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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

November 2013

Orchids of Bhutan Sandra Tillisch Svoboda

**Program Starts at 7:00 p.m.
Monday, November 25, 2013**

Sandra Svoboda is the President of the American Orchid Society. She started her orchid life as a pot washer for her husband, Al, and became fascinated with the history of her husband's complex paph collection which included many of the oldies like Paph. F.C. Puddle. Al's knowledge, love, and enthusiasm for orchids were contagious. When they built a second greenhouse, she decided it would be hers and that was the moment that orchids became an important part of her life.

Sandra has served six terms on the board of trustees and two terms as vice president of the American Orchid Society. She has been chair of the Outreach, Publications, Education and Website Committees. She coordinates the Q&A column in ORCHIDS magazine. Sandra is an accredited judge in both the AOS and the Cymbidium Society of America judging systems and is treasurer of the AOS Pacific South Judging Center. She is the present Editor in Chief of the Orchid Digest. She was president of the Cymbidium Society of American and co-chair of the annual Cymbidium Society Congress. Locally, she has served on the boards and been president of the Orchid Society of Santa Barbara and the local branch of the Cymbidium Society. Sandra served on the board of the Santa Barbara International Orchid Show and, for several years, was the show manager.

Besides the plants themselves and the never-ending opportunity to learn about them, Sandra loves being involved in the orchid world because it offers an opportunity to meet and work with so many amazing and fascinating people. She will speak to us about the orchids of Bhutan.

Refreshments

Last names starting with **A through H** please bring refreshments.

President's Message

I would like to thank everyone that helped make our annual auction a great success. We took in over \$4000 dollars which helps defray the cost of our meetings. Your support of the annual auction, the plant opportunity table and silent auction at monthly meetings are critical for SCOS to continue to provide quality monthly speaker programs. For those that are not aware SCOS pays the City of Long Beach \$249 for rental of Whaley Park, \$180 for the main meeting room and \$69 for the AOS Judging room plus an additional \$166 for extra time for our October auction for a total cost of \$3154. Additionally we generally spend around \$300 per month for a speaker and plant table. Your support of SCOS is both needed and greatly appreciated!

Once again it is time to nominate members for SCOS Board positions. If you are interested or know of someone who might be interested please contact me or any board member and we will follow up.

Our Speaker this month is Sandra Tillisch Svoboda from Santa Barbara. She is the current President of The American Orchid Society (AOS). You don't want to miss Sandra's presentation.

See you at the meeting..

John Reyes

Ribbon Judging

Ribbon Judging Results and our beautiful orchid pictures will return in next month's newsletter.

December Meeting

Looking ahead, our December meeting potluck dinner will be held the **third** Monday of December, the 16th. We will split the dishes among our members as before. Look for a notice in the December newsletter, plan on bringing something delicious to share, and join us for fun and games as we celebrate the end of another year of growing, blooming, and sharing our wonderful orchids!

SCOS Open Board Positions

The SCOS functions through an elected board of officers, board members at large, and committee chairs. For 2014, there are several open positions, including second vice president (in charge of arranging monthly culture sessions), ribbon judge (setting up and judging member orchids), two at large board members, and possibly others as current board members move on to other duties. Although many of our speakers dwell on culture, it is always helpful to our newer members, and a good reminder for our older members, to have a specific culture session focused on one of the many important aspects of growing and flowering orchids in Southern California, in a greenhouse or outdoors. The Second VP is free to find qualified individuals to present topics for 15 to 20 minutes, and need not lead each culture session. The Ribbon Judge in an important committee chair, who sets up the ribbon judging tables at each meeting, judges the plants, distributes ribbons, and tabulates results each month for the newsletter. In addition, the Ribbon Judge compiles a list of member awards throughout the year, and determines the winner of the Phil Plocher Award for best total score for all meetings during the year. Also, if you have a specific interest, and want to fill a position you think is taken, don't hesitate to ask, as some of our board members are "double booked". So, please consider joining with us to make the SCOS a success in 2014 as it has been since 1950.

A Few Fall Bloomers



Cattleya percivaliana 'Summit'



Dendrochilum magnum



Laelia alarii



Laelia perrinii

Upcoming Events

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

Orchid Society of Santa Barbara Show and Sale, SB Museum of Nat'l History, November 23 & 24
Rudvalis Orchids Open House, Carlsbad, Sat. & Sun. December 7 & 8 (see: www.rudvalisorchids.com)
Andy's Orchids Open House, Encinitas, December 7 & 8
Casa de las Orquideas Open House, Solana Beach, December 7 & 8
Sunset Valley Orchids Open House, Vista, December 7 & 8
Newport Harbor Orchid Expo 2014, Westminster Mall, February 7-9

Our December 2013 Christmas Potluck/meeting date is December 16, 2013

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 2012 Annual Auction and other events helping to carry us through a successful 2013.

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