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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

\*\*\*72 Years of Orchid Excellence\*\*\*

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# Stanhopea Orchids presented by Brandon Tam Monday, March 25, 2022

Brandon Tam is passionate about his career as the Orchid Collection Specialist at The Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens in San Marino, California.

Brandon's grandmother first introduced him to orchids when he was seven by giving him a white cymbidium. He volunteered at the Huntington during high school, and when he graduated at age 16, Dr. James Folsom, Director of the Botanical Gardens, offered Brandon a full-time position as the Orchid Collection Specialist. While working, he attended Cal Poly, Pomona, and earned his BS in Plant Science in 2015. Brandon has managed the collection for the past 14 years.

The genus Stanhopea from Central and South America produces spectacular flower, quite large, fragrant, and weirdly shaped. While they can potentially be an intimidating group to cultivate, several species can actually be grown outdoors here in Southern California! Come and learn how to best cultivate some of these species in your backyard and take a digital tour of some of the specimens growing in The Huntington's orchid collection. (Photos below)

Refreshments: SCOS will provide refreshments



Stanhopea tigrina var. nigroviolacea 'Predator' FCC/AOS, exhibited June 24, 1996 by Neal Crosswhite at Long Beach AOS judging at our monthly meeting.



Phragmipedium besseae in bloom in Ecuador, the moment of discovery, said to be Brandon's favorite photo

# President's Message

We started our post covid chapter of SCOS with a downpour. The heavens opened up as we entered Whaley Park for our first meeting in 2 years. Perhaps God was cleansing us? In any event it was great to see members in the seats to hear our speaker Scott McGregor give his talk on Mediterranean Climate Terrestrial Orchids of Europe and Australia. Scott was scheduled to give this talk to us in March 2020 which never happened. Better late than never. Great presentation!! We had a decent turnout for the weather forecast. Members who attended brought some beautiful orchid plants for display. Thanks to all our members who came and helped us figure out what the meeting format was after 2 years on the shelf. Brandon Tam will be our speaker this month; see you at the meeting.

A ham sandwich walks into a bar and orders a beer. The bartender says, "Sorry we don't serve food here"

President John

## **Member's Orchids**



BLC (LC Mildred Rives 'Orchidglade x BLC Satomi 'Yassooi)

Blc. (Lc. Mildred Rives x Blc. Satomi)
Lynn Wiand



DENDROCHILUM glumaceum (Philippines) large form

Dendrochilum glumaceum Lynn Wiand



**Epidendrum parkinsonianum** Lynn Wiand



Cattleya intermedia var. coerulea Russ Nichols



Cattleya lueddemanniana (this flower measures eight inches across from petal tip to petal tip)

**Russ Nichols** 



Leptotes bicolor Lynn Wiand



Lc. Aqua Finn 'Natures Bounty'
Lynn Wiand



Dendrobium gracilicaule Russ Nichols



Lc. Irene Finney 'Spring Bounty'
Russ Nichols



Cattleya JANICE EVANS 'Sweet Sixteen'

Cattleya Janice Evans 'Sweet Sixteen' Lynn Wiand



Cattleya guatemalensis Russ Nichols



Correction: this was identified as Laelia kautskyana in last month's newsletter, because that was the identification from the vendor. But a careful reading of Carl Withner's book on Laelias suggests this is really Laelia cinnabarina. What do you think?

**Upcoming Events.** See our website for flyers: www.southcoastorchidsociety.com.

Orange County Orchid Society Auction, Yorba Linda Community Center, April 20, 7:00 PM Start Annual Spring Garden Show, South Coast Plaza, Costa Mesa, April 21-April 24

PhalFanatics Symposium, Huntington, San Marino, May 14-15

Orchid Digest Speakers Day, Huntington, San Marino, June 11

Andy's Orchids Summer Open House, Encinitas, June 17-19

Fascination of Orchids International Show and Sale, Santa Ana Zoo, Sept. 24-25

Huntington International Orchid Show, Huntington, San Marino, October 14-16

### **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 the last year. 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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