



**San Diego County Orchid
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Dendrobium Dang Klang
Photo by Debby Halliday

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General Meeting, December 4th, 6:00 pm SDCOS Holiday Party!

Text by Debby Halliday, First VP

It's almost December! The SDCOS Holiday party is **Tuesday, December 4**, at **6:00pm**. Start the season off right by celebrating with your favorite orchid friends. We will have a potluck dinner with entrée (Honey Baked ham & turkey) and beverages provided by your club. Arnie Gum will present a photographic review of the AOS awards won during the year by our members. You could take home something wonderful from the Orchid Exchange. You can even choose a free orchid as a present from the SDCOS Orchid Santa!

Here's what you need to do:

- Sign up on the website to bring an appetizer, side dish, or dessert. Don't forget a serving spoon.
- Plan to bring a beautiful blooming orchid to display as a centerpiece on your table.
- To participate in the Orchid Exchange, bring an orchid that you are willing to trade, clearly marked with your name. Make it look nice, because when someone chooses your orchid, you get to go next!
- Please sign up to help set up, serve, or clean up. The party does not put on itself, so extend some Xmas spirit to Carey McCoy, David Brown, and the other volunteers who work hard on this celebration and plan to pitch in. Many hands make light work.
- If you want to bring a bottle of wine, you may. SDCOS will provide non-alcoholic beverages only.

The Holiday party is always a fun way to end the year. We hope you'll put it on your calendar and plan to join us. Since it's a potluck, you're sure to find some food that suits you, no matter your dietary needs. See you in December!

<https://www.volunteersignup.org/8QD3D>

From the Membership Desk
Text by Bob Clark, Membership Chair

Please welcome our newest members:
Beverly Camren, Carrie & Robert O'Neal,
Richard Yan, Dave Smith, Debra Funakoshi, and Chris Jorgens.

Board and General Meeting Minutes

The SDCOS Board meeting minutes for November can be found on our website at: http://sdorchids.com/minutes/2018_11.pdf?page=1#view=FitB

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

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October Show in the Park

Text and photos by Dave Hoffmaster

The last weekend in October was a special time in Balboa Park with all the Halloween activities and food fair. The park was full of families and goblins all taking in the festivities and just having a good time.

It was also the weekend for our final show in the park for the year and what a show it was. The room was filled with lots of gorgeous orchids and we thank our members for bringing in their plants to show. We also had vendors with plants to sell, which only added to the beauty of the event.

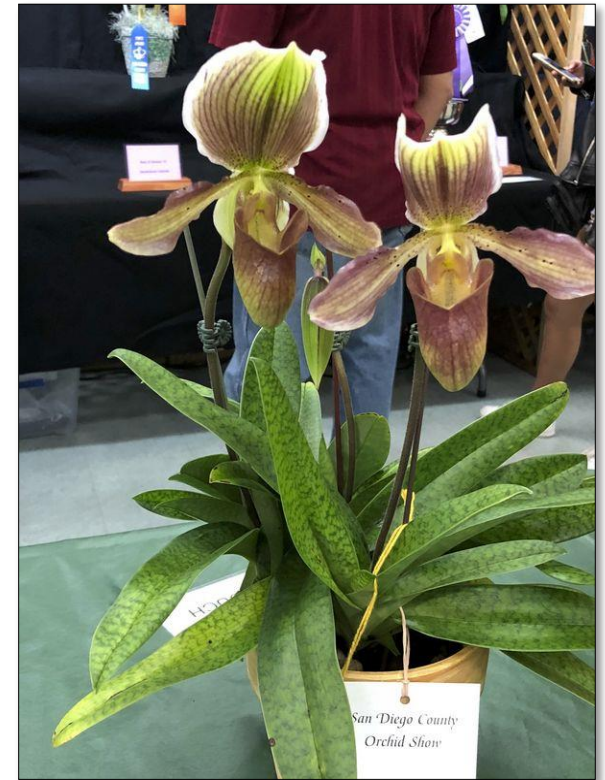
While the show opens to the public on Saturday, the work begins Friday morning with set up. We owe thanks to Mike Frye, Medrick Bullock, Myra DeTate, Bob Clark, Jack Schaefer, John Oswalt, David Brown, Thomas Ketelaar, and all the other people who helped set up the showroom. It all starts with renting a truck to load all the materials and haul them to the park from our storage unit. Once there, everything is unloaded and assembled to prepare the room.



The first noteworthy event is plant judging on Saturday morning – thanks to Pam Peters and Jerry Spencer for working plant registration to make all this possible. Thanks also to all the volunteers who helped with plant judging and ribbon awards. There are 16 different categories of orchids and numerous subcategories, so a lot of effort goes into this part of our show. A list of all the winning plants follows this article.

One of the features at the show is the Kid's Corner, where our younger visitors can learn about orchids. Activities include coloring orchid drawings, assembling puzzles, and reading about specific plants. Participants are rewarded with orchids they can take home and grow. This was a very active corner with all the kids in the park for Halloween. We owe thanks to Nancy Walters, Amina Benothmane, Paulina and Issac Lorna for all their effort to make the Kid's Corner a success.

We had quite a few vendors to tempt our visitors with plants for sale. The park was packed with people thanks to all the Halloween activities so attendance at our



show was high. As a result, sales were high. We did make one significant change to how we set up: we added a sales pavilion on the patio. The society purchased two large canopies that provided enough space for 10 plant tables and we moved two vendors out there. We added a cash register out there to alleviate congestion in the main sales area.

We cannot say enough to all the volunteers who gave of their time to make this show a success. This includes Laura Caufield, Minta Taylor, Stephen Zolezzi and April Louis who ran the plant hotel. It includes Ivan Allen, David Winter, Lorena Winter, Jack Schaefer, Vangie Nagrampa, Bruce Berg, and many

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October Show in the Park, cont.

more that provided security. Thanks to everyone that worked the cash register including John Oswalt, Kay Klausing, Bill and Maggie Loy, Deryl Adderson, Myra DeTate, Gary Louis, Carey McCoy and Delores Maxwell.

Conservation sales were brisk; they brought in more than \$3,300 to fund their grant program. Thanks go to Betty Kelepecz, Ron Kaufmann, Shirley Hall, Laurence Lhoest, and Ashley Grable for their work to bring in and sell all those plants. The San Diego County Orchid Society has one of the leading conservation programs in this country and this money is a major contributing factor.



| Show Winners, October 2018 | | | |
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| Sec | Award | Orchid | Winner |
| | James & Lise Wright Best of Show | <i>Zygopetalum</i> Titanic | Betty Kelepecz |
| | Forrest Robinson Cultural Award | <i>Cymbidium</i> Chen's Ruby | Debby Halliday |
| | People's Choice Award | <i>Vanda</i> Alan Del Castillo 'Matthew' | Alan Castillo |
| 1 | Cymbidium Standard Hybrid | <i>Cymbidium</i> Chen's Ruby | Debby Halliday |
| 2 | Cymbidium Hybrid Miniature | <i>Cymbidium</i> Dr. Len 'Geyserland' | Anita & Jerry Spencer |
| 3 | Cymbidium Hybrid Pendulous | No Entries | - |
| 4 | Cattleya Alliance Standard | <i>Lc. Juvenilis</i> x <i>L. pumila</i> | Debby Halliday |
| 5 | Cattleya Alliance Compact | <i>Bpl. Golden Peacock (Brassoepilaelia)</i> | Anita & Jerry Spencer |
| 6 | Cattleya Alliance Miniature | No Entries | - |
| 7 | Paphiopedilum Hybrid | <i>Paph. Voodoo Kitty</i> x <i>Paph. callosum</i> | Angelic Nguyen |
| 8 | Phragmipedium Hybrid | No Entries | - |
| 9 | Oncidium Alliance Hybrid | <i>Oncidium</i> Sweet Sugar | Anita & Jerry Spencer |
| 10 | Dendrobium Hybrids | <i>Dendrobium</i> Aridang 'Blue Angel' | Anita & Jerry Spencer |
| 11 | Vandaceous Alliance | <i>Vanda</i> Gordon Dillon | Angelic Nguyen |
| 12 | Hybrids of Other Genera | <i>Zygopetalum</i> Titanic | Betty Kelepecz |
| 13 | Phalaenopsis Alliance | <i>Phal. Kaoda Twinkle</i> 'Chocolate Drops' AM/AOS | Alan Castillo |
| 14 | Specimen Plants | <i>Guarianthe</i> Barbara Kirch | Felisha Acantilado |
| 15 | Species over 6" tall | <i>Stenoglottis longifolium</i> | John Snyder |
| 16 | Species under 6" tall | <i>Pleurothallis grobyi</i> | Betty Kelepecz |
| 17 | Displays | Tree display filled with many beautiful species orchids | Bill Loy |

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

Text and photos by Phyllis Prestia.

Eight orchids were exhibited. Two orchids were awarded:

[1] *Vanda roeblingiana* 'Burning Bush' AM/AOS

Exhibited by Jack Li

Awarded AM/AOS 81points

[2] *Epi. porpax* 'Big Beetle' AM/AOS

Exhibited by Debby Halliday

Awarded AM/AOS 81 points



President's Message

Text by Kay Klausing, President, SDCOS

Dear SDCOS Members,
Happy Holidays! Our holiday dinner party is on Tuesday, December 4th, at 6 pm. The society will provide the main course as usual – members will bring appetizers, sides and desserts. Please see Debby's article on page 2 for details.

I wish all our members a Merry and Peaceful Holiday Season and a Happy New Year!

See you all at the Holiday Party!

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(Casa del Prado, Balboa Park),
November 2018.**

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[1] *C. labiata f. coerulea* 'Arnie' AM/AOS
Exhibited by Arnold Gum
Awarded AM/AOS 85 points

[2] *Zootrophion vulturiceps* 'Windflower'
HCC/AOS
Exhibited by Betty Kelsepecz
Awarded HCC/AOS 78 points

[3] *Fdk.* Beverly Danielson 'Tyrone'
AM/AOS
Exhibited by Charlie Fouquette
Awarded AM/AOS 84 points

[4] *Masd.* Elven Gem 'Satyr Hill' AM/AOS
Exhibited by Betty Kelepecz
Awarded AM/AOS 80 points



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Orchid Dates to Remember:

December 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

December 1st
Casa de las Orquideas Open House
9:00am – 4:00pm
170 S. Nardo Ave, Solana Beach, CA 92075
858-755-7572

December 1st
Sunset Valley Orchids (SVO) Open House
9:00am – 4:00 pm
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December 4th
SDCOS December Meeting
Annual Holiday Party, 6:00 pm
NO CULTURE CLASS
First Tuesday of the month
Casa del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

December 5th
Palomar Orchid Society Meeting
Culture class at 6:30 pm; program at 7:00 pm
First Wednesday of the month
Lake San Marcos Pavilion
331105 La Bonita Dr, San Marcos, CA 92078

December 6th
SDCOS Board Meeting
First Thursday of the month
Casa del Prado, Balboa Park, Room104

December 21st
San Diego Zoo's Orchid Odyssey
10:00 am – 2:00 pm (orchid space is open)
Third Friday of the month
Janette Gerrity (619) 231-1515 ext. 4306

December 19th
Cymbidium Society Meeting
Meeting at 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm
Third Wednesday of month
111 Richmar Avenue San Marcos, 92069
aaallen@cox.net or (760) 533-4975

Casa de las Orquideas Open House
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 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!



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From the Editor:

Happy holidays everyone,

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Our winter holiday party is coming up, Tuesday, December 4th, at **6:00 pm**. For those that don't know, every year in December we replace our general meeting with a holiday potluck, photo show, and plant exchange. The society provides the main dish, and members bring in sides and desserts. (See Debby's article on page 2).

Most fun, though, can be the orchid exchange – people can choose to bring in a nice orchid to put on the exchange table. A person is selected to pick the 1st orchid to take home from the exchange; the person who brought the chosen orchid gets to pick next, and so on. It's a fun take on a gift grab.

We will need helpers to help set up and take down the event; if you can come a little early or stay a bit late, we'd appreciate it if you signed up on our volunteer's page. Also, so we can better plan what kinds of food to bring, please sign up for something a bit more specific on our volunteer page. The link is: <https://www.volunteersignup.org/8QD3D>

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. I'm going to be traveling a lot over the next couple months, so I'm going to have to stick pretty hard to the 15th deadline through February.

Best of luck getting your watering routine correct as we move into winter!

David Vandebroek