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SPRING SHOW CELEBRATION PARTY & AWARDS BANQUET May 1st, 2018, 6:00 pm

By Debby Halliday

Happy May Day! What better way to celebrate than reliving the glory of our Orchid Mardi Gras spring show with the Annual Awards Banquet. The show was a great success. The displays were stunning and we had a huge number of beautiful individual orchids on view. More visitors came this year and our vendors were happy with their sales. Thanks again to all who brought plants and volunteered.

Our May meeting is set aside as a party night for all of you wonderful members. In addition to dinner and conversation, Ann and Paul Tuskes will present a slide show highlighting the prize winning orchids and displays and the dedicated volunteers at our show. Prepare to enjoy an evening of delicious food and patting yourselves on the back for a job well done.

The theme for the evening will be Orchid Mardi Gras, and the club will provide some delicious Cajun entrees and non-alcoholic beverages. We ask that you bring a food item to share as well. If you did not have a chance to sign up at the last meeting, just choose a category below and bring a dish you like.

Here are the categories:

- Appetizers
- Salads
- Breads
- Vegetable or Side Dish
- Dessert

It's always fun to explore the tasty offerings our members bring in.

Please note that there is no plant forum or plant opportunity table this month. However, we would all appreciate your bringing in a blooming orchid to use as a table decoration.

There will still be AOS judging in room 104 as usual at 6pm.

I urge you to come enjoy the fun. Unfortunately, I will be out of town, but Kay Klausing and Carey McCoy have graciously come to the rescue and planned a delicious evening!

President's Message Kay Klausing, President

Dear SDCOS Members,

In celebration of our beautiful "Mardi Gras" Spring Show, we'll enjoy our Annual Awards Banquet this month, in place of our regularly scheduled meeting. The society will provide the main course which will be Cajun food matching the show theme as a "Thank you" to all the volunteers. This show wouldn't have been possible without all your help. A Special Thanks go to Debby Halliday and Jack Schaefer, our show co-coordinators – their tireless efforts were essential to the show's success.

We are already in the middle of spring and summer is approaching fast. Most orchids have started their new growth and are sending out new roots – now is time to repot and discard the spent medium. The new roots find the fresh medium to grow into and form a healthy root system. This is essential to support strong new growth that will produce an abundance of flowers.

I hope you are well along into your repotting activity.

Happy growing!

Kay Klausing

President, SDCOS

SDCOS Members Support the Coronado Flower Show

The Coronado Flower Show was April 21 & 22 in Spreckels Park in Coronado. SDCOS members once again stepped up and brought in a beautiful selection of plants to fill out the Orchid display and then came back to talk to the visitors. Jerry & Anita Spencer, Carol Kerr, David Brown, Ken Campbell and Debby Halliday all helped fill the tables with beauties to support this great outreach event. Thank you to Tom Ketelaar and Cheryl Adams who also volunteered their time.

The booth was crowded all weekend with enthusiastic visitors. All were amazed by the beauty and variety of the flowers. We gave out lots of bookmarks and informed people about our upcoming July Show in the Park. It's surprising how many people are still just discovering our orchid shows.

We also impressed the judges and took home some awards. Jerry and Anita won Best Cattleya for their gorgeous specimen of Cattleya Blazing Treat and Best Cymbidium for their beautifully



grown Cym. Pat Ann. Debby won Best Orchid for her *Encyclia profusa* with its profusion of flowers. Everyone took home plenty of blue ribbons. Good effort and thank you all!

Coronado Flower Show Photos



Catt. Blazing Treat



Cym. Pat Ann



Encyclia profusa

Judging at the San Diego Judging Center (Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park), April, 2018.

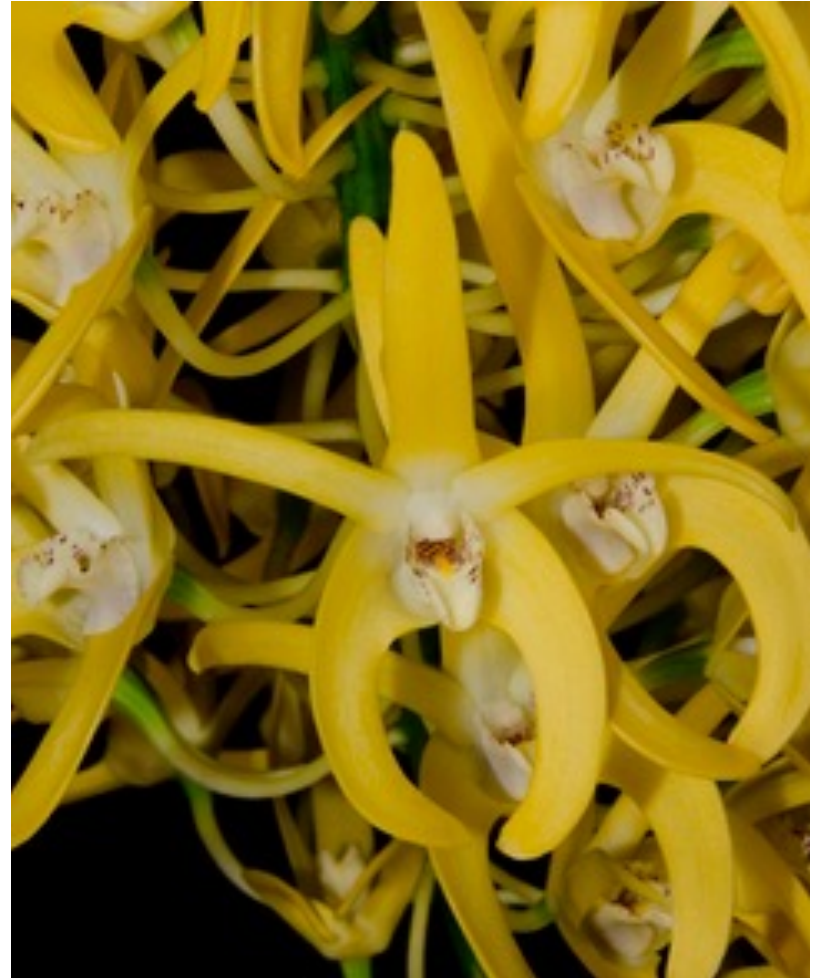
Text by Phyllis Prestia. Photos by Arnold Gum

Two orchids were awarded:

Bct. Estrella del Aconguija 'Sunset Flares' HCC
Exhibited by Ruben Colmanares
Awarded HCC/AOS 76 points



Dendrobium speciosum 'Charley's Gold' HCC
Exhibited by Charlie Fouquette
Awarded HCC 76 points



Note: CSA judging at the Huntington in June will be canceled due to the Orchid Digest Speakers Day scheduled at the same time and at the same place.

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Orchid Dates to Remember

May 1st, 6:00 PM

SDCOS Spring Show Celebration and Party

First Tuesday of the month

Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

May 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

May 3rd

SDCOS Board Meeting

Normally the Thursday following the General

Meeting, Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room104

May 5th

SDCOS Species Group Meeting

First Saturday of the month

Paul or Ann Tuskes (858) 274-5829

May 11th

San Diego County Fair - Orchid Shows

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Go to sdfair.com/entry to enter.

May 16th

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

May 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...

June 5th, 6:30PM

SDCOS Culture Class

First Tuesday of the month

Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park,

Room 101

June 5th, 7:30PM

SDCOS Speaker

Karen Muir - Dendrobium Orchids

of Asia

The March and April Board

Minutes are located in the

website's *minutes* directory:

http://sdorchids.com/minutes/2018_03.pdf

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From the Membership Desk

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Bob

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From the Editor:

The newsletter is very short this month but there is still a lot happening! The plant forum photos will appear on the website thanks to Scott La Bouff and Jack Schaefer, but will no longer be in the newsletter.

The society needs a new newsletter editor - anyone interested please contact Kay Klausing.

May your plants always grow and bloom!

David