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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

\*\*\*75 Years of Orchid Excellence\*\*\*

Newsletter

Founded in 1950

January 2025

## **Orchid Collecting in the Modern Age by Brandon Tam Monday, January 27, 2025**

Brandon Tam has been with The Huntington since he started college and is now the Orchid Curator. He oversees a large collection, currently exceeding 10,000 plants. Brandon asks us to consider what is the purpose of an orchid collection today, when orchids are threatened world-wide by habitat destruction, drought, and other perils. Brandon will take us through The Huntington's spectacular collection and discuss its importance for researchers and hobbyists alike.

### **President's Message**

The South Coast Orchid Society starts this, the 75th year of SCOS meetings, with a slight change in format. We will expand our meetings starting this month for the first in a series of short talks on orchid basics. Vice President John McCoy will kick off these sessions by answering the question: How do you know a plant is an orchid?

We are fortunate to have Brandon Tam, Orchid Curator for The Huntington as our guest speaker this month. Brandon is a great speaker and his program is sure to include photographs of some very exotic orchids in the collection. I look forward to seeing everyone on the 27th.

John Reyes  
President, SCOS



**The Robert Wertz Greenhouse at The Huntington**



SCOS Tour April 2013

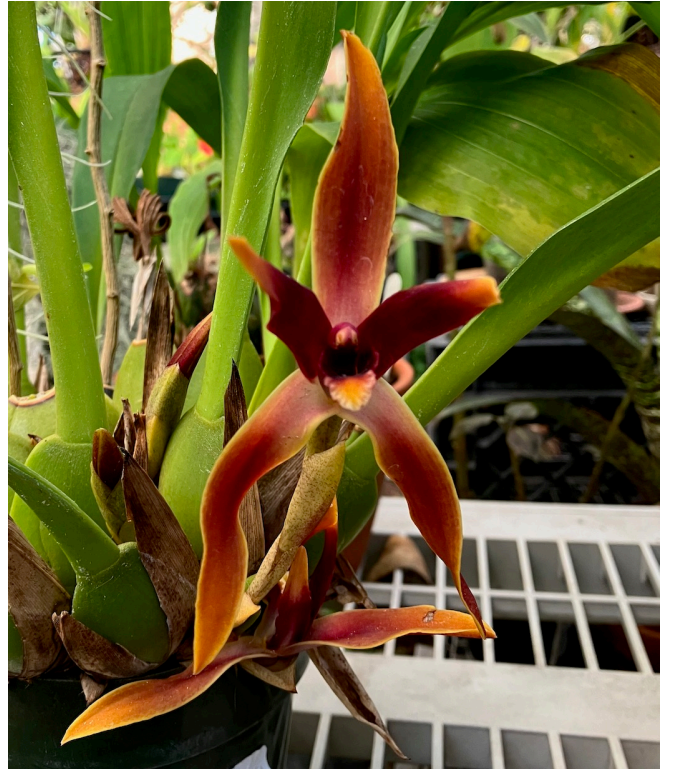


*Cattleya walkeriana alba* 'Pendentive'

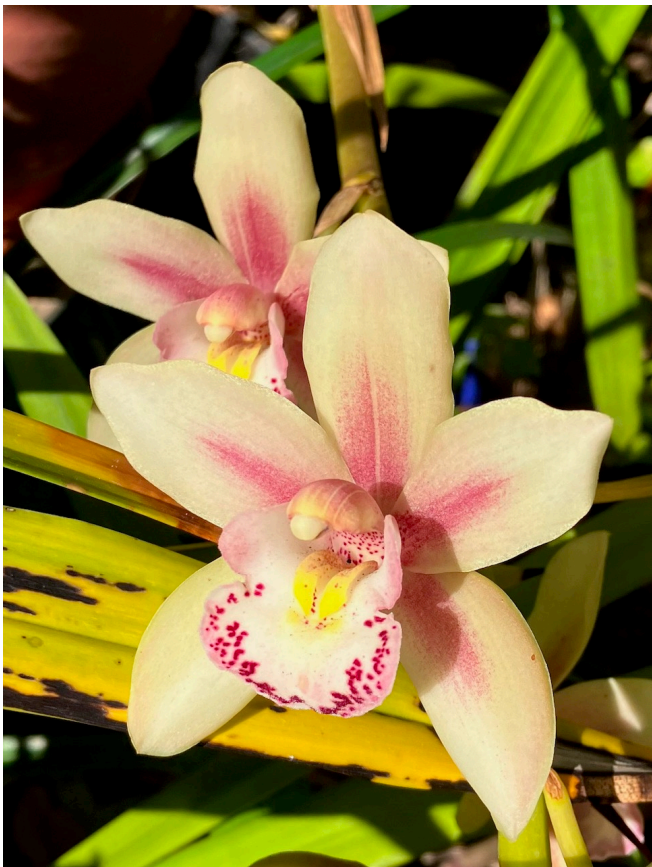
**Member's Orchids**  
Grown by John McCoy and Russ Nichols



*Paphiopedilum sukhakulii*



*Maxillaria tonsbergii* 'Spooky'



*Cymbidium Erin Nakasone*



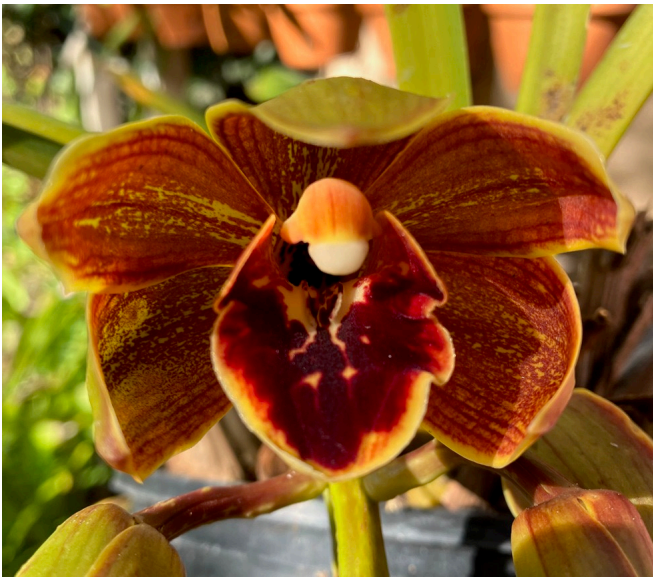
*Dendrochilum convallariiforme*



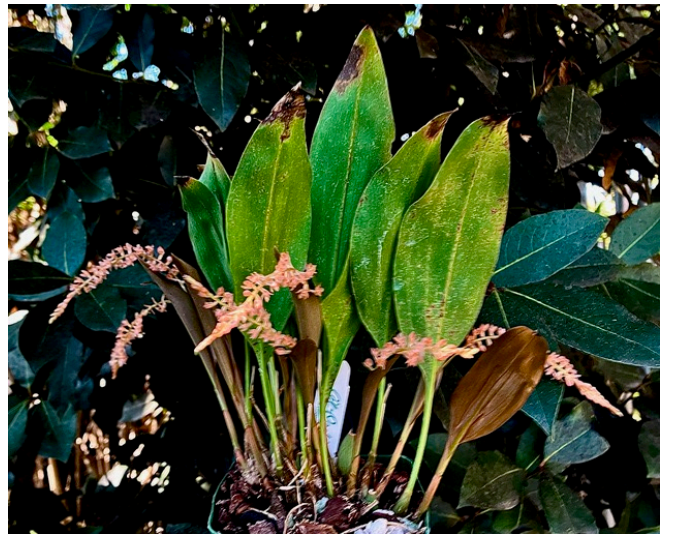
*Dendrobium speciosum* var. *capricornicum*  
'Southern Cross'



*Cattleya percivaliana* 'Summit'



*Cymbidium* ('JudyJudyJudy' x *Devonianum*)



*Dendrochilum convallariiforme* (the plant)



*Cattleya percivaliana* 'Merrill'



*Laelia endsfeldzii* 'Susan's Sunshine'  
AM/AOS



*Laelia* Lucy Ingram (purpurata x perrinii)



*Paphiopedilum* gratrixianum

### ORCHID NEWS AND NOTES

We have some sad news this month: James Rose of Cal-Orchid has passed away after a long fight with leukemia. Cal-Orchid was a staunch supporter of the Southern California orchid scene. James and Lauris supported shows world wide, and they were a staple of the Santa Barbara International Orchid Show. Your newsletter editor remembers encountering James for the first time in 1991, when attending the Santa Barbara show, and wandering awestruck through his greenhouses. James in his flip-flops is a permanent memory. He provided many suggestions when I sought his advice on building my greenhouse. I still have *Laelia purpurata* var. *oculata* 'Pedriera' from a visit December 1991.

Fires raging through Southern California recently have burned many homes and destroyed the meeting place of the Malibu Orchid Society. We offer our condolences to those affected by the fires, and wish them the best possible experiences in the coming months and years of rebuilding their lives.

With the start of another year, it is again time to renew our yearly memberships and pay dues to support SCOS in the coming year. While you are handing over the dues to our Treasurer, Elaine Murphy, stop and check with our Membership Chair, Dawn Dwyer, to assure we have your correct contact information.

There are *Cymbidium* orchids for sale at the old Mariposa Gardens site of South Street just west of the San Gabriel river. Santy Orchids (Joe Santy) offers pop-up sales.

## Upcoming Events.

See our website for flyers: [www.southcoastorchidsociety.com](http://www.southcoastorchidsociety.com).

San Diego County Society Show, January 25-26

Newport Harbor Orchid Society Exotic Plant and Orchid Festival, Westminster Mall, Feb 7-9

Santa Barbara International Orchid Show, Earl Warren Showgrounds, March 7-9, 9 AM to 5 PM

## 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

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