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General Meeting, June 5th 7:30 pm

Karen Muir: Dendrobium Orchids of Southeast Asia

Article by Debby Halliday, First VP

Karen Muir will be our speaker in June. She will be discussing the Southeast Asian Dendrobiums. There are around 1600 species of dendrobiums, but their main populations have distinctive characteristics.



Den. nobile hybrid

The Asian dendrobiums look quite different from their cousins in New Guinea, Australia, and the Philippines. Many of our favorite dendrobiums are part of the Asian group, including *nobile*, *lindleyii*, and *unicum* to name a few. It will be very instructive and interesting to explore this lovely group of dendrobiums in more detail.

Karen is originally from Michigan where she began raising orchids around 1972. She was a member of the Michigan Orchid Society and held all the offices of the Society including show chair, program chair, vice president, and president. Karen became an accredited American Orchid Society Judge in 1997. In 1998, she was transferred by her Company, Lincoln Mercury, to Irvine, California and retired in January 2002.

Karen also served five years as the American Orchid Society Chair of the Pacific South Judging Region and has traveled to Canada, Guatemala, Peru, Ecuador, Brazil, South Africa, England, and Japan to attend and judge orchid shows. She has lectured on the Society circuit in the US, including the California Paphiopedilum Guild, the Slipper Alliance, NCOS (National Capital Orchid Society) Paphiopedilum Forum, two South African Paphiopedilum Conferences, and the Paph Forum in London, England. Karen is now the Affiliated Societies Representative and Treasurer for



Karen Muir

the Orchid Digest. She resides in Laguna Niguel, CA.

Karen spoke to our club several years ago about Maxillarias and I still grow her namesake, *Maxillaria Karen Muir*. You are most welcome to join us for dinner at the Prado and get to know Karen a bit better. Please let me know in advance so I can reserve the right table. You pay for your own dinner, but the conversation is free!

I am really looking forward to this talk. Dendrobiums grow very well in our area and give us beautiful cascades of flowers in the spring. We all should be including them in our collections. Don't miss this chance!

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General Meeting, cont.

Opportunity table will be provided by Lico Orchids and should include some Dendrobiums. Plan to buy tickets!

NOTE: Karen will also be speaking at the Palomar Orchid Society on June 6th. Her topic will be “What Makes a Good Paph”.



Den. lindleyi

From the Membership Desk

Article by Bob Clark, Membership Chair

I want to remind you if your name, address, email address, or phone number has changed recently, please notify Membership at a General Meeting, email me at membership@sdorchids.com, or leave a message at (858) 270-8352. We have no new members to report for the month of May. Talk up the Society to your friends and enemies, too.

Culture Class, June 5th 6:30 pm

Pedro Sanchez and John Oswalt: How to Mount Orchids and Successfully Grow Them

Article by John Oswalt, Second VP

This month's culture class presenters will share valuable information on how to mount orchids and successfully grow them. There will also be a demonstration. Please join us to learn some creative ways to try this with some of your favorite orchids and enjoy them in your home, greenhouse, or patio. Bring a little “native culture” to your home!

There is something really special about mounted orchids. To see an orchid grow as it would in nature, as an epiphyte clinging to



Den. unicum

a tree, is a fun and educational way to experience growing these beautiful plants.

Pedro and John will share some of their favorite orchids to mount and some of the mounting media they use. They will also discuss culture tips to grow them successfully.

Please join us for this enlightening Culture Class which starts at 6:30 pm... Hope to see you there!

Election of Officers

Article by Pam Peters, Nominating Committee Chair

The SDCOS Board elections are coming up at the June 5th general meeting with new terms starting in July. In accordance with Article VI, Section 2.b of the SDCOS By-Laws, the SDCOS Nominating Committee, comprised of Tom Biggart, Ron Kaufmann, Sima Perkins, Pam Peters, and Jack Schaefer is recommending the following nominations for members of the 2018-2019 Board of Directors:

President: Kay Klausung
1st Vice President: Debby Halliday
2nd Vice President: John Oswalt
Secretary: Tom Ketelaar
Treasurer: Myra DeTate
Director-at-Large: Carey McCoy

Nominations may also be made by general membership from the floor at the time of the Annual Meeting on June 5th and prior to the

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voting on the candidates. Any person who is nominated from the floor must be present at the meeting.

If there is only one nominee for each office, a motion to cast a unanimous ballot for the slate of officers may be made. If there is more than one candidate for any office then a vote by written ballot shall be taken. The candidate receiving a majority of the votes cast shall be declared elected. In the event no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast, another ballot shall be taken on the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes. The Officers and Director elected at the Annual Meeting in June shall be duly installed at the regular meeting in July.

President's Message

Article by Kay Klausing, President

Dear SDCOS Members,

I am preparing a series of short surveys about our newsletter, general meetings, and website. I want to know if you are satisfied with what we are offering and would also like to hear your suggestions on improvements. I want to streamline and modernize these three cornerstones of our society and suit them to the needs of you, our members. So please take the time to fill out the surveys – I promise to keep them short so they won't take more than a couple of minutes to complete. I need your input to make this a success.

Happy growing!

2018 CSA San Marino Judging Center Schedule	
Judging Cymbidiums, Paphiopedilums, Phragmipediums	
Huntington Botanical Gardens Mishler Resource Bldg. 1151 Oxford Rd. San Marino, CA 91108	
1:00 p. m. Judging 12:30 p.m. Orchid Registration	
Jan. 6	July 14
Feb. 10	Aug. 11
March 10 Cancelled	Sept. 8
April 14	Oct. 13
May 12	Nov. 10
June 9	Dec. 8

Contact Phyllis Prestia, San Marino Judging Chair
orchids1@mac.com

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

Text and Photos by Phyllis Prestia

Fourteen orchids were exhibited. Three orchids were awarded:



Phal. Haur Jih Fancy 'San Jacinto'
AM/AOS
Exhibited by Glenn Stahl
Awarded AM/AOS 88 points



Phal. San Jacinto Rose 'Susan'
AM/AOS
Exhibited by Glenn Stahl
Awarded AM/AOS 81 points



Phrag. Acker's Royalty 'Bell' Orchidea'
HCC/AOS
Exhibited by Phyllis Prestia
Awarded HCC/AOS 78 points

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San Diego Bromeliad Society Show and Sale

Article by Juliana Raposo
Editor, SDBS

Coffee and milk, Lennon and McCartney, orchids and bromeliads... certain things just go well together. Many of us plant lovers find that orchids and broms make each other happy and look stunning when grown side-by-side in our collections. Plus, many

bromeliads are great landscaping plants - they will add a distinguished touch to any San Diego garden. This June, the San Diego Bromeliad Society invites all our orchid friends to visit the World Bromeliad Conference Show & Sale for a unique opportunity to see and buy bromeliads from the best growers in the country.

This special Show & Sale is part of the biannual conference of the Bromeliad Society International and attracts

bromeliophiles from all over the world. The Bromeliad Show & Sale is **free and open to the public**, so why not check it out? It will be a nice weekend outing at the Paradise Point Resort & Spa, the lush destination hotel on Mission Bay. We want to invite the local community to attend. Come see the show displays and buy bromeliads that you can't find in your local nursery. For a complete list of participating vendors visit <http://www.sandiegobromeliadsociety.org/more-sales-vendors.html>



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The WBC 2018 happens at the Paradise Point Resort & Spa located at 1404 Vacation Rd, San Diego from May 29 to June 3. May 29 & 30 see schedule and conference registration at www.bsi.org June 1, 2 & 3 Bromeliad Show and Sale free and open to the public. Free parking. Friday, June 1 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Saturday June 2 & Sunday June 3 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Hope to see you there! Cheers,

Juliana Raposo
Editor, SDBS

Board Minutes

The SDCOD Board meeting minutes for May can be found on our website at:

http://sdorchids.com/minutes/2018_05.pdf

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ORCHID DEMONSTRATION DAY AT THE DEL MAR FAIR: Wednesday, June 20 12pm and 2pm

Article by Debby Halliday, First VP

The Del Mar Fair opens soon. I hope a lot of you have entered the weekly orchid shows (entry deadline was May 11). These are a great place to raise awareness of orchids and to promote our club. We will have a poster and bookmarks available for the taking. Most important – as the regulars know – you can win monetary prizes for every ribbon.

The other orchid related event is on Wednesday, June 20. We have the opportunity to speak and demonstrate to the public about orchids. The topic is “Orchids That Grow Outside in San Diego and How to Repot Them” Hands-On-Workshop. Sessions are at 12pm and 2pm. If you can participate as a speaker or demonstrator at this event, it will be much appreciated.

Please contact me at debhallid@gmail.com if you can be part of this project. I have exhibitor access passes and a delivery permit to get our supplies and plants in. With the access pass, you will have free entry to the fair for the rest of the day. There will also be a sign-up sheet at the meeting.

Chatting up the folks is fun! You should try it.

VIRUS TESTING SERVICE

Article by Debby Halliday, First VP

We are still 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 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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Orchid Dates to Remember:

June 2nd

SDCOS Species Group Meeting

Breakfast 8:30 am, meeting 9:00 am

First Saturday of the month

Paul or Ann Tuskes (858) 274-5829

June 5th

SDCOS June Meeting

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

First Tuesday of the month

Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

June 6th

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

June 7th

SDCOS Board Meeting

Thursday following the General Meeting

Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 104

June 15th

San Diego Zoo's Orchid Odyssey

10 AM-2 PM (orchid greenhouse is open)

Third Friday of the month

Janette Gerrity (619) 231-1515 ext. 4306

June 20th

Cymbidium Society Meeting

Meeting at 6:30-9pm

Third Wednesday of month

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From the Editor:

Hello everyone,

I will be taking over as SDCOS Newsletter Editor going forward. David Eveleth has been the Newsletter Editor for the past four years and has seen the Newsletter through some interesting changes. I want to thank him for all the work he's put in month after month to help keep the society informed and connected.

I'm excited to be stepping into this role and look forward to seeing what I can bring to the table. I ask for your patience as I find my feet and as we try to find a format and design that serves us best going forward.

To help make sure nothing gets left out of the newsletter, I've set up this email address:

SDCOSNewsletter@gmail.com

Please have submissions in to me by the 15th of the month to be considered and reviewed for inclusion.

Best of luck growing!

David Vandenbroek

In all things, do your best.