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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

\*\*\*76th Year of Orchid Excellence\*\*\*

Newsletter

Founded in 1950

April 2026

## 24th World Orchid Conference

by Dean Shoffeitt  
Monday, April 27, 2026

Our Director-at-Large Dean Shoffeitt represented the South Coast Orchid Society at the 24th World Orchid Conference in Dresden, Germany March 25-29! Every three years, orchid enthusiasts from around the world gather for this spectacular convention. Dean returned with stunning photos of the exhibits and news of the latest developments of interest to orchid hobbyist.

### President's Message

I would like to thank everyone that participated in the Annual auction/sale last month, it was a great success. We made close to \$3800 which helps pay for rental costs, our speaker programs and plant tables. The auction was organized and well run. There were many great plants and items donated by Janell Shuck's family that helped us get to the final total. But most of all there were many happy buyers, hopefully they will return for future meetings.

On a sad note Russ Nichols informed me that this will be his last newsletter. He has done an outstanding job with our newsletter for many years and we are grateful for all the hard work he has put into the job; I know because I also was responsible for the newsletter for a few years. Thanks Russ.

That being said I am hoping someone will step up to replace Russ in this key position. I am sure he will be available to help in the transition.

Have a great meeting this month. I will not be at the meeting as Pat and I will be attending Jazzfest in New Orleans.

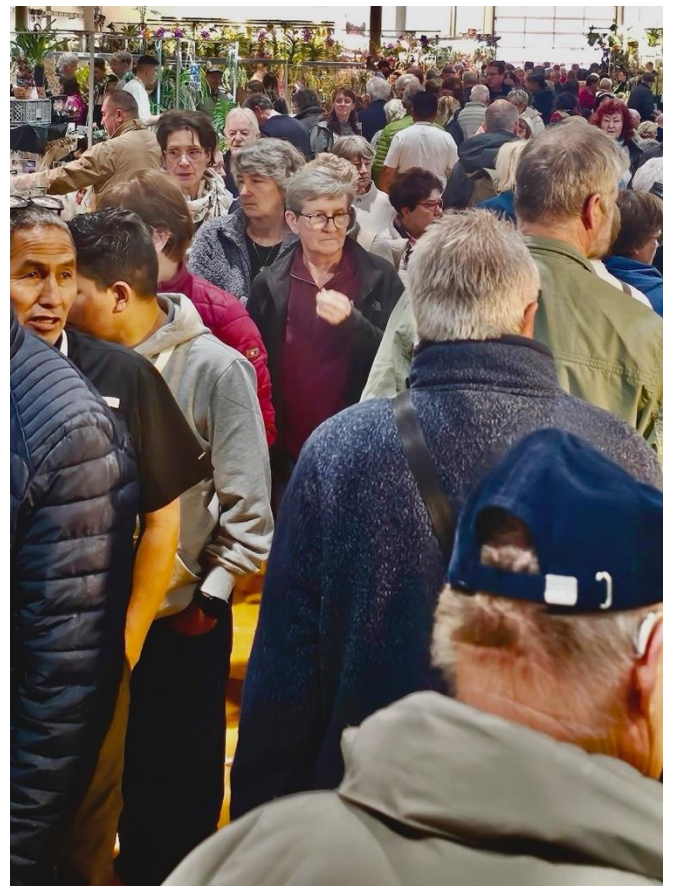
**SCOS President, John Reyes**



**The Exhibitory Area, Dresden, Germany**



**Dean Shoffeitt, SCOS Representative in Dresden and our speaker this month!**



**Sales Area**



**Buyers eagerly await their choice offerings**



**Some of those offerings**



**Pre-Auction Inspection**

## **Photos Above from the SCOS Auction and Plant Sale**

Thanks to Don Goss for the excellent photos.

### **SCOS 2026 Auction Report**

Our event generated \$2,241 in cash/check sales and \$2,168.81 in credit card sales (with service fees deducted) for a grand total of \$4,409.81. The auction portion of the sale generated \$1,542.50. Many of the plants and miscellaneous items were donated to the society by the estate of a 30 year member, Janell Schuck, as well as plant donations from many members. We welcomed two new members who joined the society that evening: Wes Hansen and Vita Thomas. Unsold items will be coming back to future meetings to be sold as auction items (awarded and/or blooming plants) or for the evening plant raffle, so additional income will be added. The organization has been fortunate to receive support and assistance from the City of Long Beach - Parks, Recreation and Marine, through a reduction in rental fees. Our annual rent expense is \$2,432 per year for 12 meetings. The facility fees pay for the two required park staff members and other required facility costs. We pay speakers fees for our presentations, and we carry insurance and have a number of other regulatory expenses and operational costs. Many of our members donate office supplies, stamps, refreshments, paper goods, printing expenses, plants to sell or auction, travel expenses to acquire plants, and gardening supplies when needed. We truly appreciate all of our members who help anyway they can. Thank you everyone for your participation and assistance in making this fundraising activity an awesome event! The next SCOS Auction will be held on March 29, 2027. Elaine Murphy, Treasurer

### **SCOS Meeting Ribbon Judging**

**There was no ribbon judging in March, but there will be in April. Bring your best!**

Thanks to Bill MacCorkell for shepharding the ribbon judging team.

**Paphiopedilum Wössner Black Wings 'Rose Sang' FCC/AOS  
grown by SCOS Member Hoa Nguyen**

Award given at the Santa Barbara International Orchid Show March, 2026  
AOS Award Photo by Ramon de los Santos

Exceptional flowers were judged symmetrical and balanced; the orchid received an  
award score of 92 points.



## Upcoming Events.

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

36th Annual Spring Garden Show, South Coast Plaza, April 23-26 (see [www.southcoastplaza/gardenshow](http://www.southcoastplaza/gardenshow))  
Long Beach Amateur Annual Orchid Auction, Sat. May 9, doors open 12 Noon (see [www.lbaos.org](http://www.lbaos.org))

## 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.

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