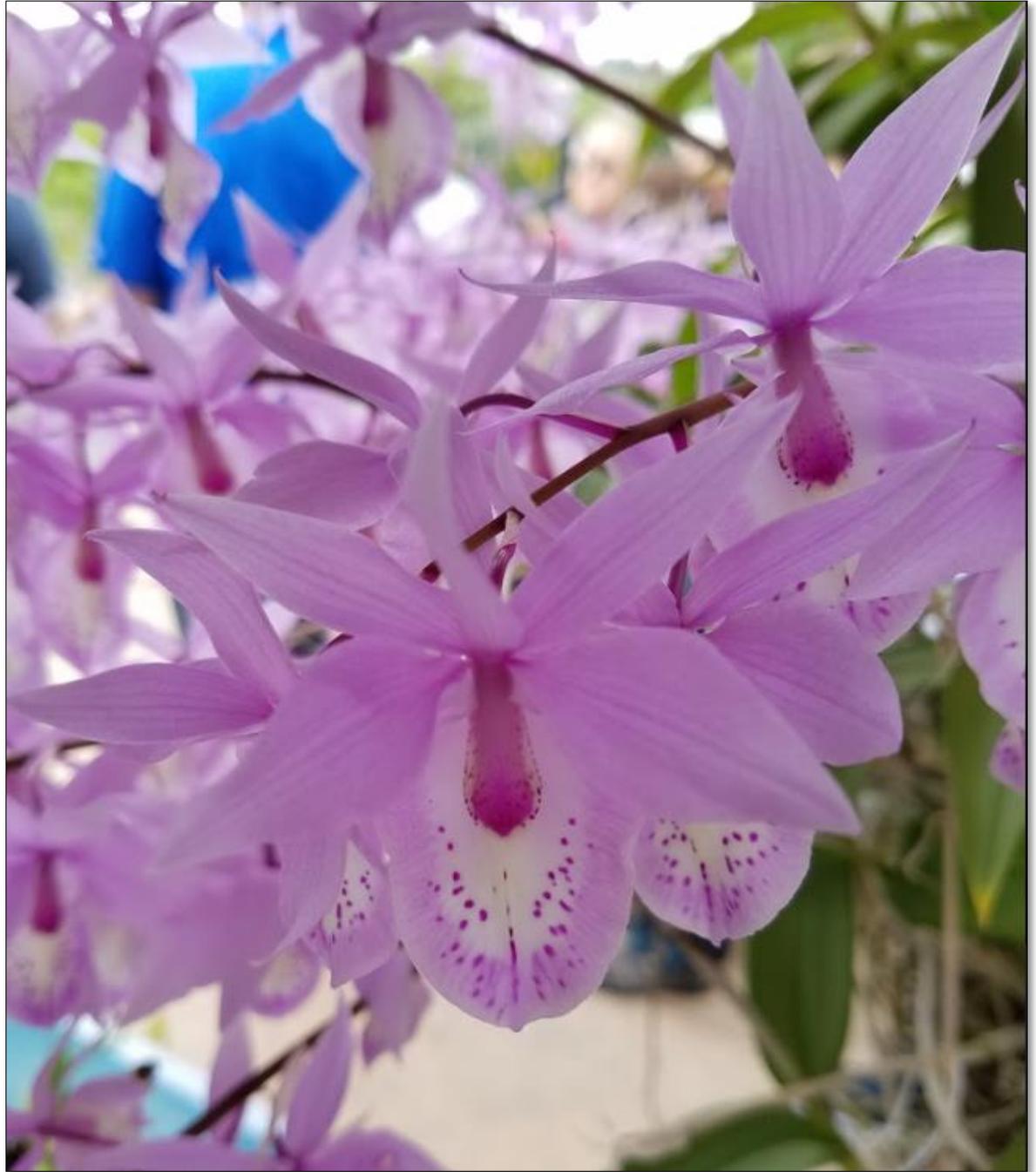




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Barkeria spectabilis 'Mona' AM/AOS, CCE/AOS
Plant by Kay Klausing

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General Meeting, July 2nd, 7:30 pm Norman Fang: New Color Forms of Phalaenopsis Species

Text by Debby Halliday, First VP

We are pleased to welcome Norman Fang of Norman's Orchids to talk to us about some of the new color forms now being developed in Phalaenopsis species. Phalaenopsis species can be a very satisfying and interesting expansion of your warm-growing collection. Many of these lovely plants are scented and have variegated leaves. A number of them are charming miniatures. Norman's Orchids has long been a leading producer of Phalaenopsis, so he is the



perfect person to tell us about the latest developments in these intriguing plants.

Even before 1988, when he received his degree in Ornamental Horticulture from California State Polytechnic University in Pomona, Norman Fang was immersed in orchids. While still a student, he managed the Raymond Burr Orchid Collection on campus. Two scholarships to study plant tissue culture also allowed him to study under Dr. Murashige at the University of California and Dr. Tanabe at the University of Hawaii.

In 1986, he started his nursery, Norman's Orchids, based in both California and Taiwan. His parents, brother, and sister soon joined him in the company as it grew, and he wisely was the first to secure the domain name of www.orchids.com. Exhibiting at shows across the US, he has received more than 400 American Orchid Society flower quality awards and 20 AOS Show Trophies. In addition, he was honored in 2005 with the Distinguished Alumni Award from the School of Agriculture at Cal Poly in Pomona.

As the second youngest judge to become fully accredited, Norman has traveled around the world to judge orchid shows, from Asia to South Africa, from Canada to South America. In 1996, with Paul Bechtel, he initiated AOS Judging at the Taiwan International Orchid Show and since then has served as the AOS Judging Coordinator for the show. He has also long served as the AOS Representative for the Taiwan Orchid Growers Association.

He is a former Vice President of the American Orchid Society and served as the

Chair of their Development Committee. He is currently serving on their Public Relations Committee. In addition to these AOS volunteer activities, he's a Founding Member and Regional Director of the International Phalaenopsis Alliance, currently celebrating its 25th year!

As an active member of several affiliated societies, Norman is a sought-after guest speaker for society meetings, shows, and conferences. He generously supports Judging Centers, societies and the AOS with financial, scholarship, and plant donations.

If you would like to join us for dinner at the Prado Restaurant before the meeting, please let me know by Friday, June 28th. Your food is on you, but the conversation is free! Norman will also supply the opportunity table, so plan to get plenty of tickets.

Norman's Orchids currently has a very large collection of Phal species:

<http://www.orchids.com/Phalaenopsis-C4.aspx?sp=true>



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Culture Class, July 2nd, 6:30 pm Paul Tuskes: Preparing Your Plants for AOS Judging

Text by John Oswalt

Have you ever had a beautiful orchid flower or plant that you think might be worthy of AOS judging? How do you know if the flower or plant is worthy? How should you prepare your plant for the judging process? When and where does the judging process take place?

Please join us for the July cultural class where Paul Tuskes will answer all your AOS judging questions. AOS awards are based on national standards and Paul will show you some of the tools that you can use to evaluate your plant for both flower quality and cultural awards. Cultural awards for outstanding growing are given to the grower, while flower quality awards go to the plant. Numerous members of the SDCOS have received the highest possible awards for excellent culture, and their plants for flower quality. Paul will then discuss judging trends and the overall goals of the judging process. You are always welcome to bring your plant in for AOS judging, and to stay and watch if you wish. Judging starts at 6:00 pm in room 104 on the same night as the monthly meeting.

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

Orchid Home Advisory Tour, First Report! Text by Nancy Walters

Our first tour on June 9 was a huge success! Attending members were Kay Klausing, Nancy Walters, Mike and Peggy Frye, Jack Li, Rachel Burns, and John Terracusco.

We met at Nancy's for coffee and a snack and then toured two home gardens in Kensington and two in Mission Hills. Kay Klausing, was our expert guide. He helped us by giving suggestions on watering, light, plant placement, plant culture, and identifying specific needs for our gardens. We shared ideas about fertilizing, types of orchids that would grow best in our environments and problems we needed to address. We all got some wonderful tips on what to do next to grow our orchids more successfully.

We ended the day with a light lunch at Mike and Peggy's and had a chance to talk about the day and build camaraderie. From novice growers to more experienced, it was a very fun and enlightening day!

Our next tour will be in Northern San Diego in the Mira Mesa up to Escondido area. We are aiming for an October tour. We need four members to volunteer their homes for the tour. If you are interested in this, please contact: nancywalters@cox.net



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**Judging at the San Diego Judging Center
(Casa del Prado, Balboa Park),
June 2019**
Text and photos by Phyllis Prestia

There were 10 orchids presented for judging.
Five were awarded, with one receiving two
separate awards:

[1] *Lycaste aromatica* 'Fire Mountain Gold'
AM/AOS
Exhibited by Neal Grant
Awarded AM/AOS 82 pts.

[2] *Catasetum Pileabrosum* Green 'SVO'
AM/AOS
Exhibited by Fred Clarke
Awarded AM/AOS 82 pts.

[3] (*Encyclia* Cynthia 'Dark Pleasure' x *E.*
Ginger Snap) 'Chocolate Treat' AM/AOS
Exhibited by Debby Halliday
Awarded AM/AOS 80 pts.



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Judging, cont.

Text and photos by Phyllis Prestia

[1] *Barkeria spectabilis* 'Mona' AM/AOS,
CCE/AOS

Exhibited by Kay Klausing

Awarded both AM/AOS 85 pts. And
CCE/AOS 91 pts.

[2] *Aerangis* Elro 'Daisy Chain' AM/AOS

Exhibited by Debby Halliday

Awarded AM/AOS 80 pts.



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Summer Show in the Park

Text by David Hoffmaster

The next orchid show and sale is coming up July 27th and 28th in Casa del Prado, Room 101, Balboa Park. We need your help in several ways to make it a success. First, we need flowering orchids to fill the room. There is nothing more inspiring to our visitors than to see a room full of beautiful flowers so start grooming your plants for the show. And, of course, bring them in. Plant registration will be open Friday from 3-7 PM and again Saturday morning from 8-9 AM. All plants will be automatically entered into ribbon judging and AOS judging will be available to those that want it. So, mark your calendars and get your orchids ready for the show.

You can also help out by volunteering your time. We have lots of different jobs that need to be done starting with loading the truck and setting up the room on Friday to manning cash registers and security posts during the show. We will have a sign-up sheet at the July meeting so drop by and sign up. Or, if you prefer, you can sign up online by visiting our web site and clicking on the volunteer tab to the left. Shows like this take a lot of effort



NF558 Phal. bellina var. murtoniana
(bellina 'Jungle' x bellina 'Wild Thing')

so please consider signing up. It is a good way to mix with your fellow members and to learn a few things about growing orchids.

There will be orchids for sale, just in case you are interested. We have several vendors with a selection of orchids to tempt you, so be ready. Members are permitted to sell orchids as well and if you are interested in selling some of your plants, please let me know (davehoff5@yahoo.com) a few weeks prior to the show. All sale plants must be priced with a barcode and we need to prep that ahead of time. We look forward to seeing you at the show.

2020 Spring Show Committee: Theme Options for Voting in July

Text by Debby Halliday, Spring Show Chair

Thank you to everyone who submitted show theme ideas. Your show committee looked at them and we held our own vote to come up with the top five. Here they are in no particular order. There will be ballots at the July meeting for you to vote on your favorite. Consider what might make the best poster and what theme would be the most inspiring when creating a display.

- **Orchid Magic**
- **Orchid Wonderland**
- **Orchid Masterpieces**
- **Gardens of Orchids**
- **Romance of Orchids**

We look forward to seeing what you choose. Then we'll be full steam ahead on creating another wonderful poster to advertise our show.

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President's Message

Text by Kay Klausing, President, SDCOS

Dear SDCOS Members,

We bought a small, portable, yet powerful Yamaha sound system for the society to use at our General Meetings in room 101. I have tested it at home with music and it sounds terrific; the true test will be at our July meeting. Hopefully this will permanently solve the issues we keep having with clearly projecting the speakers' voices.

We are still having cool, overcast weather (at least at the coast) so there is some time left to finish repotting. And remember what Fred said at the last meeting: repot just when the new roots appear (or better just before) so that they can quickly establish a new root system to support optimal growth this season to attain the maximal bloom. Most plants in my collection sent out roots 1-3 months ago but there are always some that send them out later.

Also, prepare now for upcoming hot summer days. Make sure your misting systems, swamp coolers, foggers etc. are all in perfect working order. If you have a small collection, plenty of time, and don't want to spend money on humidifying equipment, I highly recommend purchasing a Fogg-It nozzle made by Dramm. They come in ¼ to 4 gallon per minute output, mount on a garden hose and are very affordable. The ½ gallon ones produce a fine mist that is ideal for orchids and can raise the humidity in an entire growing area in a few seconds.

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From the Membership Desk

Text by Bob Clark, Membership Chair

Please welcome our new member, Neal Grant.

Board and General Meeting Minutes

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

http://sdorchids.com/minutes/2019_06.pdf?page=1#view=FitB

Additionally, General Meeting minutes can be found on our website at:

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Oncidium calochilum
Plant by Bruce Berg

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Paph lowii
Plant by Debby Halliday

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Orchid Dates to Remember:

July 2nd
SDCOS July Meeting
Culture class at 6:30; program at 7:30
First Tuesday of the month
Casa del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

July 3rd
Palomar Orchid Society Meeting
Culture class at 6:30 pm; program at 7:00 pm
First Wednesday of the month
1105 La Bonita Dr. , San Marcos, CA 92078

July 6th
SDCOS Species Group Meeting
Breakfast 8:30 am, meeting 9:00 am
First Saturday of the month
Paul or Ann Tuskes, (858) 274-5829

Monday, July 8th
SDCOS Board Meeting
Usually, First Thursday of the month at 7 pm;
moved for holiday
Casa del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 104

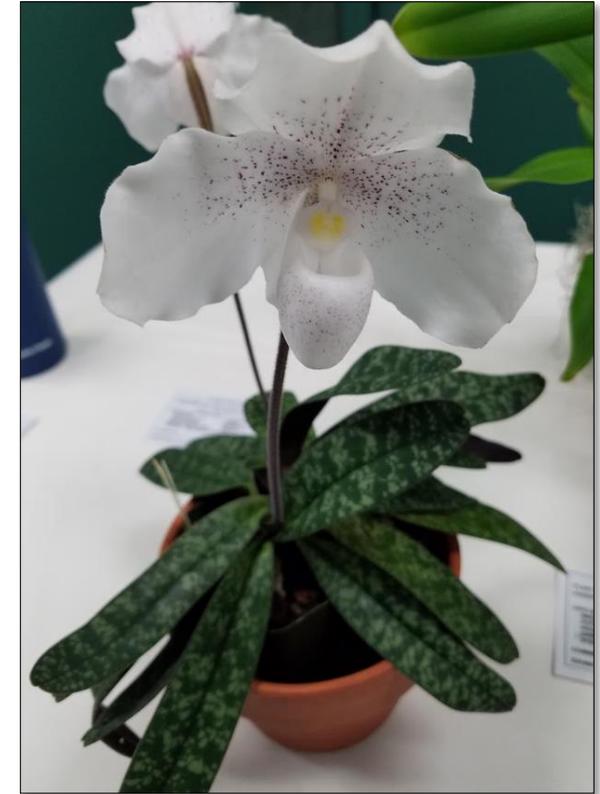
July 17th
Cymbidium Society Meeting
Meeting at 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm
Third Wednesday of month
111 Richmar Avenue San Marcos, 92069
aaallen@cox.net or (760) 533-4975

July 19th
San Diego Zoo's Orchid Odyssey
10:00 am – 2:00 pm (orchid space is open)
Third Friday of the month

July 27th – 28th
SDCOS Summer Show in the Park
Casa del Prado, Room 101, Balboa Park
Saturday 12:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Saturday 10:00 am – 4:00 pm



Bulbophyllum purpurascens
Plant by Betty Kelepecz



Paph Niveum "In Charm" x *Paph Ang-Thong* "alba"
Plant by Debby Halliday

From the Editor:

Hello everyone,

I hope you all got a chance to visit a few of the plant events last month – with the bromeliad and succulent shows on top of all the local orchid open houses and speakers' day there was simply too much to cram into one month!

This month is a bit slower, which is nice and gives us the chance to summer-ize our areas: with the weather (finally?) turning warm, there's a bit of work to do trying to keep everything alive...

We do have our summer show this month and we're always short of volunteers. If you think you will have time on the 27th or 28th, please sign up on our volunteer page:

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

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 (when we have space), and I welcome your contributions.

Best,

David Vandebroek
SDCOS Newsletter Editor



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