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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

72 Years of Orchid Excellence

Newsletter

Founded in 1950

September 2022

Habenarias and Their Relatives

presented by Jose Carlos Lopez

Monday, September 26, 2022

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. Before he knew it, he was volunteering at the nursery and helping to clean orchid flasks, repot orchids, and do other small tasks. Carlos eventually became more involved in the nursery's operations and maintenance, and started to take part in attending orchid shows.

Currently a Sunset Valley Orchids 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 Sunset Valley Orchids, 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. Whether dealing with first-time orchid buyers or experts, he knows his plants!

How did he get started with *Habenaria*? We'll have to wait for the full story, but it seems Carlos saw one, was intrigued, and wondered if he could grow it. The experiment was a success, and now he's ready to explain how to grow them and what's available.

In his program, Carlos will explore the many species of *Habenaria* orchids and select *Pecteilis* species while looking at how hybridizers use the different color forms of each species in order to create exciting new offspring to keep collectors on the edge of their seats! This talk will also include culture tips & care information regarding these two genera once considered to be one.

Jose Carlos Lopez, Our September Speaker



Vice President's Message

Since we resumed our meetings in March, I have tried to arrange the best possible programs for SCOS. After such a long delay since the Covid-19 shutdown, we deserve the best! Oddly, we were able to pick up where we left off in 2020: most of the same speakers we had lined up for 2020 were available and happy to present the same programs. One topic had to be updated due to changing conditions: Donna Ballard was originally scheduled to present a program on growing orchids under lights. But as time passed, it became apparent that gro-lights weren't going to be a great option for our area – the night temperatures in our houses during much of the year are just too high for most orchids. Even “standard” Phalaenopsis want night temperatures in the mid 60's. The bigger cultural problems have turned out to be heat and drought. In July, Donna warned us about the difficulties and the need to adapt. Now, just a couple months later, it's all too real! A 10-day heat wave and extreme water restrictions! What have we learned? First, the heat is here! At the August meeting, before the latest heat wave, many of our members reported that they had already experienced outdoor high temperatures over 100° every day for several weeks. We have learned to provide more shade, and to hose down plants that are at risk of sunburn. We have new watering restrictions too. We have learned to make do with less water, choosing which parts of our gardens can get by with less. One rain, however welcome, won't end the drought. We will have to continue to develop ways of coping. What can we do? Bring your experiences and problems to our meetings! As we have always done at SCOS, we will learn from each other! SCOS is all about working toward better orchids for the home grower.

John McCoy

Fascination of Orchids Show and Sale

The Fascination of Orchids Show and Sale will be held Friday-Sunday, September 23-25, 2022 at the Santa Ana Zoo! (That's the weekend BEFORE our September 26 meeting)

Attending the show requires paying a small admission fee for the zoo grounds. The best way to deal with this – avoiding ticket lines, and getting the lowest possible admission fee (\$4 for seniors) – is to **buy your tickets in advance**. Get the official information here (location, times, vendor list, ticket prices):

<https://fascinationoforchids.com/oc.html>

...and a direct link to the advance ticket sales here:

<https://fascinationoforchids.ticketleap.com/t/OCwebsite>

We have no information about whether tickets are valid for a specific date only, or if they allow for re-entry on the same day.

Huntington International Orchid Show

The Huntington International Orchid Show is being held Friday through Sunday, October 14-16, 2022. We are seeking volunteers from SCOS!

SCOS members are invited to sign up to help with the show, and also with the AOS judging the day before the show, on Thursday, October 13. Details are on this web site:

<https://signup.com/go/CXEdeot>

What's involved if you volunteer?

Volunteers are needed to help the judges the morning of October 13. Each judge will need several volunteers to help with keeping track of the entry forms, awards, etc. There's a lot of walking involved! Lunch is included, and volunteers get free admission to the campus. This is a fantastic opportunity to learn from the most experienced judges!

During the show, volunteers help with security (keeping people from touching the flowers, or going where they shouldn't, help them find what they need), plant hotel, and information desk. You will see amazing plants and meet lots of orchid enthusiasts! 3-hour shifts are available, and you can sign up for multiple shifts – but leave some time to see the show and do your own shopping in the vendor area! SCOS members might want to consider car pooling.

Wear your SCOS badge if you have one! Great conversation starter, and a way to let the orchid world know about us! Volunteers are more than welcome to arrive earlier than their shift, or stay after their shift to see the exhibits and shop!

If you aren't able to participate in the volunteer program, entrance to the show is by general admission to the Huntington. The web page for the show includes ticket information, a very interesting list of the vendors – from as far away as Ecuador, Peru, and Thailand! – , and a list of the exhibitors: <https://www.huntington.org/orchid-show>

AOS Awards Photos

Thanks to Arthur Pinkers for a great photo of the orchid awarded at the Pacific South Judging Center in Long Beach, August 2022



Guaricattonia Why Not Sir 'Diamond Orchids' HCC/AOS 79 pts. exhibited by Peter T. Lin.
It is a cross of Grt. Why Not x *C. cernua*.

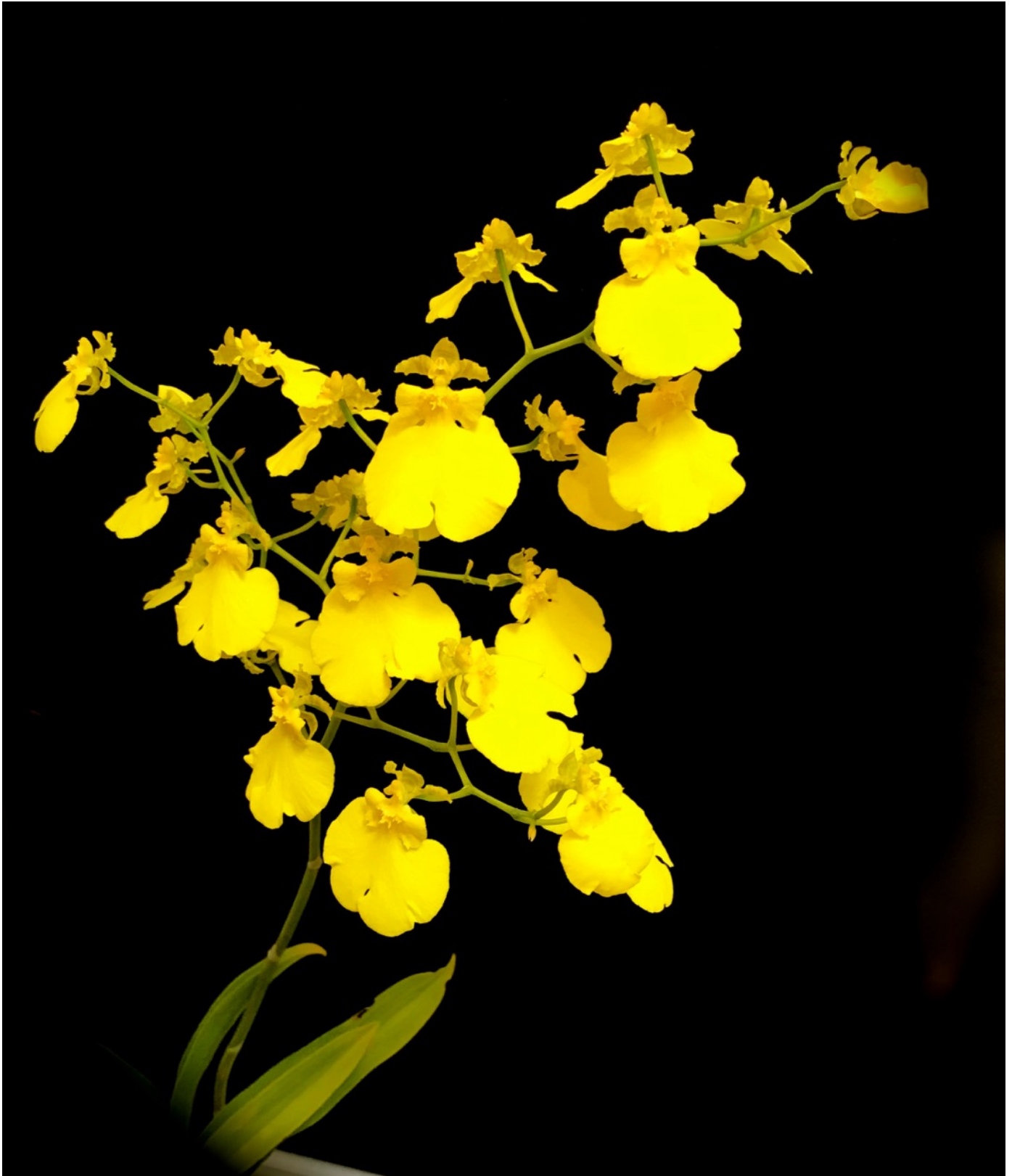
Speaker's Choice of SCOS Member's Orchids

At our last meeting, we asked our speaker, Peter Lin, to pick his favorite from among the orchids displayed by our members. Peter, who was speaking to us about compact vandaceous species and hybrids, chose an orchid that beautifully illustrated his subject.



Ascids. Jacob Rensch 'Golden Triumph' x Neofinetia falcata 'White Tars'

Member's Orchids



Oncidium Sweet Sugar 'Lemon Drop' HCC/AOS
Bright very long lasting flowers...my photo doesn't do it justice. Lynn Wiand



Odontocidium cativante 'Pacific Sunspots'. I took my photo a little late as several flowers have already dropped off. A real bright spot on my patio! It glows in the sun. Lynn Wiand



Dendrochilum cutesii (Philippines) In 2" pot...blooms every year about this time...fragrant but not very pleasant. Lynn Wiand



Lc. Remo Prada 'Clown'

One of my favorite cattleys. Wonderful citrus fragrance...usually 4 blooms to a spike
(from Ed Wise 2010) Lynn Wiand



Cattleya bicolor. Russ Nichols



Laelia lucasiana. Herein lies the answer to the question "When is a bicolor not a bicolor?"
When it is a *Laelia lucasiana*, with purple-pink sepals and petals, and a contrasting yellow lip.
Russ Nichols



Cattleya velutina. Another of the bifoliate *Cattleyas*, most often with curled and reflexed segments that suggest finding a more flat-faced clone would be a great accomplishment. Withner says they grow in small clumps of brush scattered on plains where there is ample light shaded by foliage. Fowle says this (above) is the typical variety, which once might have been collected near Marechal Floriano in Espirito Santo, Brazil. Russ Nichols

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

South Bay Orchid Society Show and Sale, Palos Verdes Art Center, Sept 17-18, 10 am - 4 pm
Fascination of Orchids International Show and Sale, Santa Ana Zoo, Sept. 23-25
Huntington International Orchid Show, Huntington, San Marino, October 14-16

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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Cal-Orchid Santa Barbara, CA (805) 967-1312 www.calorchid.com	Casa de Las Orquideas Solana Beach, CA (858) 755-7572 www.orquideas.com
Diamond Orchids Diamond Bar, CA minicatt@yahoo.com	Flori Culture Carmichael, CA (800) 301-9009 www.flori-culture.com
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