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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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Newsletter

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Creating a Wonderful, Manageable Orchid Collection by Don Goss

Monday, October 27, 2025

This will not be about my collection. It will be a presentation and discussion about collecting and managing a successful variety of orchids within the resources you have ... along with mistakes I've made over the decades, so you won't have to. We'll discuss the orchid "time-space continuum" and how that affects choices that effect you and your collection. I'll present resources for information about different genera; what, how, and where to buy orchids for success that brings you delight and accolades from your family, friends, and our society. Whether you're just getting started with orchids or you have hundreds – this is for you. A resource handout will be provided.

President's Message

It is with great sadness that I inform you that Janell Schuck passed away on September 14, 2025 in Long Beach. Janell was a member of SCOS for over 30 years who worked tirelessly to promote our society. She held positions as Vice President of Programs, Director at Large, AOS representative, Publicity and many other duties that were required to keep our society relevant and moving forward. But most of all she was a friend to everyone. She made sure that members and guests at our meetings felt welcome and were treated with respect. We will miss her presence and smiles at our meetings. Rest in Peace Janell.

John Reyes
President, SCOS



**Don Goss, SCOS Member, awarded orchid grower, our speaker
(shown with his FCC *Miltonia moreliana*)**



Janell Schuck

September Meeting Ribbon Judging Results
Thank you to Bill MacCorkell for sheparding the SCOS Ribbon Judging.
Thanks to our members for the beautiful displays of Orchids.

SCOS Ribbon Judging Results 09-22-2025

GENUS	FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE	THIRD PLACE	JUDGES
POINTS	5 pts	3 pts	1 pt	
CATTLEYA	C. bowringiana Una Yeh	C. maxima Don Goss	Pot. ChocoBerry Fondue John McCoy	Dean Shoffeitt
CYMBIDIUM		No entries	No entries	
DENDROBIUM	Den. Little Green Apples Una Yeh	Den. hikiki Espie Quinn	Den. Nagasaki Dean Shoffeitt	Bill MacCorkell
EPIDENDRUM	No entries	No entries	No entries	
MAXILLARIEAE	No entries	No entries	No entries	
ONCIDIUM	Milt. moreliana Don Goss	No entries	No entries	Espie Quinn
PAPHIOPEDILM	Paph. henryanum Don Goss	Paph. charlesworthii Dean Shoffeitt	Paph. hookerae Don Goss	Russ Nichols
PHALAENOPSIS	No entries	No entries	No entries	
PLEUROTHALLID	No entries	No entries	No entries	
VANDA	V. Suksamran Sunlight Una Yeh	Neost. Lou Sneary Una Yeh	Neof. falcata Espie Quinn	Dawn Dywer
MISCELLANEOUS	Cynorchis calonthoides Dean Shoffeitt	No entries	No entries	Espie Quinn
POINTS				
NOVICE	No entries	No entries	No entries	
CULTURAL AWARD 7 points	Miltonia moreliana Don Goss			Bill MacCorkell

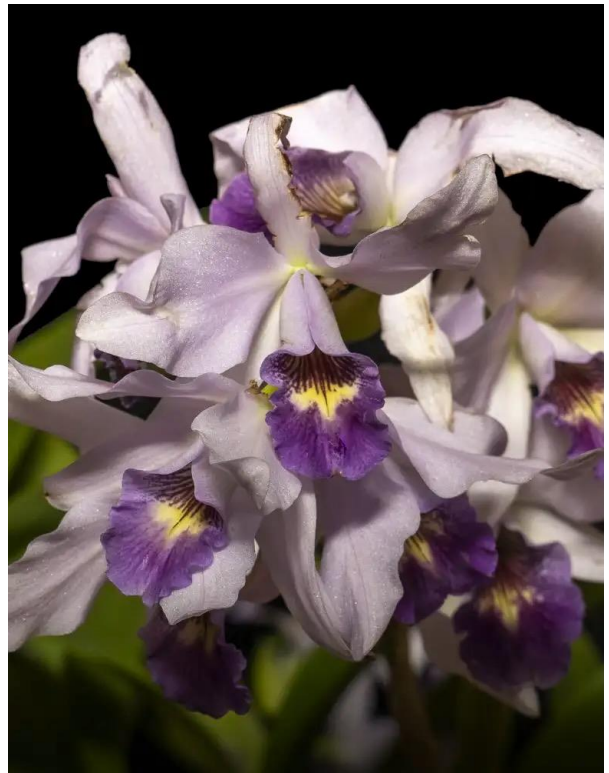
Orchids Displayed at our September Meeting

Thanks to Don Goss for the excellent photos.

Thanks again to our members for the beautiful display of Orchids.



Cyn. calanthoides grown by Dean Shoffeitt



Cattleya bowringiana grown by Una Yeh



Lc Tropical Song x L. ancep X C. Intermedia
'Lip Stick', grown by Desica Ingagiola



Rcc. Yamadara Midnight Magenta x Lc Irene
Finney grown by Mong Noiboonsook



Rth. ChocoBerry Fondue grown by John McCoy



Vanda Suksamran Sunlight grown by Una Yeh



Cattleya velutina grown by Russ Nichols



Paphiopedilum charlesworthii grown by Dean Shoffeitt



Miltonia moreliana grown by Don Goss



Phrag. Fritz Schomberg grown by Don Goss



Paph. hookerae grown by Don Goss



Phrag. bessea grown by Don Goss



Dendrobium Little Green Apples grown by
Una Yeh



Cattleya maxima grown by Don Goss

ORCHID NEWS AND NOTES

Last month we indicated the SCOS Board had selected a nominating committee. Committee members Dawn Dwyer, Don Goss, and Mong Noiboonsook solicited commitments from SCOS members to take up some of the Board, Officers, and Committee Chair positions. [For those who are not aware, the Board, Officer, and Committee Chair positions are defined in our Bylaws.]

♦The committee assumes current board members will continue their service through the next year. Defections will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

♦For the Board of Directors, the committee proposes Dean Shoffeit and Eva Von Huff for the term ending 2028, and Desica Ingagiola for the term ending 2027. There will be two Board positions unfilled and available.

♦We have a nomination of Don Goss for Second Vice President.

♦Mong Noiboonsook has agreed to become the SCOS Secretary, and needs only the formality of a nomination.

This leaves positions open, for which we are still seeking volunteers. Remember, membership involvement is key to the continued health of our society.

The Huntington Gardens and Library Orchid Show by John McCoy



A really fine display by Joe Ambriz featuring some very classy Cattleyas and hybrids.



The "Best Exhibit" award for this years' Huntington show went to the Conejo Valley Orchid Society. The theme for the show this year was "Perfect Harmony". CVOS came up with an exhibit featuring a baby grand piano, with sheet music for "Orchids in Moonlight" on the music rack, and an excellent array of orchids on and around the piano. How did they manage to get a piano into their exhibit? Was it one of the Huntington's pianos? No! They located a baby grand piano from which the internal workings had been removed, so that it weighed considerably less than a "real" piano. They paid a mover to transport the piano shell to the show venue. They also installed something like a DVD player with soothing music, endlessly repeated, which was reported to drive the people setting up the adjacent display mad! Several of the other exhibits made a nod to the show theme by including one or more musical instruments, and Jack Zhu brought in traditional Chinese philosophical harmony in a very elegant way, likely lost on non-Chinese viewers.

"Orchids in Moonlight" was a hit tune and later a tango song from the 1933 film "Flying Down to Rio", with Dolores del Rio, Gene Raymond, and the first appearance on screen of Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers dancing together. What better setting for orchids!



The Cal-Orchid exhibit, featuring (full row across the middle of the photo) a group of seedlings of Ctt. (Memoria Dina Izumi x Golden Wax) — fantastic range of colors, nice flower count, presented well above the leaves. A big hit!

A Farewell to Janell Schuck



Janell with her prize winning Paph. Nittens, CCE/AOS



Janell, Mong, and your newsletter editor at the Huntington Show 2016



Epidendrum schweinfurthianum 'Janell'

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Cymbidium Little Beauty 'Dark Harry' HCC/AOS



Janell at the SCOS Orchid Mounting Workshop, 2009

Janell was not just a dedicated orchid grower, but also a dedicated member of the South Coast Orchid Society. She was the First Vice President for a number of terms, because she knew everyone in the Southern California orchid community, and could bring really excellent speakers to our monthly meetings. She would always help when help was needed. She often held board meetings at her house in Seal Beach, where she lived for many years with her husband Harry. A tour of her back yard growing area was always a treat.

We will miss you.

Upcoming Events.

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

Cal-Orchid Annual Open House, Nov. 7-9, Santa Barbara, 9 am to 4 pm
 Santa Barbara Orchid Estate Fall Open House, Nov. 7-9, Santa Barbara, 8 am to 3 pm
 Andy's Orchids Winter Open House, Dec. 12-14, Encinitas, 10 am to 4 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

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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Diamond Orchids Diamond Bar, CA minicatt@yahoo.com	Flori Culture Carmichael, CA (800) 301-9009 www.flori-culture.com
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