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**Regular Meeting Schedule**  
Doors open at 6:30 pm  
Meeting begins 7:00 pm  
Culture session  
Speaker starts at 7:30 pm  
Opportunity drawing  
Doors close at 9:30 pm  
**Committees:** Auction - John McCoy. Ribbon Judging - Bill MacCorkell. Hospitality – Open. Newsletter – Open. Website - John McCoy. Library - Open

# South Coast Orchid Society

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

Newsletter

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July 2026

## Doug Overstreet Integrated Orchid Pest Management

Monday, July 27, 2026



There is probably no one in SoCal who has devoted more attention to orchid pests than Doug Overstreet! As horticulturist in charge of the Thornton Conservatory and the Ernest Hetherington Memorial Cattleya Collection, he has faced the challenges of safeguarding valuable orchids from assaults by all sorts of pests, while the availability of pesticides and biological control measures has changed from year to year. The focus of his program is an integrated pest management approach you can use to care for your orchids. *See below for the first installment of a new feature for our newsletter, Pest of the Month!*



**Newsletter Editor:** Russ Nichols has retired from a very long run as newsletter editor. John McCoy is filling in for now, but we still need to find a permanent newsletter editor. Currently, the newsletter is composed in Microsoft Word. The editor will receive input from board members about the schedule, program, ribbon judging results and photos, as well as covering any developments of interest to our members. The newsletter is then converted to PDF format and distributed via email, a process now managed by Don Goss. Contact any board member to volunteer for this important position!

**June meeting report:** Donna Ballard did a deep dive into *Denrobium tetragonum*, one of the foundational species behind the “Aussie Dendrobium” hybrids. A great opportunity to consider what those little Aussie Dendrobe seedlings we all have are looking for, and how to get the best out of them, continued with a lively discussion. Conclusion: There’s a lot of unrealized potential here!

**Ribbon Judging:** Bill Maccorkell is taking a couple months off. Mong Noibooksoon has stepped up to keep ribbon judging going until Bill can return. At the June meeting, ribbon judging went smoothly, thanks to Mong and his dedicated team. The plants on display were diverse and sensational! In fact, our meetings have become a free orchid show. Donna’s comment: “Where’s judging when you need it?” The list of winners is only a small sample of what turned up in June! **Request from the ribbon judging team:** *Please try to have your plants in place and labeled by 6:45 PM!*

**Shows and Sales:** •Friday-Sunday, July 17-19, [Cal-Orchid](#) “Summer Hummer” open house, 9AM-4PM, 1251 Orchid Drive, Santa Barbara AND [Santa Barbara Orchid Estate](#) (SBOE) summer open house, 1250 Orchid Drive, Santa Barbara. (Saturday, July 18: Fukiran Society of America show and sale at Cal-Orchid; Sunday, July 19: Paul Gripp public memorial 4-6PM at SBOE.) Car pooling highly recommended, we like to park in the open field at SBOE when it is open. For more events, watch the [Orchid Events Calendar](#) at [fascinationoforchids.com!](#)

**Breaking News:** Our **Director-at-Large Dean Shoffeitt** has accepted the position of President of the [Newport Harbor Orchid Society](#) for the next term, starting with his installation at the Society’s annual banquet on July 21, to be held at the current president’s house “in place of a normal meeting”. In place of actually being there to cheer him on, we extend our best wishes. Every orchid club is a challenge; we are grateful for Dean’s many continuing contributions to SCOS.

## June Meeting Ribbon Judging

Mong Noiboonsook led the Ribbon Judging team at the June meeting. Bill Maccorkell is taking a break for a couple months.

### June 22, 2026 SCOS Ribbon Judging Results

GENUS	FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE	THIRD PLACE	JUDGES
<b>POINTS</b>	<b>5 pts</b>	<b>3 pts</b>	<b>1 pt</b>	
<b>CATTLEYA</b>	Cattleya purpurata var. carnea, Espie Quinn	Cattleya tenebrosa, Espie Quinn	Lc, (Novissima x (Lc. Love Knot x C. intermedia)), John McCoy	Don Goss
<b>CYMBIDIUM</b>	No entry	No entry	No entry	
<b>DENDROBIUM</b>	No entry	No entry	No entry	
<b>EPIDENDRUM</b>	Epidendrum parkinsonianum, Don Goss	Prosthechea cochleata, Don Goss	Epidendrum (Valley Fire Ball x Pacific Riviera Ruby), Don Goss	Espie Quinn
<b>MAXILLARIEAE</b>	Maxillaria tenuifolia 'Yamada', Espie Quinn	Lycaste NOID, Eva Von Huff	Lycaste (Rowland 'Tropicana' x aromatica), Espie Quinn	Desica Ingagiola
<b>ONCIDIUM</b>	Miltonia phymatochila, Espie Quinn	Brassidium Kenneth Biven 'Santa Barbara', Hoa Nguyễn	Oncidium Tropic Breeze, Desica Ingagiola	Wes Hansen
<b>PAPHIOPEDLIUM</b>	Paph. Temptation, Hoa Nguyễn	Phrag. Bella Hougue Point, Don Goss	Paph. St. Swithin, Don Goss	Espie Quinn
<b>PHALAENOPSIS</b>	Phalaenopsis Cherry, Desica Ingagiola	Phal. tetraspis, Hoa Nguyễn	Phal. Jiaho's Pink Girl, Wes Hansen	Don Goss
<b>VANDA</b>	Vanda Wiwat Gordon, Desica Ingagiola	Aerides houlletiana, Desica Ingagiola	Vanda roeblingiana, Desica Ingagiola	Mong Noiboonsook
<b>CULTURAL AWARD WINNER – 7 points</b>	Vanda Wiwat Gordon, Desica Ingagiola			Donna Ballard



## Ribbon Judging Photos from our June Meeting

Many thanks to Don Goss for the excellent photos – but this is only a small part of the incredible display that our members brought to the meeting!



*Cattleya purpurata* var. *carnea*, grown by Espie Quinn



*Cattleya tenebrosa*, grown by Espie Quinn



Lc. (Novissima x (Lc. Love Knot x *C. intermedia*)), grown by John McCoy



*Epidendrum parkinsonianum*, grown by Don Goss



*Prosthechea cochleata*, grown by Don Goss



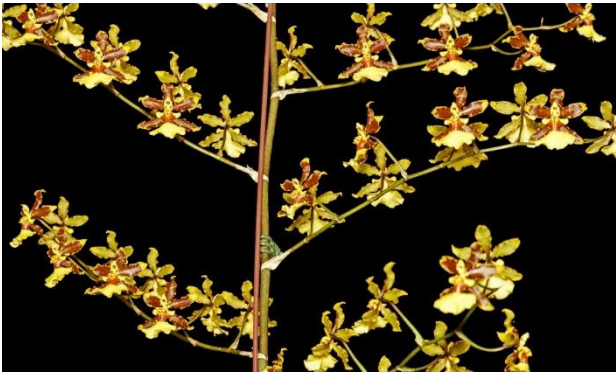
*Cattleya Small World 'Sweet Spot'*, grown by Desica Ingagiola



*Miltonia phymatochila*, grown by Espie Quinn



*Brassidium Kenneth Biven 'Santa Barbara'*, grown by Hoa Nguyễn



Oncidium Tropic Breeze, grown by  
Desica Ingagiola



Paph. Temptation, grown by  
Hoa Nguyễn



Phrag. Eric Young, grown by  
Don Goss



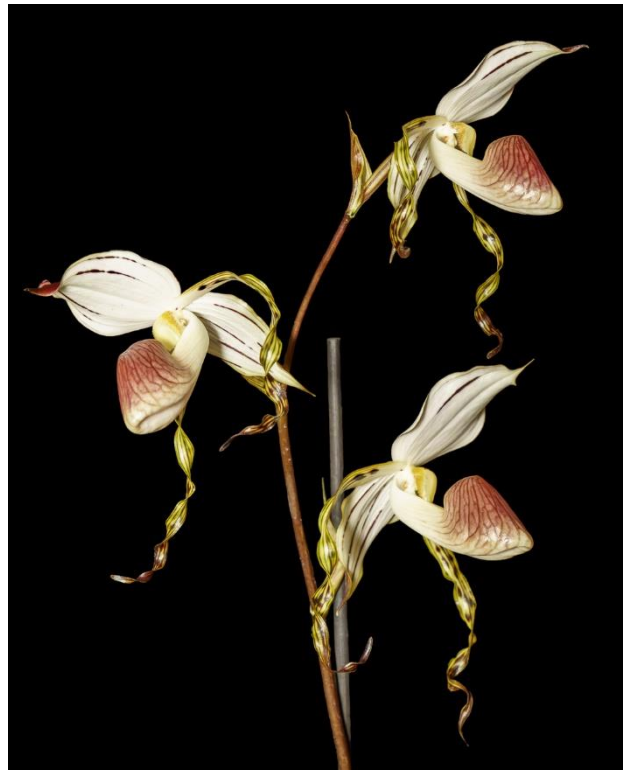
Phrag. Belle Hougue Point, grown by  
Don Goss



Paph. St. Swithin, grown by Don Goss



Paph. Hung Sheng Cape, grown by Hoa Nguyễn



Paph. stonei, grown by Hoa Nguyễn



Vanda Wirat Gordon, grown by Desica Ingagiola



Aerides houlettiana, grown by Desica Ingagiola



### 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, 5620 E. Atherton St. in Long Beach, CA. Whaley Park is on Atherton, just off Bellflower Blvd., near the Long Beach State University campus.



**Report: Orchid Digest Speakers Day, June 20, 2026:** Another excellent event sponsored by Orchid Digest Corporation and The Huntington! Four excellent lectures, and a great opportunity for socializing with orchid lovers from all over. Special shout-out to Nicholas Rust ([RustyExotics](#)) for a stunning overview of terrestrial orchids from around the world, most little known, and some of which should be compatible with our climate! Where can we get more Eulophia species?



## Pest of the Month: Scale!



Probably the most common pest we have to deal with for orchids grown outdoors is scale. There are dozens of species that can infest orchids. Colonies of white, fuzzy “Boisduval” scale can develop out of sight on pseudobulbs or in the creases of leaves. These insects cause damage by sucking the sap directly out of the plant. Other types of scale appear as oval brown bumps along stems or on the undersides of leaves. Even if you remove the visible scale insects, the larval forms (“crawlers”) are tiny and can crawl to other plants.

Eliminating scale infestations is not easy! Among the problems are (1) these insects, as adults, have a hard or waxy coating that makes them nearly impervious to water-based solutions; (2) you really can’t see the larval forms, and the adults can grow out of sight under leaf sheaths or other inaccessible places; and (3) whatever control method you choose, it will take time to be effective.

The first issue can be addressed in several ways. Insecticide solutions have a better chance of penetrating into the body of the insect if they contain a detergent or wetting agent. That idea has led to various home remedies that add a small quantity of dish detergent, or 401 cleaner (a different type of detergent), or rubbing alcohol. You combine this solution with scrubbing with a soft toothbrush to dislodge and hopefully wash away as many of the scale insects as possible. These solutions are generally effective against many pests in addition to scale, provided the solution can stay in contact with the insect for long enough, and provided the solution is not so strong that it damages the plant.

Espie Quinn has demonstrated this method at our workshops. Her recipe: In a spray bottle, combine 2 parts water, 1 part rubbing alcohol, 1 part 409 cleaner, and a couple drops of dishwashing detergent. Shake to combine. Spray on the affected areas only. Why it works on most pests on contact: The alcohol, the 409 cleaner, and the dishwashing detergent all have the effect of reducing surface tension and breaking through the exterior coatings of the pest. Also, the detergents give the solution a better chance of getting into the crevices where the pests are hiding.

Another strategy is the use of systemic insecticides that are absorbed by the plant and thus ultimately ingested by the scale insects. Unfortunately, there are not many systemic insecticides that are considered safe for home use, both because of their toxicity and because of their impact on the environment. Also, it is possible for insects eventually to become resistant to some systemic insecticides. A different strategy involves “insect growth regulators” (IGR’s) that prevent the larval forms from developing into adults. IGR’s can be combined with some systemic insecticides.

However you choose to approach the problem of scale, one treatment will not be enough. You will have to keep an eye on your plants and be prepared to treat them at regular intervals. That’s where Doug Overstreet’s guidelines for integrated orchid pest management come in: best practices to keep your orchids healthy!

Next month: *One thrips, two thrips, three thrips, four...*



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