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Ctsm. Chuck Taylor 'Wow' x Ctsm. *denticulatum* 'SVO II' AM/AOS  
Plant and photo by Dan Forbes

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## Peter Tobias Awarded Orchid Digest Medal of Honor

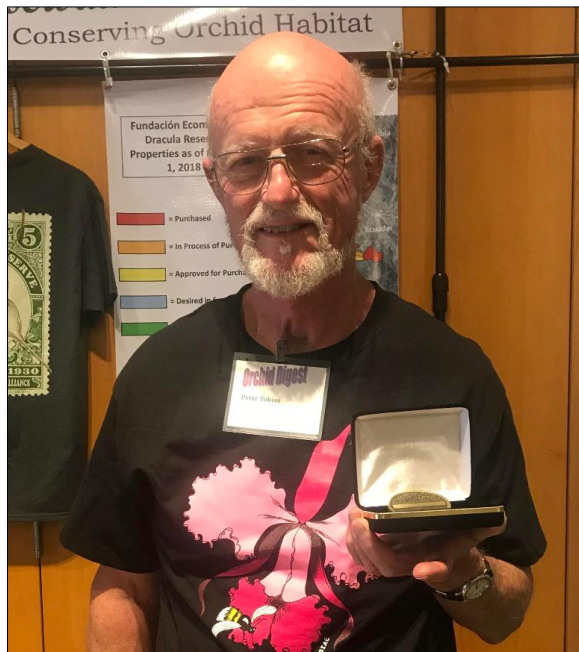
Article by Pam Peters

At the June 9 Orchid Digest Speakers' Day, Dr. Harold Koopowitz, VP of the Orchid Digest Corporation, announced that the Publication Committee had bestowed the prestigious Orchid Digest Medal of Honor for Meritorious Service to the Orchid World to Peter Tobias. Peter is the founder and President of the Orchid Conservation Alliance (OCA). The award is for his efforts and those of the OCA to create protected reserves where wild orchids can continue to live and blossom.

The OCA was founded in 2006. To date, the OCA has raised slightly more than \$500,000 and has created reserves in Brazil, Ecuador,



and Colombia. Preservation of natural orchid habitat preserves the orchids, their pollinators, their genetic diversity, and other fauna, as well as the birds, frogs, insects, reptiles, and mammals in the forests where they live. Our heartiest congratulations to Peter!



Peter Tobias



*Laelia purpurata* 'Schusteriana'

## General Meeting, July 3<sup>rd</sup> 7:30 pm

### Tim Culbertson: *Laelia purpurata*, The Queen of the Cattleyas

Article by Debby Halliday, First VP

I am pleased to announce that Tim Culbertson will be back as our speaker for July. It is always a treat to welcome Tim as he is a lively and entertaining speaker who knows a lot about orchids.

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 Gardens in Philadelphia just after college. From the 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 an 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

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and documenting cultivated species and hybrids for their herbarium. In short, I really like plants.

For your meeting, I'll be sharing a presentation on *Laelia purpurata*, the Queen of the Cattleyas. Although large, these spectacular cattleyas grow well outside in Southern California, and with their myriad colors and a relatively unique blooming time, these are great plants for every collection, extending the blooming times in the Cattleya Alliance through July. With more and more *Laelia purpurata* clones and seedlings coming in from Brazil, and large grexes being bred in the United States, these stately, magnificent plants have seen a resurgence in popularity of late, and with good reason! By the end of this presentation, you will have a new appreciation of the range of color forms of *Laelia purpurata* and its hybrids, as well as an appreciation of their beautiful flowers and ease-of-growth."

*Laelia purpurata* certainly belongs in every collection. Don't miss this very interesting presentation!



Tim Culbertson

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](mailto:debhallid@gmail.com) so I can save you a seat.

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### Culture Class, July 3<sup>rd</sup> 7:30 pm

#### Culture Tips from a Panel of Successful Growers

Article by John Oswalt

I am excited to share with you our plans for the July culture class. This month you will have a unique opportunity to hear tips from some of your fellow SDCOS successful orchid growers! We will present a panel of your peers who will share their insight and answer your questions. The panel will be moderated by John Oswalt.

Please come with your questions and your notepad. Which orchids grow best outdoors in San Diego? Which orchids are best for your window sill? What have the panelists learned about water, fertilizer, light, and pest control? Which pots and potting media do these panelists prefer? Which orchids are recommended for beginners? Do these panelists have a favorite orchid to grow?

We hope that you will join us for this enlightening panel discussion which starts at 6:30 pm... We will start promptly on time. Hope to see you there!



*Laelia purpurata*

#### From the Membership Desk

Article by Bob Clark, Membership Chair

Please welcome Deborah Feuerborn back into the Society.

If your name, email address, mailing address, or phone number changes please notify Membership at a General Meeting, email [membership@sdorchids.com](mailto:membership@sdorchids.com), or leave a message at (858) 270-8352.

#### Method of Automatic Membership Renewal:

I wanted to remind you of an online method to automatically renew your Society membership annually. We have a method setup using PayPal to do this. Each year on the anniversary of when you set up the first payment, PayPal will pay your Society membership. Upon each payment, PayPal will email you about the transaction and also notify the Society Treasurer. This can be setup for an individual or a dual membership.

If you are interested, here are directions. I would suggest you follow these instructions

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when you get your Society Membership renewal notice in the mail. If you have any questions please contact me. To establish a PayPal payment to the Society go to the home page, [www.sdorchids.com](http://www.sdorchids.com) and click on the Membership button on the left side. On the SDCOS Membership page click on “**We’re easy to join**” and this will take you to ‘SDCOS Membership Application Form’ page. Here there is a button for an **individual** membership and one for **dual** membership. Click the one applicable to your membership and you will be taken to a PayPal form for that membership. Fill out the form to make PayPal happy, and Viola it’s done.



*Phal. violacea* f. indigo  
Plant and photo by Dan Forbes

### Summer Show in the Park

Article by Dave Hoffmaster

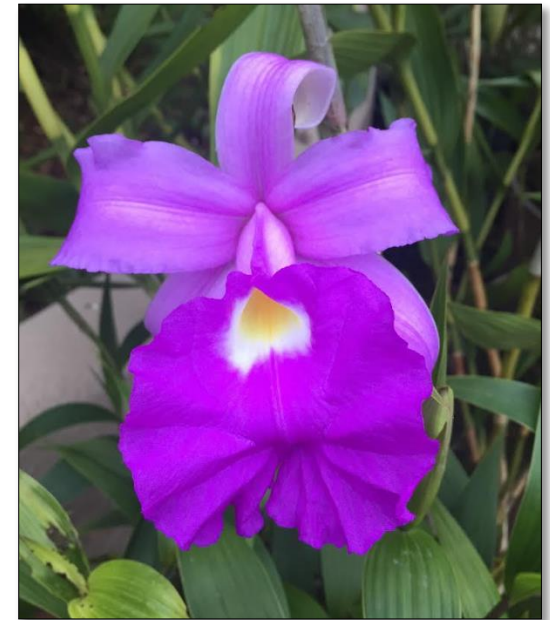
The next show in the park is coming up July 28 & 29, so mark your calendars. It will be in room 101 of Casa del Prado in Balboa Park. We encourage everyone to bring in their blooming orchids to display and help us fill up the room with beautiful blooms. The more plants the better. Plant registration is from 3:00 – 7:00 Friday afternoon and from 8:00-9:00 Saturday morning. Please bring in your plants as early as possible so we can register and display them before judging starts.

We will have both AOS and ribbon judging at this show starting at 10:00 Saturday morning. If you have questions about judging, the rules are published on our website. If you are interested and want to participate in judging that morning, please contact Pam Peters and let her know. Working as part of a judging team is a good way to learn about orchids and to meet members of our society.

Volunteers are needed to set up and work the show. It all starts Friday afternoon as we load up the materials we need and bring them to the park. It continues during the show and ends with packing everything up at the end. We need help loading the truck and setting up the room on Friday. We need help all day Saturday and Sunday with things like security, the cash register and the plant hotel. We encourage you to help out as it makes our show a success and it gives you an opportunity to meet other members of the society. If you wish to help, there is a volunteer page on our web site and you can see all the different positions available.

The show will feature a number of vendors selling orchids to tempt you. We will also have a members table where individuals can bring in plants to sell. If you wish to sell plants, please contact me, Dave Hoffmaster (davehoff5@yahoo.com). Members that want to sell plants will need bar codes for them and that needs to be arranged in advance.

Conservation will be selling plants to raise money for their projects. If you have plants you wish to donate to the cause, please bring them in Friday afternoon or early Saturday morning. If you cannot bring them to Balboa Park, you need to contact Ron Kaufmann or Betty Kelepecz to make other arrangements.



*Sobralia macrantha*  
Plant and photo by Betty Kelepecz



Sobralia Veitchii  
Plant and photo by Betty Kelepecz

**President's Message**  
Article by Kay Klausing, President

Dear SDCOS Members,

I have finished preparing the first of a series of surveys. This one is about the General Meeting and you should have received an email notification with a link to the survey website (Survey Monkey). The survey should take about 2 minutes to complete (excluding the comment boxes which will vary depending on comment length, of course). You now have a voice in guiding the society, so please take the time to complete this survey. The Board needs to know if you are satisfied with the content of the General Meeting and where we could improve. A good monthly meeting is key to attracting new members and retaining the current membership.

Happy growing!

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**Board and General Meeting Minutes**

The SDCOS Board meeting minutes for June can be found on our website at:

[http://sdorchids.com/minutes/2018\\_06.pdf?page=1#view=FitB](http://sdorchids.com/minutes/2018_06.pdf?page=1#view=FitB)

Additionally, June's General Meeting minutes can be found on our website at:

[http://sdorchids.com/minutes/2018\\_06\\_GnrlMtg.pdf?page=1#view=FitB](http://sdorchids.com/minutes/2018_06_GnrlMtg.pdf?page=1#view=FitB)

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## Orchid Dates to Remember:

July 3rd  
**SDCOS June Meeting**  
Culture class at 6:30; program at 7:30  
First Tuesday of the month  
Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

July 5th  
**SDCOS Board Meeting**  
Thursday following the General Meeting  
Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room104

July 7th  
**SDCOS Species Group Meeting**  
Breakfast 8:30 am, meeting 9:00 am  
First Saturday of the month  
Paul or Ann Tuskes (858) 274-5829

July 11th  
**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 20th  
**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

On Hiatus July and August  
**Cymbidium Society Meeting**  
Normally Third Wednesday of month  
aaallen@cox.net or (760) 533-4975



**Orchid Show  
and Sale  
September 15 & 16**

**Orchids-R-Easy Classes All Weekend**

Sales: Sat 9-5 & Sun 9-4  
Show: Sat 11-5 & Sun 9-4  
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**From the Editor:**

Hello everyone,

Thanks for making the transition to the new email for Newsletter submissions! Just a reminder: if you want something to be considered for inclusion in the NL, email it to [SDCOSNewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:SDCOSNewsletter@gmail.com) by the Saturday after 15<sup>th</sup> if it falls on a weekday or the 15<sup>th</sup> if it falls on a weekend. I do the NL the weekend of the 15<sup>th</sup>, so please make sure you have submissions in before then.

I'd also like to encourage you to volunteer to help out at our summer show, which Dave talks about on Page 4. We can always use some help!

That's all I have for this time around.

Best of luck growing!

David

*In all things, do your best.*