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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\*\*\*

Newsletter Founded in 1950 July 2022

## Growing Orchids in the Middle of a Drought presented by Donna Ballard

Wednesday, July 27, 2022

Donna is a native Californian, is studying to become an American Orchid Society judge, and hopes to earn her accreditation soon. After over 30 years of loving, caring for and studying plants, she went on to work as a professional interior house plant maintenance technician until 4 years ago. She has since retired and works as a part time volunteer at the Huntington Botanical Gardens Thornton Estate Orchid Conservatory in San Marino.

She currently has approximately 420 sq feet of greenhouse, shade house and interior growing areas where she has over 1300 Cattleyas, Paphiopedilums, Cymbidiums, Dendrobiums, Sarcochilus, miniature Vanda and novelty Phalaenopsis orchids as well as several other genera.

## **President's Message**

Greetings. The summer heat is trying to make it's entrance. In Los Alamitos we are allowed to water only on Tuesdays and Saturdays. It makes keeping your gardens and orchids hydrated a little more interesting to say the least. Also Covid is trying to rear it's ugly head so be cautious in large group settings. For those of you who have not attended our meetings, we have spaced out the seating to give everyone ample space. So come and enjoy a night out.

John

## Featured Speaker: Donna L. Ballard



Donna poses with her *Rhynchattleanthe* Maxima's Effect 'Pale Moon', which received an AM/AOS at Pacific South outreach judging at the OSSC meeting in Burbank, May 14, 2018.

### **Orchids from the Editor's Greenhouse**

A few photos for your enjoyment.



Cattleya leopoldii (tigrina), fragrance to die for



Laelia colnagoi, a relatively recent discovery



Cattleya schofeldiana, large and showy



Laelia purpurata var. sanguinea, always among the last purpurata varieties to bloom



Lc. Calistoglossa, a primary hybrid



Schomburghkia tibicinis, oddly beautiful

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

San Diego Co. Orchid Society Summer Show, Balboa Park, July 30-31 South Bay Orchid Society Show and Sale, Palos Verdes Art Center, Sept 17-18, 10 am - 4 pm 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**

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