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Prosthechea radiata
Photo by David Vandenbroek

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General Meeting, November 6th, 7:30 pm
Brandon Tam: Wild Orchids of Ecuador
Text by Debby Halliday, First VP

Our speaker for November will be Brandon Tam, from The Huntington in San Marino, CA. His talk will be on "The Wild Orchids of Ecuador". This presentation will be about his trip to Ecuador in May of 2017 with Pepe Portilla (President of Ecuagenera). He will explore with us the diversity of orchids in Ecuador, which has the most orchid species per square foot of any country in the world.

Brandon Tam is passionate about his career as the Orchid Collection Specialist at The



Brandon with *Phrag. besseae*

Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens in San Marino, California. He was also recently elected as a Trustee of the American Orchid Society, for a three-year term, which started March 2018.

Brandon's grandmother first introduced him to orchids when he was seven by giving him a white cymbidium. He volunteered at the Huntington during high school, and when he graduated at age 16, Dr. James Folsom, Director of the Botanical Gardens, offered Brandon a full-time position as the Orchid Collection Specialist. Brandon has managed the collection for the past eight years. While working with Dr. Folsom to reinvigorate the Huntington's orchid collection, Brandon attended California State University Polytechnic, Pomona, and earned his Bachelor of Science in Plant Science degree in 2015.

Brandon now oversees one of the largest orchid collections in the United States, which has grown from 2000 to over 10,000 plants in the past eight years. The Huntington's orchid collection is housed in over 26,000



Brandon Tam

square feet of growing area, which includes the Rose Hills Foundation Conservatory and three collection greenhouses, dedicated specifically for tropical plants. He also oversees the Huntington's 50 *Amorphophallus titanum*s (better known as the "Corpse flower") and has successfully bloomed one in 2014.

Brandon is also in charge of the annual Huntington International Orchid Show, which he inaugurated in 2015, and which just took place on the 19 – 20th of October 2018.

Under Brandon's direction, The Huntington has won over 100 awards from the American Orchid Society within the last three years, which includes five First Class Certificates and three Certificates of Cultural Excellence. At the American Orchid Society Fall 2016 Members Meeting, The Huntington received The Merritt W. Huntington Award, for the "Most Outstanding Orchid" in the year of 2015 for *Paphiopedilum micranthum* 'Huntington's Perfection' FCC/AOS. In 2016, The Huntington received not just one, but

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General Meeting, cont.

two American Orchid Society Special Annual Awards! *Lycaste consobrina* 'Huntington's Finest' AM-CCE/AOS received the Butterworth Award which goes to the grower of the plant exhibiting the finest orchid culture. It also received the Benjamin C. Berliner award which is given to most outstanding example of the genus *Lycaste* or its closely allied genera. At the time of judging, it had a total of 287 flowers and 7 buds.



Amorphophallus titanum

In Brandon's spare time, he loves to travel, and of course... EAT! He recently joined Harold Koopowitz and others on a trek in Ecuador led by Pepe Portilla, where the group saw many wild orchids and focused on the study of *Selenipedium aequinoctiale*, a large and unusual slipper orchid. Ecuador is an amazing place to see orchids in the wild and I'm sure Brandon's presentation will be quite fascinating.

As a side note, we will hope to have another chance to tour the orchid houses at the Huntington with Brandon next spring. Last year's tour was great.

I'm sorry to say that you are not invited to have dinner with Brandon, as he will arrive just shortly before his talk. On the plus side, it frees me up to give the culture class, which I'm really looking forward to doing again.

It's going to be a special evening. Come early, stay late!



Brandon with *Selenipedium aequinoctiale*

Culture Class, November 6th, 6:30 pm Debby Halliday: Let's Talk About Pests Text by John Oswalt

You do everything you can to support great culture for your orchids. They get perfect sunshine, water and love; then one day you find mealybugs all over several of your plants! "Ugh!" you say. What do I do now?

You are in luck! Our own Debby Halliday will share her best secrets for preventing, controlling and eliminating pests from your favorite orchid plants.

Please join us for a fun and informative session prior to our main speaker. The presentation will begin promptly at 6:30 pm.

Hope to see you there!

Board and General Meeting Minutes

The SDCOS Board meeting minutes for October can be found on our website at: http://sdorchids.com/minutes/2018_10.pdf?page=1#view=FitB

Additionally, this month's General Meeting minutes can be found on our website at: <http://sdorchids.com/Minutes.html>

From the Membership Desk Text by Bob Clark, Membership Chair

Please welcome our newest member: Ashley Grable.

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**Casa de las Orquideas Open House,
December 1st, 9 am – 4 pm**
Text by Casa de las Orquideas

Fall is here, which means it's time to start planning your trip to the annual Casa de las Orquideas open house! Come to pick out some new seedlings, see some early-blooming cymbidiums, and enjoy some sale prices!

We look forward to seeing you December 1st from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. As always, carpooling is encouraged and please remember to park on the street if possible, as parking at the nursery itself is extremely limited. Feel free to share the attached flyer with your friends and society members!

Thanks!

Karl, Miki, and Nancy Batchman



SDCOS Facebook Group
Text by Dan Forbes

The San Diego County Orchid Society now has a Facebook Group! Just search "San Diego County Orchid Society Group" on Facebook. This is a great place to stay up-to-date on the Society's activities, learn more about growing orchids in San Diego County, and show off your plants to other society members and the whole world!

The more activity we have in this Group the more useful it will be to promote the Society and our shows. If you would like to participate in the Facebook Group but are not quite sure how to do so, please contact Dan Forbes at dan.f.forbes@gmail.com and he can help!

Reminder: SDCOS Fall Show in the Park is THIS WEEKEND, OCT 27/28

Bring your plants, like and share our ad on Facebook, and sign up to volunteer! We still have a great need for people to help out both Saturday and Sunday – sign up on our volunteer's page if you can come even for a couple of hours.

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SDCOS WINS AT THE HUNTINGTON SHOW!

Text by Debby Halliday, First VP

Jack Schaefer, Dave Hoffmaster, and Debby Halliday made the trek up to the Huntington Gardens to mount a club display for SDCOS on the weekend of October 20th. We had additional plant contributions from Bruce Berg, Kay Klausing, Alex Nadzan, Carol Kerr, and Tom Biggart.

The end result was a beautiful display. For the first time at this show, our exhibit won First Place for club exhibits under 40 feet. It was very beautiful, with waves of deep purple and lavender cattleyas accented by yellow and white oncidiums, miltonias, papahs and phals, and other charming flowers. The display was centered around Dave's fountain for the Orchid Musicals theme. Our display was titled "Three Coins in the Orchid Fountain". We had a perfect position as the first display when you entered the room. There was always a group of visitors taking selfies in front of it.

We won plenty of ribbons and two trophies – Best Oncidium for Debby Halliday's *Tol. Pretty in Pink* and Best Miltonia for Debby Halliday's *Milt. regnellii* 'Starburst' AM/AOS. We gave away a lot of our new bookmarks and displayed our Spring Teaser Poster at the entrance.

On Saturday the club sponsored a bus for members who wanted to visit, and about 15 people came to the show. The Huntington is a wonderful place to visit and the show had lots of vendors selling plants. Here are a few pictures.



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President's Message

Text by Kay Klausing, President, SDCOS

Dear SDCOS Members,

The Huntington Show and Sale and our own Fall Show in the Park concluded the major local orchid events for this year.

Likewise, the active growth period for our orchid draws to an end. I hope you have finished your fall repotting already – by the time you read this, you should no longer repot your plants.

I consider the time from Thanksgiving to early- or mid-February as our “winter” and try to provide a rest for my plants by reducing watering. This is the most difficult time for our orchids, especially for the ones grown outdoors. Periods of intense heat and dryness during Santa Anas alternate with cold and wet periods. Sufficient moisture has to be provided during the hot/dry episodes without getting the plants too wet, which would cause them to suffer during the colder periods. Indoor and greenhouse growers have it easier with their more controlled growing environments where it is easy to provide additional humidity.

Thank you and Happy growing!

Kay

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

Text and photos by Phyllis Prestia

Seven orchids were exhibited. Three orchids were awarded:

[1] *C. labiata* f. *rubra* 'Caley Madison Burzell' AM/AOS

Exhibited by Lynden Burzell

Awarded AM/AOS 82 points

[2] *Fdk.* Beverly Danielson 'Corn!' AM/AOS

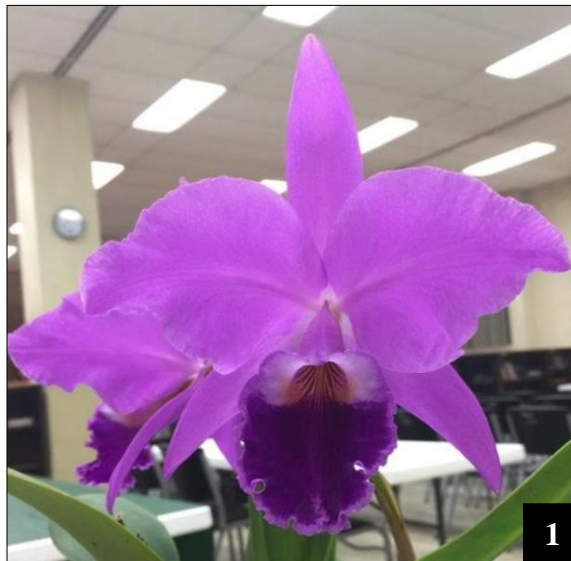
Exhibited by Dan Forbes

Awarded AM/AOS 82 points

[3] *Milt.* Anne Warne 'Ruth Kelly' CCM/AOS

Exhibited by George Pflaum

Awarded CCM/AOS 87 points



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Orchid Dates to Remember:

October 27th – 28th

SDCOS Fall Orchid Show in the Park
Noon-5pm Saturday, 10am-5pm Sunday
Casa del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

November 1st

SDCOS Board Meeting
First Thursday of the month
Casa del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 104

November 3rd

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

November 3rd-4th

Santa Barbara Orchid Estate Open House

November 6th

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

November 7th

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

November 16th

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

November 21st

Cymbidium Society Meeting
Meeting at 6:30-9pm
Third Wednesday of month
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From the Editor:

Hello everyone,

I hope you get a chance to stop by our October Fall Show in the Park this weekend – it promises to be a fun event.

As mentioned on Page 4, if you have even a few hours either Saturday or Sunday, the society could really use some more volunteers. Please consider signing up on the Volunteer Links page from the website, if you can.

As Kay mentioned in the President's Message (Page 4), now is the time to wrap up any fall repotting and start considering your orchid's winter rest period.

Shortly, Kay will be sending a survey to the society about what people like, dislike, and want to add to the newsletter. As Editor, I'd very much appreciate you taking the minute or two it takes to fill out the survey. I'm interested in hearing new ideas and seeing how this publication can better serve our society.

As always, if you have anything you would like to have considered for the next edition of the newsletter, please shoot me an email at SDCOSNewsletter@gmail.com by the 15th of the month.

Best of luck growing!

David Vandebroek

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