



**San Diego County Orchid
Society Newsletter
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Rlc. Village Chief North
Debby Halliday

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President's Message

Text by Debby Halliday, President

Happy Thanksgiving! Here we are in November already and barreling along to our December 1st Holiday Party meeting. I regret to say it will be a virtual party due to the continuing pandemic, but we will make it as festive as we can. Feel free to enjoy a glass of wine or eggnog with the meeting! Our virtual meeting will be SDCOS-only this month, and there will be a couple of special features.

We will have Arthur Pinkers presenting the awards photos from 2020. There actually has been some judging this year and it's always a treat to see the plants that got awarded and to celebrate the growers. There will be no plant forum. Our main speaker is an expert on orchids of the Philippines. Check out the article from Stewart Walton for details.

We also will have **orchid presents** for our loyal members – that's you! Here is how it will work. (You have to Zoom in if you want to participate.)

You will be able to choose the grower you want your orchid to come from – Andy's Orchids, SVO, or Casa de las Orquideas.

We will ask you to type a note in the CHAT area of zoom, with your full name, your email address, and your grower choice. After the meeting, your board members will get the plants from the growers and stage them at three locations throughout the county so you can pick them up conveniently. We plan to specify a certain weekend for the pickups. Watch your email.

We believe this plan will ensure that everyone gets a holiday orchid they enjoy to commemorate this most unusual and challenging year!

We had a very interesting meeting in November, with good attendance even though it was election day. Ken Jacobsen updated our knowledge of oncidiums with an excellent talk on the *Oncidium crispum* group. On Wednesday, John Oswalt showed us his RO system and shared a wealth of details about growing with RO water. It was a very informative session. The plant forum was full of wonderful flowers as always. We'll be posting it to the website so you can enjoy them.

One other note: there will not be a Culture Class in December.

I look forward to seeing all your faces on December 1. We will keep hoping for a better more normal year in 2021. In the meantime, stay careful and safe.



Vanda hybrid No ID
Debby Halliday



Andy's Orchids 2020 Winter Open House

Dec 11th -13th, 2020, 10am to 4pm
734 Ocean View Ave. Encinitas, CA.
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Note: Bring this ad and receive a free plant on qualified purchases. Limit one per customer. Must be a society member.

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**General Meeting, December 1, 7:30 pm
Meeting to be held via Zoom; details will
be emailed to the membership before the
meeting**

**Jim Cootes, authority on Philippine
Orchids: 'An Overview of the Orchids of
the Philippines'**

Text by Stewart Walton, 1st VP

Our speaker this month will be Jim Cootes, author and researcher of Philippine orchids. Jim will be speaking to us from his home in Australia, on his favorite topic. He will show us some well-known species, plus a selection of recently named species that may not have been seen before.

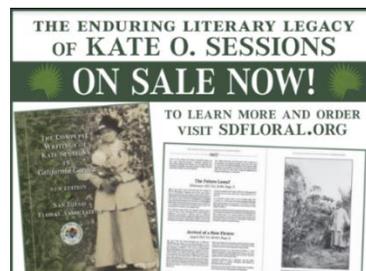
Jim is an inspiring example of a citizen-scientist, someone who found a need and addressed it. You are encouraged to read the Wikipedia article about him, where he is credited with 6 species named in his honor (since increased to 11), and several new species that he has named. The following biography was provided by Jim.

My favourite topic is "An Overview of the Orchids of the Philippines", wherein I speak of species I have seen growing in the wild in the Philippines. The talk will contain species which are commonly seen (at least here in Australia) and some that may not have been seen previously.

I have been studying the orchids of the Philippines since the late 1970s. My interest started when I went to the mountains of northern Luzon, in 1977, and was able to get a few orchid species there from local nurseries. Upon flowering most

were identified, but a few remained unnamed. I started to search for literature regarding Philippine orchid species and created a database. In 1984, Helen Valmayor published ***Orchidiana Philippiniana***, which at the time was the most comprehensive work on Philippine orchids available. Still, plants remained unidentified. In association with the Botanic Gardens in Canberra, Dr. Mark Clements and I were able to view herbarium specimens of Philippine orchid species. It was then obvious what I had were undescribed species. In 1998 my first species was published – ***Amesiella monticola***. I went to live in the Philippines in 1997 and remained there for three years. During this time, I started writing my first book, ***The Orchids of the Philippines***, which was published in 2001. In 2011 my second book was published, ***Philippine Native Orchid Species***. 2015 saw the publication of ***A Guide to Dendrobium of the Philippines***, written with Dr. George Tiong.

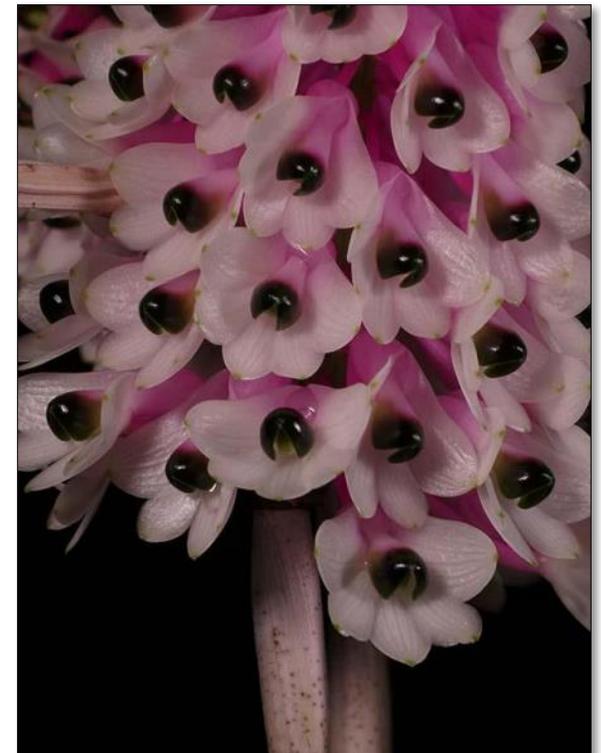
I now head a research group centered in the north of Mindanao, and we are constantly finding new species to name. Usually I have been involved in the naming of these new species, now numbering over 220 species.



From the Membership Desk
Text by Bob Clark, Membership Chair

Please welcome our newest members – Carol Wiggins, Linda Karagozia, Kristina & Todd Bowers, and Heinfried Block. Heinfried is the new curator of the San Diego Zoo Orchid House. We also want to offer our well wishes to Courtney Achenbach, the outgoing Zoo Orchid House curator.

Wishing you a Very Merry Holiday Season.



Dendrobium smilliae
Roberta Fox

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SVO December Open House Sale

Dear mailing list friends, it's time for our annual December Open House! As you can't be here at the Greenhouses, we are making this a virtual open house available to all, it's almost as good if you were here! All plants listed on the web site will receive at least 15% off in addition to the existing discount schedule and the AOS member discount! Take a look at the discount schedule below.

This sale will run for 3 days from: Tuesday, December 8th to Thursday, December 10th

Delivery will be either December 15th or 16th depending on weather, just in time for Christmas!

As it is almost Christmas, I'm adding a special gift plant to your order, I can't tell you what it is or it won't be a surprise...!

Don't be too concerned about the cold weather: Heat packs and insulation will be added free of charge, assuring safe arrival. As always, I guarantee your satisfaction.

This is a great opportunity to add to your collection and get some nice Christmas gifts for yourself and your orchid growing friends.

This year's three-inch Cattleya and Catasetinae hybrids have been the best crop I have grown. All of them will need to be potted up into 4" pots in the spring. Check out the new Australian Dendrobiums and Sarcochilus, these really are nice orchids, give them a try.

The special voucher code is **SVO** just type it into the vouched code box on the shopping cart page and click 'RECALCULATE' to apply the discount. Also don't forget to include your AOS member number in the "note section" during check out, I'll deduct the AOS discount when I charge the card.

I hope you have had a great year growing and flowering your orchids.

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Thank you, happy holidays and as always,
Good Growing!

Conservation Plant Sale

Text by Ron Kauffman

The SDCOS Conservation Committee has received some wonderful orchid donations, and we'll be selling these plants to raise money for conservation projects. The donated plants include some real gems: divisions of awarded and specially selected plants, plus a nice variety of species and hybrids that are well-suited for outdoor and indoor growing in San Diego. The list of available plants is being finalized and will be posted online in early December. Bob Clark will send out an email blast with a link to the list when it's finished. We expect that the most desirable plants will sell quickly, so please be sure to respond promptly if there's anything that catches your eye. If you have any questions, email

conservation@sdorchids.com.

Dollars Purchased	Open House Discount	Existing Discount Schedule	AOS Members Discount	Total Discount
\$50 - \$149	15%	0%	5%	20%
\$150 - \$500	15%	5%	5%	25%
\$501 - \$800	15%	10%	5%	30%
\$801 - \$1100	15%	15%	5%	35%
\$1101 - \$1400	15%	20%	5%	40%

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November B, Cucullata, a Poem.
Text by Bruce Berg



In my greenhouse today,
What was waiting for me?
But a Brassavola Cucullata
Peeking at me! All shiny!

Her pedals glowing golden!
With breath held I await
Another breathtaking bloom
From my notes, I know
There will be more!



Maxillaria curtipes
Betty Kelepecz



Angraecum germinyanum
Roberta Fox



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Tom Biggart



Odontoglossum (Oncidium) naevium
Rachel Burns

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Orchid Dates to Remember:

December 1st

SDCOS General Meeting / Holiday Party

7:30 PM

First Tuesday of the month

Zoom; invites sent to membership prior to meeting.

December 3rd

SDCOS Board Meeting

First Thursday of the month, 7 PM

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

president@sdorchids.com

December 5th

SDCOS Species Group Meeting

Socialization 8:45 AM, meeting 9:00 AM

First Saturday of the month

secretary@sdorchids.com

December 8th – 10th

SVO Open House

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December 11th -13th

Andy's Orchids Open House

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December 25th

Christmas!

January 1st

New Year's Day

And end to 2020

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From the Editor:

Hello everyone,

I hope you all are keeping well and had a great Thanksgiving! Not much is happening in my collection right now as we head into winter, though I've been watching a *Laelia* spike grow and grow for a couple months now, inconveniently *right* in front of my favorite sitting chair... I hope it turns into a real flower sometime and isn't grabbed by the slugs haha. Hope to see you all at the Holiday Party on Dec 1st (virtually)!

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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