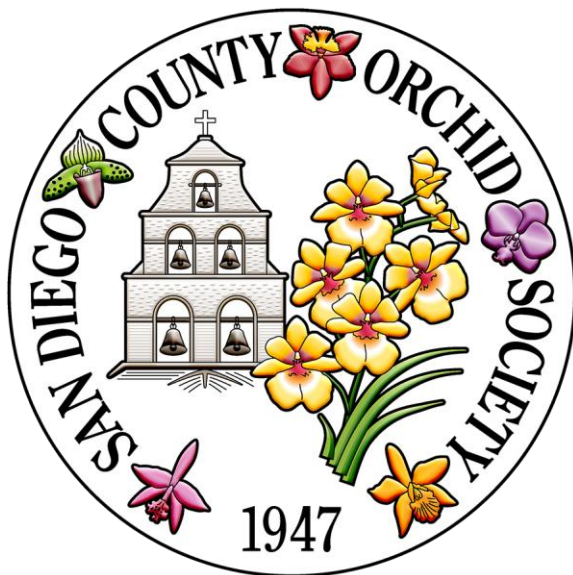




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Cattleya Aloha Lana 'Pink Circle'
AM/AOS
Fred Clarke

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President's Message

Barbara McCubbin, President

Hi Everyone,

Just a short note to say I hope you are all staying hydrated during these warm summer days.

Thank you again for voting for me to carry on the duties as President. I am honored and hope you will all help me along the way.

A big thank you to Alex Nadzan for teaching the culture class on Neos on such short notice. I'm still trying not to kill mine!

Our guest speaker, Tim Culbertson, gave a great talk on *Laelia purpurata*. We also appreciate Tim for providing the plants for the opportunity table.

I appreciate your continued support and look forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting.

Barbara

From the Editor

Alex Cain

Hello everyone, I hope you all enjoyed the show this month. Unfortunately, I couldn't make it this time. If you are wondering where the pictures are from the show, look for them in next month's newsletter due to the short turnaround time. There will be a lot of content about the show to come in the next edition.

As always, if you have any ideas, pictures, or stories you would like to share, SDCOS welcomes newsletter contributions from members at SDCOSNewsletter@gmail.com by end of the **second Friday of the month**.

All the best,

Alex Cain

SDCOS Newsletter Editor

General Meeting, August 4, 7:30 PM.

Jack Zhu:

Beyond the Bloom: Variegation and Culture of *Cymbidiums*, including *Cymbidium lancifolium*

Jack Zhu is a prominent orchid cultivator, commercial nursery owner, and an accredited American Orchid Society (AOS) Judge within the Pacific South Judging Region. As the founder of Fang Hua Garden, he specializes in the importation, preservation, and curation of diverse Asian orchid genera, with a particular focus on Asian *Cymbidiums* (Guolan), and *Paphiopedilums*. Deeply immersed in the rich cultural history and traditional aesthetics of traditional orchid appreciation, Jack has successfully bridged Eastern horticultural standards with Western judging paradigms, garnering more than forty AOS awards for his exceptional Asian *Cymbidiums*.

While the orchid world often fixates on the fleeting beauty of a flower, classic Asian orchid culture (Guolan) has long revered a deeper, year-round aesthetic: the architectural artistry of foliage. In this presentation, "Beyond the Bloom: Variegation and Culture of *Cym. lancifolium*,"

we step into the sophisticated world of the Rabbit Ear Orchid. This talk explores the history, unique morphology, and highly prized leaf variegation types of this fascinating species. Discover how to cultivate and appreciate *Cym. lancifolium* not just as a seasonal bloomer, but as a living, evolving sculpture whose elegance persists long after the blossoms fade.

Culture Class, August 4, 6:30 PM

Jane Brooks:

OH RATS! Winning the War Against Roof Rats in an Orchid Collection

Jane Wesley Brooks, CFLS, is a family law attorney. She has been growing orchids since studying Ornamental Horticulture as an undergraduate but increased her hobby and collection size to 2 shade houses and a small green house upon moving to Mount Helix in 2018. Her collection is extremely diverse as her orchid purchasing is based on whim and inspiration rather than actual planning and plotting.

Rats can and will destroy an orchid collection and a hobbyist's peace of mind in only a couple of days. It is an important pest to recognize and quickly implement eradication methods, dependent upon your assessed situation. A brief history of rats in the US and San Diego will be presented as well as all methodologies for eradication employed by the presenter.

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KIDS CORNER NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Nancy Walters

The Kids Corner has served over 800 children the past 10 years. We have encouraged them to appreciate and learn about orchids and how to grow them. It also gives the parents a chance to look around the shows while their children enjoy an activity at the booth.

I am looking for one or two people to take over the KIDS CORNER at 3 shows during the year: January, July and October. (Saturday and Sunday) THAT IS ONLY 6 DAYS DURING THE YEAR! It would require you to set up the booth and encourage children 5-15 to participate. Everything is ready to go; just take things out of the containers and supervise use of materials. My last two shows will be in July and October. I can explain everything and show you what is available to use.

You can see how easy and FUN it is to see all the smiling young faces! We have had the Kids Corner for over 10 years. Help it continue!!

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Open Volunteer Positions

David Vandenbroek, President

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

Membership Chair Apprenticeship

- 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 2026ish

AV Team Member

- Every month we need someone to set up and run Zoom for our meetings. Thanks to Nora and Todd for stepping in to help with this role! We still would like 1 or 2 more people to be on this team so that the responsibility can be shared even further. With so many on the team now, it's not that big a commitment.

These roles can be taken on a trial basis. Please consider stepping into one.

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Judging at the San Diego Judging Center
(Casa del Prado, Balboa Park),
July 7, 2026 ~ Member Meeting
Text and photographs by
Jeanie Anderson, AOS Photographer

There were approximately 14 orchids
presented for judging. Eight (8) orchids
were awarded.

[1] *Paphiopedilum moqueltianum* 'SVO
Stunner'

AM/AOS

Exhibited by Fred Clarke

Awarded Award of Merit, 85 points



[2] *Masdevalia* Ronald Leathers 'Thanks
Anna'

AM/AOS

Exhibited by Tim Culbertson

Awarded Award of Merit, 88 points



[3] *Paphiopedilum hookerae* 'Oside's
Stunning'

HCC/AOS

Exhibited by Tim Culbertson

Awarded Highly Commended Certificate, 79
points

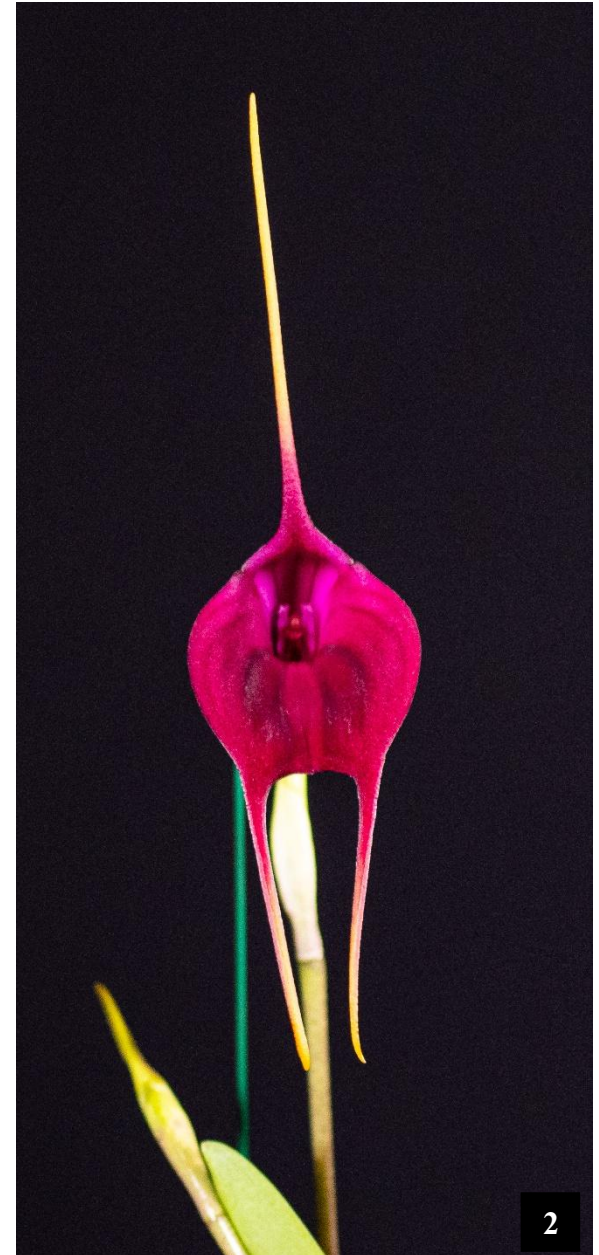


[4] *Cattleya Aloha Lana* 'Pink Circle'

AM/AOS

Exhibited by Fred Clarke

Awarded Award of Merit, 82 points



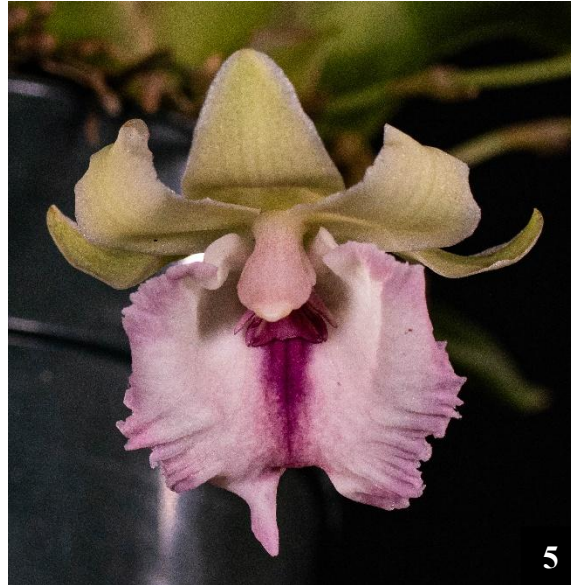
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[5] ***Kefericzella* Gary Krause 'Oside's Purple Blush'**

AM/AOS

Exhibited by Tim Culbertson

Awarded Award of Merit, 80 points



[6] ***Encyclia contrerasii* 'Purple Blush Stephanie'**

CHM/AOS

Exhibited by Pedro Sanchez

Certificate of Horticultural Merit, 86 points



[7] ***Epidendrum gnomus* 'Remington Sinclair Debeaubien'**

CBR/AOS

Exhibited by Jojo deBeaubien

Awarded Certificate of Botanical Recognition



[8] ***Paphiopedilum* Bengal's Lancers 'Oside's Sergeant'**

HCC/AOS

Exhibited by Tim Culbertson

Awarded Highly Commended Certificate, 79 points Judging at the San Diego



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Member Submissions

None this month, could next month be you?

Let us know anything related to orchids that you are passionate about!

Orchid Dates to Remember:

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

August 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

August 5

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

August 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

August 8

SDCOS Species Study Group Meeting

Socializing 8:30 AM, meeting 9:00 AM
Typically the first Saturday of the month,
DELAYED 1 week in August

info@sdorchids.com

Board and General Meeting Minutes

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

president@sdorchids.com

2026-2027 Officers

President	Barbara McCubbin
Co-1st Vice President	Peter Tobias
& Co-2nd Vice President	& John Synder
Secretary	Nate La Breche
Treasurer	Myra DeTate
Director at Large, to 2027	Paolo Garcia
Director-at-Large, to 2028	Tracey Olson
Director at Large, to 2029	Sima Perkins
Past President	David Vandebroek

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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

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.

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