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Tolumnia Pretty in Pink  
Plant by Debby Halliday, Photo by David Vandebroek

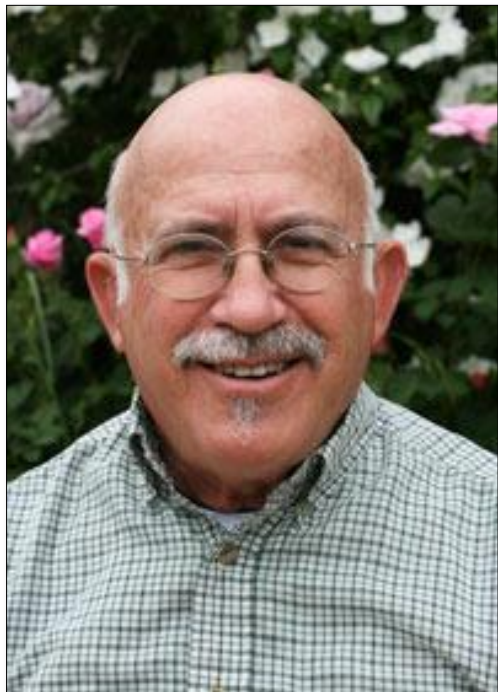
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### General Meeting, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm Harold Koopowitz: Breeding the New Miniature Slipper Orchids

Article by Debby Halliday, First VP

Attention Paphiophiles! This meeting is for you. Harold Koopowitz will be talking to us about his breeding of new miniature slipper orchids. He will also supply the Opportunity Table with some of the orchids he's been developing.

Harold grew up in South Africa where he attended university, majoring in both Botany and Zoology. He then completed a doctorate at UCLA in California in 1968. A professor at the University of California at Irvine since graduating, he was also the Director of the UCI Arboretum for twenty years. He is now



Harold Koopowitz

Professor Emeritus of Biology in the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at UCI, where he did research on conservation and ecology. He was also Editor-in-Chief of the Orchid Digest for ten years and still works on the editorial committee of that journal.

He gardens in Tustin, California, and is well known internationally for breeding both Slipper Orchids and Miniature Daffodils. He was a partner in Paphanatics, unLimited with Norito Hasegawa.

Harold has written over a hundred scientific papers and book chapters as well as many popular articles on orchids. He has also authored eight books. His most recent orchid book is *Tropical Slipper Orchids* and he is currently working on several new books, including another one on *Slipper Orchids*.

He also writes fiction, novels, and short stories that have orchid themes. *Orchid Tales* is a compendium of his short stories. His latest adventure novel is *The Emerald Orchid* about an albino *Paph. rothschildianum*. Harold will be bringing some of his novels for sale at the meeting.

Harold has been honored by being a recipient of numerous horticultural prizes and medals over the years including the Orchid Digest Medal for meritorious service to orchids, the Gold Medal from the American Orchid Society, and the Westonbirt Medal from the Royal Horticultural Society for outstanding achievement with orchids.

I am so pleased that Harold can join us in August and am really looking forward to

seeing what he has been able to develop in miniature slipper orchids. It takes many years from seed to blooming with slipper orchids, so I respect his patience and dedication. These charming plants will be good additions to anyone's collection.

If you would like to join us for dinner, please let me know. We meet at room 101 at 5:30 and then go to dinner at the Prado. Harold is very well traveled and an interesting man to talk to. It's a fun way to start the evening.



Miniature vs Standard Paphiopedilums

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## Culture Class, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm

### Elaine and Stephanie Luevanos: How to Make an Orchid Corsage

Article by John Oswalt

We all enjoy admiring the beauty of our beautiful orchid flowers at home, at our monthly meetings, and at our shows, but we also love how they look in the form of a corsage worn by our favorite person!

According to Wikipedia, "The word corsage comes from the French term *bouquet de corsage*, meaning "a bouquet of the bodice" which was traditionally worn by women to weddings and funerals. Eventually, the term shortened to *corsage*.

In the early 19th century, corsages were regarded as a courting gift and were often given at formal dances. Traditionally, the gentleman would bring a gift of flowers for his date's parents and would select one of the flowers to give to his date, which would then be carried or attached to her clothing, usually on the shoulder. During the 1950s, some corsages were made with fruit and would be seen on hats for decoration. As dress styles changed, pinning the corsage to the dress became impractical, and wrist corsages became the norm.

Today's corsages are still very similar to those made in previous decades, although they are much smaller now. It is still customary for a male to give his female date a corsage when attending a formal dance, but they are also sometimes given to a daughter attending a formal event by her

parents or worn by the mothers and grandmothers of the bride and groom at a wedding. Corsages are often dried and pressed to be preserved as mementos."

I am delighted to announce that Elaine and Stephanie Luevanos will teach a brief session on "How to Make an Orchid Corsage" for our August Culture Class. Elaine and Stephanie lead the SDCOS Spring Show's Corsage Team and will share some of the methods they use in making corsages available at the spring shows.

Please join us for a fun and informative session to learn how to turn your orchids into a beautiful corsage! The presentation will begin promptly at 6:30 pm. Hope to see you there!

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### President's Message

Article by Kay Klausing, President, SDCOS

Dear SDCOS Members,

Thank you to those who have filled out the surveys about the General Meeting – the board values your feedback and we work hard to implement your suggestions. More than 80% of the respondents regularly attend the meeting and the majority is happy with it and the content – which is good news.

We received the topics you are most interested in for both the culture class and main presentation. One thing we need to work on is preventing the meeting from getting too drawn out by streamlining it and running it more tightly with less time wasted between sections. I already make an agenda

for each meeting and will now be enforcing it more diligently.

I am in the process of creating additional surveys to get your input on how to invigorate the society, so please take the 2-3 minutes to fill them out when you get them.

Happy growing!

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### Board and General Meeting Minutes

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

[http://sdorchids.com/minutes/2018\\_07.pdf?page=1#view=FitB](http://sdorchids.com/minutes/2018_07.pdf?page=1#view=FitB)

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

[http://sdorchids.com/minutes/2018\\_07\\_Gnr/Mtg.pdf?page=1#view=FitB](http://sdorchids.com/minutes/2018_07_Gnr/Mtg.pdf?page=1#view=FitB)

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### Ballot for the Spring Orchid Show Theme

The show committee has finalized the ballot for the Spring Orchid Show's theme. Members will vote during the August meeting which the final selection will be. The choices will be:

- Orchid Adventures
- Orchid Carousel
- Orchid Circus
- Orchids on Parade
- Orchid Treasures

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## NEWCOMER'S SUMMER POTTING WORKSHOP - NEW DATE: AUG 11, 2018

Article by Debby Halliday, First VP

Thank you to those who signed up for our potting workshop on July 14<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately, there were just too many competing opportunities for that weekend, so we didn't have enough people coming to proceed. We are going to try again in August! We hope that if you couldn't come in July, you will try to attend this make-up session. This is a great time for repotting your plants and, even more importantly, it's an excellent way to meet some of your officers and long-time members in a relaxed and friendly setting. We'll have lunch together with a dividing and potting demonstration followed by time to work on your own plants. There should be plenty of friendly experienced members on hand to help you.

We will meet at **12 pm** for potluck lunch and then get to work. This event is planned for the afternoon because our work area will be in the shade then. Ben Machado will provide medium and a range of pots. We will also supply scissors, labels, stakes, gloves, etc., so you only need to bring your plants. For best results, they should be showing new root growth. That will insure that they take off and grow immediately with minimum transplant shock.

We are asking for a nominal fee of \$3 per plant to cover the supplies you use. Ben will also have a few other items on hand for sale if you need them.

Please bring a lunch dish to share. We'll provide drinks and utensils. You are invited to enjoy the meal and conversation and take a tour of Debby's greenhouse and gardens before or after the workshop.



Please sign up in advance so that we can have a place for you to work and enough supplies. Here is the link for online signup:

<https://www.volunteersignup.org/PH4DM>

There will also be a sign-up sheet at the meeting.

Date: Saturday, Aug 11  
Time: 12 pm  
Address: 6769 La Valle Plateada  
Rancho Santa Fe  
**Cost: \$3.00 per plant**

Our workshops are really fun. Our participants always learn something and walk away with a new confidence in their ability to care for orchids.

NOTE – as always, you don't have to be a new member to come. If this session interests you, go ahead and sign up. You'll be welcome.



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Judging at the San Diego Judging Center  
(Casa del Prado, Balboa Park), July, 2018.

Text by Phyllis Prestia. Photos by Arnie Gum

Eleven orchids were exhibited. Seven orchids were awarded:



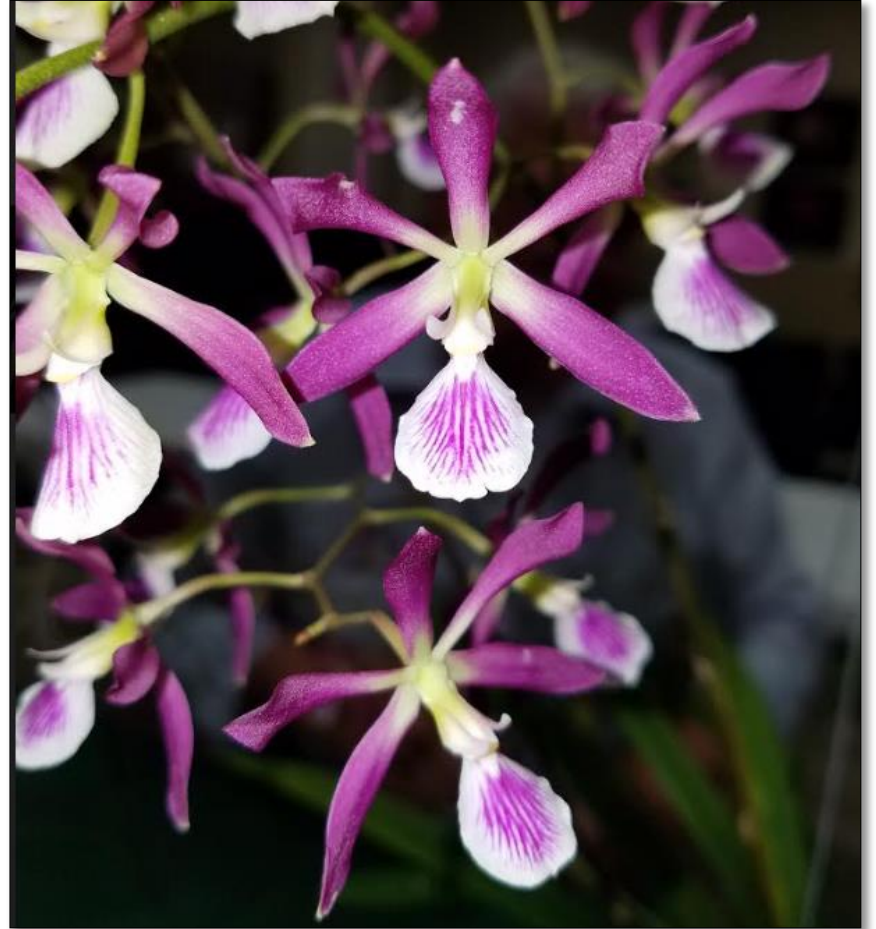
*Maxillaria tonsbergii* 'Spooky' CCE/AOS  
Exhibited by Betty Kelepecz  
Awarded CCE 90 points



Ctsm. Dark Odyssey 'SVO Black Cherry' AM/AOS  
Exhibited by Fred Clarke  
Awarded AM/AOS 85 points



*C. purpurata f. carnea* 'Tico Tico' AM/AOS  
Exhibited by Dave and Judy Smith  
Awarded AM/AOS 84 points



Enc. Lee Ward 'Arnie' AM/AOS  
Exhibited by Arnie Gum  
Awarded AM/AOS 80 points



*Brassavola cucullata*  
'Windflower' HCC/AOS  
Exhibited by Arnold Gum  
Awarded HCC/AOS 77  
points  
(Left)



Vandachostylis Viboon Velvet 'Collin'  
HCC/AOS  
Exhibited by Alan Del Castillo  
Awarded HCC/AOS 77 points  
(Above)



Paph. Nancy Depauw  
'Athena Marie' HCC/AOS  
Exhibited by Cheryl Adams  
Awarded HCC/AOS 77  
points  
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## Orchid Dates to Remember:

July 28th – 29th

### **Orchids in the Park**

Saturday 12-6 pm, Sunday 10 am-4 pm  
The SDCOS Summer show and sale in  
Balboa Park, Casa del Prado, room 101

August 1st

### **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 2nd

### **SDCOS Board Meeting**

First Thursday of the month  
Casa del Prado, Balboa Park, Room104

August 4th

### **SDCOS Species Group Meeting**

Breakfast 8:30 am, meeting 9:00 am  
First Saturday of the month  
Paul or Ann Tuskes (858) 274-5829

August 7th

### **SDCOS August Meeting**

Culture class at 6:30; program at 7:30  
First Tuesday of the month  
Casa del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

August 11th

### **Summer Potting Workshop**

12 pm  
Debby Halliday  
6769 La Valle Plateada, Rancho Santa Fe  
<https://www.volunteersignup.org/PH4DM>



**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  
Location: South Coast Botanic Garden  
26300 Crenshaw Blvd., Palos Verdes

- Buy direct from commercial growers
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- All day demonstrations on orchid care and repotting
- Stroll the botanical gardens

Admission: \$9 Adults \$6 Seniors  
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For all show information and map to gardens:  
[www.southbayorchidsociety.com](http://www.southbayorchidsociety.com)

August 17th

### **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

### **From the Membership Desk**

Article by Bob Clark, Membership Chair

Please welcome our newest members:  
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**From the Editor:**

Hello everyone,

I'm interested in new Newsletter ideas, so if people have things they'd like to see in here, let me know. Email me at [SDCOSNewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:SDCOSNewsletter@gmail.com).

We're always interested in quality content, so if you happen to think of a story that other members might be interested in, I encourage you to write it up and submit it for consideration. Again, all submissions are due by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.

Lastly, that potting workshop at Debby's (Page 4) looks pretty interesting – I've never been to one of these workshops and am planning to go. I hope some of you all decide to join too. 😊

That's all I have for this month. I hope you're all well. Best of luck growing!

David Vandebroek

*In all things, do your best.*