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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 2014

Evaluating Potting Mixes for Our Orchids (Plus a few Winterizing tips) Douglas Overstreet

**Program Starts at 7:00 p.m.
Monday, November 24, 2014**

Douglas Overstreet was born and raised in southeastern New Mexico. Mr. Overstreet comes by his interest in plants and animals naturally. His family has been American farmers since 1684. He began growing orchids at the age of 10. The first orchid he purchased in 1972 was *Cattleya Trimos*, a primary hybrid between *C. trianaei* and *C. mossiae*. The first orchid he flowered was a phalaenopsis hybrid.

Doug moved to California in 1975 and continued his love affair with orchids. In 1984, his collection began to grow by leaps and bounds with his first professional job. He also became an active participant in the local orchid community. Over the years, Doug has served on the Board of the Orchid Society of Southern California, is a Past President and active board member of the Southland Orchid Show Committee. He is a former Ribbon Judging Chair for OSSC and is an Accredited American Orchid Society Judge in the Pacific South Region. Doug has written several articles for *Orchid Digest* and has served on the Editorial Committee of that publication as Assistant Editor. In 1998, he wrote, produced and hosted *Anyone Can Grow Orchids...Even You!*, a how-to video about growing orchids in the home. Currently, Doug owns and operates Nature's Bounty Orchids, a small boutique nursery serving the southern California hobbyist and gift plant community through local certified farmer's markets.

Refreshments

Last names starting with **J through R** please bring refreshments.

President's Message

I would like to thank all our members who helped make our auction a great success. Special thanks to Mong Noiboonsook, our auction chairman, who reported that we made \$4357. This exceeds last years auction amount. Thanks to our auction team for helping on auction night, picking up plants, supplying refreshments, and supporting the auction by donating and bidding on plants. It is your support that keeps SCOS going. I look forward to seeing everyone at our November meeting.

John Reyes

Officers and Board Members for 2015

A reminder that we still need volunteers for several board positions as well as officers to execute the board's direction and chairpersons to carry out the various functional positions. See our President, John Reyes, or Vice President, Janell Schuck.

AOS Awards Photos

This year we have been presenting the AOS Awards Photos from the AOS judging that occurs at the same time our meetings are being held. Arthur Pinkers, who takes the photos, supplies the award data and photos, and these appear in our online version of the newsletter. Thanks to Arthur and the AOS judges for sharing.

SCOS Ribbon Judging

Our final ribbon judging session of 2014 will take place at this month's meeting. (There were no results of last month's meeting in this newsletter since we held the auction last month.) Who will win the coveted Dr. Phil Plocher Award this year? Share your plants, rack up those points, and we will find out at our first meeting of 2015.

SCOS Auction Notes

Our auction was a great success, as John mentions above. Vendors were in general inclined to supply fewer plants of higher quality. There were fewer bidders than in past years. The result was that many fine plants were sold at really good prices, giving everyone a chance to get a desired orchid that might have been out of reach in the past. It also provided an opportunity to try something new, with only a modest investment. For example, your newsletter editor wound up with his very first *Paphiopedilum* (see below), and sailed off in a new direction with *gratrixianum*.

It was not obvious, but Dr. Robboy, though he was the auctioneer for the entire evening, had been sick in the days leading up to our event. Nonetheless, he stayed in front of us all, called the auction, shared his knowledge and wit, and completed the entire evening without a break. So, thank you Dr. Robboy, for your effort and for your contribution to making our auction a success.

December Meeting

Our Annual Christmas Party Dinner will once again be the main feature of our December meeting. As it was last year, our meeting date is the *third Monday* of December. This year, however, we will

start the meeting at 6:00 p.m., a half hour earlier than usual. Next month's newsletter will provide more details. Help us wrap up another great year!

October 2014 Annual Auction Photos



Auction Setup



Fine Flowers



Phancy Phals



OMG! Look what I got!!!

Upcoming Events

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

Andy's Orchids Open House, 734 Ocean View Ave., Encinitas, December 5-6, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sunset Valley Orchids Open House, 1255 Navel Place, Vista, December 6-7, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Casa de las Orquideas Open House, 170 S. Nardo Ave., Solana Beach, December 6-7, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

San Diego County Cymbidium Society Annual Orchid Auction, Lake San Marcos, Feb. 7, 2015, start Noon

Our December 2014 Christmas Party Meeting date is December 15, 2014

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 2013 Annual Auction and other events helping to carry us through a successful 2014.

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Carter & Holmes Newberry, SC (803) 276-0579 www.carterandholmes.com	Casa de Las Orquideas Solana Beach, CA (858) 755-7572 www.orquideas.com
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**AOS Awards Photographs
Long Beach, October 2014**

Thanks to Arthur Pinkers for the fine photography and awards information.



Catasetum Melana Davison
'Sunset Valley Orchids'

AM/AOS 85 pts.

Exhibited by Fred Clarke



Catasetum callosum 'SVO
Black Lip'

AM/AOS 81 pts.

Exhibited by Fred Clarke



Cattleya cernua 'Diamond
Orchids'

HCC/AOS 77 pts.

Exhibited by Peter T. Lin