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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

\*\*\*73 Years of Orchid Excellence\*\*\*

Newsletter

Founded in 1950

July 2023

## **The Four Seasons of Cattleyas**

**presented by Jose Carlos Lopez**

**Monday, July 24, 2023**

Carlos has been cultivating orchids for about a decade. His orchid venture began at the age of 13 when he started to follow his father to work at Sunset Valley Orchids (SVO). Before he knew it, he was volunteering at the nursery and helping to clean orchid flasks, repot orchids, and do other tasks. Carlos eventually became more involved in the nursery's operations and maintenance, and started to take part in attending orchid shows.

Currently an SVO Greenhouse specialist, Carlos has years of experience with cattleya, catasetum, Australian dendrobiums, and sarcochilus. Carlos is currently training to become an American Orchid Society Judge and works with Orchid Digest as well. He is a Business student at MiraCosta College.

At SVO, Carlos really enjoys the bifoliate Cattleyas, which under his care seem to get bigger every year, some well over 3' tall. But he is equally at home with all groups of orchids. He can help, whether dealing with first-time orchid buyers or experts, because he knows his plants!

Carlos has seen, and repotted, just about every major type of Cattleya orchid. One of the more baffling aspects of this genus is that different Cattleyas (and their hybrids) have very different growth cycles. They bloom at different times of the year, presumably due to different environmental cues such as temperature and day length, they produce new growths at different times of the year, and they need to be repotted at different times of the year. Get the timing wrong, and they may not survive! However, once these different growth patterns are understood, it is possible to assemble a collection that will have something in bloom almost all year long. Carlos will share his experiences coaxing these spectacular plants to perform at their best, each in its proper season.

**Carlos Lopez**  
AOS Judge in training, SVO crew member, and SCOS Speaker



Carlos with Cattleya (Laelia) jongheana.

**President's Message**

We grow orchids for the beautiful flowers and exotic fragrances. Carlos (above) is holding one of the most attractive orchid flowers in the genus Cattleya, on a plant that is healthy, well grown, and prolific! To grow a plant such as this would be a noble goal for anyone growing orchids. Come to the July meeting and learn how.

We are moving forward with plans for a more hands-on experience at our August meeting. Enjoy getting involved in the real world activities of orchid growing.

John Reyes



## June Meeting Photos

Thanks to Russ Nichols for the excellent photos



Zygo. Jumping Jack  
Exhibited by Espie Quinn



Phal. Mini Lemon Drops 'Sweetheart'  
Exhibited by Una Yeh



Paph. concolor  
Exhibited by Eva Von Huff



Paph. Knight's Ward  
Exhibited by John McCoy



Ctna. Why Not 'Summer in Montego'  
Exhibited by Mong Noiboonsook



Laelia Jose Pinho  
Exhibited by Una Yeh





Max. tenuifolia (the coconut orchid)  
Exhibited by Elaine Murphy



Lc. Canhamiana coerulea  
Exhibited by John Reyes



Cym. Little Black Sambo  
Exhibited by Espie Quinn



Lc. Canhamiana semi-alba  
Exhibited by John Reyes





*Encyclia hanburyi*  
Exhibited by Russ Nichols



*Dendrobium thysiflorum*  
Exhibited by John Reyes



*Aerangis Elro*  
Exhibited by Espie Quinn



*Laelia purpurata* 'Blue Monday'  
Exhibited by John McCoy





Cym. maddidum 'Leroy'  
Exhibited by Una Yeh



Cym. Little Black Sambo 'Black Magic'  
Exhibited by Una Yeh

#### **Upcoming Events.**

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

Newport Harbor Orchid Society Exotic Plant and Orchid Festival, Westminster Mall, Aug 16-18  
South Bay Orchid Society Show and Sale, Palos Verdes Art Center, Sept. 16-17, 10 am to 4 pm  
Fascination of Orchids International Show and Sale, Santa Ana Zoo, Sept. 22-24, 10 am to 4 pm

### 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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