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San Diego County Orchid Society

CULTURE MEETING- February 5, 6:30 PM ***Nico Goossens - How to Prepare Your Plants for an Exhibit***

By Ben Machado, 2nd Vice President

As it's time to start thinking about the big show coming up in March, Nico Goossens has a talk for you about how to groom your orchids to accent their visual charm as well as how best to display your plant. You likely have done all the right things for your orchids over the last year: watering, feeding, and providing proper light exposure. Now that the hardest part of the winter is coming to a close your plants are looking more vigorous and can use that little extra touch to get ready for the show.

Nico is one of those super energetic individuals, who is always there for any-

one with a problem or a question regarding orchids, orchid culture, greenhouse growing, as well as outdoor growing. He is especially gifted with an eye toward plant presentation and putting together those bizarre, yet interesting displays at any of the Southern California shows that he participates in. He says his talk is very informal, open to comments from the audience. He has a few plants that he will use to illustrate how to clean, trim and stake for show quality exhibition. Whether you choose to enter a single plant for judging or include some of your plants in a mass

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GENERAL MEETING- February 5, 7:30 PM

By Scott Labouff, 1st Vice President

Learn about this amazing group of species and hybrids. You may be aware of Bulbophyllums but have you grown them? They make excellent companion plants with Phalaenopsis and warm-growing Paphiopedilums. Little hybridization has been done but the results have been fantastic.

Fred Clarke has been growing orchids for 33 years and has been hybridizing for 25 of those years. With over 25 years as a professional grower and manager in the horticultural industry, Fred applies these skills at his orchid nursery: Sunset

Valley Orchids, located in San Diego, California.

He is a passionate orchid grower whose curiosity in orchids is broad and varied. Although developing Cattleya hybrids has been his sustaining interest, he is also actively creating new Aussie Dendrobium and Paphiopedilum hybrids.

His pioneering work in Catasetum intergeneric hybrids led to the development

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San Diego Orchid Society meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at the Casa Del Prado in Balboa Park.

Culture Class: 6:30 PM, Room 101

General Meeting: 7:30 PM, Room 101

Newsletter Entries

If you have monthly meetings, classifieds, submissions of interest, photos, or announcements related to orchids, please contact Christopher Croom at (619) 583-3804 or batescroom@gmail.com.

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Please contact Carol Berg at winklerca@yahoo.com.

Information for the March newsletter must be submitted by February 15.

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Orchid Dates to Remember

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SDCOS Species Group Meeting

First Saturday of the month

Paul or Ann Tuskes (858) 274-5829

February 5, 6:30 PM

SDCOS Culture Meeting

First Tuesday of the month

Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

February 5, 7:30 PM

SDCOS General Meeting

First Tuesday of the month

Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

February 6

First Wednesday of the month

Palomar Orchid Society Meeting

Culture class at 6:30; program at 7:00

First Wednesday of the month

The Carlsbad Woman's Club

3320 Monroe Street, Carlsbad

February 7, 7:00 PM

SDCOS Board Meeting

Normally, the Thursday following the General Meeting, Balboa Park, Rm. 104

February 15

San Diego Zoo's Orchid Odyssey

Third Friday of the month

10 AM-2 PM (orchid greenhouse is open)

Janette Gerrity (619) 231-1515 ext. 4306

February 20

Cymbidium Society Meeting

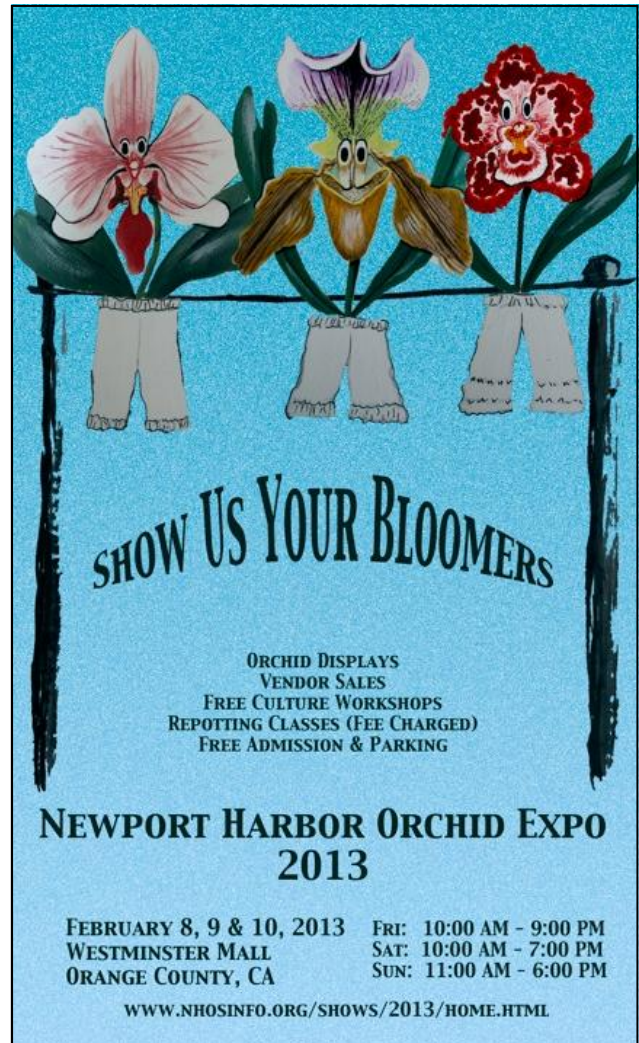
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Tour of Andy's Orchids Tuesday, February 12

The Orchid Society Board of Directors has instituted a program to hold quarterly tours. The venues will include private gardens & orchid nurseries.

The 1st of these tours will be to Andy's Orchid Nursery (734 Ocean View Avenue, Encinitas) on Tuesday, February 12, 2013 at 10 AM.

To sign up or for any questions, please contact James Wright at jwright7@san.rr.com or call (619) 208-7272 or (619) 276-5295. You will need to provide your own transportation for this event.

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 Helmut Rohrl (858) 452-0976

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 Ann & Paul Tuskes (858) 274-5829

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 Ann Tuskes (858) 274-5829

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Christopher Croom (619) 583-3804

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Cymbidiums
 Karl Batchman— casa@orquideas.com

Northeast County, all types
 Dave Reid (760) 728-7996

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 Jim Wright (619) 276-5295
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San Diego East County, all types
 Bud Close (619) 444-8839

South County, all types
 Genie Hammond (619) 422-2235

In Memory

Joyce Reid

April 28, 1935 to January 9, 2013

David Reid of Reids Orchids is sad to announce the passing of his dear wife Joyce.



She and David were members of the San Diego Orchid Society for the past 45 years.

There was a memorial service for her at Coastline Baptist Church, 557 Vista Bella, Oceanside, CA, Thursday, January 17, 2013 at 11 AM.

She is survived by her husband, two brothers, three sisters, three children and their spouses, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She will be missed by many friends and relatives.

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From the Membership Desk

Please welcome the newest members: Dr. Laura Nolden, Kendall Morse, Tanya Luong, Bach-Ngoc Trinh, and Charlie Morgan.

Be sure to read the article by Helen Pfister on the change taking place for the Newsletter distribution which will begin with your April newsletter. If you have any suggestions or questions of the Society please discuss them with one of your Board members.

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of several notable hybrids, most recently the grex Fredclarkera After Dark, which produced "the blackest flower ever witnessed." This grex has received eight FCC's, eight AM's and the coveted 'Award of Distinction' on the first flowers shown for judging!

Fred is an Accredited Judge in the Pacific South Judging Region. His plants have received hundreds of quality awards from the American Orchid Society.

The plant opportunity table will be provided by Fred Clarke, SVO Orchids.

Culture meeting continued from page 1....

exhibit, some of his techniques are going to help you bring out the best in your plants.

Nico, along with his partner Lisa Humphreys, own and operate Lico Orchids and Flowers in Encinitas, very near the ocean. Surprisingly, their growing conditions have a wide variance throughout the year. They have met the match, producing some very exciting orchids. They specialize in species but they also include a mix of hybrids as well.

Last month Jim Wright started the New Year right with his presentation on orchid potting. With his pointers in mind we can confidently pursue redoing our plans. His presentation was very insightful, particularly in the area of sanitation and cleanliness. Thanks Jim, you are a big help!

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MOVING TO THE MODERN AGE!

By Helen R. Pfister

The San Diego County Orchid Society's Board of Directors after months of discussion has set a date for the final bulk mailing of our Newsletter. Our last mailing will be the March 2013 issue. If you are among the few who wish to receive a paper copy of the newsletter there are two ways of doing this:

1. Pick up your copy at the meeting.
2. Have a copy sent to your address for a \$5.00 per year additional charge.

Otherwise, join the rest of us in the MODERN AGE and receive you newsletter via email and then be directed to our website. Here you will be able to view not only the current issue in living color but past issues as well.

Our webmaster, Jack Schaefer, along with his committee have done a fantastic job of updating our website. If you have not checked it out you should.

I'm sure we will have a few problems at the beginning, like all new ventures. But bear with us as we get everything up to speed.

Anyone wishing to continue receiving the newsletter at their address, please contact Bob Clark at a meeting or show, or email to membership@sdorchids.com, or leave a voice message at (858) 270-8352. Then, pay the additional \$5.00 per year at the next meeting or mail you check to:

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The Board wishes to thank everyone who filled out the newsletter survey.

Judging at the San Diego Judging Center

Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, January 2013

Text and photos by Phyllis S. Prestia Ed.D.

There were 7 orchids presented for judging. Three were awarded.



Mo. Lime Tiger 'SVO II' FCC/AOS
Exhibited by Fred Clarke
Awarded HCC/AOS 77 points



Morm. Nitty-Gritty 'Sunset Valley Orchids'
Exhibited by Fred Clarke
Awarded hCC/AOS 78 points



Clo. Unnamed (Cl. Alaena Lawson x Ctsm. Bound for Glory) AM/AOS
Exhibited by Fred Clarke
Awarded AM/AOS 82 points

Concerning Plants for Judging Sessions

By: Helmut Rohrl

The Pacific South Judging Center conducts each month three judging sessions in the Los Angeles and San Diego area. They are:

San Diego

Balboa Park, Casa del Prado, room 104
1st Tuesday of the month at 6 pm

San Marino

Huntington Botanical Gardens
2nd Saturday of the month at 10 am

Long Beach

Whaley Park
4th Saturday of the month at 7 pm

Visitors—with or without plants—are welcome anytime. If a member of the SDCOS wishes to have flowering plants judged at one of these sessions but is unable to take the plants to the judging facility, please contact one of the following AOS judges:

Rohrl, Helmut 858-452-0976
Tuskes, Ann and Paul 858-274-5829

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The AOS is coming

We are privileged and honored that the American Orchid Society has chosen San Diego as the location for their annual Member's Meeting. Their meeting will be held at the Scottish Rite Center in conjunction with our spring show, March 22 and 23, 2013. Their meeting will bring in a number of high ranking American Orchid Society (AOS) members from around the country to our show. It is an opportunity for us to meet with these people as they will participate in some of our activities such as ribbon judging on Friday Morning.

Most of their meetings are intended for AOS members and will focus on issues relative to the AOS. There are, however, two events that are open to members of our society. These are the Town Hall Meeting starting at 10:30 Saturday morning at the Scottish Rite Center and the AOS auction and banquet Friday evening at the Sheraton Hotel—see following article.

Please note that the auction and banquet require advance registration. We do hope that you take advantage of this opportunity to meet and welcome the AOS members.

AOS Auction and Banquet

The AOS invites you to join us on Friday, March 22, 2013, for the AOS auction and banquet to be held at the Sheraton Mission Valley Hotel, 1433 Camino Del Rio South, right down the street from the Scottish Rite Temple. The auction preview begins at 5:00 and the auction at 5:30 with the banquet to follow at 7:30pm. The auction provides a great opportunity to buy fabulous plants and other orchid-related items as well as have fun and lots of laugh with Alan Koch of Gold Country Orchids as the auctioneer. We would love to see all of you there for a wonderful evening of camaraderie, great opportunities, and lots of fun. The banquet cost is \$50.00 and the menu choices include chicken or beef. Please contact the AOS at 305.740.2010 to make a reservation. Deadline for banquet reservations is March 8.

I would also like to invite you to join us for the AOS Members' Meeting and Town Hall discussion to be held at the Scottish Rite Temple on Saturday, March 23. The Members' Meeting begins at 9:00 and is followed by the Town Hall meeting at 10:30. This is your opportunity to meet the board members and officers of the AOS, find out what exciting things are happening with the AOS. You will also have an opportunity to ask any questions you might have.

We look forward to meeting many of you over this week of activities and thank you so much for your support of the AOS and allowing us meet in conjunction with your wonderful orchid show.

Sandra Svoboda,
 AOS President

Changes for the Spring Show

The following changes were approved by the Show Committee for the 2013 Spring Show.

1. Only registered plants will be eligible for judging and awards.
2. Orchid Societies will be entered in the Open Category. Individual members can enter their plants in the Amateur categories, but any vendor plants will be entered in the Open Category.
3. The San Diego Zoo will be entered in the Open Category.
4. Each Society and Vendor Display/Exhibit must have a minimum of 10 flowering orchids.
5. Please sign up with Dave Hoffmaster in advance if you are putting in a Small Tabletop Display.
6. Junior Entries: Exhibitors must be under 18 years of age. Exhibitor may use any orchids even if he/she has not grown it. An index card with culture information on how the plant is grown needs to be included with the registration tag.
7. The Show Schedule (Sections for Plant Registration) can be found at www.sdorchids.com/Shows.html

Volunteers needed for the Spring Show!

We need your help at the Spring Show. This is our big project of the year and for it to be successful, we need a lot of help to showcase our passion for our orchids. Please either

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email me, Bruce Berg at b2berg@yahoo.com with your availability, or sign on the sheets which will be located at the back of the room during the next General meeting.

It's a very stressful job to know if we'll have enough people show up to help out if we don't know ahead of time who will be available to help out for the many jobs and shifts. Then when the show is open and members just show up to help and we've got some shifts covered and others aren't, we may or not be able to utilize your help.

This year we're trying something new to encourage your efforts to sign up early. All volunteers will still have a meal who work at least one shift per day. In addition, they will receive a coffee mug with a custom new design. If you have signed up early, you will also receive one

San Diego County Orchid Society Board Meeting Minutes January 7, 2013

Attendees: Bruce Berg, Carol Berg, Helen Pfister, David Brown, Bob Clark, Kay Klausung, Scott LaBouff, Jim Wright and visitor Jack Schaefer

President Bruce Berg called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Officer Reports:

Minutes for the December meeting were approved via email prior to this meeting and were published in the January newsletter.

Carol Berg presented the treasurer's report for the months of October, November and December of 2012. Bruce Berg moved to file the report for audit—the motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Jack Schaefer, our webmaster, stated that pictures from the Holiday party are now on the website. The 2013 Events calendar and the Spring Show calendar are also available.

Bob Clark, our membership chair, stated that our membership has decreased.

The finance committee will be meeting in the near future.

Old Business:

David Brown reported that AOS judging will be starting with our July Show in the Park. The AOS has added our Show in the Park dates to their judging schedule.

License plate frames will be available at the Winter Show in the Park.

Jim Wright, our Nursery Tour coordinator, stated that the date for Andy's got changed to the 12th of February. Jim is working on several more interesting tours for our enjoyment. David Brown is also working on a botanical bus tour of the zoo along with a tour of the Orchid House.

Scott LaBouff is working on a month by month guide for orchid growers. This will be a welcome addition to our website.

Helen Pfister moved that the bulk mailing of the Societies Newsletter be halted after the mailing of the March issue—the motion passed. Helen volunteered to write an article for the Newsletter.

New Business:

Speakers for February will be as follows:

Culture Class—Nico Goossens—How to prepare you plants for an exhibit.

General Meeting—Fred Clarke SVO—Australian dendrobiums

Plant Opportunity Table to be provided by SVO "SUNSET VALLEY ORCHIDS."

Date for the Next Board Meeting is February 7, 2013.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen R. Pfister,
Secretary

Update from your President

We had a fun Winter Show in the Park in January. Thank you to all of our members who brought in the great selection of great plants. Walking and talking with our visitors, one common comment was how varied and interesting the world of orchids is.

Congratulations to Betty Kelepecz on her *Lycaste lasioglossa* which was awarded both the **Best in Show** and the **Forrest Robinson** trophies. Thanks to Helen Pfister and Jack Schafer who were the Show co-chairs. Pam Peters did an excellent job, as usual, with managing the judging portion of the show. Thanks also to David Brown who orchestrated the show layout, and of course all of the other members who came in to help out.

Something of interest coming up will be the tour at Andy's on February 12. See page three for details.

Winter Show Photos

By: Helen Pfister



Betty Kelepecz's *Lycaste lasioglossa* earned her a Best in Show and the Forrest Robinson Trophy at our most recent Balboa Park show. "Lasioglossa" means 'shaggy-lipped', and you can see where this Central American species gets its name.



Debbie Halliday's Zygopetalum hybrid earned her a 1st Place and Best of Section 10(O). Sometimes these things can perfume an entire room.



Bulldog Paph. Winston Churchill x Paph. Valarow 'Red Challenge' earned Nico Goossens a 1st Place and Best of Section 7(C).



Pam Peter's Phalaenopsis unknown earned her a 1st Place and Best of Section 8(G).



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Letter From the Editor

Dear SDCOS,

I hope all your orchids survived the cold snap we just had. I don't know about you, but I see where this is ultimately going. 40 million years ago lemurs lived in San Diego and the climate was tropical. Can you believe it? Lemurs! I have planted my yard with tropical plants and am growing my *Catasetinae* outside in preparation for their return. My bananas may not look happy this year and some of my orchids have cold damage, but we're all ready to go (with buckets of denial if needed) to usher in the new climatological landscape that will one day hopefully be replete with our most primal primate friends.

Next month's newsletter will be the last print edition of this rag, not long after *Newsweek's* editor Tina Brown ran that magazine into the ground. Any business model that starts with someone climbing up a mountain to cut down trees is threatened in 2013. So, if you'd like to have your Newsletter served up to you on paper-thin cross-sections of trees after March, you'll have to pay \$5 extra per year for the privilege. That is, of course, unless each of you recruits two new members and we use the membership dues to save the printed newsletter. It's strange to think that as few as 5 years ago we had serious Board discussions about going color!

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Keep your eyes peeled for our new Newsletter format with democratic hyperlinks that don't just work for those with the highest level of Adobe software privileges. Also, make sure to sell those tickets for our spring show in the Scottish Rite Center and sign up and volunteer. Once again, this is our biggest potential fundraiser for the Society, and our execution of it will determine what's in the coffers for next year.

Happy Growing,
Christopher