

**San Diego County Orchid  
Society Newsletter  
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*Schomburgkia superbiens*  
Bill Loy  
Best in Show, January 2025

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## President's Message

David Vandebroek, President

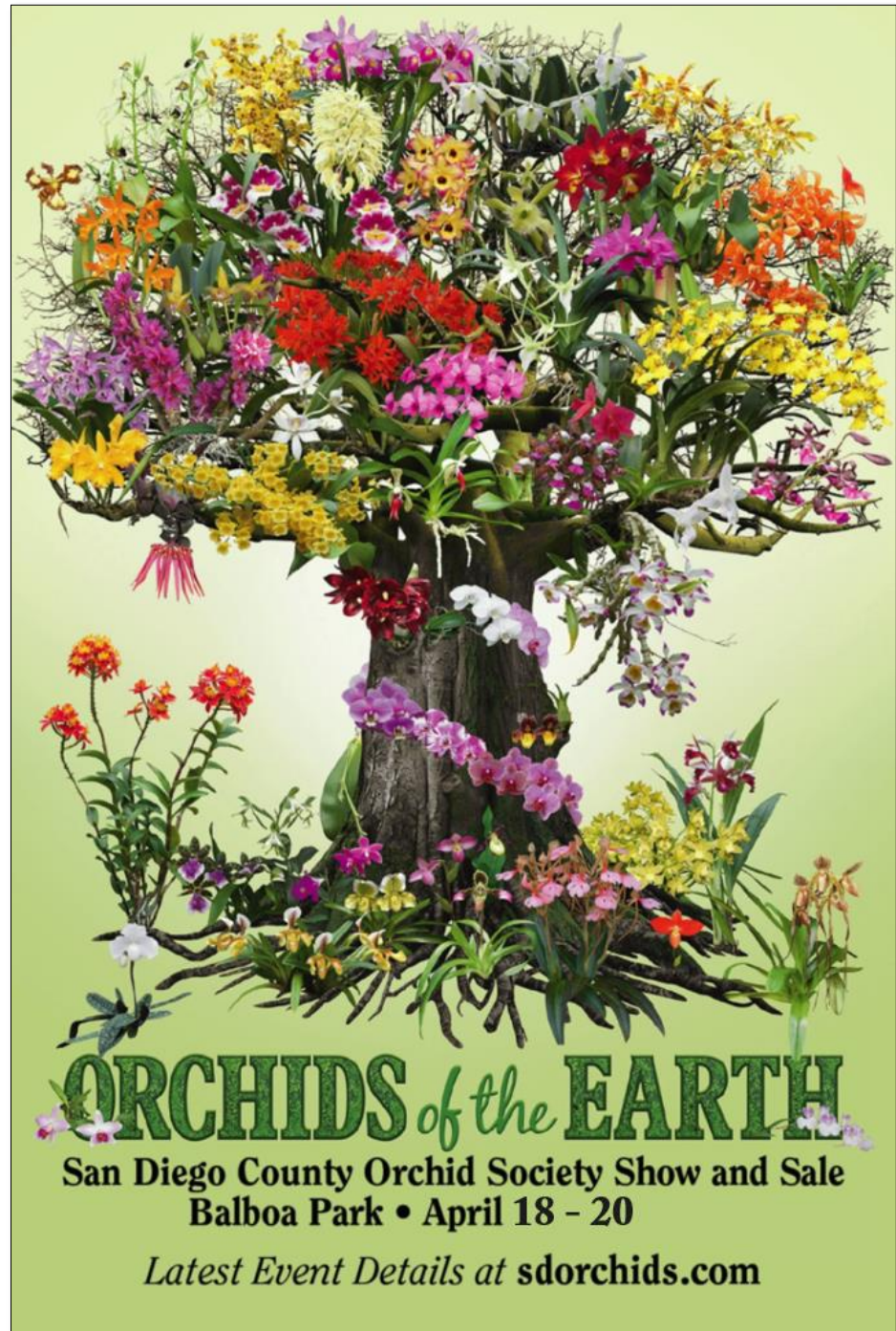
Happy summer! Well, we may have a whole month left of winter, but with us getting into the mid-80s in February, it feels like summer has started. I hope your plants all survived the heat wave and this subsequent probably-rain.

We had a great January show at the end of last month – some beautiful plants and tons of visitors! Thanks again to everyone who helped put on the show by volunteering and by bringing in their plants!

Surprisingly, our Spring Show is already less than 8 weeks away! Now is the time to start making sure plants are staked and that all your friends have April 18-20 in their calendars to come check it out!

As I noted in the email sent out earlier this month, we will have a lot of turnover on the board this year. We've had some people volunteer for some of the positions, for which I'm very thankful, including a potential new Newsletter Editor, which has me VERY thankful. I will list the open positions on a later page. After we collect any volunteers, the Nominating Committee will officially go through all the volunteers, to see who is best for the society.

Happy growing!



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**General Meeting, March 4, in person at Balboa Park, Casa del Prado Room 101, and on Zoom; 7:30 PM.**

**Tim Culbertson: *Holocoglossums: The Next Great Thing in Vandas***

Tim Culbertson and *Ashley Grable*, First VP

One of Tim Culbertson's passions has always been plants. He began growing orchids as an offshoot from working at Longwood Gardens in Philadelphia just after college. From the very beginning it was all about *Paphiopedilums*, particularly awarded and select clones of historic importance, of which his collection numbers nearly 3,000. Tim currently manages the *Paphs* at Sunset Valley Orchids, and he does hybridizing in a wide range of genera. He is an accredited judge with the American Orchid Society, and he has served in various capacities with multiple orchid societies in California and on the East Coast.

He loves meeting other people who like orchids, too; doing so often finds him traveling to shows, vendors, and people's greenhouses to see the latest and greatest in new hybrids and to get the best orchid gossip. He likes to be involved in plants as much as possible; in addition to Longwood, he has worked at the Smithsonian Institution tending to their orchids, and he worked for years for the United States National Arboretum, collecting rare plants and documenting cultivated species and hybrids for their herbarium. In short, he really likes plants.

For the March meeting, Tim will share a presentation on *Holocoglossums: The Next Great Thing in Vandas*. *Holocoglossums* are a

relatively new genus to Vandaceous breeding, and they are already making a big splash. They are miniature, adaptable, and make great compact plants for windowsills or outdoors in Southern California. By combining *Holocoglossums* with basically every Vandaceous genus under the sun, breeders have been able to come up with some spectacular new combinations; in many cases, these are so new that they haven't even been named yet! This is truly cutting-edge breeding, and you will be amongst the first to see and appreciate these new directions in miniature Vandaceous plants. By the end of this presentation, you will have a new appreciation of the range of plant habits, floral forms, and colors of *Holocoglossum* species and hybrids, as well as an appreciation of their lovely flowers and ease-of-growth.

***Speaker's Dinner:*** SDCOS will not have a speaker's dinner in March.

***Opportunity Table:*** Tim will supply the orchids for the March opportunity plant table raffle. Want a chance to take one home? Participate in the opportunity table plant raffles by 1) picking up a free raffle ticket (one per person) at the meeting's welcome table; 2) redeeming your volunteer reward coupons for chances to win; 3) exhibiting your orchid in bloom on the meeting's show-and-tell table in exchange for a raffle entry; and/or 4) purchasing raffle tickets.

**Culture Class, March 4, 6:30 PM**  
**Pam Peters: Reading the Show Schedule, Plant Registration, and Judging**

Pam has been a member of SDCOS for 30 years and Judging Chair since 2009. She enjoys growing Australian Dendrobiums, and is a Life Member.



Epidendrum Glacial Peak  
David Vandebroek



Tim Culbertson

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## The January Show

Pam Peters

The January show was a rousing success! Saturday and Sunday had constant crowds viewing the beautiful and diverse orchids on display and buying lots of plants from our vendors. Our hearty thanks go to Debby Halliday and Tom Corzine for organizing the show and volunteers. Cyndie Corzine corralled over 1,000 visitors to vote for their favorite (People's Choice) orchid. Karan Farhat provided lunches, Ernie Acantilado brought in delicious pancit on Saturday. Thanks also to Pam Peters and the judges as well as Myra DeTate and her crew of cashiers.

A total of 164 orchids and two displays were entered by the following people: Raphael Acosta-Jaramillo, Tom Biggart, Juan Bonilla, David Brown, Rachel Burns, Bob Clark, Paolo Garcia, Linda Gardner, Nico Goossens, Neal Grant, Debby Halliday, Lisa Humphreys, Betty Kelepecz, Kay Klausing, Jack Li, Bill Loy, Ben Machado, Alex Nadzan, Tom Osborn, Orchid Design, Pam Peters, Barry Reder, Dave Rimlinger, Carolyn Smith, John Snyder, Anita and Jerry Spencer, Min Teng, Paul and Ann Tuskes, David Vandenbroek, Stewart Walton, and Jaclyn Young. THANK YOU ALL!

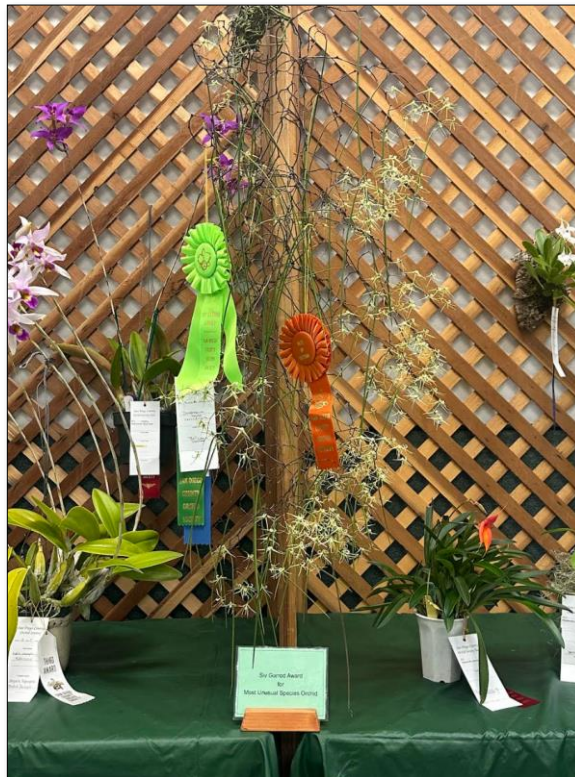
Demonstrations on how to care for and rebloom your orchids were presented by Nico Goossens, Debby Halliday, Kay Klausing, Ben Machado and Alex Nadzan.

Best of Show went to Bill Loy's *Schomburgkia superbiens*. This was an amazing species over 10' tall. Debby

Halliday's *Brassavola gauca* won the Forrest Robinson Cultural Award, Bill Loy's *Dendrobium teretifolium* won the Siv Garrod Most Unusual Species Award, and Min Teng's *Paphiopedilum* Q F Wainani won the People's Choice Award.

There will be photos of these and the Best of Section winners on the SDCOS website.

Our thanks and congratulations to all the volunteers and participants.



The Best in Show, Forrest Robinson Cultural Award, and Siv Garrod Most Unusual Species Award winners



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## People's Choice Award

Pam Peters

Over 1,000 votes were cast for the People's Choice Award. Min Teng's *Paphiopedilum* Q F Wainani (*Paph.* Lorraine's Pride x *Paph.* *barbatum*) received the most votes. Congratulations to Min! By the way, her entry *Oncidium* Jiaho Queen won the People's Choice Award at the July 2024 show as well. Good growing, Min!

The orchid receiving the second most nominations was Tom Biggart's *Oncidium onustum*.

The following plants also received a substantial number of votes:

- *Cattleya loddigesii* 'Shorty' x *Catt. walkeriana* 'The Chairman' AM/AOS by Ben Machado
- *Cymbidium* Valley Olympic 'Pink Perfection' AM/AOS by Alex Nadzan
- *Laelia anceps* 'Mari' by Orchid Design
- *Laelia anceps* 'Oaxaquena' by Raphael Acosta-Jaramillo
- *Paphiopedilum spicerianum* by Debby Halliday
- *Phalaenopsis* Purple Harlequin by Debby Halliday
- *Schomburgkia superbiens* by Bill Loy
- *Zygopetalum* Kiwi Korker by Min Teng



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Show Winners, Jan 2025			
Sec	Award	Orchid	Winner
	Best of Show - James & Lise Wright Award	<i>Schomburgkia superbiens</i>	Bill Loy
	Forrest Robinson Cultural Award	<i>Brassavola glauca</i>	Debby Halliday
	Siv Garrod Most Unusual Species Award	<i>Dendrobium teretifolium</i>	Bill Loy
	People's Choice Award	<i>Paph. Q F Wainani (Paph. Lorraine's Pride x Paph. barbatum)</i>	Min Teng
1	Cymbidium Standard Hybrid	<i>Cym. Valley Olympic 'Pink Perfection' AM/AOS</i>	Alex Nadzan
2	Cymbidium Hybrid Miniature	<i>Cym. Winter Fire 'Splash'</i>	Orchid Design
3	Cymbidium Hybrid Pendulous	<i>Cym. Dr. Len 'Geyserland'</i>	Anita Spencer
4	Cattleya Alliance Standard	<i>Slc. Kool Treat</i>	Neal Grant
5	Cattleya Alliance Compact	<i>Potinara Cosmo-Sound</i>	Dr. Barry Reder
6	Cattleya Alliance Miniature	<i>Potinara Martha Clark x Sc. Beaufort</i>	Dr. Barry Reder
7	Paphiopedilum Hybrid	<i>Paphiopedilum Hung Sheng Spice</i>	Debby Halliday
8	Phragmipedium Hybrid	<i>Phragmipedium Les Dirouilles 'Miracle'</i>	Debby Halliday
9	Oncidium Alliance Hybrid	<i>Oncidium Tsiku Marguerite</i>	Stewart Walton
10	Dendrobium Hybrids	<i>Dendrobium Miva Abracadabra</i>	Neal Grant
11	Vandaceous Alliance	<i>Vanda Ambrosian Discovery</i>	Jack Li
12	Hybrids of Other Genera	<i>Sergioara (Epicatt) Yokosuka Story 'Wilson' AM/AOS</i>	Rachel Burns
13	Phalaenopsis Alliance	<i>Phalaenopsis Purple Harlequin</i>	Debby Halliday
14	Specimen Plants	<i>Schomburgkia superbiens</i>	Bill Loy
15	Large Species: Angraecum - Masdevallia	<i>Dendrobium teretifolium</i>	Bill Loy
16	Large Species: Maxillaria - Zygopetalum	<i>Maxillaria sanguinea</i>	Debby Halliday
17	Small Species: Angraecum - Masdevallia	<i>Dendrobium limpidum</i>	Betty Kelepecz
18	Small Species: Maxillaria - Zygopetalum	<i>Oncidium onustum</i>	Tom Biggart
19	Small Displays	Display of <i>Dendrobium cuthbertsonii</i> variety of colors	John Snyder



Nico Goossens' display of phalaenopsis



Epicatt Yokosuka Story 'Wilson'  
AM/AOS  
Rachel Burns



*Dendrobium Miva Abracadabra*  
Neal Grant

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**Judging at the San Diego Judging Center,  
January 8, 2025: Outreach Judging**  
Text and photos by Phyllis Prestia

There were three orchids awarded.

[1] Tsubotaara Melinda Marie 'Blue Fairy'  
HCC/AOS  
Exhibited by Alex Nadzan  
Awarded HCC, 79 points



[2] *Paph. dianthum* f. album 'O'side's Mem.  
JR.' HCC/AOS  
Exhibited by Tim Culbertson  
Awarded HCC, 77 points



[3] *Cycnodes* John Naugle "SVO Leopard"  
FCC/AOS  
Exhibited by Fred Clarke  
Awarded FCC, 90 points



Please remember: judging starts promptly at  
6:30, so please have your plants in before  
then.

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## Volunteers Needed

David Vandebroek, President

The SDCOS Board of Directors is undergoing some changes. We have 2 openings on the current board and will have 2 additional openings on the new board in June.

First off, I will not be running for a 3rd term as President. I have enjoyed my two terms so far, and look forward to continuing to serve as Past President, however I have an exciting opportunity which will likely prevent me from showing up in person to meetings or shows for a time, and so it does not make sense for me to continue to lead the society. I look forward to continuing to grow orchids with you and maintaining connections, but may be (even more) out of contact in the coming year.

We do not currently have someone to step into the **President** role, and are hoping to find someone before the June elections.

Additionally, we have current openings for **Secretary** and **Director at Large**. If anyone is willing to serve in these positions starting immediately, we would greatly appreciate it. Members could plan to either serve until the election in June, or volunteer to serve an entire term.

Last, we will also be looking for a new **2nd VP** to start after the June election.

Officially, the Nominating committee collects the names of all interested people and solicits volunteers and presents to the Board their recommended slate of

officers. Because we are having a high turnover and have two currently open positions, we are starting the search a bit earlier than usual.

If you feel interested and willing, please reach out to me and we can talk about whether serving on the board is a good fit for you. [president@sdorchids.com](mailto:president@sdorchids.com)

In addition to the Board positions, we also need some people to help out with some monthly or show-related tasks. If you are interested in any of the following, please also reach out to me. We are looking for:

- **Kid's Corner** Volunteers
- **AV Team** (a rotating team of people to set up the projector/sound for the general meeting so it's not always on just 1 person)

I know many people have volunteered in the past and many people already have their niches carved out, working in conservation, plant table, membership, show setup/teardown, and many more - thanks to everyone who is currently or has been part of the team that helps make this society function - I appreciate the people currently serving and those who "did their time" helping keep this organization, which was founded 78 years ago in 1947, running - without which I wouldn't have been able to enjoy this great society.

Thanks for reading - if you feel any of these 7 positions could be right for you, please let me know. Looking forward to continuing to grow orchids with you!

## General Outline of SDCOS Position Primary Responsibilities

### President

- Run the general meeting, including agenda, announcements, and raffle
- Host (via Zoom) the monthly Board of Directors meeting (1st Thursday of each month)
- Make sure all standing committee positions are filled and committees have the resources needed to do their work
- Serve as a defacto member of all committees
- Appoint Nominating Committee and make sure the Board is staffed

### 2nd VP

- Primarily in charge of the monthly Culture Class
  - Find monthly culture class speakers
  - Write Newsletter article about that month's culture class
  - Introduce the CC speaker
- Attend the monthly Board of Directors meeting (1st Thursday of each month)
- Organize up to two repotting workshops per year
- Ultimately responsible for making sure the AV setup / Zoom is working (though we are organizing an AV Team to alleviate this)

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## Volunteers Needed: General Outline of SDCOS Position Primary Responsibilities (continued)

### Secretary

- Attend the monthly Board of Directors meeting (1st Thursday of each month)
- Take the meeting minutes at the Board of Directors meetings and any General Meeting where official business was conducted (such as the Election in June and conservation fund approval)
- Present the minutes for approval by the board, making any necessary revisions
- Keep official copies of the minutes and records of all meetings of the Board of Directors
- Once per year, in August, submit the ~2 forms necessary to register the society with the government (easy, we have detailed guides)

### Director at Large

- Attend the monthly Board of Directors meeting (1st Thursday of each month)
- Give guidance at the Board meetings and vote on motions
- NOTE: this is a **3-year term**, to provide continuity to the board
  - All other Board positions are **1-year terms** and need to be reelected every year
  - This position needs to be filled immediately to finish the last/current 3-year term.
  - Following that, this position needs to be filled for the next 3-year term starting in June.
  - These 2 segments do not need to be the same person, so if you want to serve 4 months and leave, that would still be helpful.

### AV Team

- Before the pandemic, it fell to the 2nd VP to set up the projector and mics for our speakers; after the pandemic, we added a Zoom component, which added slightly more complexity to the situation.
- Jack DeTate has been the only person who knows how to do this for years, and we want to change that, as Jack sometimes cannot make meetings.
- We are seeking to build a ~3 person team of people that can all do the setup - this would mean that no 1 person needed to be present at every meeting - we envision members of the AV team taking turns and filling in for each other so we can have a good AV experience without ever being too much of a burden on any 1 person
- After training, responsibilities include:
  - Showing up at the General Meeting in time to set things up (~5:45ish)
  - Getting out laptop
  - Connecting speakers and mics
  - Starting/running zoom
  - Packing everything up after
- Note: I was trained how to do this by Jack last month - if you know how to use Zoom, the rest was surprisingly easy - it's way more intimidating when you don't know what goes into it.

### Kid's Corner Volunteer

- Nancy has run the Kid's corner at our shows for many years and would like some help and, eventually, to pass on the responsibility. At first this position would be helping her set up, clean up, and run the Kid's corner at the shows, during which time you would learn the ropes and

see if this is something you might like to take the lead on sometime. Even if you don't want to run it, any help would be great, even if it's just being able to take some of the work 1 day each show.



*Sarcochilus Kulnura Drive '4 Black' x Sarcochilus Kulnura Dazzel 'Deep Velvet'*  
David Vandenbroek



*Ophrys morisii*  
David Vandenbroek

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## Coronado Flower Show

Kathy Beaton, Coronado Flower Show Orchid Chair, BBGC VP & Communications Chair

The Coronado Flower Show is celebrating its 103rd Anniversary April 12-13, 2025 and invites SDCOS members to bring their plants!

We are the largest tented, professionally judged Flower Show in the Country. The Orchid Tent is one of the most popular venues, and the SDCOS is one of our best participants each year. The Show brings in 6000 to 7000 visitors to Coronado each year.

We are Division 1, Section K: Orchids; a complete electronic schedule, published every year, can be found [here](#).

Our Orchid section is open to all orchid lovers. You can bring your Orchid entries to Coronado Spreckles Park located at Orange Avenue and 6th Street on Friday April 11

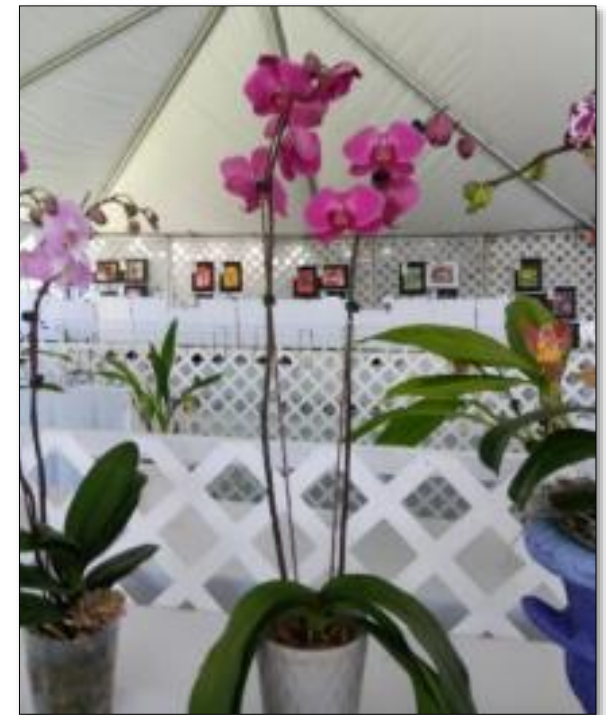


from 4pm to 6pm and on Saturday morning April 12th from 7am to 9am. Sign in at the Orchid Booth by filling in the Entry Form provided at the tent. Judging begins at 10 AM.

The Flower Show conforms to the National Garden Clubs Inc standards. All entries must be picked up at 4 PM on Sunday April 13.

We also welcome and appreciate any Volunteers that would like to help answer questions about Orchid growing by the public. You may call or text Kathy Beaton 619-581-8865 with questions.

I look forward to seeing you at the Show.





*Trichopilia fragrans*  
Min Teng

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## Orchid Dates to Remember:

March 6

### **SDCOS Board Meeting**

First Thursday of the month, 7 PM

Zoom; for an SDCOS member to request a meeting invite, email

[president@sdorchids.com](mailto:president@sdorchids.com)

March 1

### **SDCOS Species Study Group Meeting**

Socializing 8:30 AM, meeting 9:00 AM

First Saturday of the month

[president@sdorchids.com](mailto:president@sdorchids.com)

March 4

**Main Speaker Dinner:** none this month

March 4

### **SDCOS General Meeting**

Culture Class: 6:30 PM; Program: 7:30 PM

First Tuesday of the month

Casa del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

Also broadcast on Zoom; link emailed prior to meeting. to request a meeting invite, email

[president@sdorchids.com](mailto:president@sdorchids.com)

March 4

### **AOS San Diego Judging Center**

6:30 PM, first Tuesday of the month

Registration starts at 6 PM

Casa del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 104

March 5

### **Palomar Orchid Society Meeting**

Society business at 4 PM; main program at 5

First Wednesday of the month

Carlsbad City Library

1775 Dove Lane, Carlsbad, CA 92011

April 12 - 13

## **Coronado Flower Show**

SDCOS Members are invited to bring orchids to the Coronado Flower Show. Contact [kbeaton404@gmail.com](mailto:kbeaton404@gmail.com) for more info.

April 16

## **Orange County Orchid Society Auction**

April 18 - 20

## **SDCOS Spring Show**

## **Board and General Meeting Minutes**

The SDCOS Board meeting minutes are available to members upon request.

[president@sdorchids.com](mailto:president@sdorchids.com)



### Orchid Conservation Alliance

**Conserving Orchids by Conserving Orchid Habitat**

The OCA conserves orchids by funding habitat preservation. Since inception in 2005 we have helped with the purchase of over 3000 acres of orchid habitat, protecting hundreds of orchid species in Brazil, Ecuador and Colombia. Many species of rare birds, trees, frogs, mammals also find refuge in these reserves.



*Dracula gigas* (L), *D. trigonopetala* (R)  
Dracula Reserve, Ecuador

*Dracula lemurella* (L), *Lepanthes escifera* (R)  
La Selva de Ventanas Reserve, Colombia

We hope you will join us in promoting this important work. We invite you to become a member of the OCA, to make a donation, to take a trip with us to see Orchids in the Wild®, and to purchase merchandise through our website. Since we have no paid staff, all proceeds support orchid conservation. The OCA is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation.

For more information: [www.orchidconservationalliance.org](http://www.orchidconservationalliance.org)



## Orange County Orchid Society

# ANNUAL ORCHID AUCTION

EVERYONE WELCOME!  
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**Wednesday**  
**April 16, 2025**  
**6:30pm Preview**  
**7:00pm Auction Begins**

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Dendrobiums Oncidiums Species  
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President	David Vandebroek
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Second Vice President	Nate La Breche
Secretary	Vacant
Treasurer	Myra DeTate
Director at Large, to 2025	Stewart Walton
Director at Large, to 2026	Sima Perkins
Director-at-Large, to 2027	Carey McCoy
Past President	Debbie Halliday

## SDCOS Newsletter Notes

Interested in being the next SDCOS Newsletter editor? Please contact me at the email below to discuss the role. The primary responsibilities are: collect the articles from the President, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, and Judging chair, and then generate and upload the newsletter. Pretty straightforward! Contact me at [SDCOSNewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:SDCOSNewsletter@gmail.com) if you're interested in learning more.

SDCOS welcomes newsletter contributions of articles and pictures from members.

To be included in the next issue, contributions should be sent to [SDCOSNewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:SDCOSNewsletter@gmail.com) by end of day on the **second Friday of the month**.

Contributions that come in after the deadline can still be included in the following issue, so don't let missing the deadline stop you from sending things in.

For contributions of pictures, please include the correct, full name of the orchid being shown in the email text. Also, please do not submit more than 3 pictures per month (unless they're really good...). I will not be able to use every picture, but having a small library to choose from is helpful.

All the best,

David Vandebroek  
SDCOS Newsletter Editor

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