



**San Diego County Orchid
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Fragrant Orchid: *Vanda tricolor* v. *suavi*

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President's Message

Text by Kay Klausing, President, SDCOS

Dear SDCOS Members,

Fall is upon us with cooler nights and shortening days. Plant growth is slowing down and pseudobulbs are maturing. I am now repotting the plants that are just putting out new roots (like many *Cattleya* species) since it is the best time to repot.

I have sent an email to those newsletter recipients who have an email address listed asking them to switch to the electronic form. All respondents so far have opted for the electronic form – if this trend continues this



Fragrant Orchid: *Coelogyne ochracea*
'Adagent'

could save the society quite a bit of money and simplify the logistics of getting the newsletter produced and mailed.

The 4th Annual International Huntington Orchid Show & Sale is coming up at the end of October (19th–21st) and our society is participating with a display. We would also like to organize a bus tour to this event if there is enough interest; an email to the membership on this topic will be sent shortly.

Our own Orchids in the Park Fall Show and Sale is the following weekend (October 27 & 28); as usual, we need volunteers to make the show a success so please sign up on-line or on the sheets at the General Meeting. At the July show several volunteer positions remained vacant – we need to improve member participation to continue and expand the Shows in the Park which are an important revenue stream for the society.

I am still preparing the next survey. This one will be about our shows – one of the goals is to find out why volunteer participation in recent shows has been lagging somewhat. We may need to rethink the number of shows



and amount of work they require to get off the ground and have less elaborate shows.

Thank you and Happy growing!

Culture Class, October 2nd, 6:30 pm
John Oswalt: Orchids Outside the Pot
Text by John Oswalt

Have you ever taken a good look at one or more of your orchid plants and said to yourself, “How did this orchid get away from me and grow outside the pot?” Next thing you know, the roots are wrapped around the outside of the pot in a tangled mess. Or the plant has continued to produce bulbs, sheaths and new roots well beyond the boundary of the pot. Perhaps the plant looks happy and healthy, but what do you now do? Do you let it continue to grow wild or try to tame it into a new pot?

The October culture class will be based on the July 2018 American Orchid Society Orchids Magazine article, written by Sue Bottom. Sue writes a monthly article “For the Novice” and is an active member of the St. Augustine Orchid Society. John will review her June 2018 article points and solutions along with some additional suggestions.

Please join us for this fun, informative class which always gets our meetings off to a good start.

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General Meeting, October 2nd, 7:30 pm
Angelic Nguyen: Fragrant Orchids
Text by Debby Halliday, First VP

Our speaker for October will be Angelic Nguyen from Orchid Design in San Jose. Her topic will be Fragrant Orchids.

While most orchid enthusiasts are well aware that some orchids, such as Cattleyas, often smell quite good, many people don't realize just how many orchids actually are fragrant. At Angelic's sales booth at orchid shows, it's typical for people walking into the booth to ask, "What smells so good?", since fragrant orchids are one of her specialties. And while



Angelic Nguyen

there are a few orchids (fortunately very few) that have rather unpleasant odors, Angelic will talk about and show her excellent photos of the many different varieties that generally have very nice and interesting fragrances. You are sure to find more than a few that you might want in your collection. Included will be favorites like the chocolate-scented *Oncidium Sharry Baby* and coconut-smelling *Maxillaria tenuifolia*, but also more uncommon orchids such as the night-fragrant *Rhyncholaelia digbyana* (which needs to attract a moth as a pollinator), a few *Phalaenopsis* with fragrances, and many, many others.

Angelic Nguyen is an artist and designer who has been growing orchids for about 20 years. The varieties she grows include hybrid and species Cattleyas, Cymbidiums, *Phalaenopsis*, *Laelias*, *Dendrobiums*, *Oncidiums*, *Lady Slippers*, *Lycastes*, *Bulbophylums*, *Vandas* and many others. Recently she has also been concentrating on photography and has taken thousands of orchid pictures. She started her company, Orchid Design, in 1999 and has been participating in the Pacific Orchid Exposition, the Santa Barbara International Orchid Show, the San Diego International Orchid Show, and many other shows for the past decade. She is also an experienced presenter and frequently speaks and shares her pictures with orchid and garden societies. She has been involved in helping orchid societies with promoting orchid shows, including design and printing for postcards, brochures, and flyers. She is very active on social media and has also served as president, show chair, and as a board



Vietnamese Orchid: *Paphiopedilum delenatii*

member of several Bay Area orchid societies.

In addition to her program at SDCOS, Angelic will be speaking at the POS on Wednesday, Oct 03, on "The Fascinating Orchids of Vietnam." You can visit her website www.ORCHIDesign.com or email angelic@orchidesign.com; you can also find [Angelic Nguyen](#) and [Orchid Design](#), and be her friend on Facebook!

You are invited to join Angelic, her husband Dave, and me for dinner at the Prado Restaurant before the meeting. We leave room 101 at 5:30 for our 5:45 reservation. Your dinner is on you, but the conversation is free!

The Opportunity Table will be provided by Angelic, so plan to buy some tickets. You could come away with something special.

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Fall Show in the Park

Text by Dave Hoffmaster, Balboa Park Orchid Show Committee

We have another orchid show and sale coming up the last weekend in October so mark your calendars. The exact dates are October 27th & 28th and it will be held in room 101 of Casa del Prado, the same place we hold our monthly meetings. To make the show a success, we need to fill the room with flowers and fragrance, so start prepping your plants. Clean up the leaves, stake the flowers for their best presentation, and bring them in. The more flowers we have, the better. Plant registration is from 3:00 – 7:00 Friday afternoon and 8:00 – 9:00 Saturday morning. Please bring in your plants as early as possible so we can get them displayed before judging starts.

Judging starts at 10:00 Saturday morning. We will feature ribbon judging for all plants and AOS judging for any plant you wish to enter. If you have questions about judging, the rules are published on our website,



Fragrant Orchid: *Cynodes Wine Delight 'Gem'*

www.SDOrchids.com. If you wish to participate in ribbon judging, please contact Pam Peters and let her know. Working as part of a judging team is a good way to learn more about orchids and meet others from the society.

We need all the help we can get to put on a show like this, so please volunteer to help. There is a volunteer tab on our website where you see all the positions available and sign up. There will also be a signup sheet at the October meeting. We need help starting Friday morning when we pack all the materials we need and haul them to Balboa Park for set up. It ends with take down on Sunday afternoon. In between, we need volunteers to man the cash registers, plant hotel, and provide security. Please consider signing up as we need your help. It is time well spent and an opportunity to get to know your fellow members.

The show will feature a number of vendors selling orchids for those wishing to shop. We will have a space for members that want to sell plants or related materials. If you want to sell plants, please let me know (davehoff5@yahoo.com) so I can provide enough space. You will need to tag your plants with bar codes and that needs to be arranged through Kay Klausing in advance.

Conservation will be selling plants to raise money for their projects. If you have plants you wish to donate to conservation, please bring them in Friday afternoon or Saturday morning. If you cannot bring them to Balboa Park, please contact Ron Kaufmann or Betty Kelepecz to make other arrangements.



Fragrant Orchid: *Cattleya maxima*

Reference: Article on the Matsui family

There was an interesting article in the Los Angeles Times, August 1, 2018, on the Matsui family, orchid-hybridizers in Salinas: "In Salinas, the Matsui family is known for its orchids and its life-changing generosity", by Steve Lopez.

<http://www.latimes.com/local/california/la-me-lopez-matsui-salinas-20180801-story.html>

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Judging at the San Diego Judging Center (Casa del Prado, Balboa Park), September 2018

Text and photos by Phyllis Prestia.

Eight orchids were exhibited. Two orchids
were awarded:

[1] *Phal.* Yaphon Red Pearl 'Arnie's Red'
HCC/AOS

Exhibited by Arnie Gum

Awarded HCC/AOS, 78 points

[2] *Ctsm.* (Karen Armstrong x Alexa) 'Tyrone'
HCC/AOS

Exhibited by Charley Fouquette

Awarded HCC/AOS, 79 points



From the Membership Desk

Text by Bob Clark, Membership Chair

Please welcome our newest members: Gary
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Virus Testing Service

Text by Debby Halliday, First VP

We are still offering a Virus Testing Service at our SDCOS regular meetings. The charge is only \$6 to cover the cost of the kit. Debby Halliday or another experienced member will be happy to virus test any plant you are concerned about.

Please email Debby at FirstVP@sdorchids.com if you plan to bring in a plant. We'll arrange to have kits there to help you.

If you only have a few plants to test or don't feel comfortable doing your own testing, this service is for you.

REMEMBER – The Doctor is In at our meetings. If you are worried about a plant, put it in a bag and bring it in. We'll have a look and do our best to advise you.

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Neofinetia *falcata* Orchids

Text by Phyllis Prestia.

Dear Orchid Society Member,

My dear friend and past president of the CSA, Inc. national orchid society, Marron Honigman, has passed this past April. Her husband, Stanley, has entrusted me with the tending and selling of her beloved Neofinetia *falcata* collection. Purchases will be considered charitable donations to the Marron Honigman fund at CSA, Inc.

All orchids have been tested free of Cym. Mosaic Virus and Odon. Ringspot Virus. All

have been rewrapped in the Japanese style and repotted in black plastic Japanese pots. These are species and a few hybrids. Some are inexpensive and some are rare. Photos can be sent if requested. Orchids can be mailed, at a minimal cost, to the contiguous states.

If you are interested in seeing the list of available Neofinetia *falcata* orchids, please send a request to me at orchldy1@mac.com.

Thank you,

Phyllis Prestia



Fragrant Orchid: *Stanhopea tigrina* var. Nigroviolacea 'Predator' FCC/AOS

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Orchid Dates to Remember:

October 6th

SDCOS Species Group Meeting

Breakfast 8:30 am, meeting 9:00 am

First Saturday of the month

Paul or Ann Tuskes (858) 274-5829

October 2nd

SDCOS October Meeting

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

First Tuesday of the month

Casa del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

October 3rd

Palomar Orchid Society Meeting

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

First Wednesday of the month

Lake San Marcos Pavilion

331105 La Bonita Dr., San Marcos, CA 92078

October 4th

SDCOS Board Meeting

First Thursday of the month

Casa del Prado, Balboa Park, Room104

October 15th-16th

South Bay Orchid Society's Orchid Show

Sales: Sat 9-5 & Sun 9-4

Show: Sat 11-5 & Sun 9-4

South Coast Botanic Garden

26300 Crenshaw Blvd., Palos Verdos

October 17th

Cymbidium Society Meeting

Meeting at 6:30-9pm

Third Wednesday of month

111 Richmar Avenue San Marcos, 92069

aaallen@cox.net or (760) 533-4975

October 19th

San Diego Zoo's Orchid Odyssey

10 AM-2 PM (orchid greenhouse is open)

Third Friday of the month

Janette Gerrity (619) 231-1515 ext. 4306

October 19th – 21st

Annual International Huntington Orchid Show & Sale

Huntington Garden

SDCOS may carter a bus to the show – consider taking it: those who went on the bus last year had a great time.

October 27th – 28th

SDCOS Fall Orchid Show in the Park

Noon-5pm Saturday, 10am-5pm Sunday

Casa del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

Board and General Meeting Minutes

The SDCOS Board meeting minutes for September can be found on our website at:

http://sdorchids.com/minutes/2018_09.pdf?page=1#view=FitB

Additionally, this month's General Meeting minutes can be found on our website at:

<http://sdorchids.com/Minutes.html>

NOTE: There will be a training on how to use the Cash Register and credit card scanner during the October meeting refreshment break for all October Show volunteers. We need four people for at least a few hours; please sign up for the cash register or the assistant position.

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From the Editor:

Hello everyone,

We are always short volunteers for the shows, so if you can find some time to help out, it would be great if you could sign up for a couple hours for the October show (page 4).

If you have anything you would like to have considered for the next edition of the newsletter, please shoot me an email at SDCOSNewsletter@gmail.com by the 15th of the month.

Best of luck growing!

David Vandebroek

In all things, do your best.