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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

Newsletter

Founded in 1950

October 2011

## SCOS Annual Auction

Setup starts at 5:30 p.m., Auction at 6:30 p.m.

**Monday, October 24, 2011**

Our **Annual Auction** will occupy the time and space of our next regularly scheduled monthly meeting. We will open the doors to Whaley Park's meeting area early, at 5:30 pm, to allow for time to set up all the tables and chairs, and arrange all the plants and materials for the auction. The auction will start about 6:30 pm. Dr. Merle Robboy will once again be our auctioneer, bringing his extensive knowledge, years of experience, and abundant enthusiasm for the orchids offered. Plants will be drawn from donations, given by the orchid vendors that support SCOS. Members are also encouraged to donate plants, and many are doing so. There will be blooming plants to take home for immediate enjoyment, and species orchids for the connoisseur. Everything is to be sold, and there are no minimum prices. Come early to view the offerings, and make a list of those you want to add to your collection. We already have plants from Andy's, Sunset Valley, Cal-Orchid, Ecuagenera, and Lico, just to name a few. We also offer a copy of OrchidWiz, the comprehensive electronic orchid encyclopedia; see the full writeup below. Starting Saturday evening, you can check the website to see specific items and lot numbers.

### Refreshments

Last names starting with **Q through Z** please bring refreshments.

## President's Message

- Our September meeting was a success. We had a good turnout, including visitors from other societies, to hear our guest speaker, Dan Asbell. Dan presented a fascinating talk based on his in depth knowledge of the natural habitats of orchids that grow well in our area. Using the orchids he provided for the plant table as his subject matter, Dan took us around the world, up mountains and down river valleys to explain the best growing conditions for each orchid.
- It is October now, and we are hip deep in planning for the SCOS Annual Auction. This is our principle fundraiser for the year, and an opportunity to acquire attractive plants and plants not seen everywhere. Donations from members, most of whom grow outdoors, assure hardy hybrids and species for interested bidders. Come early, bid often, and take home a few new treasures!
- We are continuing to search for new talent to fill vacancies of club officers and board members. See our slate of candidates for 2012 referenced below, which contains a few vacancies.

Russ Nichols

## September Meeting

We had a great turnout for the September meeting, and the plants exhibited were first rate! As always, space limitations mean those with a computer will be able to see more pictures in the electronic version of this newsletter on our website. See: [www.southcoastorchidsociety.com](http://www.southcoastorchidsociety.com)



### South Coast Orchid Society Ribbon Judging Results September 26, 2010

#### **Cattleya (Laeliinae Subtribe)**

First	Blc. Memoria Crispin Rosales Rlc. Penny's Spot	Janell Schuck Don Goss
Second	Lc Amoena Panarica brassavoloe x prostheahea brassadoe	Espie Quinn Janell Schuck
Third	Lc Glorious x L Autamansalis Loddigasii C Loddegessii	Katherine Synstelien Don Goss
Culture	SLC Totankaman C Ariel Coerulea x C warnere Coerulea	Espie Quinn Espie Quinn

**Dendrobium (Dendrobiinae Subtribe)**

First	Dendrochium magnum	Agnes Nquyen
Second	Den Maiden Charlotte	Espie Quinn
Third	Den densiflorum	Espie Quinn

**Phalaenopsis (Sarcanthinae Subtribe)**

First	Renanthera	Agnes Nquyen
Second	Phal OxSpot Queen	Don Goss
Third	Neofinetia Falcata	Espie Quinn
Culture	Dtps Surf Song Ox Gold Orange	Don Goss

**Pleurothallid (Pleurothallidinae Subtribe)**

First	Restrepia Trichoglossa	Roberta Fox
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**Oncidium (Oncidiinae Subtribe)**

First	brassidium	Mary Bell
Second	Wils Franz Wichmann "Riverview"	Don Goss
Third	Odontoglossum lehmannii	Roberta Fox

**Paph & Phrag (Cyprpedioideae Subfamily)**

First	Paph Alma Gavaert "Hagers" x Oriental Mystique x Enchanted Orient	Don Goss
Second	Paph Magic Lantern	John Reyes
Third	Paph fairneanum	Don Goss

**Other Genera**

First	Prostechea Ochracea	Jim Hoyle
Second	Anselia africana x nilotica	Espie Quinn
Third	Stenocoryne aureo-fulva	Roberta Fox

**Cymbidium**

First	Cym Nipomo Sunset Feathered Gold	Agnes Nquyen
Second	Cym doyanum	Espie Quinn

**Upcoming Events**

**SCOS Annual Auction**, Whaley Park, Long Beach - Monday, October 24, 2011  
 AOS Members Meeting/Alamo Orchid Society Show, San Antonio, Texas, October 26-30  
 Cal-Orchid Open House, Santa Barbara, November 4-6  
 Santa Barbara Orchid Estate Fall Open House, Santa Barbara, November 5,6  
 Santa Barbara Orchid Society Show and Sale, SB Museum of Natural History, November 26,27  
 Casa de las Orquideas Open House, Solana Beach, December 3,4 (9 am to 4 pm)

**Our November 2011 monthly meeting date is November 28**

South Coast Orchid Society  
 5728 Madrid Lane  
 Long Beach, California 90814

Meeting: Monday, October 24, 2011  
 Whaley Park Clubhouse  
 Doors open at 5:30, Auction at 6:30 p.m.

<b>Andy's Orchids</b> Encinitas, CA (888) 514-2639 <a href="http://www.andysorchids.com">www.andysorchids.com</a>	<b>Cal-Orchid</b> Santa Barbara, CA (805) 967-1312 <a href="http://www.calorchid.com">www.calorchid.com</a>	<b>We wish to thank these commercial vendors          for their generosity and support.</b>	
<b>Carter &amp; Holmes</b> Newberry, SC (803) 276-0579 <a href="http://www.carterandholmes.com">www.carterandholmes.com</a>	<b>Ecuagenera</b> Cuenca, Ecuador 011-593-7-2255-237 <a href="http://www.ecuagenera.com">www.ecuagenera.com</a>	<b>Gallup &amp; Stribling</b> Carpinteria, CA (800) 222-7450 <a href="http://www.gallup-stribling.com">www.gallup-stribling.com</a>	<b>Hatfield Orchids</b> Oxnard, CA (805) 644-8413 <a href="http://www.hatfieldorchids.com">www.hatfieldorchids.com</a>
<b>Lance Birk</b> Santa Barbara <a href="mailto:lance@lancebirk.com">lance@lancebirk.com</a>	<b>LICO Orchids</b> Encinitas, CA (760) 942-4143 or (760) 631-0228	<b>Mariposa Gardens</b> Lakewood, CA (562) 920-5588 <a href="http://www.mariposagarden.com">www.mariposagarden.com</a>	<b>Oakhill Gardens</b> Dundee, IL (847) 428-8500 <a href="http://www.oakhillgardens.com">www.oakhillgardens.com</a>
<b>Orange County Farm Supply</b> Orange, CA (714) 978-6500 <a href="http://www.ocfarmsupply.com">www.ocfarmsupply.com</a>	<b>Orchid Fever</b> Culver City, CA (310) 559-6599	<b>Orchids Royale</b> Carpinteria, CA (805) 684-8066	<b>OrchidWiz</b> Miami Shores, FL (305) 758-3596 <a href="http://www.orchidwiz.com">www.orchidwiz.com</a>
<b>Paphanatics, Unlimited</b> Orange, CA (714) 639-1387 <a href="http://www.paphanatics.com">www.paphanatics.com</a>	<b>Peter Lin Orchids</b> Diamond Bar, CA	<b>Piping Rock Orchids</b> Galway, NY (518) 882-9002 <a href="http://www.pipingrockorchids.com">www.pipingrockorchids.com</a>	<b>Pon's Plants</b> Santa Ana, CA (714) 558-1967
<b>Santa Barbara Orchid Estate</b> Santa Barbara, CA (800) 553-3387 <a href="http://www.sborchid.com">www.sborchid.com</a>	<b>Seed Engei</b> <a href="http://www.seed-engei.com">www.seed-engei.com</a>	<b>Sunset Valley Orchids</b> Vista, CA (760) 639-6255 <a href="http://www.sunsetvalleyorchids.com">www.sunsetvalleyorchids.com</a>	<b>The Plant Stand</b> Costa Mesa, CA (800) 698-1077 <a href="http://www.plant-stand.com">www.plant-stand.com</a>
<b>The Rowland Collection</b> Garden Grove, CA (714) 892-3502	<b>US Orchid Supplies</b> Oxnard, CA (805) 247-0086 <a href="http://www.usorchidsupplies.com">www.usorchidsupplies.com</a>	<b>Westerlay Orchids</b> Carpinteria, CA (805) 684-5411 <a href="http://www.westerlayorchids.com">www.westerlayorchids.com</a>	<b>Wise Orchids</b> Yorba Linda, CA (714) 524-1730

## SCOS 2012 Slate of Candidates

The SCOS slate of candidates for 2012 is below. The slate includes all of the officers, board members, and standing committees identified in our bylaws, as well as several key committee positions created since our bylaws were last updated.

### Officers

President	John Reyes
1st Vice President	Janell Schuck
2nd Vice President	Open
Recording Secretary	Open
Membership Secretary	Open
Treasurer	Michelle Dobard

### Board of Directors (Director/Term Exp. Date)

Maria Van Kooy (2013)
Open (2013)
Open (2014)
Open (2014)
Roberta Fox (2012)
Ron Nash (2012)
Immediate Past President Russ Nichols

### SCOS Standing Committees

1. Shows and Displays	John Reyes
2. Society Representation	Janell Schuck
AOS	Janell Schuck
Orchid Digest	John Reyes
3. Ribbon Judging	Barbara Roth
4. Newsletter	Russ Nichols
5. Hospitality	Maria Van Kooy
6. Annual Auction	Open
7. Opportunity Table	Khyati Bhatt
8. Silent Auction	Khyati Bhatt

### SCOS Other Positions

Webmaster	Roberta Fox
Publicity Coordinator	Janell Schuck
Librarian	Dennis Mackewicz

## OrchidWiz

The publisher of OrchidWiz has generously donated a copy of the latest update of the software to our auction. This is a \$300 package, and one lucky bidder will go home with it, probably getting a real bargain. Do you want to be identified as one who knows something about orchid species, their names, classifications, and sometimes growing conditions? Do you want to greatly improved your growing success rate by being able to quickly obtain information about the plants that you buy, so that you can give them something close to the conditions that they need (and stay away from the ones for which you can't possibly do that)? Then OrchidWiz is an excellent reference for you. For the majority of the species that you will acquire, there is a Baker Reference Sheet available, and those alone are worth the "price of admission". Even for most of the obscure ones, there is at least temperature and location information. Then, there are the thousands of photos, from some of the top species collectors and photographers, to help with identification. For hybrids this tool is even more important. The growing conditions for a hybrid are typically something close to an average of the species that make it up. OrchidWiz gives you that information, and calculates a very good estimate of the cultural requirements for each one. It also "translates" the currently accepted genus names into the more familiar ones, and lists all of the synonyms by which a plant may have been known, permitting you to look them up based on the tag that you may have, even though the name has gone through multiple changes. The taxonomic changes aren't likely to settle down any time soon, so having a good cross-reference is a sanity-saver. As for photos, they are approaching the 100,000 mark. This includes award photos from Brazil (think *Cattleya* and *Laelia* especially), Taiwan (*Phalaenopsis* and *Vanda* especially), South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, Germany, and others. If you have a computer running Windows or a Windows emulator, you can use OrchidWiz. Be sure to bid on this one!

**Additional Photos of September's Ribbon Judging Plants**

