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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

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September 2023

Deflasking - Where Commercial Orchids Come From

by Donna Ballard

Monday, September 25, 2023

Long ago, orchids came to us from tropical jungles. No more! Today's orchid hybrids probably came to you from tissue culture in "flasks" or "bottles", part of a huge industry worth billions. With professional experience in horticulture as well as training in the American Orchid Society judging program, and with many awards to her credit, Donna will explain how orchids are propagated from divisions, seeds, or by cloning. Each type of propagation (you can often figure it out from the plant labels) affects the results you can expect from your orchids, whether purchased from grocery stores or nurseries. The program includes a demonstration of how the tiny plants (clones or seedlings) are removed from the flask and how they are grown to blooming size.

Donna is a native Californian. She is an accredited American Orchid Society judge. 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.

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

Back to our regular format for meetings of the South Coast Orchid Society after a well-attended and informative orchid repotting workshop last month. We have another interesting topic this month, focused on early stages of orchid production, as practised by commercial greenhouses. Wishing you all well and good growing.

by the Assistant to President John Reyes

September Meeting



Photo by Arnold Gum

The potential for a greenhouse full of orchids lies in this small flask!

ORCHID NEWS

Members and guests at our **August meeting** showed great enthusiasm for participating and learning about repotting orchids at our Meeting/Workshop. We got so excited, we forgot to take pictures! Nonetheless, our thanks to Espie Quinn, Mong Noiboonsook, and Don Goss for helping us all learn and practice our orchid care.

The upcoming orchid show and sale October 20-22 at **The Huntington** needs volunteers to staff ribbon judging (Thursday), entry and exit positions, a plant hotel, and information desk. Consider volunteering. See: <https://signup.com/go/wEMhyMv>

There is a possibility that we, the SCOS, may put on an **auction** in October, in place of our regularly scheduled activities. We have some better orchids that could be the basis of an interesting auction. Do we have time to get organized, and people to staff such an event? We will send out further information via our newsletter mailing list.

Random Photos



Stanhopea oculata (purchased from Andy's Orchids a year ago, grown outdoors in Long Beach)
Grown by John McCoy



Cattleya velutina, a wonderfully fragrant bifoliate Cattleya
Grown by Russ Nichols

Upcoming Events.

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

Fascination of Orchids International Show and Sale, Santa Ana Zoo, Sept. 22-24, 10 am to 4 pm
27th Morongo Basin Orchid Festival, Gublers Orchids, Landers, October 7, 10 to 5, Oct. 8 10-3
7th Annual Huntington International Orchid Show and Sale, San Marino, October 20-22, 10 to 5

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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