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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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The Journey of *Paphiopedilum rothschildianum* from its Discovery to the Present by Tim Culbertson Monday, April 28, 2025

One of my passions has always been plants. I began growing orchids as an offshoot from working at Longwood Gardens in Philadelphia just after college. From the very beginning it was all about Paphs, particularly awarded and select clones of historic importance, of which my collection numbers nearly 3000. I currently manage the paphs at Sunset Valley Orchids, and do hybridizing in a wide range of genera. I am an accredited judge with the American Orchid Society, and have served in various capacities with various orchid societies in California and on the East Coast. I love meeting other people who like orchids too, and doing so often finds me traveling to shows, vendors, and peoples' greenhouses to see the latest and greatest in new hybrids and to get the best orchid gossip. I like to be involved in plants as much as possible: in addition to Longwood, I've worked at the Smithsonian Institution tending to their orchids, and for years for the United States National Arboretum, collecting rare plants and documenting cultivated species and hybrids for their herbarium. In short, I really like plants.

For our meeting, I'll be sharing a presentation on the History of *Paphiopedilum rothschildianum*, with specific focus on this species in California. California has played a pivotal role in advancing the quality and culture of this species, and the story of how plants made it here and where they all went, and then what they all produced, is among the most interesting stories in orchids. Lost species, wealthy collectors, and clear pathways from one major advancement to the next: this story has never previously been told as clearly as this. With a wealth of first-hand accounts and spectacular photos, including some never-before-seen images from the slide collection of Carl and Imogene Keyes, the story of *Paph. rothschildianum* has to be one of the most interesting in all of orchids. By the end of this presentation, you will have a new appreciation of this lovely species and the role California has played in creating it

Paphiopedilum rothschildianum 'Charles E.'



Orchid Basics

When shopping for orchids, we are often faced with decyphering a somewhat cryptic tag to understand what we are buying, whether it will grow in our environment, and what sort of culture it requires. There is hope and help in this month's mini lecture.

President's Message

I hope everyone had an enjoyable Easter. We certainly had beautiful weather to celebrate it with. John McCoy and I attended a Long Beach Commission meeting last week where the city approved our SCOS fee waiver request for calendar July 2025 thru June 2026. We can now put our full attention to our gardens, orchids and building up our society. I will see you at our May meeting as I will be traveling for our April meeting.

John Reyes
President, SCOS

March 24, 2025 SCOS Ribbon Judging Results

GENUS	FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE	THIRD PLACE	JUDGES
POINTS	5 pts	3 pts	1 pt	
CATTLEYA	C. Volcano Crown x Volcano Queen Una Yeh	Blc. Love Sound x Blc. Guess What Eva Von Huff	Pot. (L.anceps x Pot. Passion) ‘Hsin ying’ Mong Noiboonsook	Russ Nichols
CYMBIDIUM		No entries	No entries	Mong Noiboosook
DENDROBIUM	Den. delicatum Eva Von Huff	Den. kingianum Espie Quinn	Den. Golden Vista x Yondi Tina	Bill MacCorkell
EPIDENDRUM				
MAXILLARIEAE	Lyc. Corrimal ‘JDB’ Una Yeh	No entries	No entries	Mong Noiboonsook
ONCIDIUM				
PAPHIOPEDILUM	Paph. Gigi x Paph. Skip Bartlett Una Yeh	Paph. NOID Una Yeh	Paph. Omderman Una Yeh	Espie Quinn
PHALAENOPSIS	No entries	No entries	No entries	
PLEUROTHALLID	No entries	No entries	No entries	
VANDA	Angcm. sesquipedale John Reyes	No entries	No entries	Espie Quinn
POINTS				
CULTURAL AWARD WINNER—7 points	Den. delicatum Eva Von Huff			

Orchids Exhibited at the March SCOS Meeting

Photographs by Mong Noiboonsook



Dendrobium x delicatum by Eva Von Huff



Lycaste Corral JDB by Una Yeh



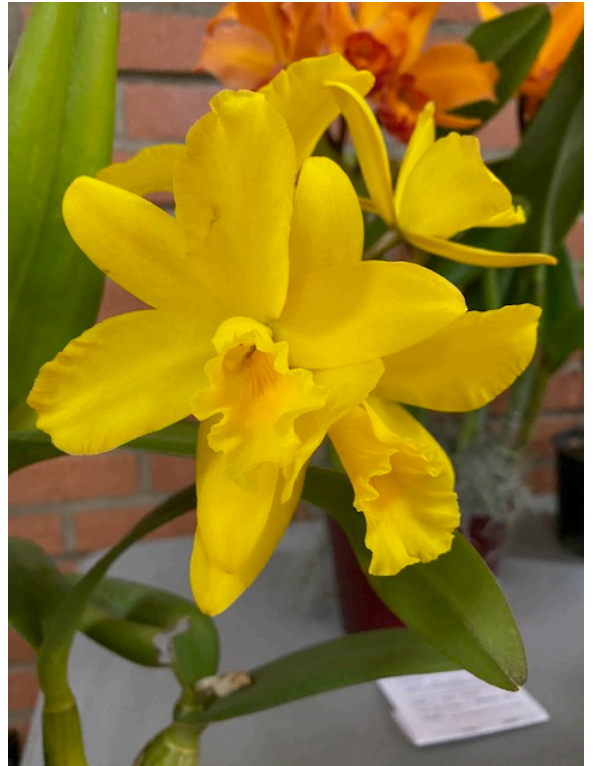
Angraecum sesquipadale by John Reyes



Potinara (*L. anceps* x *Pot. Passion*) 'Hsinging'
by Mong Noiboonsook



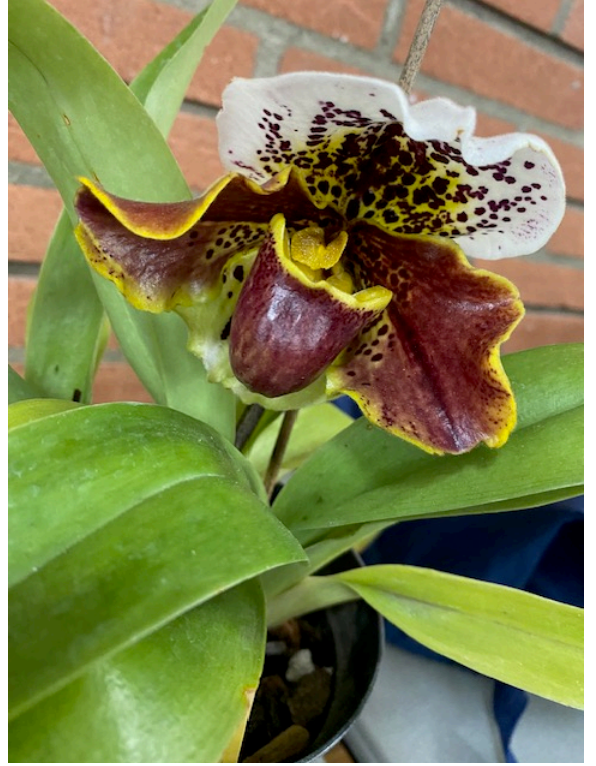
Paph. Gigi x Skip Bartlett by Una Yeh



Unknown



C. Volcano Crown x Volcano Queen by Una Yeh



Paphiopedilum

ORCHID NEWS AND NOTES

This month's discussion by Tim Culbertson will provide our members a wealth of great information on growing one of the more difficult Paphiopedilum species, Paph. rothschildianum, from someone whose knowledge and experience is second to none. Don't miss this meeting!

Given this is the 75th anniversary of the founding of our orchid society, we would like to put on some sort of celebration. We are looking for ideas, and for volunteers to make this happen. The more the merrier!

We were saddened to learn of the sudden death of yet another important person in the Southern California orchid scene, Arnold Gum. Arnold was a member of SCOS for years and a recent speaker, whose talks were always exciting and filled with information.

Member's Orchids

Grown by John McCoy and Mong Noiboonsook



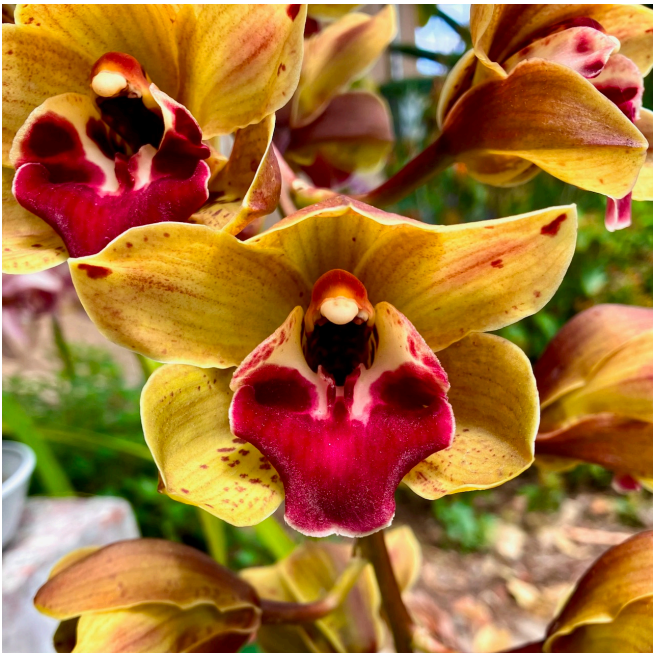
Dendrobium speciosum grown by Mong Noiboonsook



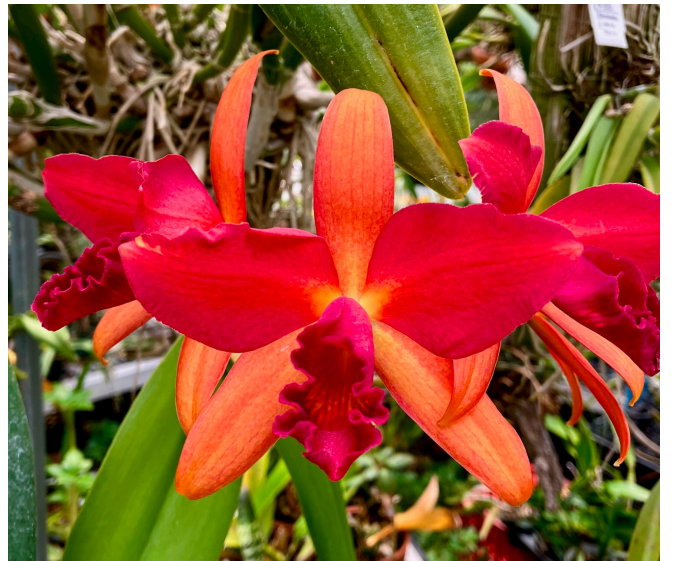
Paphiopedilum callosum grown by John McCoy



Rlc. Malworth 'Orchidglade' grown by John McCoy



Cymbidium Dance Time grown by John McCoy



Rth. Tropical Upgrade (Guess What x Tropical Sunset) grown by John McCoy

Upcoming Events.

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

Cal Orchid Summer Hummer, Santa Barbara, July 18-20
 Fascination of Orchids, Santa Ana Zoo, September 26-28

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 continuing auction and other events over the years. If you need supplies or want to shop for orchids, consider these vendors.

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