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6th Annual Orchids Showcase Returns to San Diego Botanic Garden May 2 - June 1 with the Theme *Orchids in the Wild*

The 2026 spring showcase will spotlight the beauty of orchids' natural habitats, featuring hundreds of orchid species, locally-bred hybrids and rare plants

Encinitas, Calif. (March 2026) – This spring, [San Diego Botanic Garden \(SDBG\)](#) invites flower lovers of all kinds to experience the extraordinary beauty and diversity of orchids during its sixth annual spring showcase, [Orchids in the Wild](#), on view **Saturday, May 2 through Monday, June 1**. The month-long exhibition will transform the Garden's 8,000 square-foot Dickinson Family Education Conservatory into a lush, living landscape inspired by orchids' natural habitats.

"Orchids are among the most diverse and fascinating plants on Earth," said Juan Solomon, Director of Horticulture at San Diego Botanic Garden. "This year's exhibition invites guests to discover how these remarkable blooms appear in nature, growing in unexpected places and forming intricate relationships with ecosystems around them."

Explore the dramatic blooms and learn the fascinating stories behind the discovery, growth, and cultivation of locally-bred hybrids and rare orchid species. Attendees will journey through mossy understories, tropical canopies, and other immersive environments, showcasing hundreds of orchids. Curated by Juan Solomon, Director of Horticulture at San Diego Botanic Garden, *Orchids in the Wild* brings together the Garden's own orchid collection along with plants on loan from members of the [San Diego County Orchid Society](#) and [Palomar Orchid Society](#), as well as contributions from regional growers and local businesses. Orchids will be refreshed weekly, offering something new to discover with every visit.

Throughout the exhibition's run, guests can deepen their appreciation and knowledge of orchids through hands-on classes and workshops, and a special orchid marketplace every weekend that will offer a curated selection of orchids, houseplants, and plant-related products from local vendors. The Garden will also host special experiences tied to the exhibition, including an exclusive Members Preview on Friday, May 1 before it opens to the public, along with an after-dark *Orchids at Night* event on Thursday, May 21 catered for 21+ audiences.

Whether you're a dedicated orchid enthusiast or simply drawn to nature's remarkable beauty, *Orchids in the Wild* invites you to explore these extraordinary plants as they appear in their natural environments—lush, vibrant, and full of life.

Admission to *Orchids in the Wild* is free for Members, and an additional \$7 for non-member adults. Garden admission is \$20 for adults, \$12 for children ages 3-17 and free for ages 2 and under. Discounted tickets are also available for military, students and seniors ages 60+. Admission includes access to the vendor booths and the rest of the Garden's 37 acres during the same visit. Reservations are highly recommended and can be made online. San Diego Botanic Garden is open Wednesdays through Mondays from 9 am to 5 pm For more information visit www.sdbg.org/orchids

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About San Diego Botanic Garden

Established in 1970, San Diego Botanic Garden (SDBG) is an urban oasis located in Encinitas, California, just north of San Diego. The Garden's 37-acres and 8,000 square foot glass conservatory display more than 5,300 plant species and varieties. As a premier 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization for botanical science and conservation, SDBG is involved in conservation horticulture, botany, and applied plant sciences to address our biggest local and global challenges, from biodiversity loss to climate change, food insecurity to environmental degradation. Featuring four miles of trails, SDBG has the largest public bamboo collection in North America; gardens representing different regions and flora of the world; and demonstration gardens showcasing fruits and vegetables, water-smart ornamentals, and native plants. Through an array of educational programming, events and activities for both children and adults, the Garden aims to create, share and apply plant wisdom to the world. Learn more at sdbg.org. | FB [@SDBotanicGarden](https://www.facebook.com/SDBotanicGarden) | Instagram [@sandiegobotanicgarden](https://www.instagram.com/sandiegobotanicgarden) | TikTok [@sandiegobotanicgarden](https://www.tiktok.com/@sandiegobotanicgarden) | LinkedIn [@SanDiegoBotanicGarden](https://www.linkedin.com/company/SanDiegoBotanicGarden) | Twitter [@SDBGarden](https://twitter.com/SDBGarden)