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The South Coast Orchid Society meets on the fourth Monday of each month except holidays at the Whaley Park Clubhouse, 5620 East Atherton Street, Long Beach, California at 7:00.

[www.southcoastorchidsociety.com](http://www.southcoastorchidsociety.com)

# South Coast Orchid Society

Newsletter

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Stories, articles and news items are welcome. The deadline is the 5th of the month.

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Monday, **August 24th**, 2009

Meeting Starts at 7:00 p.m.

**“What is New in Paphs”**

Speaker: **Dr. Norito Hasegawa**

Norito Hasegawa is a dentist, an overextended hobbyist (considered commercial for tax purposes), and a 3 million miler travelling to many foreign countries talking and/or judging in places such as Japan, South Africa, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, Germany, New Zealand, Taiwan, England, France, Switzerland and many cities in the USA. He is married to Joyce, with three children Lisa, Todd and Mark with Paphiopedilums named after each of them. He has been a judge in both the American Orchid Society and the Cymbidium Society of America for over 35 years.

Dr. Hasegawa has been a member of SCOS for many years and is the owner of Paphanatics, unLimited, located in Orange, California. Paphanatics, unLimited has specialized in Paphiopedilum since 1975 and Norito has been collecting, growing and studying orchids for over 30 years. His involvement has been at many levels as a hobbyist, author, and commercial grower. He has partnered with Harold Koopowitz at Paphanatics, unLimited for over 20 years. He has a genus (Hasegawara) named after him. Norito is co-author, with Harold Koopowitz, of the book "Novelty Slipper Orchids". He is also a former trustee of The American Orchid Society and currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Orchid Digest Corporation. Dr. Hasegawa travels internationally to keep orchid fanatics up to date on Paphiopedilum happenings.

Dr. Hasegawa will be providing great plants for our opportunity table - you really need to get in on that!

## Refreshments

Last names **A to H** please bring refreshments.  
There is a special drawing for those who bring food!

# July Meeting

< President Russ Opening the Meeting

Speaker Paul Gripp



# July Meeting Ribbon Judging Table



**South Coast Orchid Society  
Ribbon Judging Results  
July 27, 2009**



**Cattleya (Laeliinae Subtribe)**

First	Encyclia Tampensis	Dennis Mackewicz
	C. Patrocinii	Michelle Dobard
Second	Encyclia Radiata	Roberta Fox
	Epidendrum Polyanthum	Barbara Roth
Third	C. Penny Karoda 'Spots'	Kathy Synsteliën
	Laelia purpurata var. 'Delicata'	Espie Quinn

**Pleurothallid (Pleurothallidinae Subtribe)**

First	Renanthera Nancy Chandler 'Red Dragon'	Butch Arciaga
Cultural	Physosiphon tubatus	Lynn Wiand

**Oncidium (Oncidiinae Subtribe)**

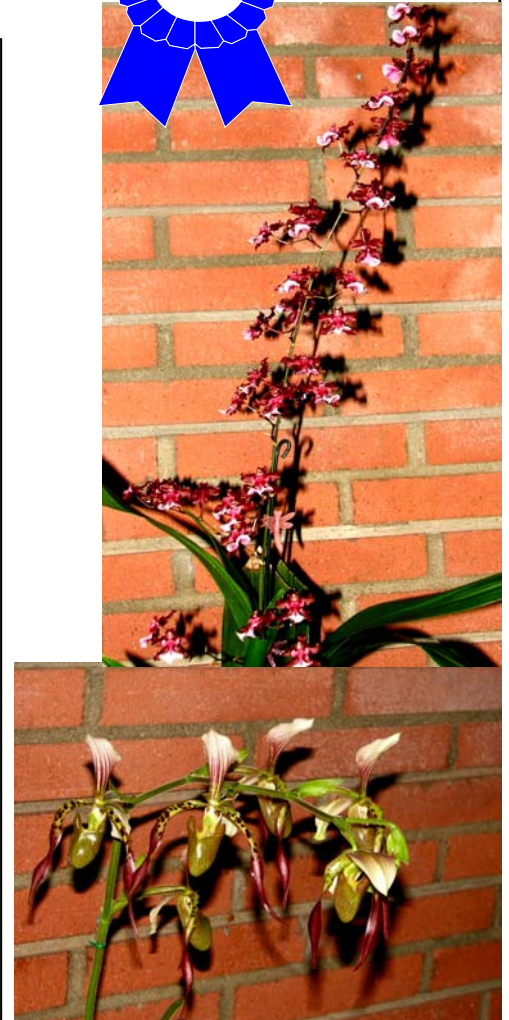
First	Brassia verrucosa	Roberta Fox
Second	Ada glumacea	Roberta Fox
Third	Enc. mariae	Roberta Fox
Cultural	Onc. Sherry Baby	Jennifer Blomeley

**Paph & Phrag (Cyrrpedioideae Subfamily)**

First	Paph. Bengal Lancers Parishii x Haynadianum	John Reyes
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**Other Genera**

First	Agwa Kiwi x Zygopetalum crinitum	Roberta Fox
Second	Lycaste aromatica	Jim Hoyle
Third	Ang. Grandalana	Katherine Synsteliën
Cultural	Eulophia quartiniana	Mary Bell



**SOUTHLAND ORCHID SHOW**

October 16 & 18, 2009  
10 AM to 5 PM

Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical Gardens  
1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA 91108

The Southland Orchid Committee invites you all to participate in the upcoming SOUTHLAND ORCHID SHOW. To be held this year from October 16th to October 18th at The Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical Gardens. This year's show will be unique, as the American Orchid Society will be holding their semi-annual meeting in conjunction with the show. Judges and members from around the world will descend on San Marino for the event.

The Huntington is also preparing a unique display of several rare books in their collection that showcase 19th Century orchid illustrations. Your flowers and plants next to the illustrations of those very plants from 150 years ago will be viewable.

This year's theme is: "The Golden Age of Orchids". Collectively, the many Orchid Societies from around Southern California have been putting on this show for the past 50 years. Please help us make this one spectacular with your participation.

The show will run from Friday through Sunday, October 16th to 18th, 2009. Presentation of awards to Societies and plants will occur on Thursday evening at the Preview Party, to be held again at The Huntington's spectacular new Chinese garden, The Garden of Flowing Fragrance or Liu Fang Yuan. Details of admission to the party will published in an upcoming release.

**MOST IMPORTANTLY:**

An "Orchid Growers Conference" will be held on Friday, October 16th from 12 noon to 5 pm. **ADMISSION TO THE HUNTINGTON** will be obtained by wearing your society membership badge on this day. This will allow you to attend lectures, the show and have access to the many growers and vendors represented at the show. Full access to the beautiful Huntington Gardens will also be available.

Info: [www.orchidshow.org](http://www.orchidshow.org) or [www.huntington.org](http://www.huntington.org)

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## Paphiopedilum Culture

prepared by The Education Committee, AOS

Paphiopedilums, or slipper orchids, originate from the jungles of the Far East and Indonesia. They are semi-terrestrial, growing in humus and other material on the forest floor, on cliffs in pockets and occasionally in trees. They're easy to grow in the home, under lights or in the greenhouse.

**LIGHT** is easier to provide for "paphs", as we will call them, than many other types of orchids. They like shady conditions, as in the home in an east or west window, or near a shaded south window. In the greenhouse, heavy shade must be provided - - giving them about 1,000 to 1,500 foot-candles. They are often grown under the bench, provided precautions are taken to prevent rot. Fluorescent light is excellent; use 2 or 4 tubes just over the leaves.

**TEMPERATURES** for paphs range considerably. Many growers separate paphs into two groups, the warm growing mottled-leaf types and the cool-growing, green-leaf types. Warm-growing types should be 60 to 65 degrees F at night and 75 to 80 degrees F or more during the day. Cool-growing types should be 50 to 60 degrees F at night, 75 to 80 degrees F during the day. Many growers grow all plants in the same temperature range with excellent results. The plants can stand night temperatures in the 40's if necessary (as when grown outside in mild climates), as well as temperatures to 95 degrees F. Care must be taken to protect the plants from rot when cold (keep humidity low, and do not let water stand on leaves or in the crowns of the plants), and also to protect from burning when hot (shade more heavily and increase humidity and air movement).

**WATER** must be available at the plant's roots constantly, since they have no pseudobulbs, and therefore store most of their water in their leaves. They need a moist medium -- never soggy, but never dry. Water once or twice a week. Humidity for paphs should be moderate, between 40% and 50%, which can be maintained in the home by setting the plants on trays of gravel, partially filled with water, so that the plants never sit in water. In dry climates, misting (in the morning only) can help increase humidity. In a green house, average humidity is sufficient; spraying the floor or using an evaporative cooling system in warm climates can increase the humidity. Air movement is essential, especially when humidity is high.

**FERTILIZER** must be applied on a regular schedule, but care must be taken to avoid burning of the fleshy, hairy roots. High- nitrogen fertilizers (like 30-10-10) are recommended when potted in any fir bark mix. In warm weather, some growers use half-strength applications every two weeks; others use 1/4 strength every watering. It's important to flush with clear water monthly to leach excess fertilizer, which can burn roots. In cool weather, fertilizer applications once a month are sufficient.

**POTTING** should be done about every two years, or as the medium decomposes. Seedlings are often repotted annually. Mixes vary tremendously; most are fine- and/or medium-grade fir bark, with varying additives -- perlite (sponge-rock), coarse sand, sphagnum moss, etc. Moisture retention with excellent drainage is needed. Divide large plants by pulling or cutting the fans of the leaves apart, into clumps of 3 to 5 growths. Smaller divisions will grow, but may not bloom as well. Spread the roots over a small amount of medium in the bottom of the pot and fill with medium, so that the junction of roots and stem is buried 1/2" deep in the center of the pot. Do not overpot; an average plant should have a 4 to 6" pot.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Fascination of Orchids Show & Sale

September 26 & 27, 2009  
10 AM to 5 PM

South Coast Plaza Village  
(Across Street from South Coast Plaza)  
Bear & Sunflower Streets, Santa Ana CA

Info: [www.ocorchidshow.com/](http://www.ocorchidshow.com/)

#### South Bay Orchid Society Fall Show & Sale

October 10 - 11, 2009  
10 AM to 5 PM

South Coast Botanic Garden  
26300 Crenshaw Blvd.  
Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA 90274

Info: <http://www.southbayorchidsociety.com/Show/index.html>

## **SPECIAL DONATION**

### **For This Year's SCOS October Auction**

#### **ORCHIDWIZ DATABASE SOFTWARE**

The publisher of Orchidwiz has very generously donated a copy of the latest version of their orchid database software to our auction. One lucky bidder will walk away with a superb orchid reference that normally sells for \$259.

I have been using Orchidwiz almost since its inception about 3 years ago, and each version has been a major leap to a higher level. For a start, it is a reference of all of the registered hybrids, with pictures – many pictures. For a given hybrid, one can see photos of both parents (and of the ancestral tree). There are listings of awards (AOS, RHS, CSA). But where it really gets useful for me is that it also contains an enormous amount of species information. It incorporates all of the Baker's culture sheets, with temperature, light, fertilization; rest periods etc. for a few thousand species. From the species composition of the hybrids, it calculates the expected cultural requirements of those hybrids. That, to me, is probably the most valuable information of all – how to take care of the orchids that I have. Orchidwiz also is a valuable aid in making sense of the taxonomic reclassifications that are so confusing. It has the most current names, but also very extensive cross references to all of the names by which a particular orchid has been known. One can search by either the current naming or the Sanders nomenclature that's probably on the tag. A new feature that has been added is the "journal". This is a personal database, in which one can track one's own plants with a link to all of the information in Orchidwiz. If you look up a plant, and decide that you really want it, add it to the "wish list", which you can print out and take to the next show... or auction.

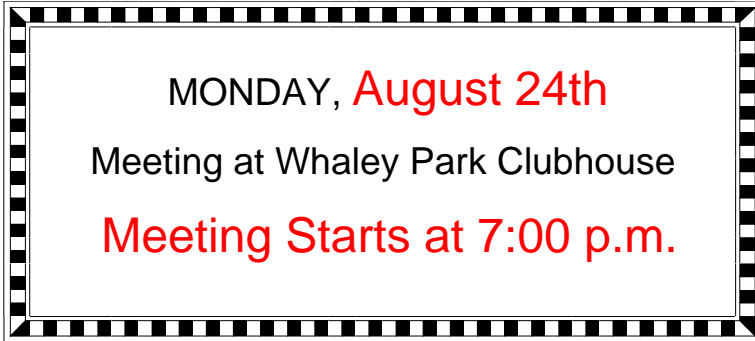
If you grow orchids and have a computer, this is the reference that you need. May the bidding be lively... You help the society, and your orchids will thank you.

Roberta Fox

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