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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

\*\*\*Happy Holidays!!! \*\*\*

Newsletter Founded in 1950 December 2021

# Orchid News December 2021

I am happy when I learn something about the orchids I grow. In this case, I had to travel to the SVO Open House and buy the orchid, before learning why I might have made a good choice. The story goes like this. B.O. Bracey knew someone, who lived in Brazil, had a fabulous orchid collection, and wanted to move to the US. Bracey agreed to receive and hold this person's orchids, until they could be retrieved. They were shipped, and Bracey was taking care of them, when this person died, never having made it to the US. Among the orchids was a fine specimen of Cattleya leopoldii alba, and Bracey decided to self this plant. The offspring turned out well, and one was just spectacular: Cattleya leopoldii alba 'Field's'. Fred selfed a division of Bracey's original plant, and treated the offspring with colchicine, to increase the likelihood of tetraploidy in the offspring. Thus, I was cautioned to take good care of this small orchid, because it might be as spectacular as the clone 'Fields' and, with a double dose of chromosomes, more robust.

Happy & Hopeful

# **President's Message**

Well, we made it through another year under the cloud of Covid. I am sincerely hoping everyone is doing well both mentally and physically. Pat and I finally got out for an evening of dinner and a play at the Dolby Theater in Hollywood. It was quite cathartic. On SCOS news, I was informed by April at LB Parks & Rec that the earliest possible in person meeting date at Whaley Park is March 2022. So we will continue to wait. I am wishing everyone a Blessed Holiday Season with your family and friends. Keep the faith; we will be back together soon

John

## **Member's Orchids**



Cymbidium dayanum, from the SCOS Auction 2015. Russ Nichols



PAPH Chiu Hua Dancer primary hybrid (gigantifolium x sanderianum)

Lynn Wiand



Laelia Nemesis (anceps x superbiens), a hybrid first made in 1902. John McCoy



Cattleya loddegesii ('Shorty' x 'Sweetheart'). Russ Nichols



Lc. Blue Star (L. anceps x Lc. Novissima (L. anceps x C. gaskelliana)). John McCoy



MAXILLARIA species tonsbergii 'Spooky' AM/AOS
5 Flowers and Highly Fragrant!
6 inch moss basket

Lynn Wiand



BLC Haw Yan Gold 'Y2K' x Daffodil 'Bee's Wax'
Poor shape this time but I love the
intense apricot color and firm texture

Lynn Wiand



Cattleya trianae 'Attila' HCC/RHS, from Lin Burzell, our last speaker at SCOS. Russ Nichols

**Upcoming Events.** See our website for flyers: www.southcoastorchidsociety.com. Newport Harbor Orchid Society Expo and Sale, Westminster Mall, Feb 12-13 Santa Barbara International Orchid Show, Earl Warren Showgrounds, March 11-13 South Bay Orchid Society Show and Sale, Palos Verdes Art Center, March 19-22

### **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 2019 Annual Auction and other events helping to carry us through a successful 2021. If you need supplies or want to shop for orchids, please consider these vendors first. They helped us, maybe we can help them, and get some great orchids too!

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