



**San Diego County Orchid  
Society Newsletter**  
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*Please note: more January Show articles and pictures  
will be in the March Newsletter*



***Angraecum sesquipedale***  
Best In Show, January 2026  
Debby Halliday



## SDCOS Needs a New Newsletter Editor!

Hi everyone, since picking up the newsletter in June of 2018, I've been happy to assemble the newsletter and share everyone's beautiful orchids with the society. It is, however, time for me to step back from the role.

If you're interested or willing to take this on, please email me at  
[President@SDOrchids.com](mailto:President@SDOrchids.com)

I am willing to stay on through July, after which I will be stepping back. I'm happy to give any training and help transition the new newsletter editor into the role.

The NL Editor primarily collects the President's message, Main Speaker Bio, Culture Class Speaker Bio, Judging and Show pictures, and adds them to the NL template in Word and sends it out.

The new editor, like I did when I first took over, will have nearly infinite freedom in how they want to make the newsletter, so don't feel the need to perfectly reproduce what I've been doing.

Thanks for considering taking on this role!

... Also, the nominating committee is looking for people to fill the following roles for the 2026/27 year which starts at the June election:

President  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

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## Open Volunteer Positions

David Vandenbroek, President

SDCOS currently needs to fill the following volunteer positions. Please contact [president@sdorchids.com](mailto:president@sdorchids.com) if you are willing to consider any of them.

### 1st Vice President

- Primarily in charge of finding and managing main speakers and getting plants for the plant table

### 2nd Vice President

- Primarily in charge of finding and managing culture class speakers and arranging a once- or twice-yearly repotting workshop

### Webmaster

- In charge of things related to the website
  - updating show posters, posting volunteer links, general maintenance and possible improvements

### Newsletter Editor

- Get articles and pictures for the newsletter and make the newsletter (I just use Word)

### Membership Chair Apprentice

- Follow our membership chair, Bob Clark, as he performs membership tasks like keeping a roster of members, setting up the membership booth especially at Shows, and sending the monthly email to members, with the intent of taking over as membership chair sometime in 2025ish

### AV Team Member

- Every month we need someone to set up and run Zoom for our meetings. We only have 1 person who does this now, which leaves us in a lurch if he ever has vacation or can't make it. We want a

team of ~3 people to share this responsibility, each taking a couple months / year of being in charge. This job is easy to learn, and Jack can teach you everything you need to help.

Any of these roles can be taken on a trial basis. Please consider stepping into one.

## President's Message

David Vandenbroek, President

Happy spring! Hope you're all enjoying this unseasonably warm weather and that your plants are surviving these ultra low humidity days!

We had a great show this past weekend. Thanks so much to the people who made it possible! The show committee and volunteer coordinator put in tons of work getting ready for the weekend, and you all worked to make it great. I appreciate everyone bringing in so many beautiful, blooming plants!

A brief note on attendance and sales in light of the parking changes. We did sell less \$ of plants than last year's January show, however after spiking in our 1<sup>st</sup> post-pandemic year, sales have been steadily declining. We remain above pre-pandemic sales \$. Our # items sold is also decreasing, and at a faster rate, which is something to note. That said, we did have thousands of people coming through our show through walk-ins, and it was fairly busy even through most of Sunday. The warm weather must've been an advantage to us.

As this newsletter is already very late, I will be including most of the show information in the next newsletter, so look out for more pictures and notes in a few weeks.

And as I've said elsewhere: we need volunteers for the positions listed on the left and for newsletter editor. If you're willing to take these on, please let me know.

Looking forward to seeing you tomorrow at the meeting!

David



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

## **Peter Lin: Miniature Species – Tiny Wonders of the Orchid World**

Peter Lin will be presenting his updated talk on: Miniature Species – Tiny Wonders of the Orchid World. This fast-paced PowerPoint presentation will show you many diminutive orchid species. Although tiny, they can be just as spectacular as their full-size counterparts!

Peter is an accredited judge with the American Orchid Society and a hybridizer of mini-catts and mini vandas. He enjoys meeting with other orchid enthusiasts and can often be found at various orchid shows and societies around the country. He also has hundreds of photos of his orchids that he maintains on Flickr. You can view them by typing this address into the internet: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/minicatt/collecti ons/>

Due to limited growing space, Peter likes to specialize in miniature orchids, both species and hybrids, and has received numerous AOS awards. His other interests in orchids include Dendrobiums, Angraecoids, and Neofinetias. He maintains a collection of 400 or more orchids at his home in Southern California in 2 small greenhouses, as well as an offsite greenhouse.

## **Culture Class, 6:30 PM Peter Tobias: Orchid Conservation**

This month, we are pleased to welcome Peter Tobias, who will present a timely and thought-provoking talk on orchid conservation. As habitats around the world face increasing pressure from climate change, development, and illegal collecting, Peter will discuss why conservation efforts are critical to the survival of wild orchid species. His presentation will explore how orchids fit into broader ecosystem health and what makes their conservation both uniquely challenging and deeply important.

Peter is the cofounder of the Orchid Conservation Alliance (OCA), an organization dedicated to protecting orchid habitats through land conservation and long-term stewardship. Drawing on his extensive experience with OCA, Peter will share real-world examples of successful conservation projects and explain how orchid societies and individual growers can support these efforts. This talk will inspire attendees to think beyond cultivation and consider how we can all play a role in preserving orchids for future generations.



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Show winners. Photos will be posted in the next NL. Thanks everyone for bringing in your wonderful plants!

Show Winners January 2026			
Sec	Award	Orchid	Winner
	Best of Show - James & Lise Wright Award	<i>Angraecum sesquipedale</i>	Debby Halliday
	Forrest Robinson Cultural Award	<i>Denrobium</i> Rainbow Sun	Jerry & Anita Spencer
	Siv Garrod Most Unusual Species Award	<i>Catasetum ivanae</i>	Rachael Burns
	People's Choice Award	<i>Potinara</i> Jump for Joy "Whoopee" x <i>Lc.</i> Winter Joy 'Fred'	Juan Bonilla
1	Cymbidium Standard Hybrid	<i>Cymbidium</i> Hybrid Pale Green	Vichban Ngyuen
2	Cymbidium Hybrid Miniature	<i>Cymbidium</i> Freeling 'Green Ice'	Jerry & Anita Spencer
3	Cymbidium Hybrid Pendulous	<i>Cymbidium</i> Len Pepper	Jerry & Anita Spencer
4	Cattleya Alliance Standard	<i>Potinara</i> Jump for Joy "Whoopee" x <i>Lc.</i> Winter Joy 'Fred'	Juan Bonilla
5	Cattleya Alliance Compact	<i>Potinara</i> Patsy Lee Rader ( <i>Potinara</i> Star Fire 'Ruben's Red' x <i>S/c.</i> Rockette 'Little Rock')	George Pflaum
6	Cattleya Alliance Miniature	no entries	-
7	Paphiopedilum Hybrid	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Frank Zettle 'Shane'	Debby Halliday
8	Phragmipedium Hybrid	<i>Phragmipedium</i> x <i>richteri</i> 'Silver Valley' HCC/AOS	Debby Halliday
9	Oncidium Alliance Hybrid	<i>Miltoniopsis</i> Bleuana 'Shawnee' AM/AOS	Debby Halliday
10	Dendrobium Hybrids	<i>Dendrobium</i> Anne's Rainbow Surprise	Jerry & Anita Spencer
11	Vandaceous Alliance	<i>Vanda</i> Santa Barbara Fizz	George Pflaum
12	Hybrids of Other Genera	<i>Epidendrum</i> Hybrid 'Magenta Stars'	Pam Peters
13	Phalaenopsis Alliance	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Hybrid 'Orange Sunset'	Debby Halliday
14	Specimen Plants	<i>Angraecum sesquipedale</i>	Debby Halliday
15	Large Species: <i>Angraecum</i> - <i>Masdevallia</i>	<i>Angraecum sesquipedale</i>	Jane Wesley Brooks
16	Large Species: <i>Maxillaria</i> - <i>Zygopetalum</i>	<i>Bonatea speciosa</i>	Jerry & Anita Spencer
17	Small Species: <i>Angraecum</i> - <i>Masdevallia</i>	<i>Dinema polybulbon</i>	Jane Wesley Brooks
18	Small Species: <i>Maxillaria</i> - <i>Zygopetalum</i>	<i>Mediocalcar decoratum</i>	Betty Kelepecz
19	Small Displays	<i>Micro-Miniature Orchid Display</i>	Paolo Garcia
23	Orchids Grown for Foliage	<i>Ludisia discolor</i>	Nico Goossens

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Orchid Conservation Alliance

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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), Dr. trigonopetala (R)  
Dracula Reserve, Ecuador



Dracula trigonopetala (R)  
La Selva de Ventanas Reserve, Colombia



Lepanthes esclifera (R)  
La Selva de Ventanas Reserve, Colombia



Ventanas (R)

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)

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## Orchid Dates to Remember:

February 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](mailto:president@sdorchids.com)

February 7

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

Socializing 8:30 AM, meeting 9:00 AM

First Saturday of the month

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

February 3

### **Main Speaker Dinner\*: 5:45 PM**

\*See Main Speaker article for details.

February 3

### **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](mailto:president@sdorchids.com)

February 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

February 4

### **Palomar Orchid Society Meeting**

Society business at 4 PM; main program at 5

First Wednesday of the month

Pine Avenue Community Center

3209 Harding St

Carlsbad, CA 92008

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### **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)

### **2025-2026 Officers**

President	David Vandenbroek
First Vice President	<i>Vacant</i>
Second Vice President	<i>Vacant</i>
Secretary	Nate La Breche
Treasurer	Myra DeTate
Director at Large, to 2026	Sima Perkins
Director at Large, to 2027	Paolo Garcia
Director-at-Large, to 2028	Barbara Mc Cubbin
Past President	Debby Halliday



## SDCOS Newsletter Notes

SDCOS is looking for a new Newsletter Editor. If you are willing to consider or try out the position, please email me!

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 Vandenbroek  
SDCOS Newsletter Editor

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