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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

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A Time Capsule from the Greatest Generation

by John McCoy, SCOS VP

Monday, March 25, 2024

You may have heard that the Greatest Generation is now “long forgotten”. *Not so!*. The post-war decades saw a boom in growing orchids as a business and a hobby in Southern California. Dozens of nurseries, new technology for propagating orchids, simple enough for amateurs to master, affordable building materials to improvise a greenhouse – many people found it easy and rewarding to join in. Orchid clubs sprang up – we were just one of about a dozen. One of those early adopters from the Greatest Generation was Kay Francis of Pasadena, a member of our club for many years. Starting from scratch (a “housewife”, but later known in the press as “the orchid lady of Pasadena”), she became an expert grower and a well-known orchid breeder, and a key figure in the development of splash-petal Cattleyas. She left a collection of thousands of color slides and other memorabilia that show us just how good she was, and how the SoCal orchid growers of the time, both the pros and the amateurs, collaborated freely to create a whole new colorful world of orchids. The orchid industry has been largely priced out of the Los Angeles area, but there are still many who remember our orchid colleagues from the Greatest Generation. Join us for a first look at this unique collection!

President's Message

Douglas Overstreet treated us to his usual high energy discussion of many species in the widely distributed genus *Dendrobium*. He shared everything we need to know (history, culture, and tips for success) about a representative set of five (and more) *Dendrobiums*. Thanks Doug! This month, thanks to a treasure trove of slide images, we go back in time to see the marvelous orchid collection of Kay Francis, and the bounty she created over a long period as an SCOS member. Our First VP, John McCoy, takes us through part of our past. See you on the 25th.

John Reyes
President, SCOS

Kay Francis and Her Orchids



Kay Francis in her greenhouse Jan.
1965



LaelioCattleya Prism Palette 'Kay' 1982

Ribbon Judging Photographs



Den. Australian Robbie McInnes



Proc Key Lime Stars

SCOS Ribbon Judging Results And Photographs

Thanks to Bill MacCorkell for conducting the ribbon judging; thanks to Mong Noiboonsook for the photographs; and thanks to our members, for displaying their superb orchids.

GENUS	FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE	THIRD PLACE	JUDGES
POINTS	5 pts	3 pts	1 pt	
CATTLEYA	L. purpurata var rubra Russ Nichols	Lc. Santa Barbara Sunset Russ Nichols	Lc. Jairak x Bc. Maikai Una Yeh	Marshall Lai
CYMBIDIUM	Cym. Ice Cascade Espie Quinn			Russ Nichols
DENDROBIUM	Den. Australian Robbie McInnes Espie Quinn	Den. speciosum Var. grandiflorum Russ Nichols	Den. Gillieston Jazz x Tosca Rutheford Espie Quinn	Elaine Murphy
EPIDENDRUM				
MAXILLARIEAE				
ONCIDIUM	Ros. Rawdon Jester 'Jennifer' Una Yeh			Russ Nichols
PAPHIOPEDILUM				
PHALAENOPSIS				
PLEUROTHALLID				
VANDA				
MISCELLANEOUS				
POINTS				
NOVICE				
CULTURAL AWARD—7 points	Den. Australian Robbie McInnes Espie Quinn			Doug Overstreet



Den (Gilliston Jazz x Tosca Rutherford)



Den. Australian Robbie McInnes



Cattleya (Laelia) purpurata var rubra'



Cymbidium [Sarah Jean] 'Ice Cascade'

Member's Orchids

Four Rupicolous Laelias grown by Russ Nichols
(All in bloom on St. Patrick's Day)



Laelia mixta



Laelia cinnabarina



Laelia crispata



Laelia angereri

AOS Awards Photographs

Many thanks to Arthur Pinkers for sharing his photographs with SCOS.



Laelia endsfeldzii 'Susan's Sunshine'
AM/AOS 1/24



Cattleya walkeriana var. semi-alba 'Ronald
Brockers' AM/AOS 1/24



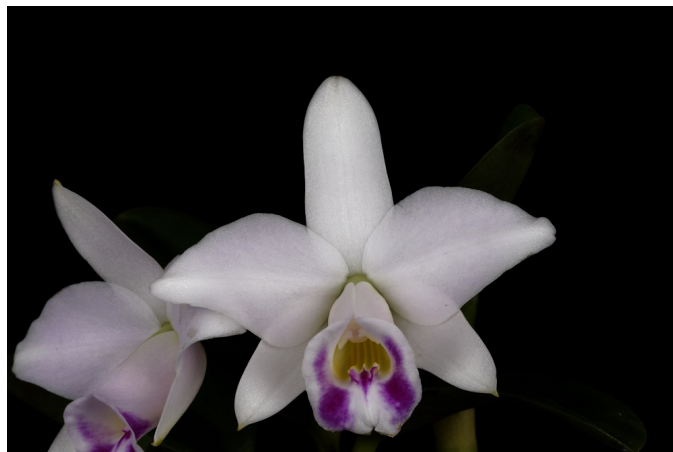
Clowesetum White Magic 'Sunset Valley
Orchids' AM/AOS 1/24



Fredclarkara Emerald Gem 'SVO Green
Jeans' FCC/AOS 1/24



Cyc. Providence 'Sunset Valley Orchids'
AM/AOS 1/24



Lc. Primeiro Passo 'Bravo Orchids'
AM/AOS 12/23



Fdk. Upgrade 'Sunset Valley Orchids'
AM/AOS 12/23



Lc. Fire Gem 'Hot Splash'
AM/AOS 1/24

Upcoming Events.

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

Long Beach Amateur Orchid Society Annual Auction, April 8, St. Gregory's, 6 PM preview

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.

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