



**San Diego County Orchid
Society Newsletter
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General Meeting, February 5th, 7:30 pm

Peter Lin: *Mini-Catts: Delightful*

Cattleyas in Miniature

Text by Debby Halliday, First VP

Peter T. Lin is our speaker for February. He will be presenting a talk on one of his favorite topics: Mini-Catts, also known as miniature Cattleyas. Peter will be sharing a fast-paced PowerPoint presentation on these charming orchids. The journey will cover the miniature species, early hybrids, and, finally, some of the relevant hybrids of today. He will also review how to grow these wonderful plants.

Peter started growing orchids more than 30 years ago, but then stopped due to school and starting a career. It wasn't until about 14 years ago that the orchid "bug" came back, and he is now heavily involved once again. He is an accredited judge with the American Orchid Society and a hybridizer of mini-catts. He enjoys meeting with other orchid enthusiasts and can often be found at various orchid shows and societies around the country. He is also the current president of the Orchid Digest.



Due to limited growing space, Peter likes to specialize in miniature orchids, both species and hybrids, and has received numerous AOS awards. His other interests in orchids include Dendrobiums, Angraecoids, and Neofinetias. He maintains a collection of a thousand or more orchids at his home in Southern California in three small greenhouses, as well as in the house under fluorescent lights.

Peter also has thousands of photos of his orchids that he posts on Flickr. You can view them by visiting <http://www.flickr.com/photos/minicatt/collections/>

Peter will be providing the plants for this month's opportunity table. There will be a nice selection of orchids, so be sure to buy your tickets!

In addition, Peter will be taking pre-orders for plants that he will bring to the meeting. There will be a 10% discount for pre-orders. Members can view his catalog on his website: www.diamondorchids.com and can order by phone: 909-573-6751 or email: lin.peterT@yahoo.com

Space constraints are an issue for everyone, no matter how large or small your growing area happens to be. Mini-cattleyas put on a great show in a limited space and should definitely be included in everyone's collection. If you like bright colors, especially yellow, orange and red, mini-catts are for you!

If you would like to a chance to visit with Peter, you are most welcome to join us for dinner at the Prado Restaurant at 5:45 pm. Your dinner is on you, but the conversation is free! If you are interested, please let me know by Friday, Feb 1, so I can reserve the right table. Just send me an email at debhallid@gmail.com.



Slc. Katherine Clarkson



Sc. Itsy Bitsy

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President's Message

Text by Kay Klausing, President, SDCOS

Dear SDCOS Members,

I hope that the newsletter will be out before our January "Orchids in the Park" Show and Sale on the 26 and 27th. There are still many open volunteer positions so please sign up on our website (at <https://www.volunteersignup.org/HHKET>). We also need your blooming plants!

With winter drawing to a close, it's now time to repot our plants. I hope you stocked up on supplies and have started already or are at least ready to go. I will be giving the culture class this month with a presentation and an in-depth demo on repotting orchids. Please attend this class if you have any questions on repotting. We will also have limited potting supplies for sale (premixed bark-based media and some pots).

See you all at the show and the general meeting!

From the Membership Desk

Text by Bob Clark, Membership Chair

Please welcome our new member, Jack Li, and also welcome Jeff Rakoff back.

On the address label of your Spring Show ticket envelope, check your name and address. Your membership is paid through the date on the top line. If any of this information needs to be corrected or if you have had a change in your phone number, etc. please let me know.



Sl. Minipet



Annual Orchid Auction
April 10, 2019

Garden Grove Masonic Lodge
11270 Acacia Pkwy GG 92840

Preview - 6:30 pm Auction - 7:00 pm

Free: Parking - Admission - Refreshments

www.coolorchids.org

Culture Class, February 5th, 6:30 pm

Kay Klausing: Repotting Your Orchids

Text by John Oswalt

This month's culture class will focus on repotting your orchids, which is a timely refresher as you will want to repot many of your plants as winter comes to an end. Kay Klausing will review the fundamentals of repotting and then demonstrate repotting plants into bark, sphagnum moss, and rock mixes. The repotting demonstrations will be projected on the screen from a camera zoomed in on the plant and pot.

Please join us for this enlightening Culture Class which starts at 6:30 pm... Hope to see you there and please bring your questions!



Sl. Tiny Star

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

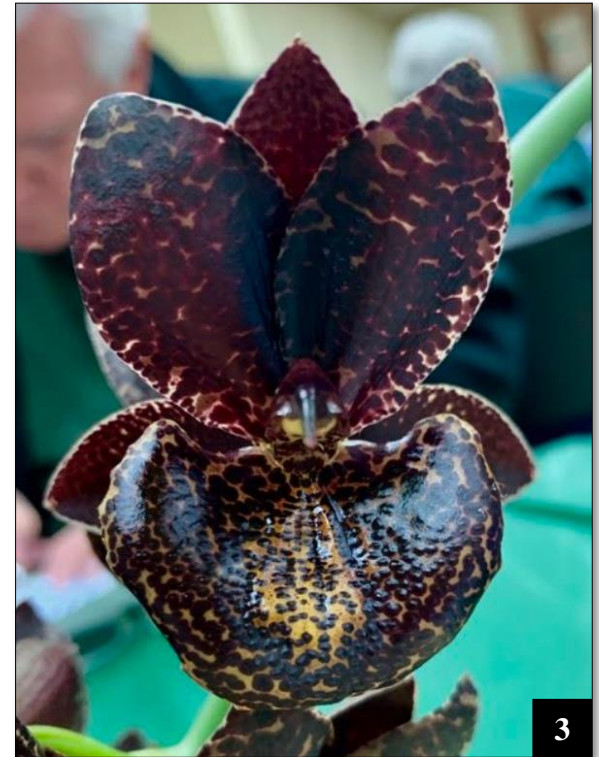
Text and photos by Phyllis Prestia.

There were 12 orchids presented for
judging. Three were awarded:

[1] Ctt. Tropical Splash 'SVO' HCC/AOS
Exhibited by Fred Clarke
Awarded HCC/AOS 77 points

[2] Morm. Midnight Hooker 'SVO' HCC/AOS
Exhibited by Fred Clarke
Awarded HCC/AOS 76 points

[3] Ctmds. Dragon's Glade 'Zeus' AM/AOS
Exhibited by Fred Clarke
Awarded AM/AOS 82 points



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“Orchid Treasures” Coming into Focus!

Text by Debby Halliday, Show Chair

Your Spring Show committee met on January 12th and we are making great progress. Here is where we are:

Our beautiful posters will be printed in several sizes and available at the February meeting. We urge you to take a few and

post them in your neighborhood coffee shop, deli, gym, wherever. People only come to our show if they know about it. Postcards are already printed and will be available also. They include a \$2 discount coupon, so you should take a bunch and spread them around to everyone you know!

We package pre-sale show tickets in envelopes of 5 for \$35 dollars for each member. Please pick yours up at the meeting and either re-sell them or give them away to friends and family. They are a good deal, as tickets at the door sell for \$8 minimum even with a discount coupon. The pre-sale tickets are an important way you can help support our show.

Our sales room is going to be full. All of the vendors we invited have committed to come. We're going to have a new, larger SDCOS area this year with conservation plants and potting supplies available. John Oswalt has been working with Ben Machado to be sure we have plenty of the most popular bark mixes and pots sizes on hand.

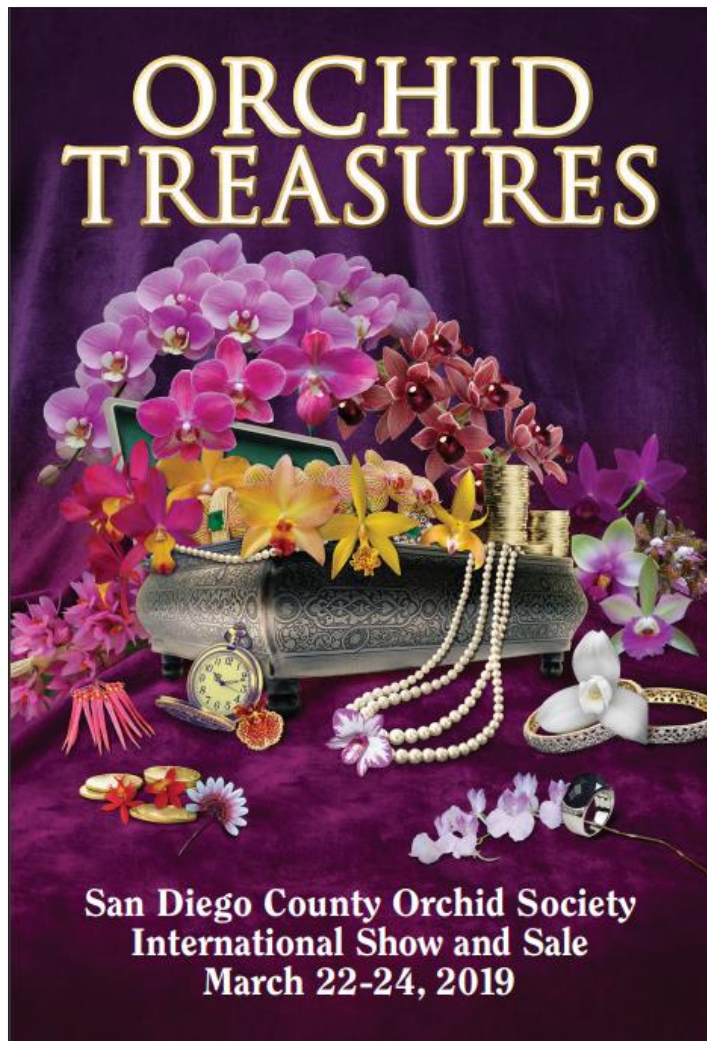
We have purchased more cash registers and have a plan to make our checkout and ticket sales go super smoothly. However, more checkout positions take more people. Myra will make sure everyone is trained in advance, so consider volunteering for one of these positions. It's a great way to meet the people who come to see our show.

Speaking of volunteers – it takes a lot of you to put on a great show. We'll have sign-up sheets at the next meeting. In March, I'll outline exactly what is involved in every volunteer position during the culture class. Remember, volunteers get free lunch every day and a free orchid to thank you at the end of the show. Plan to get involved! It's the very best way to feel like a real insider in your club.

We are getting our advertising program underway. Look for our beautiful ads in the AOS magazine and in California Garden magazine for March. We'll also be in the March issue of San Diego Home & Garden, as well as appearing in numerous on-line calendars. We will be at several outreach events prior to the show including the Newport Harbor show in February at the Westminster Mall and the Master Gardener marketplace in San Diego in March. I'll be on KUSI again and we'll have some radio spots on KPBS right before the show. We also have gorgeous banners and flags and signs to guide people in on the weekend of the event.

Our show page is up on the website and the show schedule is up as well. If you want to do a table-top display, go ahead and fill out your application and reserve your spot. It's fun and there are ribbons and prizes to be won.

We're looking forward to another wonderful and memorable spring show. The American Orchid Society is holding their spring meeting in San Diego in conjunction with our show. Let's impress them with our ORCHID TREASURES!



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Orchid Dates to Remember:

January 26-27th

Orchids in the Park

SDCOS Winter Show

Casa del Prado, Balboa Park, Room101

February 2nd

SDCOS Species Group Meeting

Breakfast 8:30 am, meeting 9:00 am

First Saturday of the month

Paul or Ann Tuskes, (858) 274-5829

February 5th

SDCOS February Meeting

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

First Tuesday of the month

Casa del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

February 6th

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

February 7th

SDCOS Board Meeting

First Thursday of the month

Casa del Prado, Balboa Park, Room104

February 15th

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

February 20th

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

March 22-24th

SDCOS Spring show: Orchid Treasures!

Scottish Rite Center, 1895 Camino del Rio S,

San Diego, CA 92108

Board and General Meeting Minutes

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

http://sdorchids.com/minutes/2019_01.pdf?page=1#view=FitB

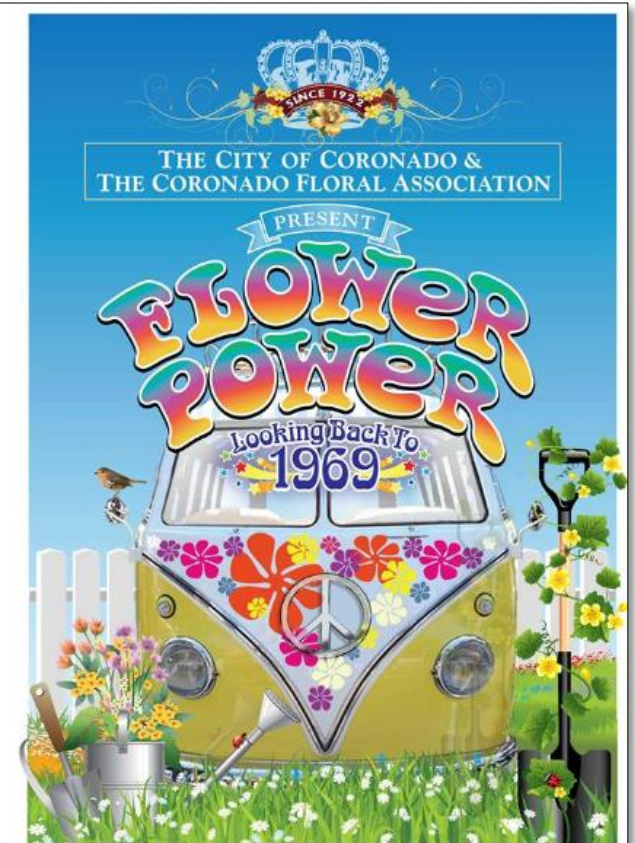
Additionally, this month's General Meeting minutes can be found on our website at:

<http://sdorchids.com/Minutes.html>

April 13-14
2019

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From the Editor:

Hello everyone,

I hope you all have been enjoying our winter rains!

We have our winter show coming up Jan 26-27, so please be sure to drop by. If you have some free time to contribute to the society, we could always use some more volunteers to help out with the show.

Our president himself will be talking about post-winter repotting at this month's culture class; I expect it to be a great demonstration and wish I could be there.

As always, if you have contributions, please let me know at SDCOSNewsletter@gmail.com by the 15th of the month; I'm always looking for more things to include, and welcome contributions.

Best of luck growing!

David Vandenbroek

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