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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

70 Years of Orchid Excellence

Newsletter

Founded in 1950

May 2020

No Meeting Monday, May 18, 2020

It is sort of like driving an automobile to your favorite destination and coming to a stoplight. The longer the stoplight stays red, the more anxious you get to start up and move forward again - to put the pedal to the metal. Oh, but pedal reminds me of petal, and that we are all about orchids, not automobiles, and our plants are moving forward, growing and blooming (and maybe even getting a little extra attention and care).

We are continuing to invite all of you amateur (or professional) photographers to submit pictures of your orchids to either John McCoy for posting on the SCOS website (www.southcoastorchidsociety.com) or to your newsletter editor for inclusion in the newsletter. And if you happen to take a virtual tour of the website, you will notice that John has produced a marvelous history of SCOS and the Southern California orchid scene. (Your editor had a chance to read through this compendium, and found it thoroughly entertaining and informative.)

Meanwhile, the AOS continues to operate in the virtual world, with their webinars and their website filled with information (www.aos.org), and publish the AOS Bulletin (aka Orchids). There are several websites (some available by links from our SCOS website) that discuss orchids by species, and provide their habitat, varieties, and other information useful to a hobbist grower. Learn how it lives to grow it.

President's Message

This virus has caught us all off guard. The only upside is Pat and I have been getting a lot accomplished around the house and in the garden since we have so much dedicated time at home. I asked the City of Long Beach to advise us when they relax the restrictions on group meetings. I will keep you posted. In the mean time Pat and I have been taking bike rides to El Dorado Park and to Seal Beach on the river trail to break up our days at home. Hope everyone is finding an activity to keep your sanity. Pray for a rapid cure/vaccine.

Stay Safe.

John

Orchids From Mong Noiboonsook and John Reyes

See more photos below.



Sarcocylus Fitzhart (*S. hartmannii* x *S. fitzgeraldii*) is an intrageneric hybrid that grows well outdoors in So. Cal. Both parent species are found in eastern Australia. Mong.



Lc. Stonehouse was purchased as a 3-bulb division from SBOE 15+ years ago (\$30). There have been many specimen plants from that division, some with over 20 flowers. John.

Upcoming Events

See our website for flyers: www.southcoastorchidsociety.com.

No orchid event is a certainty at this time.

Our June 2020 regularly scheduled meeting date is June 22, 2020

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.

Vendor Sponsors

The South Coast Orchid Society thanks these commercial vendors for their generosity and support of our 2019 Annual Auction and other events helping to carry us through a successful 2020. If you need supplies or want to shop for orchids, please consider these vendors first. They helped us, maybe we can help them, and get some great orchids too!

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More of Mong's Orchids



Rhyncholaelia digbyana (was *Brassavola digbyana*) is an epiphytic Central American species requiring heat and humidity, bright light and ample fertilizer when growing, but less water after pseudobulbs mature. It is fragrant, and used extensively in hybridizing to impart a frilly lip to its offspring.



Paphiopedilum delenatii (*delenatii* 'Tiffany' X *delenatii* 'Colorama'.) Last month I had one flower. This month I have two!
Paph. delenatii is a southern Vietnamese terrestrial or lithophytic species that requires more water from June through December, but even fertilizer throughout the year.

Oddities from the Editor's Garden



Maxillaria tenuifolia aurea. Though the color is unusual, the flower scent is still distinctly coconut.



Pholidota chinensis looked like a swamp orchid when I bought it at the species society auction. Who knew, I live in a swamp!



Max. tenuifolia (normal color)



Max. tonsbergii 'Spooky' AM/AOS is spooky!



Dendrochilum wenzelii yellow form (maybe?)



Pleurothallis racemiflora (20 yrs old and tougher than it looks)