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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 90815 at 7:00 p.m.

www.southcoastorchidsociety.com

South Coast Orchid Society

Newsletter

Founded in 1950

September 2009

Board of Directors

Expires 2009	Butch Archiaga
Expires 2009	Ron Nash
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Expires 2010	Andy Tao
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Expires 2011	Mary Bell

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Orchid Digest	John Reyes
AOS Rep	Janell Schuck
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Culture Sessions	Dennis Mackewicz
Ribbon Judging	Barbara Roth
Newsletter	Dennis Mackewicz
Kitchen	Marylyn Paulson
Auction	Andy Tao

Shows

John Reyes

Opportunity Table and Silent Auction

Helen Powell

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

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Monday, **September 28th**, 2009

Meeting Starts at 7:00 p.m.

“Attending an AOS Membership Meeting”

Speaker: **Andy Tao**

An SCOS member since 2001, Andy Tao has been a board member for the past 3 years. He again is chairing our Annual Auction coming up NEXT MONTH which he has done for the last several years. He has been growing orchids since 2000, having been hooked into it by his brother Peter on a trip to Home Depot. There they passed a shopping cart with a load of sorry looking out-of-bloom orchids on sale at give away prices. Peter picked up an Oncidium Sweet Sugar, "Emperor" and handed it to him, saying, "Here, try this...you'll like it." He shares his orchid interest with his lovely and very tolerant wife Jeanne. Andy is also an avid cyclist and, when not riding himself, enjoys following the international cycling ProTour and photographing bicycle races. He has found cycling to be a perfect complement to orchids as the orchid show season and cycling season are complementary. Andy supports his hobbies through his day job as a project engineer at Northrop Grumman Aerospace Systems, where he is chief engineer of the Sunshield for NASA's James Web Space Telescope program.

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Culture Session

How Do You Create A New Hybrid?

Our own orchid expert, **Ruben Colmenares**, will start the meeting this month. He will demonstrate the steps in creating new hybrids from pollination to deflasking.

SCOS Orchid Auction
Monday, October 26th
6:30 p.m.

Refreshments

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

August Meeting



< Speaker Dr. Norito Hasegawa



“Attending an AOS Membership Meeting” Cont.

Andy will be talking about his trip to the 2005 AOS Members Meeting in Minneapolis MN, which he took as a part of his growing orchid-mania. He found the gathering to be much more than just a forum for AOS Committees to do business. The Members Meeting are events which bring out a renowned group of domestic and international orchid experts, growers and enthusiasts for lectures, sales and a show of the best of the best orchids being grown. Andy's talk will feature an overview and high points from the 2005 meetings, photos of the show (including numerous AOS awarded flowers) and a trip to Orchids Limited where meeting attendees were given a guided behind the scenes tour of that amazing operation. He will conclude with a preview of the upcoming AOS Fall Members Meeting at the Huntington Gardens October 16-18, being held in conjunction with the Southland Orchid Show, "The Golden Age of Orchids."

MONDAY October 26th - Starting at 6:30 p.m.

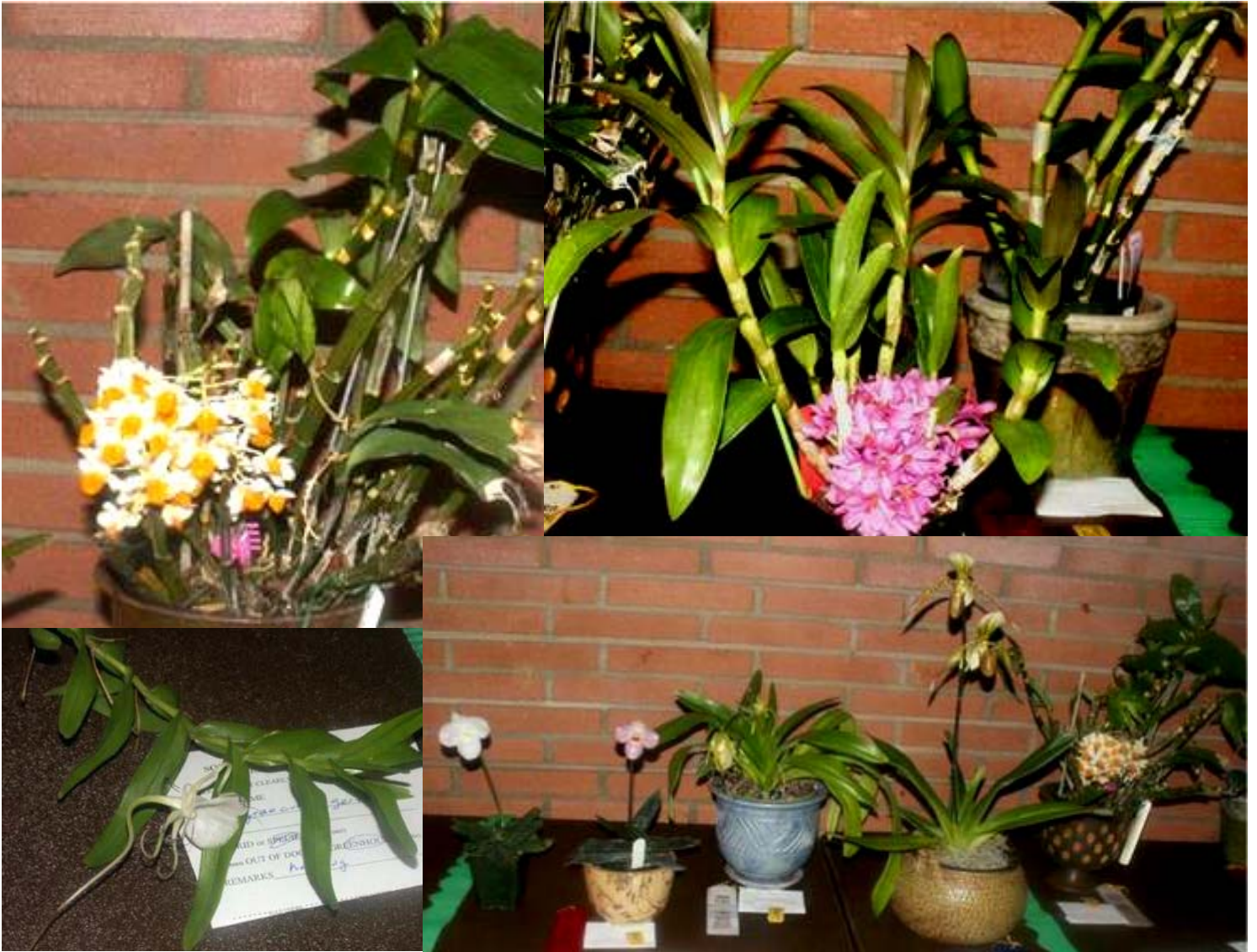
SCOS Annual Auction is Coming - How You Can Help

1. Donate some of your orchid divisions
2. Spread the word to your neighbors and friends
3. Help in picking up plants from donors
4. Come early to help setup for the Auction
5. Help during the Auction - there is lots to do
6. Come and bring a friend
7. Help with cleanup after the Auction
8. Bring home lots of orchids!

Contact our Auction Chair, Andy Tao, if you can help out

August Meeting Ribbon Judging Table

SCOS Orchid Auction
Monday, October 26th
6:30 p.m.



SOUTHLAND ORCHID SHOW - "The Golden Age of Orchids"

October 16 & 18, 2009

10:30 AM to 4:30 PM (Friday 12 Noon to 4:30 PM)

Admission is \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors, \$10 for students, \$6 for youth and free for children under 5.

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

This is the fifth year that the annual Southland Orchid Show and Sale will be held at the Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical Gardens and promises to be the very best ever. Traditionally presented to showcase the growers of the many Orchid Societies of Southern California, it is by any measure a spectacular event. This year there will be special local and international exhibitors and two days of how-to demonstrations and informative lectures to highlight the semi-annual meeting of the American Orchid Society, which will coincide with the show. Plants from around the world will be for sale.

Over 500 orchid flowers will be presented for judging to the American Orchid Society, the Cymbidium Orchid Society of American and Southland Committee representatives. The "Grand Champion" of the show will be awarded on Thursday evening October 15th at the show's Preview Party, held in the new Chinese Garden of Flowing Fragrance. Volunteers are needed; contact Phyllis Wang at 626-316-2258 or at phyllis.wang@charter.net and let her know when and where you wish to assist us or contact wardbrendar@hotmail.com or call at 714-907-5743. Volunteers will receive free entrance to the show and a commemorative 50-year anniversary pin.

Info: www.orchidshow.org or www.huntington.org

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**South Coast Orchid Society
Ribbon Judging Results
August 23, 2009**



SCOS Orchid Auction
Monday, October 26th
6:30 p.m.

Cattleya (Laeliinae Subtribe)

First	Blc. Mem Robert Hack "Villa Park"	Dennis Mackewicz
Second	Lc. Ruyuu Little Love	Ruben Colmenares
Third	Lc. Mari's Song x Slc. Circle of Life	Ruben Colmenares

Cymbidium Cymbidium

First	Cym. Finleysonianum	Roberta Fox
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Dendrobium (Dendrobiinae Subtribe)

First	Den. Laevifolium x Den. Bracteosum	Ruben Colmenares
Second	Den. Perla Kouchi "HIO"	Shelley Brewer
Third	Den. Chrysotoxum	Katherine Synsteliën

Oncidium (Oncidiinae Subtribe)

First	Brassia Verrucosa	Michelle Dobard
Second	Onc. Tuerckieimix x Onc. Pulchellum	Jim Hoyle

Phalaenopsis (Sarcanthinae Subtribe)

First	V. Robelingiana	Roberta Fox
Second	Angraecum Longiscott	Ruben Colmenares
Third	Sedirea Japonica	Katherine Synsteliën
Cultural	Angraecum Scottianum	Ruben Colmenares

Paph & Phrag (Cyrrpedioideae Subfamily)

First	Paph. Iantha Stage (P. Rothchildianum "Martha" x P. Sukhakulii "Wide Wings")	John Reyes
Second	Paph. Magic Lantern	Katherine Synsteliën
Third	Phragmipedium "Paul Eugene Conroy"	Dennis Mackewicz

Other Genera

First	Catasetum Macrocarpum	Roberta Fox
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SCOS October Auction - SPECIAL DONATION

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.

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/

San Diego International Orchid Fair at Quail Botanical Gardens

October 2 - 4, 2009
10 AM to 5 PM

Quail Botanical Gardens
Ecke Building, 230 Quail Gardens Drive, Encinitas, CA
Contact: Ed Dove, 9897 Avenida Colino, Spring Valley, CA
91977, 619.440.5005 or www.edove@sheahealth.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: www.southbayorchidsociety.com/Show/index.html

SOUTHLAND ORCHID SHOW "The Golden Age of Orchids"

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South Coast Orchid Society Annual Auction

Monday, October 26, 2009
6:30 p.m.

Whaley Park Clubhouse,
5620 East Atherton Street, Long Beach, California 90815

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Brassia & Aliceara Culture

Common Name: Sunday Best Muffin

Scientific Name: Aliceara hybrid of Brassia x Miltonia x Oncidium

Origin: Costa Rica

Light: Brassias prefer the medium to high light of an east, west or shaded south window. South windows are not recommended for Brassia Intergenerics.



Temperature: Brassias like day temperatures of 65-72 °F (18-22 °C), and night temperatures of 60-65 °F (15-18 °C). Brassia intergenerics will tolerate a slightly wider range of temperatures. Keep out of draft.

Water: Water generously. Let medium approach dryness. Do not allow to dry out. Water every 3-5 days when the plant is in active growth or in a warmer household. In cooler homes water every 5-7 days.

Media: Repot every 12-24 months, as required. A coarse free-draining potting mix, predominately medium grade fir bark and coarse perlite is recommended.

Fertilization: Fertilize at 1/4 - 1/2 strength with 28-14-14 at every watering to promote new growth. When new growth matures, start fertilizing with 10-30-20 at half strength to promote flowering.

Propagation: Divide inconveniently large plants in spring by cutting the rhizome into sections, each with at least two pseudobulbs. Cut away any rotting or damaged roots, and then arrange the pieces of rhizome around the inside rim of the old pot, which has been cleaned and filled with fresh mixture. Point the new growth toward the center of the pot, and it will grow over the unoccupied surface of the mixture.

Of interest: Brassias have been nicknamed "spider orchids" because of the unusual shape of their blooms. Brassia Intergenerics are usually not as spidery but are star shaped. Brassia bloom in late spring and summer, Intergeneric blooming season is broader.

Something to think about: Brassia has 60 chromosomes compared with Oncidium species having 56 chromosomes. These species are hybridized along with Miltonia to produce the Aliceara hybrids. How does this affect meiosis and gamete production? Is the hybrid sterile?

SCOS Orchid Auction

Blooming
Orchids



Outdoor
Growing
Orchids

**Monday, October 26, 2009
6:30 p.m.**

Join us for fun and excitement at our
Annual Orchid Auction.

You will have the opportunity to bid on
quality plants from commercial growers and
from society members at auction prices.

**Whaley Park Clubhouse
5620 Atherton Street, Long Beach
www.southcoastorchidsociety.com**

South Coast Orchid Society
meets at Whaley Park
7:00 p.m. the 4th Monday
of each month.

Southland Orchid Show Committee Celebrates its Golden Anniversary

A Call for Volunteers

The Southland Orchid Show Committee proudly presents 'The Golden Age of Orchids' on October 16, 17, 18, 2009. The committee will celebrate its 50th anniversary at the Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens.

The Southland Orchid Show Committee (SOSC), sponsored by twelve societies, was formed in 1959. Its goal is to stage an annual orchid show and to educate the public. The show cannot be successful without the support of the orchid societies and their members. Then and now, volunteers' participation had been the backbone of the show.

This year, again, we are in need of the support of the societies and their members due to the anticipation of a large turn out. Please sign up to assist us with the show. We need hosts and hostesses on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday (Oct. 16 – 18) to greet the guests, direct them to the show, and answer their questions. We need ribbon judges on Thursday (Oct.15) from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. Lunch will be provided after judging. We also need volunteers to work in the Plant Hotel.

Sign up sheets were sent to a member of your society to bring to your next meeting. If you cannot attend your society meeting, please contact Phyllis Wang at 626-316-2258 or at

phyllis.wang@charter.net and let her know when and where you wish to assist us. You may also contact me at wardbrendar@hotmail.com or call me at 714-907-5743. The volunteers will receive free entrance to the show (library, art collections, and the gardens are included) and a commemorative 50-year anniversary pin. Your President will receive the tickets for free entrance to attend the Preview Party and Awards Ceremony on Oct. 15. The plant sale and private exhibit viewing will start at 3:30 pm. Hors d'ouvres will be served at 5:30 – 7:00 pm, followed by the awards presentation. If you are interested in attending, please let your president know. This is just a simple way to demonstrate our gratitude for your support.

The show is in conjunction with the American Orchid Society Trustees Meeting, consequently, we are expecting to attract a large group of orchid hobbyists and judges from North America. Vendors from around the world will bring a large selection of orchids plants. We have asked prominent orchid enthusiasts to do a presentation and/or demonstration on orchids.

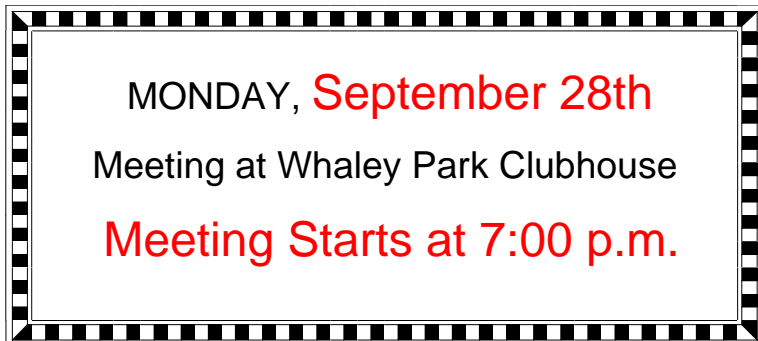
We anticipate this year's show to be one of the best. More than ever, your assistance is needed to make this show a success. Please give us a few hours of your time.

Go to www.orchidshow.org for more information. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Brenda Ward [wardbrendar@hotmail.com]

South Coast Orchid Society

Dennis Mackewicz, Newsletter Editor
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Long Beach, CA 90808



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We wish to thank these commercial vendors for their generosity and support.

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