

**San Diego County Orchid
Society Newsletter
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Pleurothallis nipterophylla
Paolo Garcia

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President's Message

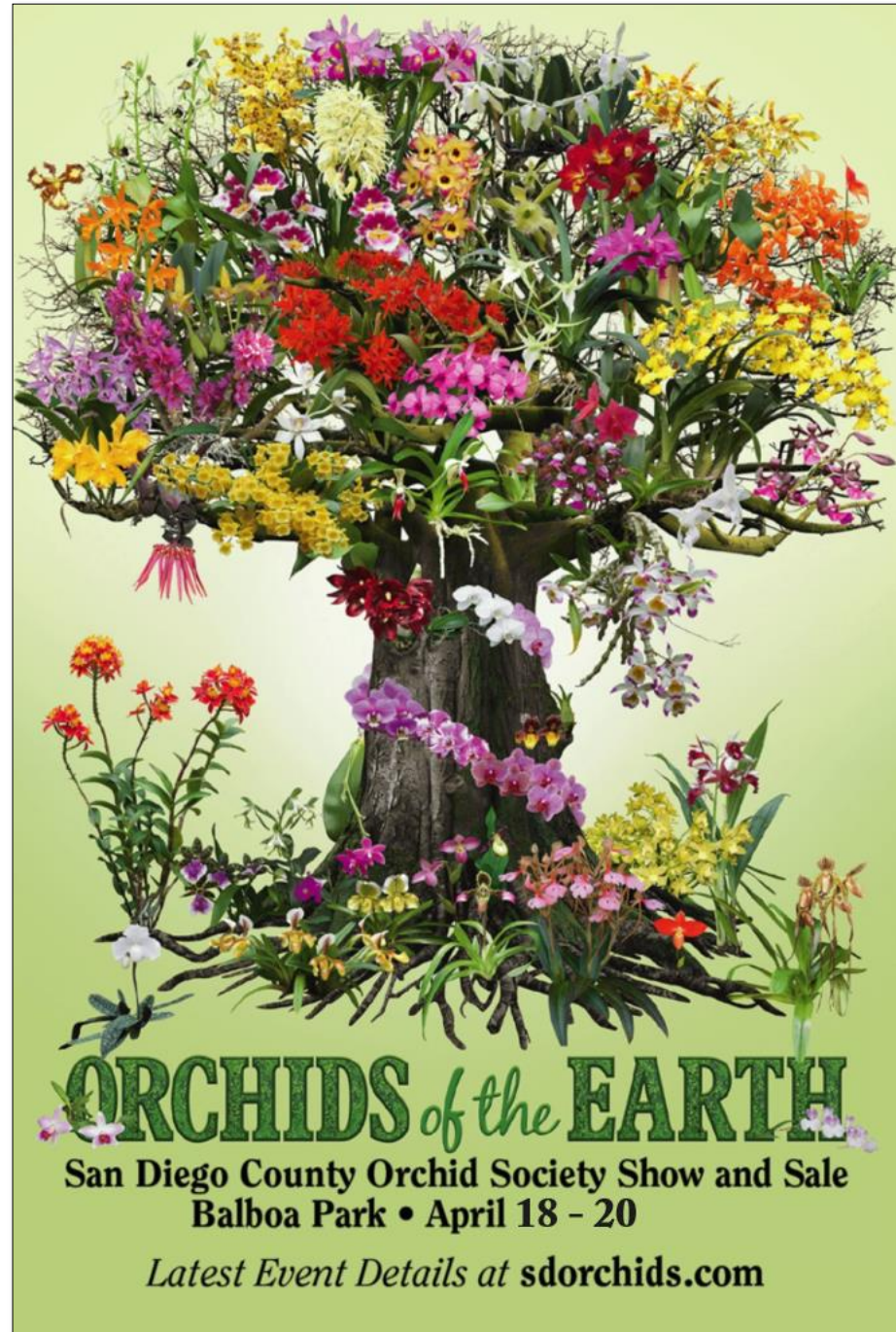
David Vandebroek, President

Hi everyone, I've been very sick so this is a short and truncated newsletter. Some articles and pictures didn't make it, but I plan to have them in the next one. Sorry about that, but wanted to get a pre-spring show letter out. Hope to see you at the General meeting, and I hope your orchids are waking up and looking beautiful for you as we enter Spring.

Reminders of note:

- Spring Show is coming up in 3 weeks – April 18-20, Easter Weekend. Volunteer signups on our website and here:
 - <https://www.volunteersignup.org/K9KPP>
- The annual post-Spring-Show Banquet will be held in June, in conjunction with the election. Expect more info on that next month.
- We need Board Applicants for
 - President
 - 2nd Vice President
 - Secretary
 - Director at Large

If we don't fill these positions, the quality of the meetings will likely drop, we may not have culture class speakers, and the remaining members will be at increased risk of burnout.



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General Meeting, April 1, in person at Balboa Park, Casa del Prado Room 101, and on Zoom; 7:30 PM.

Peter T. Lin: *Brassavola* Species and Their Hybrids

Peter T. Lin and *Ashley Grable*, First VP

Peter T. Lin started growing orchids over 40 years ago. Then he stopped due to school and starting a career. It wasn't until about 20 years ago that the orchid "bug" came back, and he is now heavily involved once again.

Due to limited growing space, Peter likes to specialize in miniature orchids – both species and hybrids – and he has received numerous AOS awards. He is a hybridizer of mini *Cattleyas* and mini *Vandas*, and his other orchid interests include *Dendrobiums*, *Angraecoids*, and *Neofinetias*. He is also known as "Mr. *Sophronitis*", as he has a passion for growing and collecting orchids from this genus. He maintains thousands of orchids at his home in Southern California in three small greenhouses, as well as an offsite greenhouse.

Peter is an accredited judge with the American Orchid Society (AOS) and a Past President of Orchid Digest. He frequently gives talks at various orchid societies, and he has written articles for *Orchid Digest* magazine, as well as for AOS's *Orchids* magazine. He enjoys meeting with other orchid enthusiasts, and he can often be found at various orchid shows and societies around the country. As an avid orchid hobbyist, hybridizer and judge, he maintains the website [Diamond Orchids](#), which includes a catalog of plants he has available for purchase, as well as more information

about his hybrids, awards, and talks. He also has hundreds of photos of his orchids that he maintains on Flickr. You can view them through this link: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/minicatt/collections/>.

As our main speaker for April, Peter will present one of his newer talks, *Brassavola* Species and Their Hybrids. *Brassavolas* are quite charming and seem to have their own popularity. Learn about the many different species and their hybrids within the *Cattleya* Alliance. This fast-paced presentation will include many pictures, along with cultural tips.

Speaker's Dinner: SDCOS members are invited to join, at their own expense, **dinner with the main speaker** on the evening of the presentation. To secure your seat, email 1stVP@sdorchids.com by Monday, March 31. Please arrive at the restaurant – [The Prado at Balboa Park](#) (1549 El Prado, Suite 12) – prior to the 5:45 pm reservation, so the table may be seated on time.

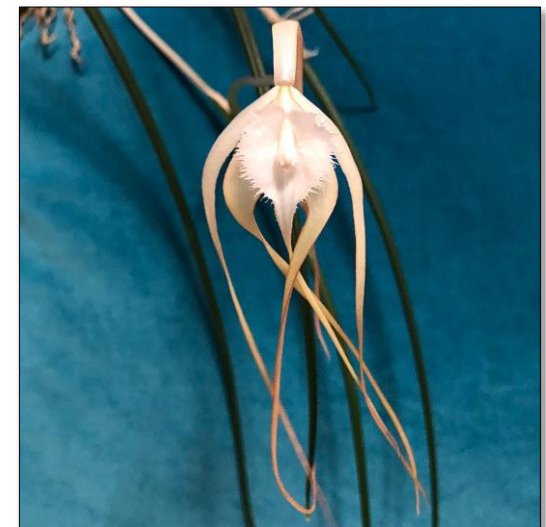
Opportunity Table: Peter will supply April's plant opportunity table, which will include *Brassavola* hybrids. Want a chance to take one home? Participate in the **opportunity table plant raffles** by 1) picking up a free raffle ticket (one per person) at the meeting's welcome table; 2) redeeming your 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, 6:30 PM
John Oswalt: RO systems
Nate La Breche, Second VP

John Oswalt will be discussing RO systems for April's Culture Class.



Brassavola nodosa



Brassavola cucullata

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Spring Show in April Debby Halliday, Show Chair

It will be time for the Orchids of the Earth Spring show before we know it. April is just around the corner and your show committee has been hard at work to make sure everything is ready. Here are the details.

Orchids of the Earth Show & Sale

April 18-20 – Easter Weekend

Casa del Prado, Room 101 and Patio A

Friday 12pm – 6pm (early bird sales at 10am)

Saturday 9am – 6pm

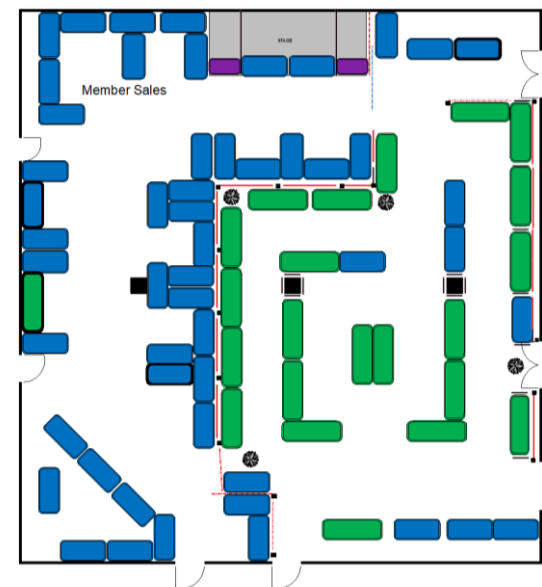
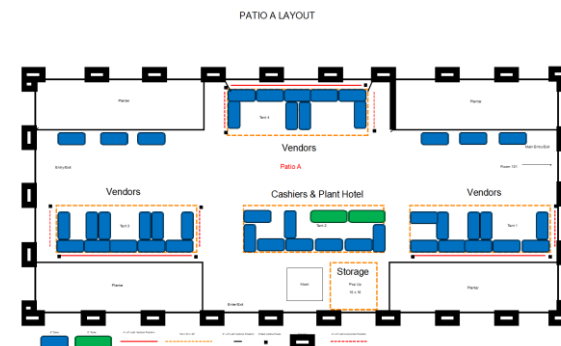
Sunday 10am – 4pm

We will be using the same layout as last year. Our decision to use part of Room 101 and Patio A for sales worked out very well in 2024. Our gross sales were actually higher than the year before against much lower expenses. Our display area was full and glorious. We were able to add some extra space by putting the plant hotel on Patio A so no orchid was turned away. The whole project was much easier to put together and take down, so for the first year in a while we are NOT reinventing the Spring Show.

We have a good roster of vendors including Conservation and Member Sales. We will have three 10x30 tents on the patio for vendors, and good spaces in Room 101 as well. There will be a larger area reserved for member sales in Room 101 or Patio A depending on vendor confirmations, but please let me know in advance if you plan to participate. There will be cashiers and plant hotels on both the patio and room 101. We will be providing lunch for all volunteers and vendors.

There should be plenty of orchids in bloom to make our exhibit area spectacular. We hope some of them will be yours! Pre-registration forms will be sent out in April. We urge you to pre-register, as we expect many plants at this show and it is hugely helpful to know what to expect in advance. Registration and drop off will Thursday, April 17th 3 – 7pm, and April 18th 8 – 9am.

Tom Corzine remains our Volunteer Coordinator. There will be signup sheets at the March and April meetings and [on the Volunteers section of the website](#). Please plan to be part of our biggest and best show of the year! We do need you and it's fun to be part of the circus. Of course, you will earn a Volunteer Reward Coupon for every day you work. Thank you!

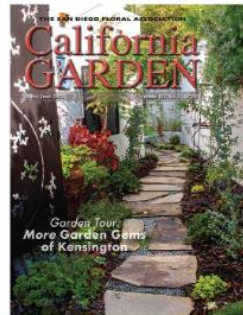
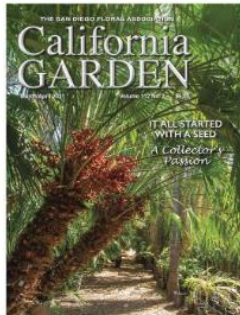


San Diego Floral Association Photography Contest 2025 “Along a Garden Path”



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Calling All Photographers

Amateurs and professionals alike, this is the time to showcase your photographic talent. Our 2025 contest invites submissions inspired by the theme "Along a Garden Path." The winning photograph will be featured on the front cover of the September/October 2025 issue of San Diego Floral's award-winning magazine *California Garden*.

The San Diego Floral Association, established in 1907 with the mission to promote the knowledge and appreciation of horticulture and floriculture in the San Diego region, has always recognized the synergy between gardens and artists. From our participation in Art Alive with the San Diego Museum of Art to our dedication in publishing our informative, creative and beautiful magazine, *California Garden*, San Diego Floral strives to elevate and promote artistic inspiration and an appreciation of Nature's beauty.

The online entry window opens February 1, 2025 12:00 noon (PST), and closes March 31, 2025 at 11:59 p.m. (PDT). No early or late submissions will be considered. The entry fee is \$15.00 per entry. Contestants may submit up to three (3) photographs. Entry fee revenue will support the mission and educational programs of the San Diego Floral Association, a non-profit organization.

Contest Rules and additional information can be found at sandiegofloral.org

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Or call toll free 877.3 MEMBER

Visit our website: www.sandiegozoo.org

Your membership supports our plant and animal collections and includes a monthly visit to our Orchid Odyssey on the third Friday of each month from 10am until 2pm.

Note: prices

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General Meeting Zoom Password Update David Vandebroek, President

Since the society introduced Zoom during Covid, the society has opted for a “Waiting Room”, so we could keep any troublemakers out. In the 5 years we’ve been doing this, we’ve never had a troublemaker.

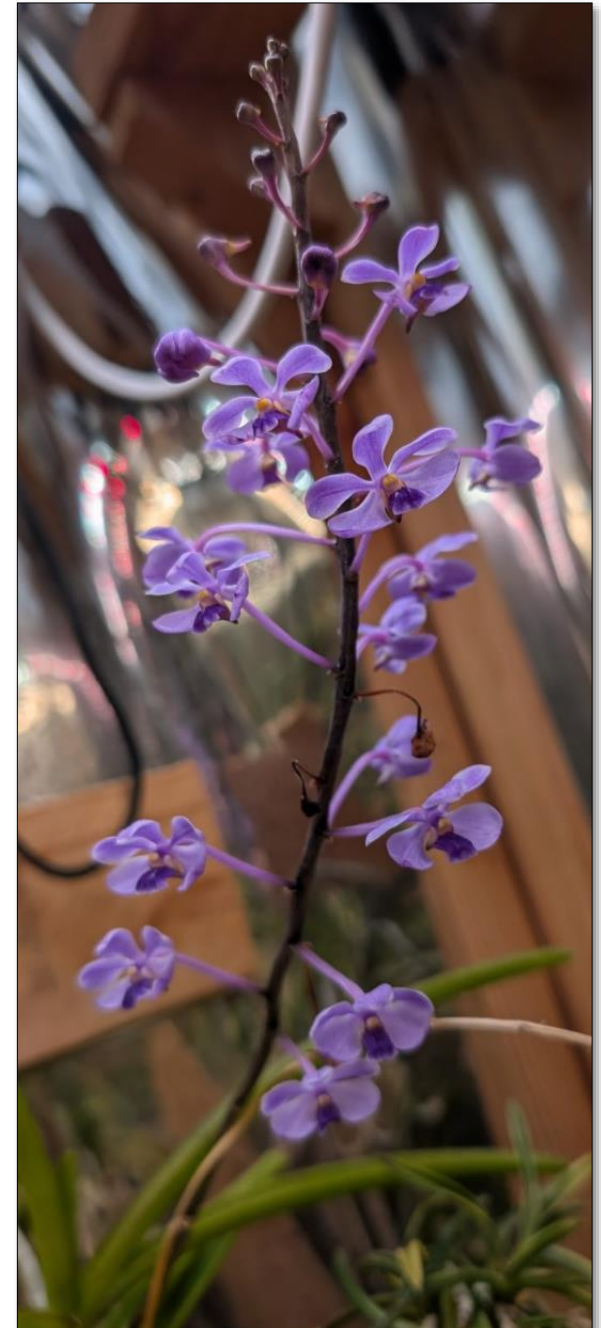
Because of this, and to make everyone’s lives easier, we are transitioning to a password-locked meeting, rather than using a waiting room. Members may now need to enter a password to get into the meeting. The password will likely remain unchanged until we have problems, or may change periodically. The password will be emailed along with the Zoom link.



Dendrobium bellatulum
Paolo Garcia



Dendrobium speciosum
David Vandebroek



Vanda coerulea
David Vandebroek

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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

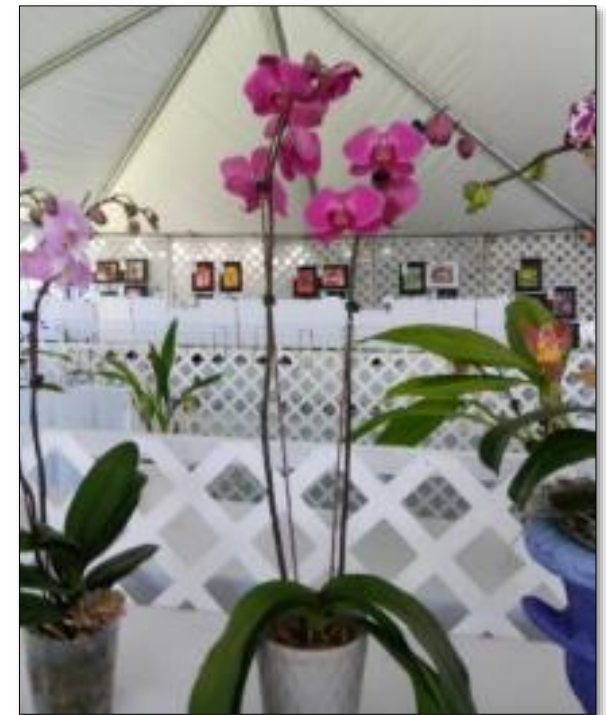


from 4pm to 6pm and on Saturday morning April 12th from 7am to 9am. Sign in at the Orchid Booth by filling in the Entry Form provided at the tent. Judging begins at 10 AM.

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.





Cleisocentron gokusingii
Paolo Garcia



V. Pakchong Blue
Min Teng

Long Beach Amateur Orchid Society

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Orchid Dates to Remember:

April 1
Main Speaker Dinner*: 5:45 PM
*See Main Speaker article for details.

April 1
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 via Zoom; meeting link to be emailed to members prior to meeting. For a nonmember to request a meeting invite, email president@sdorchids.com

April 1
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

April 2
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 3
SDCOS Board Meeting
First Thursday of the month, 7 PM
Zoom; for an SDCOS member to request a meeting invite, email president@sdorchids.com

April 5
SDCOS Species Study Group Meeting
Socializing 8:30 AM, meeting 9:00 AM
First Saturday of the month

April 12 - 13
Coronado Flower Show
SDCOS Members are invited to bring orchids to the Coronado Flower Show. Contact kbeaton404@gmail.com for more info.

April 16
Orange County Orchid Society Auction

April 17 - 20
SDCOS Spring Show

- **Friday** 12 PM – 6 PM (sales open to everyone at 10am, show opens at 12)
- **Saturday** 9 AM – 6 PM
- **Sunday** 10 AM – 4 PM

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Board and General Meeting Minutes

The SDCOS Board meeting minutes are available to members upon request. president@sdorchids.com

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

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, 1st and 2nd VP, and Judging chair, and then generate and upload the newsletter. Pretty straightforward! Contact me at 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 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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