeting. Please let him know if there are any specific topics, like pests, fertilizing, etc, you would like to see covered.

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The new board will be a good mixture of new members with new ideas and old members with experience. I hope that this combination will succeed in invigorating the society. We have already discussed many possible improvements, including revamping the newsletter and changes to the General Meeting. I would like to get the membership numbers up and attract a younger demographic but I would primarily like to improve participation of our membership in the General Meeting. We currently have around 350 members but only around 65 usually attend our monthly general meeting. I want to collect input from members on how to make our General Meetings more attractive – we will have a bright blue suggestion box at every meeting where members can make suggestions anonymously - although I would prefer members approaching me to give me their ideas in person.

Mark your calendars: Our "Orchids in the Park" Show and Sale is Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup>. Set-up is on Friday afternoon. The program is as usual. Plant registration is on Friday from 4 – 7 pm and Saturday 8 – 9 am. Judging of the displayed plants will start at 9:30am on Saturday (AOS judging will also be held at this show), followed by a potluck lunch in the kitchen area. There are talks on Saturday and Sunday – please see the schedule on our website.

Volunteers are still needed! Please sign-up now at

<https://www.volunteersignup.org/FQ7TW>

through the volunteer link on our website. All of the jobs are fun and interesting.

See you all at the summer show!

Kay Klausing  
President, SDCOS

In Memoriam  
**Siv Garrod**

SDCOS friends are mourning the sudden passing of Siv Garrod on Tuesday, June 27<sup>th</sup>. Siv joined our club in 1985 and enjoyed participating in our club's Species Group. For many years, Siv organized the sign up of hosts for the monthly Species Group meetings. As an avid collector of orchid species, she was an expert in their culture, enjoying their flowers year after year. She built an enviable collection. One of her favorites was the genus *Neofinetia*, also known as the Japanese Wind Orchid or Samurai Orchid. She always happily volunteered her time at our shows, helping participants to register their orchids for judging, ensuring that plants were in their proper sections, putting out section signs, and sharing her knowledge of plants when judging the species sections, her favorite. After judging, Siv would, on her own initiative, pick up and sort judging materials to be stored away until our next show, then join her friends to visit and enjoy the show. Often she donated orchid divisions from her collection to Conservation Sales and helped buyers select plants that would grow well for them wherever they lived. Siv also participated on our Conservation Committee helping to evaluate research and project proposals worth funding.

Outside of SDCOS, Siv's expertise was valued at the San Diego Zoo's orchid house where she volunteered one day a week for several years. Siv was also an avid grower of roses, enjoyed painting in watercolor, and was an active member of the House of Sweden, participating in all of their activities and working at the Glögg booth every December Nights in Balboa Park.

Professor [Gustaf Arrhenius](#), a founding scientist of UCSD, was instrumental in getting Siv to move to San Diego in 1968. At



UCSD, she worked with many distinguished scientists, one of them being [Martin Kamen](#), who discovered Carbon 14. She was a research chemist at the Susan S Taylor Laboratory from 1987 until her retirement in 2004. She had several published papers on photosynthesis. It was at UCSD where she met her husband, Chris Garrod, Emeritus Minister of Networks, orchid spouse, and member of SDCOS. Siv and Chris shared 31 years of happy marriage together.



**Orchid Hotlines**

The SDCOS offers this service to members who seek cultural information about their orchids. Here are some friendly hobbyists with a great deal of experience about certain types of orchids, and they have kindly volunteered to answer your questions.

**Cattleyas, Oncidium/Odonts, Phals, other**

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Edith and Leno Galvan (619) 441-7503

**Encyclias, Epidendrums, Laelias**

Christopher Croom (619) 583-3804

**Pleurothallids**

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**Cymbidiums**

Karl Batchman [casa@orquideas.com](mailto:casa@orquideas.com)

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## San Diego County Orchid Society

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Secretary: Tom Ketelaar  
Directors: Bob Clark  
Carol Kerr  
Pedro Sanchez

Past President: Scott LaBouff  
Membership Chair: Bob Clark

### Meetings

San Diego Orchid Society meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at the Casa Del Prado in Balboa Park.

Culture Class: 6:30 PM, Room 101  
General Meeting: 7:30 PM, Room 101

### Newsletter Entries

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

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

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

### Advertisers

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

### Orchid Dates to Remember

July 29-30  
**SDCOS summer show**  
Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

August 1st, 6:30 PM  
**SDCOS Culture Class**  
First Tuesday of the month  
Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

August 1st, 7:30 PM  
**SDCOS General Meeting**  
First Tuesday of the month  
Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

August 2nd  
**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

August 3rd, 7:00 PM  
**SDCOS Board Meeting**  
Normally the Thursday following the General Meeting, Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 104

August 5th  
**SDCOS Species Group Meeting**  
First Saturday of the month  
Paul or Ann Tuskes (858) 274-5829

August 16th  
**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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orchldy2@mac.com or (760) 732-0055

August 18th  
**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

Coming up...

Sept 5th, 6:30pm  
**SDCOS Culture Class & General Meeting**  
First Tuesday of the month  
Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

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From the editor -

If you have any suggestions on the format and content of the newsletter, now is the time to speak up! The society is thinking about redesigning the newsletter to better serve the members, and we are looking for feedback on what members would like to see. Is the newsletter too long? too short? not enough pictures? too much repeated information every month? Something you would not insult a fish by wrapping it in? Let us know!

Given that most members read their newsletters online, we are also looking to make sure the newsletter and the web site are well integrated. Suggestions on what topics belong in the newsletter and what belongs on the website would also be appreciated. We want to bring you an informative yet easy to read monthly update.

Please feel free to approach any of the society officers/directors with suggestions.

Suggestions for the newsletter always welcome.

May your plants always grow!

David  
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