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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

## \*\*\*71 Years of Orchid Excellence\*\*\*

Newsletter

Founded in 1950

March 2021

### **Orchid News March 2021**

Still waiting on that great day when we will hear the call of another in-person orchid event. Will that be our own 2021 Auction? Who knows. Until then, keep on growing, sending in your photos, and enjoying the start of Spring.

There are some great photos in this month's newsletter, as well as an interesting orchid story. Be sure to look below.

### **President's Message**

Last year on my birthday March 13, 2020 the world as we knew it came to a screeching halt because of Covid. Now a year later we are slowly but surely starting to get back to normal. Pat and I have had our vaccines but we are still observing covid protocols. I contacted the city about our annual contract for July 2021 thru June 2022. Everything is still on hold with them no real indication when they will open up to let us meet at Whaley Park again. We will just have to be safe and patient. But the one constant is the garden and my orchids. Everything is starting to bloom and looking great. I hope that you are doing well in that department as well. Stay safe and I hope to see everyone soon when we put this virus behind us.

A student was asked where his homework was. He said it is still in the pencil. That's how I feel about our meeting.

Peace and Love,

John

## An Orchid Grows in Long Beach: *Zeuxine strateumatica*

by John McCoy

*Zeuxine strateumatica* is a terrestrial orchid native to much of temperate and tropical Asia, from New Guinea to Afghanistan. It has traveled, probably as a hitchhiker in nursery stock, well beyond its native range, as far as Australia, Hawaii, Florida (as early as 1936), and Brazil. It was first noticed in Southern California in 2017 in the Riverside area. Basically, it's a weed, even if it is an orchid. In many areas outside its normal range, it grows in lawns.

Last year, local orchid enthusiast John Maude noticed it along the Blue Line tracks on Long Beach Boulevard, south of Pacific Coast Highway. The Blue Line tracks had been replaced, along with all the top soil and so-called landscaping during the previous year, so the new orchid could only have been introduced in the new soil, plants, or, most likely, the shredded bark mulch. The next day, in March, 2020, Ron Vanderhoff, General Manager and horticulturalist at Roger's Gardens, decided to visit the site. He took photographs and collected material for herbarium specimens.

Information about this Long Beach orchid discovery turned up on Facebook recently (reposted automatically as a sort of "memory" from the previous year's posts by the California Native Plant Society), so we contacted Ron and got his permission to include his photos in our newsletter. (All photos © 2020 Ron Vanderhoff)

*Zeuxine strateumatica* was described by Linnaeus as *Orchis strateumatica* in 1753. After several taxonomic adventures, Schlechter transferred it to its present home in the genus *Zeuxine* in 1911.

Obviously, this plant doesn't resent transplanting! It could turn up anywhere in our area. Let us know if you find it in your own garden!



Long Beach Site



In Situ



Closeup



## Member's Orchids



Cym. Sydney Harbor 'Sunrise' x Cym. devonianum 'Coburg'. John Reyes



**PAPHIOPEDALUM species villosum**  
(Burma) 4-inch square pot in mix

Lynn Wiand



Blc Mem. Victoria Kam "Fascination"  
HCC/AOS. John Reyes



Glenda Urmacher



Glenda Urmacher



Den. Warrior 'Jordan' x Den spec curv  
'Daylight Moon" John Reyes



**DENDROCHILUM species wenzelii**  
(Philippines) in moss in hapu bowl

Lynn Wiand



Dendrobium speciosum var. speciosum  
'Windermere' Russ Nichols





Cym Vogelsang. John Reyes



**DENDROBIUM species moorei**  
(Australia) in 3-inch clay pot in mix

Lynn Wiand



Glenda Urmacher



Cym Dorothy Stockstill 'Forgotten Fruits'  
John Reyes





**BULBOPHYLLUM species comosum**  
(Burma) 2" blooms mounted on wood

Lynn Wiand



*Cattleya amethystoglossa*, a species from Brazil. Russ Nichols



*Maxillaria rolfei*, a species from Colombia.  
Lynn Wiand



Glenda Urmacher



Cym Snowcourt 'Bancroft' x Cym devonianum  
'Grant' John Reyes



Cattleya x guatemalensis, a natural hybrid of  
C. aurantiaca and C. skinneri from Central  
America. Russ Nichols



Cattleya lueddemanniana, a species from  
Venezuela. Russ Nichols

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

None known

### 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 2021. 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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