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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

June 2020

No Meeting Monday, June 22, 2020

The orchids continue to grow and flower, and this month we have some excellent photographs sent in by our members to prove it. There is little else to be said.

President's Message

Another month in semi lockdown. It is very frustrating but it sure allows all of us to devote more time to things around the home. My vegetable garden is going crazy. I had trouble with some critters eating tomatoes and avocados, but they have left town so I am good for now. I have been gradually cleaning up my orchid plants but I still have a long way to go. I built pantry doors in the garage for Pat after 25 years. It forced me to clean up my garage. I hope that you are all doing well. The Board will be exploring the possibility of using Zoom to hold an SCOS meeting. In the meantime stay safe.

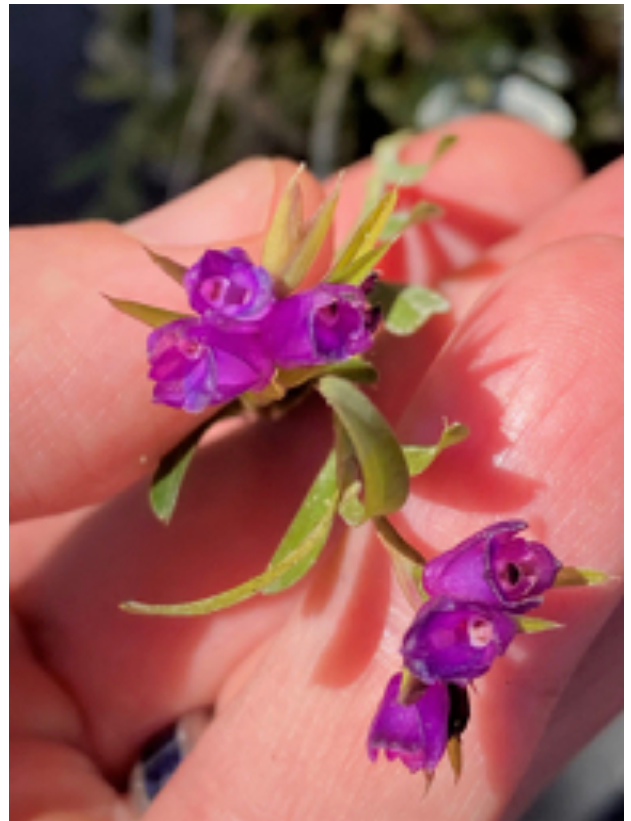
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Orchid Photos From Scott McGregor

In March, Scott was scheduled to be our speaker when the novel coronavirus shut down our meeting and all sorts of other activities. Scott has shared some pictures of his orchids for this month's newsletter. Australian terrestrials are not all that common, and these orchids are beautiful and worth the time taken to grow them. Thank you, Scott.



Angraecum teretifolium has pine-needle-like leaves and a great flower-to-plant size ratio!



Appendicula malindangensis. I bought *Appendicula malindangensis* on the claim that it has “true blue” flowers. I collect blue-flowering orchids and so had to have it. My conclusion is that there may be some blue tinge, but that requires some imagination, unlike true blue *Thelymitras*.



Thelymitra cyanea, the “swamp sun orchid” is the last of my Australian terrestrial Thely’s to flower. It has blue/violet striped flowers, and it only likes a brief dry/dormant rest in the summer, unlike most Thely’s which are kept bone dry all summer.



Diplocaulobium is a genus related to *Dendrobium* and has some unusual flowering habits. The flowers last less than a day, but make up for that by flowering many times per year and “flush blooming”. They seem to time opening of the buds so that they all do so simultaneously, not just on a single plant, but on all of the plants of that species you might have—I’m still trying to understand the mechanism that enables the synchrony. The flowers open up pure white, but turn pink within hours, and close dark red. They smell intensely of watermelon.



Diuris drummondii is the last of my Australian terrestrial donkey orchids to flower, with bright yellow flowers on tall spikes. It is summer dry/dormant



Dracula simia is always fun, with monkey-face flowers.



Dendrobium falconeri is a very pretty species from the Himalayas. I leave it outside in the rain over the winter and it seems to enjoy that

See our website for flyers: www.southcoastorchidsociety.com.
If an upcoming event is to be held, we will have flyers on our website.

Our July 2020 regularly scheduled meeting date is July 27, 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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