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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

October 2022

My Ten Favorite Cattleya Species

presented by Douglas Overstreet

Monday, October 24, 2022

South Coast Orchid Society will present a program by Douglas Overstreet, well-known orchid guru, AOS judge, and expert auctioneer for SCOS. Doug has been growing orchids in Southern California for decades, first as a hobby, and then as a career. He is currently the orchid specialist in charge of the Thornton Conservatory and the Ernest Hetherington Memorial Cattleya Collection. Doug's knowledge of orchids is truly encyclopedic—he can pick up almost any orchid plant and immediately explain its merits and how best to care for it. He hasn't revealed the list of his favorite Cattleyas, but with well over a hundred species to choose from, there are guaranteed to be some surprises, along with the best possible advice for successful growing. (See photo next page.)

Vice President's Message

The Huntington orchid show and sale was a success. [See expanded article below.] That bodes well for the return and perhaps greater interest in our hobby following the pandemic. The interest in orchids has not gone away. If anything, our hobby is a welcome diversion from the difficulties of the pandemic. That should be welcome news for all the SoCal orchid clubs. See you at our next meeting!

John McCoy

Our Very Distinguished Speaker, Douglas Overstreet



The Huntington Huntington International Orchid Show and Sale – a Success!

by John McCoy

Several SCOS members and our friends from other clubs helped out as volunteers for the show, from Thursday, October 13 through the end of the show Sunday, October 16. The previous show was held in October, 2019, followed by the pandemic shutdown. Everyone felt some anxiety about resuming the show this year. Would people show up? Could enough vendors and exhibitors be recruited? Show organizer Brandon Tam stepped up to the challenge.

We are happy to report that the public turned out, and thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to see the show and buy more plants! Since the beginning of the pandemic, the Huntington has used a “timed entry” on-line ticketing system for weekends and holidays. This system has the effect of spreading out the entry times on busy days, with the result that total attendance has actually increased. The Huntington was operating pretty much at capacity throughout the show. There was a steady flow of people from all over the Los Angeles area and beyond. They were of all ages and all walks of life. We saw orchid nuts and beginners. We spotted school children set on photographing every *Paphiopedilum* they could find. People speaking a wide variety of languages. And so many who were grateful for the return of the show, and so pleased to meet up with orchid friends they hadn’t seen in years.

There was a good assortment of vendors, including several from South America. One of the first-time vendors was Tony Ambriz of Carpinteria, whose Ambriz Kingdom of Plants has been well received on Facebook in the past few years. Somehow, Tony managed to come up with a remarkable display of diverse *Cattleyas*, mostly species, that won the best display prize.



Enthusiastic attendees saw many wonderful displays



In the oldies-but-goodies category, C. Bonanza (was Lc. Bonanza) a favorite for all time, awarded often in the 1950s and 1960s



Rhyncho brassoleya Rhyncho brassoleya 'This is The One' HCC/AOS by Ruben Colemanares, a brand new entry into the orchid world

AOS Awards Photos

Thanks to Arthur Pinkers for the great photos of the orchid awarded at the Pacific South Judging Center in Long Beach, September 2022



Vandachostylis Pearl Cooper 'D.J.'s Choice' AM/AOS 87 pts. 20226060 (Rhy. Coelestis x V. Pralor) Exhibited by Donna Ballard.



Speaker's Choice of SCOS Member's Orchids

At our last meeting, we asked our speaker, Jose Carlos Lopez, to pick his favorite from among the orchids displayed by our members. Carlos selected this *Cattleya labiata* var. *coerulea*, grown by Espie Quinn, for its unique and attractive color.



Cattleya labiata var. *coerulea*, a species, grown outdoors by Espie Quinn

Member's Orchids



HOLCOGLOSSUM kimballianum (Thailand/China) has light fragrance. Grown by Lynn Wiand. Actually has 9 flowers now; some were still buds when I took the photo



SIGMATOSTALIX radicans (Brazil). Grown by Lynn Wiand.
18" wide 360 degrees round...in the middle is its original 4" basket. Nicely fragrant.



AERANGIS articulata (Madagascar). Grown (mounted) by Lynn Wiand. Sweetly fragrant at night...the flowers are actually pure white.



Laelia colnagoi, from Brazil, grown by Russ Nichols. This is the third bloom this calendar year, each time with more flowers.



Dendrobium bigibbum, from Australia, grown by Russ Nichols. This small orchid produces some very bright and cheerful flowers.

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

San Diego Orchid Show and Sale, Balboa Park Casa del Prado, Oct. 29-30, Sat 12-5, Sun 10-4
 Sunset Valley Orchids Open House, Vista, December 4
 Andy's Orchids Winter Open House, 724 Ocean View Ave, Encinitas Dec. 9-11, 10am-4pm

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 most recent 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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