



## **5th Annual “World of Orchids” Returns to San Diego Botanic Garden May 4 - June 1 with New Theme: *Orchidelirium***

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**Encinitas, Calif.** (April 2025) – [San Diego Botanic Garden \(SDBG\)](#) announces the return of its fifth annual spring showcase, [World of Orchids](#), running **Sunday, May 4 through Sunday, June 1**. The exhibition returns with a new dedicated theme *Orchidelirium*, inspired by 19th-century orchid mania that took Victorian-era Europe by storm. This year’s showcase is curated locally by Brandi Eide who has over 20 years of experience in horticulture throughout the country, and will be staged in the Dickinson Family Education Conservatory.

“Orchids comprise one of the largest and most diverse families of flowering plants in the world,” said Brandi Eide. “This year’s show is particularly special, coinciding with the Garden’s 55th anniversary and featuring a new theme inspired by the ‘orchid craze’ of the 19th century that swept Europe. During this time, orchids were almost exclusively available to the elite and some would sell for thousands of dollars. This showcase pays homage to the fascinating obsession with orchids that made them one of the most sought-after flowers in history.”

Harkening back to the thrill of 19th-century orchid mania and the grand parlors of the past, *World of Orchids: Orchidelirium* will be staged in the Dickinson Family Education Conservatory, the Garden’s state-of-the-art 8,000 square foot, glass-enclosed facility. This year’s stunning orchid exhibition will feature hundreds of impressive orchid specimens, locally bred hybrids, and rare plants displayed in unique and unexpected ways. San Diego Botanic Garden’s annual *World of Orchids* offers a unique opportunity for botanical enthusiasts to marvel at a variety of stunning orchid species and uncover the fascinating stories behind their discovery and cultivation. In addition to the Garden Conservatory’s in-house collection of orchids, the display will include a curated selection of plants on loan from private growers belonging to two local groups, the [San Diego County Orchid Society](#) and the [Palomar Orchid Society](#), as well as orchids and materials from local businesses.

On select days during the exhibition, plant sales from local vendors will offer unusual and unique orchids and merchandise for sale. A variety of hands-on workshops - from [“How to Succeed with a Grocery Store Orchid”](#) to [“Orchid Kokedama”](#) - will be available for orchid-lovers of all skill levels. Also accompanying the exhibition is “The Magic of Orchids,” a special evening experience held on Thursday, May 22 featuring an unforgettable night of magic, sideshow acts,

and intrigue reminiscent of the era. Tickets and more information will be available on the website in the coming weeks.

Admission to *World of Orchids* is free for Members, and an additional \$7 for adults. Garden admission is \$18 for adults, \$10 for children ages 3-17 and free for ages 2 and under. Discounted tickets are also available for military, students and seniors ages 60+. General 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/world-of-orchids](http://www.sdbg.org/world-of-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-acre and 8,000 square foot glass conservatory displays more than 5,300 plant species and varieties. As a premiere 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](http://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)