



**San Diego County Orchid
Society Newsletter
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Phrag. Living Fire 'James Wright' HCC/AOS
Plant by Debby Halliday, Photo by David Vandebroek

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General Meeting, September 4th, 7:30 pm
Tanya Lam: Long Lasting and Frequently Blooming Orchid Species
Text by Debby Halliday, First VP

September's topic should be interesting to everyone. We are all trying to create collections with at least a few blossoms to enjoy, no matter the time of year. Many of us are also becoming more interested in growing more of the many fascinating orchid species. This lecture brings together both of these desires with a talk about long lasting and frequently blooming orchid species.

Our speaker is Tanya Lam. Tanya is an accomplished orchid grower and has spoken to many societies on various orchid topics. She lives in San Jose California where she grows many orchid genera both outdoors and in greenhouses. Tanya is juggling every day to work full time, travel frequently for business, take care of family, and tend to her orchid collections. As Tanya has expanded her collections over the past 20 years, she



Tanya Lam with Cattleya Tanya Lam
'Bud Segreaves' HCC/AOS

has tried to have different orchids in bloom every day of the year. She does not want to miss seeing the blooms just because she is on business trips.

After seeing plants grow in their habitats in Thailand, Brazil, Ecuador, and China, she realized that the geographical diversity of orchids would help her achieve her goals. Tanya has now grown species from every continent and continues to search for long lasting and frequently blooming species to add to her collections.

For her presentation in September, she will share a list of recommended plants including photos and a brief overview of the growing conditions for each.

This is a great opportunity to learn about some orchid species that will add diversity and flowers to your collection. Don't miss it!

Tanya will also be speaking at the Palomar Orchid Society meeting on Wednesday night, where her topic will be "How to Get Your Orchids to Thrive in Challenging Environments".

You are invited to join us for dinner at the Prado Restaurant before Tanya's talk. We meet at 5:30 in room 101 and walk to the Prado for dinner at 5:45. Please let me know if you would like to join us so I can book the right table. You pay for your meal, but the conversation is free. Come get better acquainted with our speaker.

A reminder, we sent out a list of pre-sale orchids from Tanya which you can buy now and pick up at the meeting. You can notify Tanya directly at tanyah.lam@gmail.com. If

you have not received the list, email me at firstvp@sdorchids.com and I'll send you a pdf.

Board and General Meeting Minutes

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

http://sdorchids.com/minutes/2018_08.pdf

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

http://sdorchids.com/minutes/2018_08_Gnrl_Mtg.pdf

From the Membership Desk

Text by Bob Clark, Membership Chair

Please welcome our newest members: Rachel Burns, Dimitry Fisher, David Fisher, Jeana Fowler, Jean Ann Fowler, and Angela Najera.



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Culture Class, September 4th, 6:30 pm **Kay Klausing: Water – The Life Blood of Your Orchid**

Text by John Oswalt

No! Please do not water your orchids by placing ice cubes on the potting media once per week! Most of your orchids are native to tropical rainforests, or mountainous coastal regions or Mediterranean type climates. They do not like ice. The best way to care for your orchids is to simulate their natural habitat as much as possible and this includes giving them a quality drink of water.

We all know that San Diego water is not so healthy for our plants. Unless you live in parts of North County where clear water from the desalinization plant is blended with the local water, your water is hard, (high in total dissolved solids – TDS), alkaline (high pH) and likely high in chlorine. The dissolved solids are mostly salt and many of your orchids will not like this. When you add fertilizer to the water, you are essentially adding even more salt to the water. Your orchid might have trouble absorbing all the good nutrients, because of the bad salt in the water. Sounding hopeless and complicated?

Luckily, Kay Klausing is at your service to make sense of this! He will give us a water chemistry lesson that we can all understand. He will “boil this down”, (no pun intended), to the simple facts. Then, he will offer advice and simple lessons learned to help you properly care for your valuable plants. He will offer solutions and some options that you can choose from to make your plants happy. The session will be informative, fun and helpful. Please come with your questions.

Please join us for this fun and informative session prior to our main speaker. The presentation will begin promptly at 6:30 pm. Hope to see you there!

2019 Spring Show News

Text by Debby Halliday, First VP

We tallied your votes for show theme and the winning theme is Orchid Treasures. Thank you and congratulations to Sue Fouquette for her winning suggestion. She wins a one year subscription to Orchid Digest.

We will now get to work on a graphic for our posters and postcards. Your show committee is already meeting and planning for another outstanding show. As we get closer, we will be letting you know how you can participate and make this a very memorable and rewarding experience for both the public and our club.



Tolumnia sylvestre. Plant by Debby Halliday, Photo by David Vandenbroek

President's Message

Text by Kay Klausing, President, SDCOS

Dear SDCOS Members,

I hope your orchids are thriving at these tropical temperatures (and that your cold growing orchids are surviving). Water and fertilize them heavily so they can make good use of this weather and put out some strong and healthy new growth before fall temperatures slow things down.

I am not slowing down: I am preparing another survey. This one will be about our shows – one of the goals is to find out why volunteer participation in recent shows has been lagging somewhat.

I will also be sending out an email to all members who both have email and receive a printed copy of the newsletter. I want everybody to consider switching exclusively to the electronic form. Many other local societies have discontinued mailing printed copies. While we want to continue offering this option for those who really need it, SDCOS could save nearly \$1200 a year by doing this, as well as many volunteer hours each month (picking up the newsletter at the printer, stamping it, and mailing it from a post office). The electronic newsletter offers a few advantages to the reader: it contains more information (more pictures) and it is in color (we can't afford to print in color). So please help the society by opting out of the printed version if you have a computer or tablet.

Thank you and happy growing!

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July Show

Text by Dave Hoffmaster

We owe a thank you to all the people who helped with the latest orchid show in Balboa Park. It starts with the set up crew on Friday afternoon followed by members bringing in plants to display that evening. It ends with the take down on Sunday and a trip back to the storage locker. In between is the show itself and all the volunteers that help with things like security, plant hotel, coffee and snacks, kid's corner, speakers and all the activities that make the show a success. It was one of the best attended shows we have had in quite a while. Members brought in 142 plants to show and put up 2 displays.

Thanks go to Pam Peters and Jerry Spencer for their work on registering and setting up all the plants that our members brought in. Thanks also to the volunteers that judged and awarded the orchids on Saturday morning. A list with the winning plant for each section and its owner is included in this newsletter. There were a particularly high number of species orchids this time and it is always interesting to see the diversity they offer. There were also a high number of eye catching Vandas and Phalaenopsis to add some flair to the show. All in all, there were a lot of spectacular flowers and they made for quite a show. Thanks to all the people that brought in plants.

Another big part of the show is the orchid vendors and all the plants they have for sale. We had a total of 14 vendors with a stunning array of orchids for sale in addition to a number of plants offered by individual members. Conservation had a booth as well

and they brought in over \$3600 to fund their activities. All in all, we sold over \$20,000 worth of plants (including Conservation) which is a new record for shows in the park. Special thanks go out to the people that worked the cash register and the volunteers that worked the sales booths.

We have another show coming up at the end of October so start thinking about it. Start prepping your orchids to bring in and think about volunteering to help. It is a good way to meet other members and pick up tips about growing orchids.

Show Winners, July 2018			
Sec	Award	Orchid	Winner
	James & Lise Wright Best of Show	<i>Encyclia belizensis</i>	Corky Zumstein
	Forrest Robinson Cultural Award	<i>Encyclia belizensis</i>	Corky Zumstein
	People's Choice Award	Vanda (Fantastic Fanfare x <i>V. coerulea</i>)	Alan Castillo
1	Cymbidium Standard Hybrid	No Entries	-
2	Cymbidium Hybrid Miniature	No Entries	-
3	Cymbidium Hybrid Pendulous	No Entries	-
4	Cattleya Alliance Standard	Cattleya Pacavia	Anita & Jerry Spencer
5	Cattleya Alliance Compact	Bl. Richard Mueller x <i>C. mossiae</i>	George Pflaum
6	Cattleya Alliance Miniature	Lc. Jungle Eyes	Ken Campbell
7	Paphiopedilum Hybrid	Paphiopedilum St. Swithin	David Brown
8	Phragmipedium Hybrid	Phragmipedium Les Dirouilles	Debby Halliday
9	Oncidium Alliance Hybrid	Oncidium Sweet Sugar	Debby Halliday
10	Dendrobium Hybrids	Dendrobium Hibiki 'Sandra's Delight'	Debby Halliday
11	Vandaceous Alliance	Vanda (Fantastic Fanfare x <i>V. coerulea</i>)	Alan Castillo
12	Hybrids of Other Genera	<i>Encyclia</i> Renate Schmidt x <i>Encyclia aspera</i>	George Pflaum
13	Phalaenopsis Alliance	Phalaenopsis Jungle Magenta	Debby Halliday
14	Specimen Plants	<i>Encyclia belizensis</i>	Corky Zumstein
15	Species over 6" tall	<i>Maxillaria triloris</i>	John Alexander
16	Species under 6" tall	<i>Tolumnia velutina</i>	Kay Klausung
17	Displays	Double tree filled with spectacular species orchids	Bill Loy

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

Text and photos by Phyllis Prestia.

There were 11 orchids presented for judging.
Four were awarded:

[1] *Prosthechea mariae* 'Maggie' AM/AOS
Exhibited by Bill Loy
Awarded AM, 82 points

[2] *Oberonia toppingii* 'Audrey' CCM/AOS
Exhibited by Bill Loy
Awarded CCM, 87 points

[3] *Tolumnia* Sie's June Marie 'Oceanivew'
FCC/AOS
Exhibited by Alex Nadzan
Awarded FCC, 91 points

[4] *Phrag. Les Dirouilles* 'Miracles'
HCC/AOS
Exhibited by Deborah Halliday
Awarded HCC, 76 points



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

Text and photos by Phyllis Prestia.

Eleven orchids were exhibited. Five orchids
were awarded (cont. on next page):

[1] Paph. Kolosand 'Bravo Orchids' AM/AOS
Exhibited by William Tse
Awarded AM/AOS 87 points

[2] Paph. (Hilo Mojito x Hilo Key Lime) 'Bravo
Orchids' FCC/AOS
Exhibited by William Tse
Awarded FCC/AOS 90 points

[3] Ctsm. Lata Laxman 'Tyrone' AM/AOS
Exhibited by Charley Fouquette
Awarded AM/AOS 84 points



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Judging at the San Diego Judging Center (Casa del Prado, Balboa Park), August 2018, continued

Text and photos by Phyllis Prestia.

[1] *Rhynchostylis retusa* 'Charlie' AM/AOS

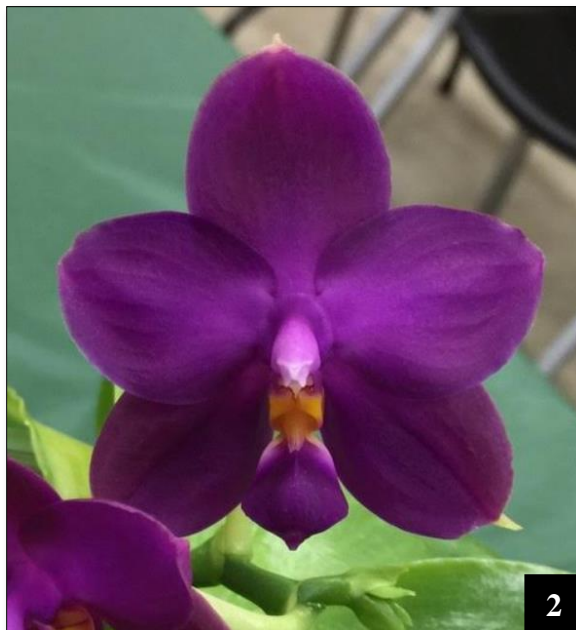
Exhibited by Alan Castillo

Awarded AM/AOS 82 points

[2] Phal. Yaphon Red Pearl 'Arnie' AM/AOS

Exhibited by Arnie Gum

Awarded AM/AOS 82 points



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Potting Workshop a Great Success!

Text by Debby Halliday, First VP

We had a well-attended and successful potting workshop at Debby Halliday's on August 11th. Over 20 people attended including John Oswalt, Dave Hoffmaster, and Jack Schaefer who contributed their expertise in helping other members with their potting projects. Ben Machado provided us with a variety of pots and choices of mediums, so everyone could find the supplies they needed.

The workshop started promptly at noon with a delicious buffet of potluck offerings from our participants. Although the weather was warm, we all agreed that it was no worse than anywhere else that day. At least we had shade and a breeze. I think everyone

enjoyed getting to know one another as we sat around several round tables in the garden for lunch.

Then it was time to get down to business. Debby gave a demonstration of repotting an overgrown *Phalaenopsis*. The group was attentive and asked great questions. John Oswalt then tackled an extremely overgrown *Cattleya*, showing members how to get it out of the pot and divided into reasonable pieces. He then demonstrated potting some of the pieces up into new free standing plants. (We are growing the 6 divisions from this donated plant and they will be available for sale once they have settled in.)

Members then brought out their own plants and the job of repotting got underway in earnest. It's different to repot a plant with



your own hands, with expert advice, than it is to just watch someone else do it. Participants got better and more confident as the workshop went on. John had a cymbidium group on the lawn, where they spread out burlaps and really got their hands dirty! Cymbidium repotting is a hard job and everyone appreciated having John's help to do it.

After the plants were safe in their new pots, most of the group toured Debby's greenhouse and gardens. It was a busy afternoon, but people went home satisfied, confident, and having made some new friends. It was a worthwhile day!

Special thanks to all who stayed late and helped clean up the patio and kitchen.



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Orchid Dates to Remember:

September 1st

SDCOS Species Group Meeting

Breakfast 8:30 am, meeting 9:00 am

First Saturday of the month

Paul or Ann Tuskes (858) 274-5829

September 4th

SDCOS September Meeting

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

First Tuesday of the month

Casa del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

September 5th

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

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September 6th

SDCOS Board Meeting

First Thursday of the month

Casa del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 104

September 15th-16th

South Bay Orchid Society's Orchid Show

Sales: Sat 9-5 & Sun 9-4

Show: Sat 11-5 & Sun 9-4

South Coast Botanic Garden

26300 Crenshaw Blvd., Palos Verdes

September 21st

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



**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
- See award winning orchids/displays
- All day demonstrations on orchid care and repotting
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From the Editor:

Hello everyone,

Thanks to everyone who helped make our summer show the most successful we've had! Congrats to all the show winners – there were some spectacular plants submitted.

Special thanks to Debby Halliday for hosting the potting workshop this month – I had a blast and learned some new things – I highly recommend some of you attend next time you get the chance. (Review on Page 8)

We've also settled on a theme for next year's spring show: "Orchid Treasures." I'm looking forward to seeing how the members and the Show Committee use that theme to shape the show.

Small reminder: if you want something to be considered for inclusion in the NL, email it to SDCOSNewsletter@gmail.com by the Saturday after 15th of that month. I'm always looking for articles and suggestions.

That's all I have for this time around. Best of luck growing!

David Vandebroek

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