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**Regular Meeting Schedule**  
Doors open at 6:30 pm  
Table/chair setup, plants in place  
Ribbon judging starts at 7:00 pm  
Culture session  
Speaker starts at 7:30 pm  
Opportunity drawing  
Table/chair teardown  
Doors close at 9:30 pm

# South Coast Orchid Society

Newsletter

Founded in 1950

January 2019

## **Wild, Weird, and Wonderful Orchids**

**presented by Peter T. Lin**  
**Monday, January 28, 2019**

**Presentation starts at 7:30 p.m.**

Peter Lin will entertain us with his talk on: Wild, Weird, and Wonderful Orchids. While some orchids are considered quite beautiful, some are just odd.. The Orchid family, with over 30,000 species, certainly has its share of unusual shapes, sizes, and color forms. In this fast paced presentation, Peter will show you some of his favorite oddities, and talk about how to grow these orchids.

Peter started growing orchids over 30 years ago, but then stopped due to school and starting a career. It wasn't until about 15 years ago that the orchid "bug" came back and he is now heavily involved once again. He is an accredited judge with the American Orchid Society and a hybridizer of mini-catts. He enjoys meeting with other orchid enthusiasts, and can often be found at various orchid shows and societies around the country. He also has hundreds of photos of his orchids that he maintains on Flickr. You can view them by typing this address into the internet:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/minicatt/collections/>

Due to limited growing space, Peter likes to specialize in miniature orchids, both species and hybrids, and has received numerous AOS awards. His other interests in orchids include Dendrobiums, Angraecoids, and Neofinetias. He maintains a collection of a thousand or more orchids at his home in Southern California in 3 small greenhouses, as well as an offsite greenhouse.

### **Refreshments**

Last names starting with **A through H** please bring refreshments.

## President's Message

Greetings everyone and welcome to 2019. I hope everyone is ready to have a great year both at home and with our society. We had a very nice Christmas party in December, thanks to everyone that came and made it a big success. I hope to see everyone at our next meeting in January. We will be handing out our annual awards and installing our new SCOS officers. See you at the meeting.

John Reyes

## 2018 Ribbon Judging Results

Winners of the Phil Plocher Award for most Ribbon Judging points accumulated in 2018 will be announced at our January meeting. We had a strong field of excellent growers in 2018, as we saw at each meeting, presenting us with well grown, high quality orchids.

## Early Winter Bloomers

From the editor's garden, a few orchids that warm the sole, if not the body.



*Paphiopedilum henryanum* (long lasting)



*Cymbidium dayanum* (floriferous)



*Laelia anceps lineata* (of recent breeding)



*Laelia anceps* (still around after 25 years)



Zygopetalum intermedium (fragrant!!!)



Dendrobium speciosum var. capricornicum  
'Southern Cross' (an early bird speciosum)

### **Reminder: Dues are due for 2019**

Time to pay up. But hey, its just a paltry \$20. I know, one less orchid for your collection, but look at all you get: 12 meetings per year with refreshments and an outstanding orchid display, 12 wonderful newsletters [does that give you a hint about who is writing this reminder?], a silent auction and a plant table raffle offering beautiful plants, and an annual auction with a vast array of different hybrids, genera, and species. Add in all your old friends and enthusiasts, and we offer a great way to spend an evening.

### **Upcoming Events**

**See our website for flyers:** [www.southcoastorchidsociety.com](http://www.southcoastorchidsociety.com).

Newport Harbor OS Orchid Expo & Sale, Westminster Mall, February 8-10

Pacific Orchid Exposition, San Francisco, February 22-24

Santa Barbara International Orchid Show, Santa Barbara, March 15-17

Santa Barbara Orchid Estate Open House, Santa Barbara, March 15-17

Cal-Orchid Open House, Santa Barbara, March 15-17

San Diego Counties Orchid Society Show and Sale, Scottish Rite Center, March 22-24

Cool Growing Orchid Society Annual Auction, Garden Grove, April 10, 6:30 PM prev., 7 PM start

**Our February 2019 regularly scheduled meeting date is February 25, 2019**

## Meeting Location

The South Coast Orchid Society holds monthly meetings, usually on the fourth Monday of the calendar month, at the Whaley Park Community Center in Long Beach, CA. Whaley Park is on Atherton, just off Bellflower Blvd. near the Long Beach State University campus.

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