



**San Diego County Orchid
Society Newsletter
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Phal. Yu Pin Lady
Debbly Halliday

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President's Message

Text by Debby Halliday, President

We had another successful meeting on Zoom in September. Even more members from SDCOS and POS logged in, plus visitors from the South Bay Orchid Society in Torrance. Arnie Gum gave a super interesting presentation about *Guaranthe skinneri* developments in Costa Rica. The bad news we learned is that it is very difficult to get the latest and greatest clones out of the country! They are growing some stunning plants. I also finally understand how tetraploids are made. Thank you, Arnie, for the very clear explanation.

We had another rich and beautiful plant forum. Thank you so much to everyone who participated. I just love seeing what everyone is growing and sharing the pleasure of the evolving seasonal palette of orchid flowers. Please continue to send me your images. This is an important part of our on-line meetings.

Here again is what I need. Just attach your images to email and send them to president@sdorchids.com along with the information below. Only 4 plants per person please.

Plant Name

Species or Hybrid

If Hybrid - Parentage if you know it.

If Species - What country is it from?

How you grow it – Greenhouse, Shadehouse, Balcony, Etc.

Any comments

Please have your pictures to me by Sunday, October 04, latest.

I am sorry to report that the board has decided to cancel the October Orchids in the Park show. There is still too much uncertainty and too many germs floating around to attempt it. We hope to start again in January if the situation improves enough by then.

Thank you to everyone who submitted plant photos for the virtual orchid show in Brazil. We'll post a link on the website where you can view it. From what I have seen so far, we can be very proud of our entries.

I remain immensely heartened by the enthusiasm and interest of all our members and those from Palomar as well. I'm glad you are all using this strange time to nurture and enjoy your collections.

Keep growing your orchids and tune in to our next Zoom on October 6! Same time, same link.



B. David Sander
Debby Halliday

Sam "You will be Missed"

Our Society lost a Lifetime member, Sam DeMaria, recently due to two blood complications. Longtime Orchid Society member, Sam DeMaria died August 25th, 2020. The family has already had a private service for Sam and his ashes were dispersed at sea per their wishes. Sam did a lot for our society in the old days. He always was helpful setting up the spring shows. He provided lunch at the shows, and much more. Sam and Sarah, his widow, are Lifetime Members. Charley Fouquette talked with his sons, Pete and Anthony, after his death. Rest in peace, Brother.



Clowesia russelliana
Tom Biggart

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General Meeting, October 6, 7:30 pm
Meeting to be held via Zoom; details will be emailed to the membership before the meeting

Lou Jost: Discovering, documenting, and protecting hotspots of orchid endemism in Ecuador - the 2020 legacy of a 2000-2001 SDCOS grant

Text by Stewart Walton, 1st VP

The speaker for our October meeting will be Lou Jost, Director of EcoMinga Foundation and a recipient of a conservation grant from our society. The August issue of Orchids magazine has an entertaining article on the area of Ecuador about which Lou will be speaking. Also take a look at their website www.ecominga.com and their excellent blog <https://ecomingafoundation.wordpress.com>.

The following text is from Lou Jost on Sept 5, 2020.

“I will tell the story of discovering new orchid species, learning to understand their local distribution patterns, and then starting a foundation to protect the areas where these species grow. Along the way I will talk a bit about the pace of orchid evolution and the practical difficulties of maintaining orchid reserves in Latin America. The helping hand of the SDCOS and its members has been there for all of this since the beginning.

“I am a physicist and mathematician turned biologist, though I had been growing orchids since I was a little kid. I worked as a jungle guide in Costa Rica, a birding guide in Ecuador, and a wildlife artist. In 1994 I moved permanently to Ecuador and began to discover many new species of orchids. My

colleagues and I then founded the EcoMinga Foundation, to purchase and protect the forests where I had discovered significant concentrations of new, locally endemic orchid species. I now work as its director, and we currently own twelve reserves covering 20000 acres. I also work on the mathematics of biodiversity and population genetics; my publications in those fields have been cited by other scientific publications more than ten thousand times.”



Teagueia puroana
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Pleurothallis chicalensis.
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October 31, 2020 12:30-5 pm EDT

All speakers live, via Webinar

Registration Fee: \$30 Register at www.orchiddigest.org



Lourens Grobler: *My 10 Favorite African Orchids*

Lourens, of Pretoria, South Africa, has been growing orchids since he was ten. He co-owns Afri Orchids, a nursery that specializes in species from around the world.

Andrea Niessen: *Orchids in Nature in Colombia*

Andrea, of Cali Colombia, is co-owner of Orquídeas del Valle. They have been researching, reproducing, and exporting Colombian orchids for over 25 years.



Lou Jost: *Orchids as Guides to the Conservation of Unique Biodiversity Orchids as Guides to the Conservation of Unique Biodiversity*

Now living in Ecuador, Lou formed the EcoMinga Foundation to build large reserves, such as the Dracula Reserve, to protect strategic biodiversity hot spots.

Alek Zaslowski: *Beautiful Brazilian Mountains and the Orchids that Grow There*

Alek, of Vitória, Brazil, owns AWZ Orquídeas, a nursery with some of the finest known varieties of *Cattleya* Alliance species.



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Culture Class: Mounting Orchids with Peter Tobias

Wednesday, October 7th, at 7:30 PM

Text by Debby Halliday, President

We had a very interesting culture class in September from Phyllis Prestia about Repotting and Growing Neofinetias. It was clearly presented and quite inspiring!

For October, Peter Tobias has agreed to give a presentation on mounting orchids. Peter is a founding member of the Orchid Conservation Alliance. He also grows many orchids mounted on the avocado trees in his yard in Encinitas. It is an amazing sight. In addition, he has a greenhouse and shade areas and is very experienced in mounting and growing orchids in the most natural way possible. I can promise that you will learn a lot.

Class is on Wednesday, October 7th, at 7:30 pm, via Zoom. The link is the same as our general meeting.

We want to continue to make this a regular monthly feature. If you could help by presenting on a topic you know about, we'd really appreciate it. Please contact Debby at president@sdorchids.com or Stewart Walton at firstvp@sdorchids.com if you are interested. The talk itself should be from 30-45 minutes long. Due to our virtual format, slides work really well, but whatever you want to try will be welcome. Share your knowledge!



Dendrobium victoria-reginae
Rachel Burns



Prosthechea vitellina
Scott McGregor

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Orchid Dates to Remember:

October 3rd

SDCOS Species Group Meeting

Socialization 8:45 AM, meeting 9:00 AM

First Saturday of the month

secretary@sdorchids.com

October 6th

SDCOS and POS Joint General Meeting

7:30 PM

First Tuesday of the month

Zoom; invites sent to membership prior to meeting.

For a nonmember to request a meeting invite, email president@sdorchids.com

October 7th

SDCOS and POS Joint Culture Class

7:30 PM

The Wednesday after the General Meeting

Zoom; invites sent to membership prior to meeting.

For a nonmember to request a meeting invite, email president@sdorchids.com

October 8th

SDCOS Board Meeting

Usually First Thursday of the month, 7 PM

Zoom; for an SDCOS member to request a meeting invite, email

president@sdorchids.com

October 31

Orchid Speakers Day

9:30-2 PM

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Prosthechea brassavolae
Betty Kelepecz



Phalaenopsis bellina
Bruce Hubbard



Cycnoches chlorochilon
Rachel Burns



Trichoglottis atropurpurea
Roberta Fox



Neocogniauxia monophylla
Paul & Ann Tuskes

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From the Editor:

Hello everyone,

I hope you all are keeping well. A bit of a short newsletter this month, but some quality pictures. I'm a huge fan of Roberta's Trichoglottis on page 6.

I'd also like to thank Phyllis for a great presentation on *Neofinetia falcata* repotting last month for culture class – it was a great presentation and I'm glad I was able to attend. This segues into my next item which was: if you're interested in / willing to give a culture class, please contact Stewart Walton; having people share about what they know that others might not is a great aspect of the society :)

As usual, if anyone has articles they wish to submit to the monthly newsletter, please continue to send contributions to me at SDCOSNewsletter@gmail.com. Deadline for submissions is end of day on the **second Friday of the month**.

All the best,

David Vandebroek
SDCOS Newsletter Editor

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