



**San Diego County Orchid
Society Newsletter
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Slc. Tropical Song 'Tango' x L. anceps 'Marble Queen'

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General Meeting, August 6th, 7:30 pm Arthur Pinkers: *Laelia anceps* and Its Hybrids

Text by Debby Halliday, First VP

Arthur Pinkers will be our August speaker. His topic is “*Laelia anceps* and Its Hybrids.” *Laelia anceps* is as close to an ideal outdoor orchid for our area as you can get. It loves our conditions, summer and winter both. It grows well in bright shade, either mounted or in a pot. It puts up numerous long spikes of large, colorful flowers in the spring. Hybrids with *Laelia anceps* tend to inherit the parent's robust easy growth habit and will also give you a lot of satisfaction. *L. anceps* comes in a range of color forms, from rich purple through semi-alba to white and the color range in hybrids is broad. Arthur comes armed with lots of wonderful pictures and a great deal of knowledge. He will also provide the opportunity table plants.



Many of you already know Arthur from his presentation of the AOS winners at our annual Holiday Party. He also frequently judges with the AOS in our area.

Arthur has been an orchid enthusiast since the age of sixteen, when he acquired a plant of *Slc. Glittering Jewel* (*Sl. Gratixiae* x *Slc. Hermes*), which infected him with the orchid bug. His forty plus years of experience growing orchids started in the Pacific Northwest with a greenhouse to fend off the cold, rainy days, but a decade ago a job change forced him to move to Santa Clarita, California, where the conditions are much better for growing orchids.

Growing up in the Seattle area, Arthur attended Western Washington University in Bellingham, Washington, graduating with a B.S. in Chemistry and Biology. He worked for many years as a chemist and had the fortune of having his dream job as the Lab Director for Beall Orchid Company until shortly before its closing in 1990.

Despite not having a current career working with orchids, Arthur has taken an active role in the orchid community. He has been an Accredited Orchid Judge for over twenty years, served in most executive positions on the Board of the Northwest Orchid Society, including serving as President from 1988 to 1989, and has been the President of the San Fernando Valley Orchid Society from 2016 to present. He was the center photographer for the Pacific Northwest Judging region from 1993 - 2004. Currently, Arthur serves as the Center Judging Chair at the Pacific South – San Marino Judging Center and one of the photographers for the



(*L. anceps* x *C. perciviliana*) 'Caligula'

Pacific South Judging Center. Though he has an interest in a wide variety of orchids, botanicals are a special draw to him for their diversity and charm.

Arthur has been married to his wife, Margie, for over twenty-nine years and has two adult children and a granddaughter. While they have not inherited his knack for growing orchids, his family enjoys the beauty and wild aromas his backyard jungle brings to their home, a respite from the desert landscape around them.

As long as he is not needed for AOS judging that evening, Arthur will join us for dinner at the Prado. Please let me know in advance if you would like to come.

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Culture Class, August 6th, 6:30 pm **Alex Nadzan: Growing Orchids Outdoors** **under Shade Structures**

Text by Alex Nadzan

Alex Nadzan, PhD, will present our August culture class. He will discuss his conditions for successfully growing a variety of orchids outdoors in Southern California under shade structures. Alex will highlight genera of orchids that do well under these conditions and provide growing tips for beginners who want to maintain or expand their collections.

Alex Nadzan is an avid orchid enthusiast and an active member of the Palomar Orchid Society where he currently serves as Co-

President and Co-1st Vice President of Programs. He also is a trustee of the San Diego County Cymbidium Society and an active member of the San Diego County Orchid Society.

Alex has been collecting and growing orchids for over 28 years, with emphasis on Cattleya, Oncidium and Cymbidium orchids. Over the last 13 years, he has developed an orchid hybridizing program devoted to creating novel, compact and cold-tolerant cattleya hybrids and related genera. Previously, Alex worked as a research chemist in the pharmaceutical biotech industry but retired about five years ago to devote full time to his orchid activities.



L. anceps semi-alba

President's Message Text by Kay Klausing, President, SDCOS

Dear SDCOS Members,

I am still working on the volunteer survey to get to the bottom of this seemingly chronic issue. I hope to get it done around mid-August.

Summer has finally arrived. We are in the peak growth season for most orchids and it is important to water and fertilize heavily so our plants can put on the maximal growth and can later reward us with a nice flower display. It is equally important to keep the humidity up during these hot days to prevent dehydration. Repotting should be restricted to only the plants that are starting to grow new roots and should not be suspended as it is important that new roots establish in fresh mix to ensure a good root system.

Happy growing!



Haraella odorata

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Newcomers Summer Potting Workshop, August 10th, 12 pm

Text by Debby Halliday, First VP

ONLY WORKSHOP OF THE SUMMER!
Come take advantage of the opportunity to repot your orchids with all supplies on hand and instruction included. The workshop starts with a pot-luck lunch and will be held at Debby Halliday's beautiful tropical garden in Rancho Santa Fe.

It's an excellent way to meet some of your officers and long-time members in a relaxed and friendly setting. We'll have lunch together with a potting demonstration followed by time to work on your own plants. There should be plenty of friendly, experienced members on hand to help you.

We will meet at 12 pm for lunch on the patio and then get to work. It is an afternoon schedule because that is when the work area will be in the shade.

Ben Machado will provide medium and a range of pots. We will also supply scissors,



labels, stakes, gloves, etc., so you only need to bring your plants. For best results, they should be showing new root growth. That will ensure that they take off and grow immediately with minimum transplant shock.

We are asking for a fee of \$5 per plant to cover the supplies you use. Ben will also have a few other items on hand for sale if you need them.

Please bring a lunch dish to share. We'll provide drinks and utensils. You are invited to enjoy the meal and conversation and take a tour of Debby's greenhouse and gardens before or after the workshop.

Here are the details. Please sign up in advance so that we can have a place for you to work and enough supplies. Visit the Volunteers section on our website next week to sign up online. There will also be a signup sheet at the meeting.

<https://www.volunteersignup.org/QFEJ7>

Date: Saturday, Aug 10
Time: 12 pm -
Address: 6769 La Valle Plateada
Rancho Santa Fe
Cost: \$5.00 per plant (\$10 for cymbidiums – they are big!)

Our workshops are really fun. Our participants always learn something and walk away with a new confidence in their ability to care for orchids.

NOTE – as always, you don't have to be a new member to come. If this session interests you, go ahead and sign up. You'll be welcome.



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2020 Spring Show Committee: We Have a Theme!

Text by Debby Halliday, Spring Show Chair

Thank you one and all for voting on the theme for our 2020 Spring Show. The winner is **ORCHID MAGIC**. This should be a fun theme to work with for displays. I'm sure we'll come up with a stunning poster! Watch this space...

From the Membership Desk

Text by Bob Clark, Membership Chair

Please welcome our newest member, Tracy Allen.

Board and General Meeting Minutes

The SDCOS Board and General meeting minutes can be found on our website at:

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



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Maxillaria tenuifolia
Plant by Debby Halliday

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Judging at the San Diego Judging Center
(Casa del Prado, Balboa Park),
July 2019

Text by Phyllis Prestia; photos by Arnie Gum

Of the orchids presented for judging, two
were awarded.

[1] *Phal.* KS Pulchebell 'Peloric' JC/AOS
Exhibited by Norman's Orchids
Awarded JC/AOS

[2] *Encyclia adenocaulis* 'Paradox' AM/AOS
Exhibited by Ann and Paul Tuskes
Awarded AM/AOS 85 points



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County Fair Ends, Members Thanked Text by Bruce Berg

The County Fair ended on the 4th of July with an awards breakfast for all the participants, including the members of all three County Societies who participated in this year's County Fair. Awards and ribbons were handed out at a breakfast event on the 3rd recognizing the efforts of our members of all three societies who participated in the fair.

We had members giving talks and doing 'Meet and Greet' events during the fair, but the main event was the ribbon competition with cash awards for the beautiful orchids that members brought in for display and judging in five separate weekly competitions.



Judging was coordinated by Lena Shiroma who was assisted by Ivan Allen, Charley Paddleford, Jack Schaefer, Debby Halliday, Garret Shiroma, Frank Vogel and Stewart Walton.

Society competitors who brought in potted plants and cut blooms included Bill Loy, Alex Nadzen (1st place for both potted plants and cut blooms, and the Campbell Family Award for the most mini-cattleya ribbons), Charley Fouquette (2nd place in cut flower ribbons), Tom Biggert (2nd place in potted plant ribbons), Debby Halliday (most Best Orchid of the Day Awards, and third place for potted plant ribbons), Bruce Berg (3rd place in cut flower ribbons), and Ken Campbell. I wish to thank the folks who all donated their time to make this a great orchid outreach event for the public.

We worked with both Betty del sol Patterson, and Cindy Benoit, the managers of the flower show, who went out of their way to help us with the many details of coordinating our participation in the show and giving us opportunities to interact with the public to showcase our societies.



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Prosthechea radiata



L. anceps 'Sanbar Pink Perfection'



L. anceps 'SanBar Pink Persuasion'

Huntington Botanical Gardens 5th Annual International Orchid Show

Text by Jack Schaefer

Brandon Tam has invited our society to participate in the Huntington's 5th Annual International Orchid Show and Sale. This year's dates are October 18th through 20th, 2019. The SDCOS Board has ok'd our participation in the show. Dave Hoffmaster and Jack Schaefer will be leads on the display setup on Wednesday the 16th and teardown on the 20th. AOS judging will be available.

We are planning to take a tour bus up to the Huntington Show on Saturday the 19th. We will be putting up a signup sheet on the website and printed signup sheets will be available at the September and October general meetings. We will be asking for payment in advance. The cost will be announced before the September meeting.

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Orchid Dates to Remember:

August 1st

SDCOS Board Meeting

First Thursday of the month, 7 pm

Casa del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 104

August 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

August 6th

SDCOS July Meeting

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

First Tuesday of the month

Casa del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

August 7th

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

August 16th

San Diego Zoo's Orchid Odyssey

10:00 am – 2:00 pm (orchid space is open)

Third Friday of the month

August 21st

Cymbidium Society Meeting

Meeting at 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm

Third Wednesday of month

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From the Editor:

Hello everyone,

I hope you all got a chance to visit our Summer Show in the Park! If you weren't able to catch this one, I hope to be able to have some awesome pictures in the next newsletter.

I wanted to call out the upcoming potting workshop at Debby's (Page 4) – I've been to this before and found it both helpful and fun – if you were on the fence, I'd urge you to come try it out. And don't forget to sign up ahead of time so they can be prepared for the right sized group.

<https://www.volunteersignup.org/QFEJ7>

I know it's still nine months out, but I'm excited to see what displays people are going to come up with for our 2020 Spring Show: Orchid Magic (Page 5). Thanks to the Show Committee for getting this to us with so much advance notice.

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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