

**San Diego County Orchid
Society Newsletter
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Note: all pictures in this edition are from the 2025 SDCOS World of Orchids show unless otherwise noted.



***Ctt. Blazing Treat 'Rainbow Valley'
Jerry & Anita Spencer
Best of Show***

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President's Message

David Vandebroek, President

Hi everyone, I hope you all had a good holiday weekend and that you and your plants are doing well.

First, I'd like to apologize for there being no newsletter last month, and for general newsletter unreliability. Our new newsletter editor fell through, and we are once again looking for someone to take over this role. This consists of collecting the ~5 monthly articles and pictures, formatting in Word (or any program of your choice), and posting it to the website. If you're interested, please contact me at SDCOSNewsletter@gmail.com.

As part of the missed newsletter, we have many Spring Show articles and photos going out this month – apologies to the people who scrambled to get those articles out on time to have them published this late. Sadly, my laptop died while I was in Japan so I couldn't just fill in when the newsletter didn't come through.

That said, we had a great Spring Show with more than 200 orchids displayed and thousands of visitors – it was a great event, and thanks to everyone, volunteers, plant-bringers, and, of course, the Show Committee for all the work that went into making it fantastic.

As you likely know, every year after the Spring Show we have an awards banquet and celebration for a successful Spring Show. Last year, putting on the banquet so quickly after the show was a bit of a rush, so

we decided to move the banquet to align with the June Members Meeting. If this goes well, we will likely make this a recurring event. We'll then be able to have our election, celebration, awards, and fun all on one summer day. We have also decided to give away summer gift plants this year at the awards banquet. Hopefully you got an email from Ashley (through Bob) about signing up for your gift plant – if not, you have until **Friday, May 30, to sign up:**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6NY2VVT>

Note: Like at the Holiday Party, gift plants are only available to members who show up in person to the meeting. There will be more information in Ashley's article.

Last up, some election business:

We have had substantial difficulty recruiting new board members. **Nate La Breche** has volunteered to stay on as Secretary, and **Kay Klausning** has agreed to return to the board for 1 year as 2nd VP. We have also chosen **Barbara Mc Cubbin** as a Director at Large from the pool of DaL candidates. We are still missing a President and 1st VP. If an experienced member of the society is willing to take President, or any member willing to take 1st VP, please contact me.

However, as time is short and having a President is a mandatory position for us to function as a nonprofit company, I will continue on as President for 1 more year if nobody steps up. This will have to be a largely figurehead position. Since I don't intend to attend many meetings because I won't be here, we will have to have volunteer members run the meetings. If you're willing

to run some of the meetings, let me know, and we can put together a rotation.

Additionally, without a 1st VP we won't have anyone to find the main speakers or arrange the plant opportunity table. As a result, we may have some meetings in the near future which have no speaker. In those cases, we will have a culture class, extended social time, and a plant forum, for which we'll ask more people to bring in more plants so we have more to look at with our additional time.

Since this outcome is not ideal for the society, if you are willing to be 1st VP and take over the role of finding speakers and arranging for the plant table (or delegating these tasks), please also let me know.

It's a bit of a rough time for the Society's Board, but I'm hopeful that by this time next year we'll have things sorted out better.

Looking forward to the party with you all **at 6 PM** next week,

David



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SDCOS Annual Spring Banquet, Annual Election, and Presentation of Spring Show Awards

Tuesday, June 3

- 6 PM Appetizers,
- 6:30 PM Main Course,
- 7 PM Business Meeting, Election and Presentation (Zoom portion)

Ashley Grable, First VP

The SDCOS Spring Banquet and annual election will be held on the evening of Tuesday, June 3. This year, **we will provide a gift plant to each member who registers by Friday, May 30, and attends in person!** Based on RSVPs, SDCOS will purchase plants from [Andy's Orchids](#), [El Jardin Tropical](#), and [Sunset Valley Orchids](#). Members who do not register by May 30 will not be guaranteed a gift plant.

The banquet will be held in our usual meeting room, but it will begin earlier than typical meetings, with appetizers at 6:00 and the main course at 6:30. The society will provide main courses (ham and turkey), as well as coffee, tea, soda, plates, cups, and utensils.

Sign up today at

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6NY2VVT>

to help with event setup, to contribute a dish for the potluck dinner, and to **select your preferred gift plant vendor.** Each member may register and bring one guest. Guests are not eligible for gift plants. Members may bring their own alcoholic beverages.

Starting at 7:00, the Zoom portion of the banquet will allow online participation in the business meeting, annual election, and the main presentation. Dr. Ann Tuskes,

American Orchid Society (AOS) Judge and SDCOS Life Member, will present a photographic review of the plants that received awards at the SDCOS spring show, *Orchids of the Earth*.

There will not be a culture class or a plant raffle/opportunity table. In lieu of a plant forum, members with plants in bloom are encouraged to bring in a plant to showcase as a centerpiece at their banquet table

Please email 1stvp@sdorchids.com with any questions. I look forward to celebrating the success of our spring show and sale with you!



An SDCOS Banquet

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Orchids of the Earth - 2025 Debby Halliday, Show Chair

We welcomed Easter with a truly outstanding orchid show! Our members brought in 243 beautiful blooming orchids. We had many entries in our species classes, which really brings the wonder of orchids to our visitors. The plant quality was very high, enabling the AOS judges to award 8 Awards of Merit.

Jerry & Anita Spencer took Best of Show with their glorious specimen sized Ctt. Blazing Treat 'Rainbow Valley'. With its many heads of deep orange-red blooms, it also earned the Forrest Robinson Cultural Award. Congratulations to Jerry and Anita. The prize for Most Unusual Species went to John Snyder and his unique *Pleurothallis* sp. orchid. You know it's unusual when the species hasn't even been identified. Its creamy ribbon-like sepals and filamentous orange petals combined with a pale orange bulbous lip to create a very unique flower. Congratulations John, and thank you for sharing it with us.

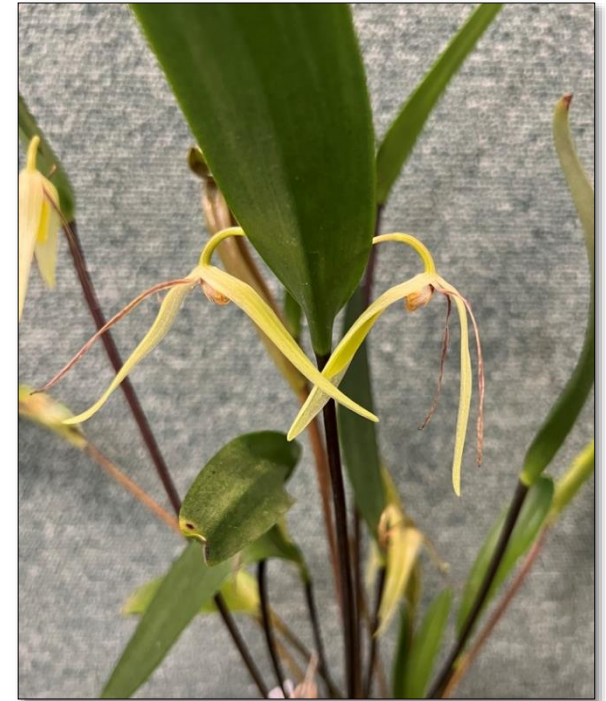
People's Choice went to an impressive semi-alba *Cattleya* hybrid, Lc. Park Ridge 'Thornridge', brought in by Xavier Hung. The dramatic purple lip, bright white petals and sepals, and abundant flowers made a real show stopper and caught the eyes of many visitors. Rounding out the top five People's Choice winners were *Paph. rothschildianum* by Paolo Green, *Paph. micranthum* by John Snyder, *Galeopetalum Memoria* Loren Batchman by Rachel Burns, and *Arpophyllum giganteum* by Betty Kelepecz. As always, many different plants were chosen. More details in the next newsletter.

Special thanks to our superb show committee who really carried the ball this time. I was out of town a lot, but everyone stepped up and made sure their part of the show ran perfectly. The set-up & breakdown were smooth and efficient, we had lots of volunteers and they all received coupons, our signs were everywhere in the park so no one could miss them, judging went without a hitch, sales checkouts were easy and accurate. Thank you George Pflaum, Tom Corzine, Pam Peters, and Myra DeTate for your leadership. We appeared on all the local calendars thanks to Ashley Grable. We had a full roster of classes offered by our volunteer instructors – Kay Klausung, Alex Nadzan, Nico Goossens, Ben Machado, John Snyder, and myself. Bob Clark manned the membership booth. Also thank you to everyone who volunteered and showed up to make this show happen. You should all be very proud!

Some of our usual vendors couldn't come this time due to various factors. SVO was particularly missed. However, the vendors who were there sold plenty of plants and our visitors were happy. Ann & Paul Tuskes brought in a selection of Arnie Gum's plants to be sold. Many members were able to acquire a few to remember our good friend who we lost so suddenly. It was a big job and we appreciate their efforts.

Overall it was an excellent and successful show. You did it again! Thank you everyone!

Lc. Park Ridge 'Thornridge' and show
Xavier Hung
People's Choice Award



Pleurothallis sp.
John Snyder
Most Unusual Species



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April Show: Plants and People

Pam Peters

Thirty-three people entered 230 plants in the April Spring Show. Of these plants, 103 were *species* orchids and 128 were hybrids. This represents the trend that more and more of our members are growing beautiful and unusual *species* orchids as well as stunning, vibrant hybrids. In addition to orchids, we had one display. Our show was the best and most beautiful we've ever had. Hundreds of visitors over the weekend enjoyed this visual and fragrant delight.

Thank you to the following people for bringing in plants to display: Daniel Bellem, David Brown, Rachel Burns, Ed Danielwicz, Natalia Gaidarinko, Paolo Garcia, Debby Halliday, Lisa Humphreys, Xavier Hung, Betty Kelepecz, Kay Klausing, Jack Li, Jennifer Luther, Ben Machado, Barbara McCubbin, James Tuck and Grady Mitchell, Alex Nadzan, Bicvan Nguyen, Orchid Design, Tom Osborn, Pam Peters, George Pflaum, Dave Rimlinger, Suzi Sandore, Ana Seitz, John Snyder, Anita and Jerry Spencer, Robin Street-Morris, Min Teng, David Vandenbroek, and Stewart Walton.

David Vandenbroek set up a most informative visual display: Wind Orchids: Elegance in Leaves, History in Roots. The display had three poster boards describing the wind orchids, or Fukiran (*Vanda* (*Neofinitia*) *falcata*):

- History Rooted Nobility (Samurai), What Makes a Fukiran Special?
- Variegation, Leaf Shape, Root Tip Color, and Tsuke (joint where leaf meets the stem)

- Appreciation and Culture of Fukiran. In front of the posters were 12 different forms of *Vanda falcata* plants in matching vases. Thank you, David, for such a beautiful and informative display.



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Show Winners April 2025			
Sec	Award	Orchid	Winner
	Best of Show - James & Lise Wright Award	<i>Cattlianthe</i> Blazing Treat 'Rainbow Valley'	Anita & Jerry Spencer
	Forrest Robinson Cultural Award	<i>Cattlianthe</i> Blazing Treat 'Rainbow Valley'	Anita & Jerry Spencer
	Siv Garrod Most Unusual Species Award	<i>Pleurothallis</i> sp.	John Snyder
	People's Choice Award	<i>Lc.</i> Park Ridge 'Thornridge'	Xavier Hung
1	Cymbidium Standard Hybrid	<i>Cym.</i> Blue River Thunder	Alex Nadzan
2	Cymbidium Hybrid Miniature	<i>Cym.</i> Radiant Ruby	Alex Nadzan
3	Cymbidium Hybrid Pendulous	<i>Cym.</i> Pee Wee	Alex Nadzan
4	Cattleya Alliance Standard	<i>Lc.</i> Gold Digger	George Pflaum
5	Cattleya Alliance Compact	<i>Slc.</i> Angel's Treat x <i>Epi.</i> Kyoguchi	Suzi Sandore
6	Cattleya Alliance Miniature	<i>Slc.</i> Circle of Life x <i>Lc.</i> Walgery	Min Teng
7	Paphiopedilum Hybrid	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Tony Semple	Ana Seitz
8	Phragmipedium Hybrid	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Sorcer's Apprentice AM/AOS	Debby Halliday
9	Oncidium Alliance Hybrid	<i>Tolumnia</i> 'Pretty in Pink'	Debby Halliday
10	Dendrobium Hybrids	<i>Dendrobium</i> Nobile Hybrid	Debby Halliday
11	Vandaceous Alliance	<i>Holcovanstylis</i> Ping Pong 'HQ' AM/AOS	Jack Li
12	Hybrids of Other Genera	<i>Galeopetalum</i> Memoria Loren Batchman	Rachel Burns
13	Phalaenopsis Alliance	<i>Doritaenopsis</i> Green Earth	Alex Nadzan
14	Specimen Plants	<i>Cattlianthe</i> Blazing Treat 'Rainbow Valley'	Anita & Jerry Spencer
15	Large Species: Angraecum - Masdevallia	<i>Cattleya mossiae</i> v. <i>semi alba</i>	Jennifer Luther
16	Large Species: Maxillaria - Zygopetalum	<i>Phragmipedium longifolium</i> AM/AOS	Debby Halliday
17	Small Species: Angraecum - Masdevallia	<i>Dendrobium nugentii</i>	Debby Halliday
18	Small Species: Maxillaria - Zygopetalum	<i>Paphiopedilum micranthum</i> FCC/AOS	John Snyder
19	Small Displays	Wind Orchids: Elegance in Leaves, History in Roots	David Vandenbroek

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**Judging at the San Diego Judging Center
(Casa del Prado, Balboa Park),
April 2025, 6:30 PM.**

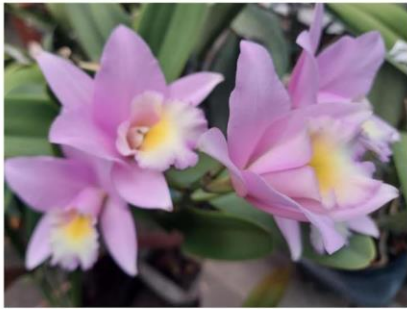
Text by Phyllis Prestia. Photo by Bill (William) Loy.

There was one orchid presented for judging
and one orchid awarded.

[1] C. Love Knot 'B.R.O.' AM/AOS
Exhibited by Barry Reder
Awarded AM, 87 points

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

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With Auctioneer Peter Lin



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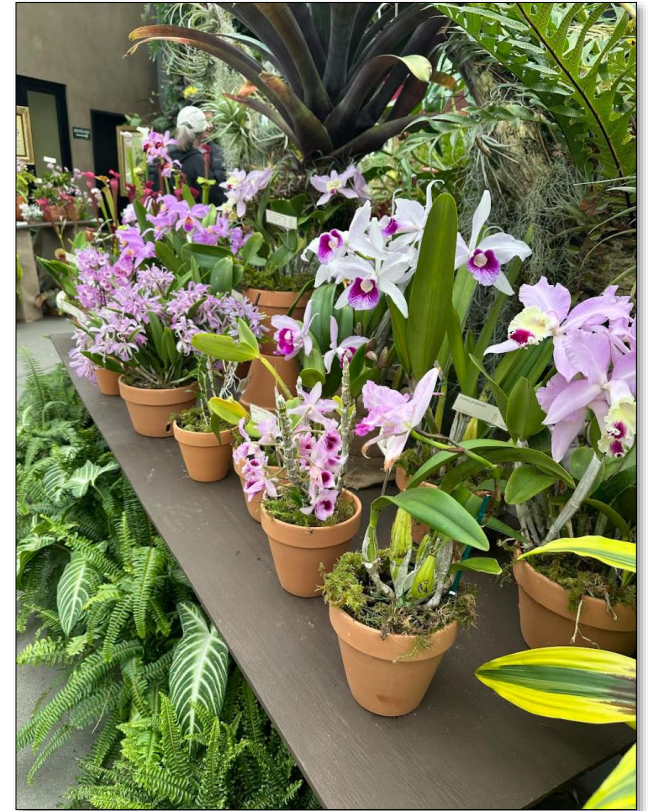
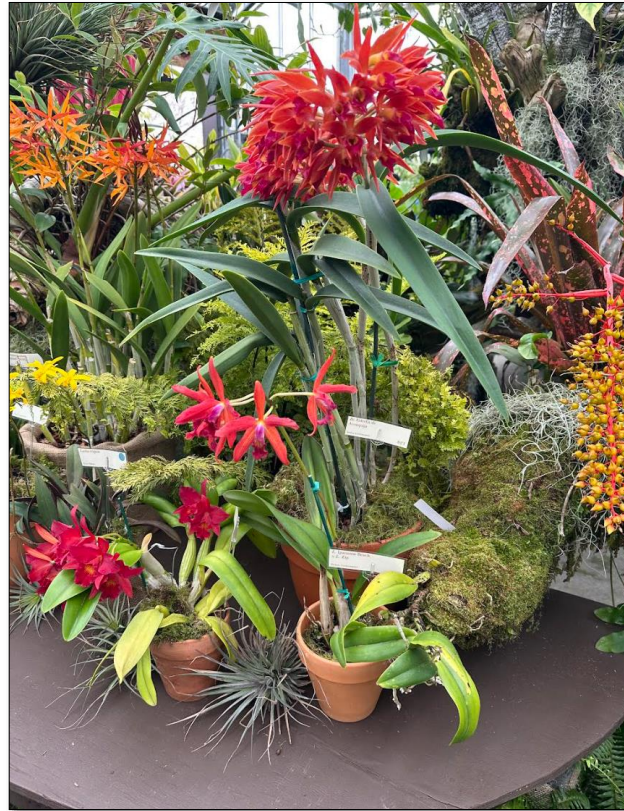
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SDCOS members who lent plants to
SDBG for World of Orchids:

Orchidelirium

Pam Peters

Tom Biggart, Rachel Burns, Ken Campbell,
Ruben Colmenarez, Ed Danielewicz, Myra
DeTate, Nico Goossens, Bruce Hubbard,
Dave Hoffmaster, Lisa Humphreys and
Daniel Bellem, Pamela Koide Hyatt, Betty
Kelepecz, Kay Klausing, Ben and Susie
Machado, Barbara McCubbin, Alex Nadzan,
Pam Peters, George Pflaum, Barry Reder,
Dave Rimlinger, Suzi Sandore, Jerry and
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SDBG World of Orchids Pictures



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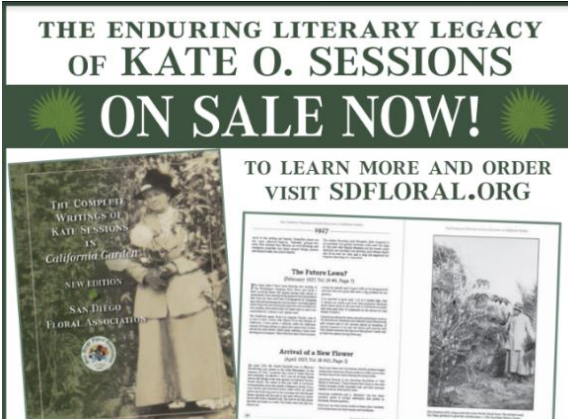
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Orchid Dates to Remember:

June 3
SDCOS Spring Banquet and Election
Appetizers start at **6 PM**
Main Course at **6:30 PM**
Election, presentation, and Zoom at **7 PM**
Casa del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

Also broadcast via Zoom; meeting link to be emailed to members prior to meeting.

June 3
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

June 4
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

June 5
SDCOS Board Meeting
First Thursday of the month, 7 PM
Zoom; for an SDCOS member to request a meeting invite, email
president@sdorchids.com

June 7
SDCOS Species Study Group Meeting
Socializing 8:30 AM, meeting 9:00 AM
First Saturday of the month
This month Species Group will hold their annual species auction to raise money for conservation
info@sdorchids.com

June 19
SGVOH Auction
Preview 6 PM, Auction 7 PM
301 N Baldwin Ave, Arcadia, CA 91007

July 26 - 27
SDCOS Summer Show
Casa del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

Board and General Meeting Minutes

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

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2025-2026 Proposed Officers

President	David Vandebroek
First Vice President	-
Second Vice President	Kay Klausing
Secretary	Nate La Breche
Treasurer	Myra DeTate
Director at Large, to 2024	Barbara Mc Cubbin



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

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

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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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