



**Orchid News**  
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## **The President's Corner**

Hello everyone.

Finally, summer really is here! I thought it would never be warm enough to put those orchids outdoors. I hope you have yours out where they can enjoy the sun's rays.

We have had a busy May, with our meeting featuring a very informative talk by Debbie Halliday, the president of the San Diego Orchid Society, on "Orchid Care Tips". She had some very useful suggestions about orchid care. If you missed the actual talk, use this link to hear what she had to say:

<https://zoom.us/rec/share/SUa2UvCURCboTNG6VPaHV4WTsbYWwDbhc67mip2afyQwXdKtkOl2kLoFfXshwqb.Ki5-iLWNrkXBfuVJ?startTime=1620856255000>

On May 24, we had the Hartman Auction, which was lots of fun and very successful in both honoring Gwen's wishes and raising some money for the society. We plan several other ways to share Gwen's treasure trove of plants. The first of these is that we will have a plant sale at our next meeting. These plants will have price tags and will be sold as priced. There will be some good deals! So, bring your cash or check book and enjoy some orchid shopping. Other Hartman events will occur as well. Some of her plants are being temporarily adopted

by members for later sales, auctions, or raffle table appearances. We are certainly indebted to Gwen, Elaine, and their family!

Our next meeting will be a hybrid affair, as announced. It will be held at my house on Saturday June 12, at 2 pm, poolside. We will start with about 30 min of socializing, followed by our business meeting, review of virtual Show and Tell, raffle, and then plant sales and visiting. You are welcome to swim if you like or just sit around and enjoy the sun and socialize with each other in person for a change. There is a pool house, so you can also seek shelter if it is a hot day. We will have snacks and drinks available. There will be a zoom set up so that if you can't join us or don't yet feel comfortable with a crowd of this size, you can participate from afar. Also, if you have not yet completed your vaccine series by May 29, we must ask that you join us by Zoom only. We don't want to take the chance of infecting each other.

Finally, I have included another article by Anne-Marie Blankaert for your edification. Anne-Marie has expanded on her use of Gutter-guard to make orchid mounts, to include instructions on making a "Jungle Log", which can be used for mounting plants that like to climb or to mount groupings of plants. Enjoy!

Jan Smith, President  
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## The Vice President's Corner

Greetings from the Vice President:

I don't know about you, but I'm very excited to get together in person this month! This event is at Jan's home (thank you, Jan!) on Saturday afternoon June 12, will truly be a breath of fresh air! (No pun intended....ok, pun intended!). I'm fully vaccinated (as I hope you are) and looking forward to socializing outside. The orchid sale should be fun along with just having the opportunity to catch up with each other in person. Since we are having this event outside, we will not have a speaker.

Our speaker line-up for July and August promise to be good. In July we are set to hear David Haelterman speak about "Actual situation and challenges for orchid conservation" and then in July, we will take a video tour of Steve Benjamin's greenhouse. Many thanks to Steve and Sal for putting this together. I'm always happy to see our members participate as speakers. We have lots of talent in our club and we need to showcase it!!

Hope to see as many of you as possible at Jan's house on Saturday, June 12 at 2:00pm!

Deanna Day, Vice President  
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## Minutes

### Virtual Meeting Minutes

We had approximately 15 people in attendance. The minutes from the April meeting were approved by the membership. The Treasurers Report presented for the meeting and approved.

Old Business:

President Smith announced that the Membership Directory came out this month. Thank you Carla for your hard work pulling this together.

KOS Annual Show Update: President Jan Smith announced that our Annual Show is scheduled with the Church for September 10, 11 and 12. Stephen Benjamin is working on changes to the rules for this year's shows. Jim McCulloch will be helping with the setup for the plant registrations. Vendors include Natts; Sue Phillips, Pottery; Tom Harper from Nashville; Barry Jones; and Russ Vernon. Sam Tsui of Orchid Inn and Little Frog are not sure they are attending. Dick Humke reported our check to AOS has been sent, and Brian Spitler will be the head judge.

Locust Grove is considering having a virtual show. More info coming out shortly. We may participate by showing our repotting video for this event.

We will not participate in a group orchid order from other Societies during the summer to save sales for our own Show

New Business:

The orchids donated by the Gwen Hartmann Family to KOS will be auctioned off on May 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. An email will follow with details.

OUR FIRST FULL MEETING will be held at Jan Smith's house OUTDOORS for fully vaccinated members. Unvaccinated members can participate via ZOOM. A sale of Gwen Hartman orchids will be held at the meeting. There will be a raffle table and Show & Tell will be held via website.

Dick Wells of Hilltop Orchids has asked for assistance to downsize 5 greenhouses into one. More info. to come with a date and an email.

Another Orchid hike was held in the Cincinnati area on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

Windswept In Time will feature a Memorial Day weekend open house and sale in Ohio. More info. to follow.

Jason Fischer will offer an Orchid Culture #101 Web program on line. A charge of \$15 is required. More info to come.

Deanna Day introduced this month's Virtual Speaker Debbie Haliday of the San Diego Orchid Society speaking on orchid care. Thank you Debbie for your insights.

The monthly raffle was held for members.

**Show and Tell** orchid judging via email, Pam LaRocco is the judge.

## **KOS Show and Tell**

May 2021

### **TOPMILLER** (Minatures)

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Platstele beatricis, Laura Dittmeier

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Phal. unknown (Burgundy Picotee), Heide Boel

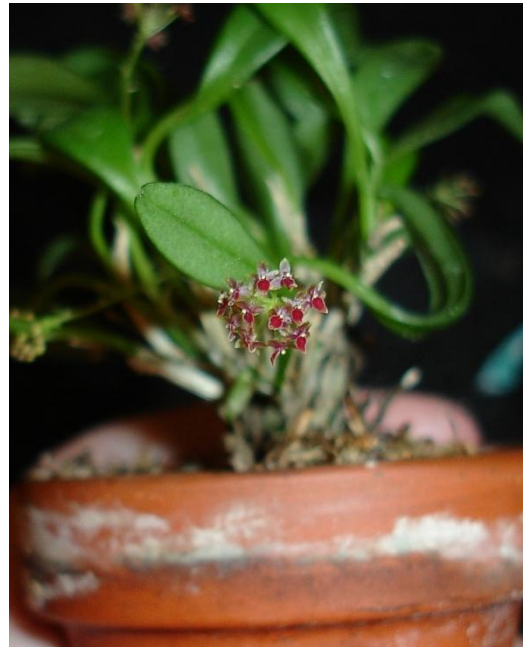
### **FANELLI** (Standard)

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Den. densiflora var. albor, Anne-Marie Blancquaert

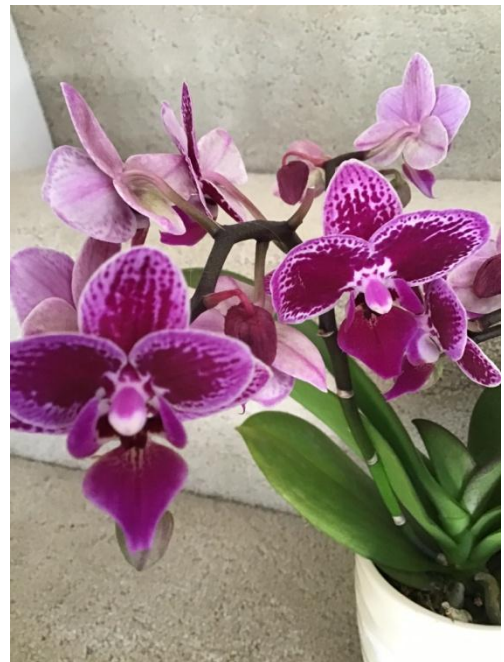
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Bletilla striata, Debbie Hanna

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Anne-Marie Blancquaert



Iwan. Apple Blossom 'H & R'  
Linda Splley-Kanipe



*Bletilla striata*  
Debbie Hanna



*Sedirea japonica*  
Karen Bloom