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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

August 2020

**No Meeting Monday, August 24, 2020**

Repot, divide, water, fertilize, photograph, debug. Life goes on.

### President's Message

I am trying to be positive after another month in quarantine. It is difficult but necessary. I still have a long list of things to be done, and slowly one by one they are getting completed. The City of Long Beach continues to stay shut down. It was sad to see that Mayor Garcia recently lost both his mom and stepdad to the virus. Under these difficult times, he continues to take steps to keep the public and businesses of Long Beach safe. I urge all our members to observe the covid-19 safety rules whether you are working or retired. Stay active and stay safe. If you need help in any way please contact me or one of the other board members and we will try to assist you as best we can.

John

### An Idea for the Times

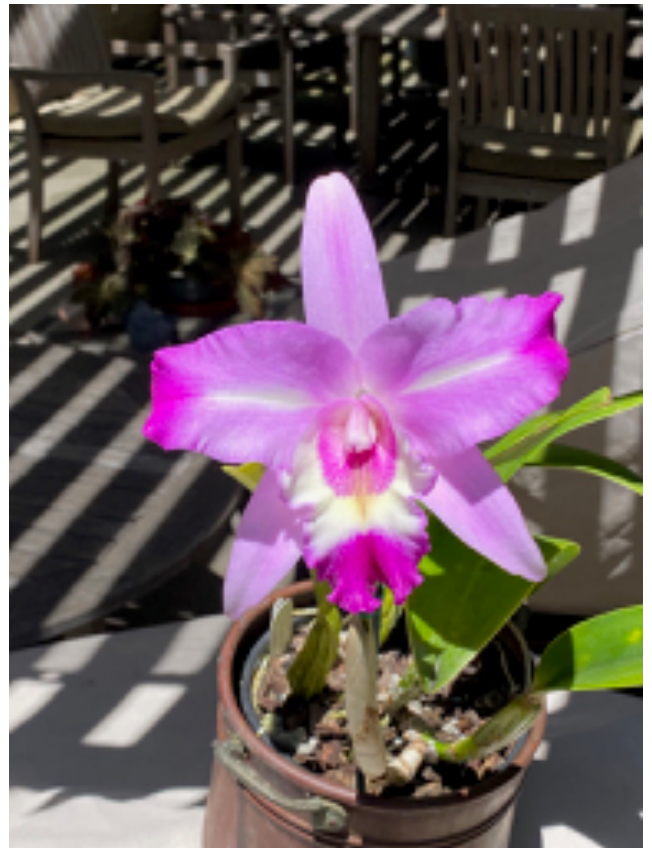
Glenda Urmacher suggested the possibility of small groups or individuals visiting the growing areas of other members, with proper masking and social distancing or course. As this involves some risk, SCOS cannot sponsor this activity. But each of us is free to make up our own minds about such things, so we pass along this idea for your consideration. Contact: gurmacher@gmail.com

## President's Orchids

SCOS President John Reyes provided these two photos of his well grown and quite beautiful orchids. In particular, the *Laelia purpurata sanguinea* is exceptional for its overall solid dark color.



*Laelia purpurata sanguinea*



*Lc. Miss Wonderful*

## Orchid Photos From The Editor's Greenhouse

There are few orchids so embedded in the lineage of classic large orchid flowers as *Laelia purpurata*. This Brazilian species has been celebrated by festivals devoted entirely to varieties and color forms of this one orchid. It is relatively easy to grow, and there are many opportunities to acquire it at orchid shows, or by mail or visiting individual vendors. In his second volume (published 1990), Carl Withner points out that the "Queen of The Laelias" included probably 150 named clones. Withner lists 21 "color patterns" with short descriptions, and your editor has tried to collect one of each over the last 30 years.

Of course, today, we call this orchid species *Cattleya purpurata*, and so it is addressed in the Chadwicks's book, "Classic Cattleyas" published in 2006.

These photographs span the last 10 years. Most of these orchids are still alive today and producing fabulous flowers in June and July each year.



*Laelia purpurata* aco 'Clito' from  
Floralia July 1996



*Laelia purpurata* alba from Ecuagenera



*Laelia purpurata* carnea



*Laelia purpurata* carnea (lip detail)



*Laelia purpurata* flamea 'do Elenesto'  
from Leucadia Orchids July 1992



*Laelia purpurata* marginata from  
Encore Show Stopping Orchids  
December 1992



*L. p.* marginata (in a good year)



*Laelia purpurata* marginata (lip detail)



*Laelia purpurata* (variety unknown)



*Laelia purpurata* oculata



*Laelia purpurata oculata*. From Cal-Orchid December 1991. The only variety *oculata* I have seen.



*Laelia purpurata roxo-bispo* from Floralia



*Laelia purpurata rubra*



*Laelia purpurata rubra*



*Laelia purpurata russeliana*



*Laelia purpurata sanguinea*



*Laelia purpurata sanguinea*



*Laelia purpurata sanguinea*



*Laelia purpurata* 'Schusteriana' (aco?)  
from Carmela as a tiny seedling 2014



*Laelia purpurata* tipo from Floralia



*Laelia purpurata venosa* from SBOE



*Laelia purpurata vinicolor* from  
Orchidanica March 1992



Laelia purpurata vinicolor (lip detail)



Laelia purpurata vinicolor 'Cabernet Franc' from Sea God Nursery (Raymond Burr Collection)

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

If an upcoming event is to be held, we will have flyers on our website.

**Our September 2020 regularly scheduled meeting date is September 28, 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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