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related to successful orchid culture, and to support
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CULTURE CLASS - Jan 2nd, 6:30 PM

Pots and Potting Media

Speaker - Dave Hoffmaster

By Kay Klausing

This month's culture class presenter will be Dave Hoffmaster. Dave is a longterm member of our society and will be speaking about and presenting a demonstration on "Pots and Potting Media". For new orchid enthusiasts this is a session you will want to attend! Newbies always have questions about media, like media components and proportions, the size of pots to be used,

the proper repotting steps, like soaking/wetting the plant prior to repotting to make roots flexible, when to water the plant after repotting and to clean up the plants (snipping roots, removing old flower spikes, dead bulbs etc.), proper sanitation practices and lots more. Dave will answer all these for you!

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

GENERAL MEETING - Jan 2nd, 7:30 PM

New Masdevallias You Can Actually Grow

Speaker - Tim Culbertson

By Debby Halliday

We have a great program planned to start the new year off on the right orchid growing foot. Tim Culbertson, one of our favorite and most engaging speakers, is going to talk about Masdevallias. But as you can see from the title of his talk, this will be about Masdevallias that anyone can grow. I am excited to hear what he has to tell us because Masdevallias are charming!

Here is an introduction in his own words. "Although I teach middle school kids for a living, one of my passions has always been plants. I began growing orchids as an offshoot from working at Longwood



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Gardens in Philadelphia just after college. From the very beginning it was all about Paphs, particularly awarded and select clones of historic importance, of which my collection numbers nearly 3000. While I love finding old, rare stepping stones in Paph breeding, I also do a little hybridizing of my own, and growing up my own babies is a blast.

I am the youngest accredited judge with the American Orchid Society, and have served in various capacities with various orchid societies in California and on the East Coast. I love meeting other people who like orchids too, and doing so often finds me traveling to shows, vendors, and peoples' greenhouses to see the latest and greatest in new hybrids and to get the best orchid gossip. I like to be involved in plants as much as possible: in addition to Longwood, I've worked at the Smithsonian Institution tending to their orchids, and for years for the United States National Arboretum, collecting rare plants and documenting cultivated species and hybrids for their herbarium. In short, I really like plants.

For your meeting, I'll be sharing a presentation entitled "New Masdevallias You Can Actually Grow." It's been such a pity that these absolute gems trace most of their heritage to cold-growing, cloud forest species. Some modern hybridizers are pushing back on those temperature requirements to make new Masdevallia hybrids which are compact, floriferous, colorful, and that grow and bloom in normal conditions. These plants are easy to grow and flower, are vigorous, and have low demands on light and fertilizer, and as such are wonderful plants! I will help to identify important species in the backgrounds of historically important and modern Masdevallias, as well as discuss the different directions of breeding warmth tolerance. By the end of this presentation, you will have a new appreciation of what goes into breeding

trends for these types of plants, as well as an appreciation of their beautiful flowers and ease-of-growth."

This promises to be a most interesting evening and might launch some of us into a whole new orchid direction. Tim will be bringing plants to sell. He will also provide the orchids on the Opportunity Table. You don't want to miss this meeting!

A reminder that you are welcome to join us for dinner at the Prado Restaurant. We have a 5:45 reservation, and while you will need to pay for your own dinner, the conversation is free! It's a great opportunity to meet and get to know our interesting speakers better. If you would like to join us, please drop me an email at debhallid@gmail.com so I can save you a seat.

January Show in the Park

by Dave Hoffmaster

We would like to remind everyone that the next show in the park is January 27 & 28. (See show poster in this newsletter). Mark the date on your calendar and start grooming your plants to show them off. The last two shows have been a success and we look forward to another great show. Please also consider volunteering your time as we cannot put on a show like this without your help. There are a number of positions you can help with from set up on Friday to take down on Sunday afternoon. In between we need help with things like security, plant hotel, host and cashier. We cannot put on a show without your help so please consider signing up. There will be signup sheets at the January meeting or you can go on line to the society web site and click on the volunteer tab to select a position.

President's message

Happy New Year!

I hope all our members had a peaceful and relaxing holiday season. The bus tour to the Huntington Botanical Garden is on January 20th – the tour is fully booked now and 10 people are on the waiting list. Another “Orchids in the Park” Show and Sale is coming up (January 27 and 28th) - see

details in Dave's article and the show poster below! Let's try to make it as much of a success as the previous shows. See you all at the General Meeting on January 2nd!

Kay Klausing

President, SDCOS

Judging at the San Diego Judging Center
(Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park), December, 2017. Text and photo by Arthur Pinkers.

There were two orchids presented for judging. One was awarded:

Paph. (Not registered) 'Shawn Michael Adams' AM/AOS
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Culture Tips for January

By Bruce Berg

As I write this article in the last week in December, we haven't had any appreciable rains since May and there aren't any yet in sight. I thought it might still be a good idea to remind members of the advice from Tom Biggert that "cold plus wet rains roughly equals dead orchids, if you have them outside and not covered." At some time, it may again rain. The plants do need to be watered though, and a good tip to consider is to try to schedule your watering to early mornings on days where the daytime temperatures will be warm to allow the water to be absorbed and used by the plants. Try to keep your outside plants a bit dryer during the cold times so that the roots do not have as much moisture in them. This also helps prevent damage if the temperatures drop to freezing for short times. Try to get the water onto the potting medium and not on the plants or down in the areas where the leaves or bloom spikes emerge from the crowded areas of the plant where water will not evaporate or run off quickly. Because if the nighttime temperatures drop to freezing, these are the areas where damage may occur. Years ago, Loren Batchman observed that spraying his cymbidium collection during extreme freezing winter weather actually saved the blooms. (Ref: <http://www.orquideas.com/growing/cymbcult.html>).

There are several genera, species, and their hybrids of orchids that are more temperature tolerant to cold temperatures than others. Among them are Mexican *Laelia anceps* species, Brazilian rock *Laelia* species, and *Sophranitis* species, *Epidendrum* species, Australian *Dendrobium* species, South African *Eulophia* species, and *Cymbidium* species from the mountainous regions of Indochina. Many *Cattleya* hybrids with *Sophranitis* in their background can survive in low temperatures outdoors. Our Society



website is another good place listing orchids that grow well outdoors in San Diego. Select the "Culture" button and follow the prompts. If members know of orchids that do well in very cold outdoor temperatures, let's update our webpage. Send me your suggestions, and I'll compile an updated list for our webmaster.

Remember to prepare your orchids for our Winter orchid show in the Park January 27th – 28th. Please come and volunteer to help out wherever you can. I'll be looking forward again to Ernie's famous pancit and Myrna's delicious figgie pie after judging on Saturday the 27th.

Have a Happy and Healthy New Year. May all your orchids bloom and reward you with their beauty this coming year. Let's all have a party at the **Orchid Mardi Gras!** Bruce



ORCHID MARDI GRAS IS APPROACHING!

By Debby Halliday

It's almost New Year's, can Mardi Gras be far behind? The answer is our spring show will be here almost before we know it. This show is not only our biggest show, it's one of the bigger orchid shows in the nation, with more than 600 plants on display (per Arthur Pinker's presentation at the Holiday Party). That's something to be proud of and it's worth supporting. Your show committee is working hard to line up vendors, organize supplies and services, and arrange advertising. We are excited by the possibilities for this show.

Here's what you can do to make our *Orchid Mardi Gras* the best and most spectacular show we've ever produced.

1 – Bring your plants. As we have said before, if we don't have plants, we don't have a show. Whether you have a prize winner or not, your blooming orchid will be sure to delight our visitors and it will add a lot to the overall presentation. *Consider a tabletop display.* Orchid Mardi Gras is a theme you can have fun with - masks, floats, beads, color. Get a friend to help and use your imagination! Or you could loan a few plants to our SDCOS display. We want it to be a show stopper!

2 – Sell tickets. You should have either received or picked up your ticket packet by now, or it will arrive shortly. Ticket sales are what helps this show *make money*. (If you don't like selling, then give them away, but please pay for them.) That translates into more and better programs for you, our members. Ticket sales also mean visitors who buy plants and that keeps our vendors happy! You benefit by increased selection and more interesting plants to choose from for your own collection.

3 – Volunteer. A show this size is a big undertaking. We, the show committee,

cannot do it alone. We need your help. It is also *really fun* to be part of the circus. Nothing makes you feel more like an insider than working alongside your fellow members to put on a great show. *Please sign up early!* It stresses our volunteer coordinator to not know until the very last minute whether we have enough people to staff the show. Remember, there is a *free gift plant* waiting at the end of the rainbow for every person who helps out.

4 – Spread the Word. We have gorgeous postcards this year and beautiful posters to advertise our *Orchid Mardi Gras*. Please spread them around. Libraries, coffee shops, hairdressers, dentists, whoever in your neighborhood would accept some postcards or bookmarks will widen our reach. When we go to so much effort to produce an amazing show, we want people to know about it!

Together we can create something wonderful this spring. Please be a part of our *Orchid Mardi Gras*. You'll be glad you did.



HOLIDAY PARTY A GREAT SUCCESS!

By Debby Halliday

We had a lovely holiday party this year. Over 80 members came, bringing delicious dishes to complement the Honey Baked ham and turkey provided by the club. The tables looked very festive with green tablecloths and pine bough and shiny ornament decorations. The plant exchange offered many lovely and interesting treasures to those who participated.

We had a beautiful selection of gift plants set off by an unusual number of blooming cymbidiums. It made a wonderful display along the side wall. The 18 plants we had left at the end of the evening flew off the tables at \$10 each. Arthur Pinkers gave an inspiring slide presentation of all the AOS award winners in our area during the last 12 months. Many of our members were represented to well-earned applause. Our thanks to Arthur for a beautiful show.

As your new first VP, it was my job to organize the party this year. I was a bit lost, but thankfully rescued by a world class team of volunteers.

Thank you, Carey Mc Coy, for organizing the tableware, the food set-up, bringing pine branches and cones, ornaments, and bright tablecloths. Also for supervising the cleanup. You were amazing!

Thank you, David Brown, for making sure the tables were up, serving as master of ceremonies and running the gift plant raffle

(even if I did give out both halves of your ticket - oops).

Thank you, Pam Peters and Ivan Allen, for coming early and helping with setup and decorating, and staying late to help us make it go away.

Thank you, Ivan Allen & Dave Hoffmaster for helping to pick up the gift plants.

Thank you, Jack Schaefer, for wandering around with your camera and recording the event. The pictures are up on the website in the Gallery section. Go have a look.

Thank you to Andy's Orchids, Sunset Valley Orchids, and Casa de las Orquideas for a beautiful selection of plants at the right price for our gift table.

Thank you Tom Ketelaar, Kay Klausing, and everyone else who chipped in to make this party fun and easy for me and everyone.

I also want to thank all of you members who are some of the nicest, kindest, friendliest people I have ever had the pleasure to know. What a great club! Happy Holidays and best wishes for health, happiness and successful orchid growing in the new year!

Debby Halliday

From the Membership Desk

Please welcome our newest members: Thomas Hoyle, Daniel Forbes & William Fritter, and Normandie Wilson & David Fleminger.

When you receive your envelope with Spring Show tickets, check your name and address on the mailing label. Your membership is paid through the date on the first line. If any of this information needs correcting, let me know.

Have a Happy and Prosperous New Year,
Bob



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Discovering the Magic of the Winter Plant Show

October show in the park a great success

by Dave Hoffmaster

We had another very successful show in Balboa Park the last weekend in October. We filled the room with orchids of every type, color, size and fragrance to the pleasure of all the people that came to the show. Attendance was high as the park was filled with Halloween revelers and other visitors.

I want to thank all the people who volunteered their time to make the show a success. We could not do it without your help. It starts with the garage and set up crew on Friday afternoon who bring all the materials



to the park and set up the room for our show. That's followed by the members bringing in plants Friday evening and Saturday morning to show. It continues through the weekend with people working the cash register, security, plant hotel and a number of other functions. The list of volunteers includes Cheryl Adams, Daryl Adderson, Ivan Allen, Bruce Berg, Medrick Bullock, Bob Clark, Myra DeTate, Natalia Gaidarenke, Nico Goossens, Shirley Hall, Dave

Hoffmaster, Linda Humiston, Betty Kelepecz, Carol Kerr, Tom Ketelaar, Kay Klausing, April Louis, Gary Louis, Carey McCoy, Vangie Nagrumpa, John Oswalt, Pam Peters, Elena Razumenskaya, Jackie Rodrigues, Jack Schaefer, Jerry Spencer, Paul Vallandigham, Tina Villegas, Nancy Walters and Mike Waugh. I'm sure that is not a complete list and I apologize to anyone I missed.

Once again Pam Peters did an outstanding job of organizing plant registration and judging Saturday morning. Thanks to all the teams that participated in judging and all the awards they made. Ann and Paul Tuskes lead the team of AOS judges and we thank them for their efforts. Anita and Jerry Spencer won both the Best of Show and Forrest Robinson Cultural Awards for their *Dendrobium Enobi Purple* and Betty Kelepecz won the People's Choice Award for her *Bulbophyllum Elizabeth Ann Buckleberry*.

The "Kids' Corner" was very busy as the park was filled with kids celebrating Halloween. Activities included puzzles of various orchids and coloring pages of things like Ghost Orchids, Dracula and Spider orchids. Many got to take home keikis to plant and some got potted orchids from the kids' raffle. A special thanks goes to Jackie Rodrigues for helping with all the activities and to Bud Close and Debbie Halliday for their donating orchids.



Kids' corner at show

Congratulations to Anita and Jerry Spencer for winning both the Best of Show and Forrest Robinson Cultural Awards with their Dendrobium Enobi Purple 'Splash'. This photo doesn't do the plant justice as it was truly spectacular. Good growing Anita and Jerry.



Betty Kelepecz and her Bulbophyllum Elizabeth Ann Buckleberry won the People's Choice Award. This award is chosen by the people that came to the show and vote for their favorite plant. It was an eye catcher so congratulations Betty.

October show winners

Section	Award	Orchid	Winner
	James & Lise Wright Best of Show	Dendrobium Enobi Purple 'Splash'	Anita & Jerry Spencer
	Forrest Robinson Cultural Award	Dendrobium Enobi Purple 'Splash'	Anita & Jerry Spencer
	People's Choice Award	Bulbophyllum Elizabeth Ann Buckleberry FCC/AOS	Betty Kelepecz
1	Cymbidium Standard Hybrid	no entries	
2	Cymbidium Hybrid Miniature	Cymbidium Golden Elf 'Sundust'	Irma Adams
3	Cymbidium Hybrid Pendulous	no entries	
4	Cattleya Alliance Standard	Cattleya Barbara Kirch	Felisha Acantilado
5	Cattleya Alliance Compact	Laelia Juvenilis x <i>Laelia pumila</i>	Debby Halliday
6	Cattleya Alliance Miniature	Brassocattleya Hippodamia	Alex Nadzan
7	Paphiopedilum Hybrid	Paphiopedilum Memoria Richard Allen Davidson	Debby Halliday
8	Phragmipedium Hybrid	Phragmipedium Cardinale 'Wilcox'	Debby Halliday
9	Oncidium Alliance Hybrid	Oncidium Sweet Sugar 'Memoria Richard Waugh'	Debby Halliday
10	Dendrobium Hybrids	Dendrobium Enobi Purple 'Splash'	Anita & Jerry Spencer
11	Vandaceous Alliance	Ascocenda Fuchs Sunset x Vanda Wirat	Ken Campbell
12	Hybrids of Other Genera	Bulbophyllum Elizabeth Ann Buckleberry FCC/AOS	Betty Kelepecz
13	Phalaenopsis Alliance	Phalaenopsis Surf Song 'Kumquat'	Debby Halliday
14	Specimen Plants	Cattleya Portia 'Cannizaro'	Gene Payne
15	Species over 6" tall	<i>Schomburgkia schultzei</i>	Tom Osborn
16	Species under 6" tall	<i>Oncidium onustum</i>	Kay Klausing
17	Displays	Tree with Species Plants	Bill Loy

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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

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

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Orchid Dates to Remember

January 2nd, 6:30 PM

SDCOS Culture Class

First Tuesday of the month

Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

January 2nd, 7:30 PM

SDCOS General Meeting

First Tuesday of the month

Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

January 3rd

Palomar Orchid Society Meeting

Culture class at 6:30; program at 7:00

First Wednesday of the month

Lake San Marcos Pavilion

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January 4th, 7:00 PM

SDCOS Board Meeting

Normally the Thursday following the General

Meeting, Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 104

January 6th

SDCOS Species Group Meeting

First Saturday of the month

Paul or Ann Tuskes (858) 274-5829

January 17th

Cymbidium Society Meeting

Regular meeting, third Wednesday of month

Culture class at 6:30, Meeting at 7:00

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January 27-28th

Orchids in the Park (SDCOS winter show)

Casa del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

Coming up...

February 6th, 6:30pm

SDCOS Culture Class

First Tuesday of the month

Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

February 6th, 7:30 PM

SDCOS General Meeting

First Tuesday of the month



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From the editor -

I hope everyone and their orchids had a great holiday season and the new year gets off to a great start. Bring your plants to the winter show, lots of stuff blooming. It's meteorological winter for the next 2 months but not too early to get ready for spring, and plan for the spring show! I generally acquire a few new plants in the spring at our show or other shows and am looking forward to the show season.

The near total lack of rain does not bode well for the region but my outdoor orchids generally like it as they don't like to be too wet in the winter. See Bruce's culture article in this issue!

For those of you who like podcasts, there are several interesting podcasts from earlier this year connected with the North American Orchid Conservation Center - see

<https://northamericanorchidcenter.org/category/podcast/>

Podcasts are a great way to enjoy the creativity of others and learn new things.

May your plants always grow!

David

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