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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

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Laelia Species and Their Culture by Peter Lin

Program Starts at 7:00 p.m. Monday, January 18, 2016

Peter Lin will be presenting his newest talk: Laelia Species and Their Culture. Learn about the many different species and some of their culture requirements. This fast paced PowerPoint presentation will discuss most of the Laelia species and their various color forms.

Peter started growing orchids over 30 years ago, but then stopped due to school and starting a career. It wasn't until about 12 years ago that the orchid "bug" came back and he is now heavily involved once again. He is an accredited judge with the American Orchid Society and a hybridizer of mini-catts. He enjoys meeting with other orchid enthusiasts, and can often be found at various orchid shows and societies around the country. He also has hundreds of photos of his orchids that he maintains on Flickr. You can view them by typing this address into the internet: http://www.flickr.com/photos/minicatt/collections/

Due to limited growing space, Peter likes to specialize in miniature orchids, both species and hybrids, and has received numerous AOS awards. His other interests in orchids include Dendrobiums, Angraecoids, and Neofinetias. He maintains a collection of a thousand or more orchids at his home in Southern California in 3 small greenhouses, as well as in the house under fluorescent lights.

Refreshments

Last names starting with **Q through Z** please bring refreshments.

President's Message

Happy New Year!!

We start off with a changed date for our January Meeting. The City of Long Beach called me after Christmas to tell me they were cancelling our meeting on January 25th because a Los Angeles County Meeting was being held there. I negotiated to have the meeting moved ahead to January 18th which is a week earlier because I did not want to have our meeting moved to another park facility on the 25th. Fortunately we were able to scramble an Janell has scheduled Peter Lin to be our speaker; great job Janell.

I hope everyone had a blessed and safe holiday season. Thanks to all members who were able to attend our Christmas party. We had a fun time, a wonderful meal and raffled off some nice pointsettia plants.

See everyone on Monday January 18th, You don't want to miss Peter Lin's presentation.

John Reyes

Why Does The Newsletter Look Like This?

The sudden change of date and meeting proximity, coupled with the holidays, and exacerbated by your newsletter editor's desire to erect his greenhouse meant there was very little time to put this newsletter together. On the bright side, there is plenty of room for improvement.

American Orchid Society Webinars

The American Orchid Society (AOS) now presents a variety of topics of interest to orchid enthusiasts in the form of webinars. AOS members with a computer can register on the AOS website and participate with experts in the subject field in a discussion of the selected topic. Our speaker this month, Peter Lin, recently hosted a webinar on Novelty Phalaenopsis Hybrids. On January 20 of the subject is Brazilian Cattleyas: A Tour of Their Habitats hosted by Francisco Miranda. In addition to the monthly AOS Orchids, this is another way to gain information and become part of the larger orchid community.

Membership

Time to sign up for another year of fascinating lectures, informative Q&A sessions, and, of course, more beautiful orchids. Don't forget to pay your dues for 2016.

Newport Harbor Orchid Society Orchid Expo

The Newport Harbor Orchid Society (NHOS) will hold its annual show at the Westminster Mall February 12-14. Your South Coast Orchid Society (SCOS) will again participate in the show, setting up a display. Setup usually occurs the day before the show opens, which would be Thursday, February 11th. There will be more information at this month's meeting; talk to one of the society officers about participation. This show features displays by local orchid societies, vendor sales, repotting classes, and an exhibity of botanic art and bonsai.

First Vice President

Janell Schuck has done a marvelous job acquiring first rate speakers for our SCOS monthly meetings, and also putting together an auction table of desireable orchids. However, all good things come to an end, and Janell would like to move on. Consequently, the SCOS needs a volunteer to take over the position of First Vice President. Janell is willing to tutor, and pass along names and phone numbers of prospective speakers. See our President, John Reyes, or Janell, if you would like to join the SCOS officers, and become the next First Vice President.

Paphiopedilum Guild Meeting

This next weekend (16th and 17th) the Paph Guild is meeting in Santa Barbara. This event is sponsored by the Orchid Digest. It features two days of lectures along with vendor sales and dinners. Check the Orchid Digest website for details: www.orchiddigest.com.

Upcoming Events

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

Orange County Orchid Society Auction, Yorba Linda Public Library, January 20, 2016, 6:30 p.m.

Newport Harbor Orchid Society Orchid Expo, Westminster Mall, February 12-14

Pacific Orchid Exposition, Fort Mason Center, San Francisco, February 26-28

Santa Barbara International Orchid Show, Earl Warren Showgrounds, Santa Barbara, March 4-6

San Diego County Orchid Society Show and Sale, Scottish Rite Center, San Diego, March 11-13

Palomar Orchid Society Sale and Auction, The Pavilion, Lake San Marcos, April 11, 9:30-3:00

Our February 2016 regularly scheduled monthly meeting date is February 22, 2016

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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