NOVICE MEETING
April 4th, 6:30 PM— Casa Del Prado—Room 104
By Bill Molnar, 2nd Vice President

Tom Biggart, retired teacher, potter extraordinaire and devout Dendrobium grower has consented to share some of his vast knowledge with us about growing dendrobiums at the April Novice Class. Tom is such a devout Dendrobium grower that he might even share with you his story of how he rescued some dendrobiums off the Los Angeles freeway system. Tom has been growing orchids for over 20 years, and is the owner of Granite Hills Orchids. Tom’s face lights up and his intonation becomes very excited when he talks about some of his favorite orchid plants. So, whether you have 1 or 25 dendrobiums, you’ll enjoy hearing Tom talk about this unique group of orchids.

GENERAL MEETING
April 4th, 7:30 PM— Casa Del Prado—Room 101
By Ron Kaufmann, 1st Vice President

The speaker at our general meeting in April will be Kevin Hipkins from Royale Orchids in Australia. Royale Orchids was founded by Kevin’s parents and produces some of the world’s finest Cymbidiums. Kevin has been coming to California for years to sell plants at orchid shows in Santa Barbara, but this will be his first-ever talk to the San Diego County Orchid Society. So, we hope to see you on April 4th!
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Meetings
San Diego Orchid Society meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at the Casa Del Prado in Balboa Park.
Novice Class: 6:30 p.m., Room 104
General Meeting: 7:30 p.m., Room 101

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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@cox.net.

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Information for the May newsletter must be submitted by April 15th.

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April 1, 9:00 a.m.
SDCOS Species Group Meeting
First Saturday of the month
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April 3, 7:00 p.m.
Quail Botanical Gardens Judging Center
First Monday of the month

April 4, 6:30 p.m.
SDCOS Novice Meeting
First Tuesday of the month
Casa del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 104

April 4, 7:30 p.m.
SDCOS General Meeting
First Tuesday of the month
Casa del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

April 5
Palomar Orchid Society Meeting
Culture class at 6:30. Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
First Wednesday of the month
The Carlsbad Women’s Club
3320 Monroe Street, Carlsbad
Melana Walding (760) 295-7228

April 11, 7:00 p.m.
SDCOS Board Meeting
Second Tuesday of the month
Balboa Park
Lynn Dornfeld (619) 889-4612

April 19
Cymbidium Society Meeting
Regular meeting, third Wednesday of the month
Culture class at 6:30, Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
The Carlsbad Women's Club
3320 Monroe Street, Carlsbad (858) 748-8355
February 17th, 10 a.m.— 2 p.m.

April 21
San Diego Zoo's Orchid Odyssey
Third Friday of the month
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The names of some web sites don’t tell you much about the site’s emphasis. For example, if you didn’t already know what to expect, you might reach the wrong conclusion about a site named yahoo.com! In the case of www.paphs.net, the title and focus are well matched. This site is “the internet meeting place for people who love” Paphiopedilums. Paphs.net is maintained by Bill and Debbie Heckeroth, who have assembled an impressive collection of links to internet resources that deal with Paphs. The core of the site is a collection of pages covering most of the described Paphiopedilum species. Besides some lovely photographs, the species pages contain information about distribution, culture, synonyms, subspecies, color forms, and even some interesting anecdotes. For example, the page describing Paphiopedilum armeniacum includes several pictures of the standard color form, one of the flavum form, and a description of the reaction by AOS judges when the first blooming plant of P. armeniacum was shown in a judging session. The Paph-related links that constitute the rest of this site are organized conveniently into sections listing vendors, sites containing photos, information, and sources for orchid supplies and services, such as flasking. The “Information” page is divided further into organizations devoted to slipper orchids and several categories of cultural information related to slipper orchids. Whether or not Paphs are your present passion, plan to peruse

Conservation Committee Raises Money at Spring Orchid Show

By: Ron Kaufmann, 1st Vice President
kaufmann@sandiego.edu

The SDCOS Conservation Committee would like to thank everyone who contributed to the success of our sales booth at this year’s Orchid Show. Thanks to the generosity of a wonderful group of donors and the hard work of a great group of volunteers, we raised nearly $5,000 to support orchid conservation!!

Donations were provided by Loren Batchman, Steve Beckendorf, Wade Bogren, Linda Gardner, Siv Garrod, Karen Gless, David Graham, Ron Kaufmann, Chris Manion, Bill Molnar, Tom Osborn, Pam Peters, Gene & Barbara Payne, Steve Pruyn, Ida Rigby, Renate Schmidt, Jean Sharp, John Snyder, Peter Tobias, and several anonymous donors.

The Spring show would not have been as rewarding without the considerable efforts of our volunteers who planned and set up the sales booth and staffed it throughout the show. These hard working people included Judith Abeles, Nancy Benay, David Brown, David Graham, Dave Hoffmaster, Ron Kaufmann, John Kidwell, Eddy Marks, Kristine Porto, Darcy Salzl, Renate Schmidt, Maureen Schoonmaker, John Snyder, Phil Tacktill, Natalie Viray-Fung, and Janet Wanerka.

Our sincere thanks to everyone who helped to make this show a success. We couldn’t have done it without you!

Ron Kaufmann
Chair, SDCOS Conservation Committee

P.S. I apologize if I’ve accidentally left off the names of any donors or volunteers. Please contact me, and I’ll make sure to acknowledge your contribution in next month’s newsletter.
Help Hotline
The SDCOS offers this service to members who seek cultural information about their orchids. Here are some friendly hobbyists with a great deal of experience about certain types of orchids, and they have kindly volunteered to answer your questions.

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Thousands of orchid fans visited the show every day, starting with Friday when the line snaked out of the front door and around the corner of the building. But the real jewels of the show were the volunteers. Over 300 of our society members gave many hours of their time to make our show a rousing success.

THANK YOU!

**SDCOS 60th Annual Orchid Show and Plant Sale**

Awards are as follows (pictures of these orchids may be found on pages 8-11 of this Newsletter):

**American Orchid Society (AOS) Awards**

- Phrag. Young Lindley ‘Aussie Gold’, AM, 81 pts., grown by Aussie Gold (Ivan Harris)
- Pot. Gold Medallions ‘Sunset Valley Orchids’, HCC/AOS, 76 pts., grown by Sunset Valley Orchids (Fred Clarke)
- Cym. Memoria Amelia Earhart ‘Sharon Tagami’, HCC, 75 pts., grown by Lynn Dirige
- Cym. Winter Fire ‘Frosty Tips’, JC/AOS, grown by Lea Openiano
- Encyclia Species Display, 88 pts., won an AOS Educational Exhibit Award, and was entered by Courtland Orchids (Tom Osborne)

The AOS Show Trophy (best exhibit of plants or cut flowers) was awarded to Andy’s Orchids

**Cymbidium Society of America (CSA) Awards:**

- Paph. [unnamed] ‘Los Osos’ (Macabre x Ruby Peacock), Bronze medal, 78.3 pts., grown by Orchids of Los Osos
- Cym. Winter Fire ‘Frosty Tips’ (Gidget x Bexloy Radiance), AD, grown by Lea Openiano
- Cym. Moondog Memory ‘Milky Way’ (Tethys x Olive Street, Bronze medal, 76.27 pts., grown by Lynn Dirige
- Phrag. Young Lindley ‘Aussie Gold’ (Eric Young x lindleyanum), Silver medal, 80.67 pts., grown by Aussie Gold (Ivan Harris)

A Gold medal for the best Cymbidium display was also awarded to Casa de Las Orquideas (Loren and Nancy Batchman)

**International Phalaenopsis Society (IPA) Award**

- Phal. New Kochidian x Musashino x Hiso Nasna, Best Phalaenopsis, grown by Aroma Orchids

**San Diego County Orchid Society Awards**

- Cym. Memoria Amelia Earhart ‘Sharon Tagami’, Abernathy Cymbidium Trophy (best amateur Cymbidium hybrid), grown by Lynn Dirige
- Vanda Arthur Laffenberg, Bean Trophy (best Vanda alliance), grown by J & M Orchids
- Lc. Love Knot ‘Rawls’, Bishop Trophy (best mini-Cattleya hybrid), grown by Renate Schmidt
- Den. speciosum, Bliss Trophy (best species), grown by Divine Orchids
- Lc. Trick or Treat, Canale Trophy (best colored Cattleya alliance), grown by Sunset Valley Orchids
- Slc. Jewel Box ‘Sheherazade’, Casa Herbrita Trophy (best Sophronitis hybrid), grown by Bruce Hubbard
- Paph. Magic Cherry x fairrieanum, Casamajor Trophy (best amateur Paphiopedilum alliance), grown by Charlie Fouquette
- Oda. George McMahon, Casey Trophy (best On-
cidium alliance), grown by Forrest Robinson

Cym. Brandywine ‘Claret’, Cobb Trophy (best Cymbidium), grown by Casa de Las Orquideas

Cym. Dorothy Stockstill ‘Forgotten Fruit’, Crosby Trophy (best American Cymbidium hybrid), grown by Lynn Dirige

Epi. [unknown], DeMaria Trophy (best reed stem Epidendrum), grown by Divine Orchids

Dtps. Raspberry Swirl, Doros Trophy (best intergeneric hybrid Phalaenopsis alliance), grown by Lee Landes

Oda. George McMahon, Dugger Trophy (best species or hybrid Odontoglossum), grown by Forrest Robinson


Max. variabilis, Geer Trophy (best specimen plant), grown by Andy’s Orchids

Den. Hilda Fox Oh x Zip, Hadacheck Trophy (best Dendrobium alliance), grown by Connie Warner

Phal. New Kochidian x Musashino x Hiso Nasna, Laughter Trophy (best Phalaenopsis), grown by Aroma Orchids

Paph. Prince Edward of York (rothschildianum x sanderianum), Miller Trophy (best Paphiopedilum alliance), grown by Orchids of Los Osos

Blc. Ranger 6 ‘OK’, Moore Award (best alba standard Cattleya), grown by Forrest Robinson

Blc. Laughing Boy, etc.; Pacific Trophy (best 3 Cattleyas not in a display); grown by Sunset Valley Orchids

C. Gold Digger, Lc. Rojo, etc.; Peterson Trophy (best 3 Cattleyas in containers); grown by Corky Zumstein

Paph. Prince Edward of York (rothschildianum x sanderianum), Sweepstakes Trophy (best orchid in show), grown by Orchids of Los Osos

Cym. Clarisse Austin ‘Ruby Dew’, Cym. You’re Flame ‘Port Wine’, Cym. Unknown Pink; Snyder Trophy (best 3 Cymbidiums not in a display); grown by Will Wiegand

Smbc. Dulatiaca ‘Deep South’, Thorne Trophy (best amateur colored Cattleya alliance), grown by Bill Molnar

Drac. diana, Van Kekerix Trophy (best Pleurothallid alliance), grown by Andy’s Orchids

Bulb. frostii, Wilson Trophy (most unusual orchid flower), grown by Andy’s Orchids

Balboa Trophy (best amateur exhibit of show theme), San Diego Cymbidium Society

Coronado Trophy (best non-orchid exhibit), San Diego State University Library

Marosz Trophy (most educational exhibit), Tom Osborne, Courtland Orchids

Pinckney Trophy (most artistic exhibit), Andy Phillips, Andy’s Orchids

President’s Trophy (best exhibit of show theme), Ben Machado, Calavo Gardens

SDCOS Show Trophy (best exhibit in a natural setting), Francisco Orchids

**Orchid Digest Awards**

Orchid Digest Show Trophy (best exhibit by an amateur), Anita and Jerry Spencer

![Paphiopedilum spicer-anum usually blooms this time of year.](http://example.com/image)

Photo by C. Croom.
Paphiopedilum Prince Edward of York (Paph. rothschildianum x Paph. sanderianum)
Miller Trophy
Sweepstakes Trophy
Best of Show
Best Paphiopedilum Alliance
Orchids of Los Osos

Best Amateur Show Theme Exhibit
Balboa Trophy
San Diego Cymbidium Society

Dendrobium speciosum
Bliss Trophy
Best Species
Divine Orchids

Best Open Natural Setting Exhibit
SDCOS Show Trophy
Francisco Orchids

CSA Gold Medal for Display of Cymbidiums
Casa de Las Orquideas

Cymbidium Brandywine ‘Claret’
Cobb Trophy
Best Cymbidium
Casa de Las Orquideas
Andy's Orchids won numerous awards, including the **AOS Show Trophy**, the **Pinckney Trophy**, the **Wilson Trophy**, the **Van Kekerix Trophy**, and the **Geer Trophy**. These are just a couple of pictures of Andy's display.
Best Three Cymbidiums Not in Display
Snyder Trophy
Will Wiegand

Laeliocattleya Love Knot ‘Rawls’

Best Miniature Cattleya Hybrid
Bishop Trophy
Renate Schmidt

Best Three Amateur Cymbidiums
Foster Trophy
Lynn Dirige

Brassolaeliocattleya Ranger 6 ‘OK’

Best Alba Standard Cattleya
Moore Award—Forrest Robinson
Best Show Theme Exhibit
President's Trophy
Calavo Gardens

Sophrolaeliocattleya Jewel Box ‘Sheherazade’
Best Sophronitis Hybrid
Casa Herbrita Trophy
Bruce Hubbard

Schomboccattleya Dulatiaca ‘Deep South’
Best Amateur Colored Cattleya Alliance
Thorne Trophy
Bill Molnar

Dendrobium Hilda Fox Oh x Zip
Best Dendrobium Alliance
Hadacheck Trophy
Connie Warner

Epidendrum hybrid [unknown]
DeMaria Trophy
Best Reed Stem Epidendrum
Divine Orchids
March Board Minutes:
Due to the proximity of the
Orchid Show, the Board did not
meet on March 14.

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Dear SDCOS,

I'm sorry if you're getting this newsletter a little late, as it took me longer than I thought to get all the show information in this issue, but we hope to see you at the SDCOS meeting on April 4 in the Casa del Prado in Balboa Park.

The 60th Annual SDCOS Orchid Show and plant sale held in the Scottish Rite Center from March 17-19 was a tremendous success, and the 300 volunteers who contributed to making the show happen should all be extremely proud of themselves. As you well know, we could not have had the show without your help.

With thousands of visitors and thousands of different kinds of orchids on display, our 60th annual show was not to be missed, and I hope that all SDCOS members attended (and at least brought one friend or family member along with them). Money from ticket sales will be used to cover trophies and awards, rental of the facilities, future general meeting speakers and other Society expenses. Also, the Conservation Committee of the SDCOS raised almost $5,000 (see story on page 4), and this could not have happened without our members!

To see the incredible award winners from this year’s show, check out the pictures on pages 8-11 of this Newsletter!

Happy Growing,
Christopher