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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

\*\*\*74 Years of Orchid Excellence\*\*\*

Newsletter

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# Growing Orchids on a Dime by Donna Ballard Monday, July 22, 2024

There was a time when orchids were thought to be a rich man's hobby. Is orchid growing still expensive? Not necessarily! Donna has spent years finding the most cost-effective choices in all phases of orchid growing, from the plants to the potting materials, pest control, shade, watering, and all the other incidentals that our orchids need. Her improvised growing areas have produced many award-winning plants, and she has been able to adapt the growing areas for a changing climate and the requirements of new varieties that catch her interest. We will spend some time discussing affordable ways to improve our results.

Donna is a native Californian, and is studying to become an American Orchid Society judge. After over 30 years of loving, caring for and studying plants, she went on to work as a professional interior house plant maintenance technician until 5 years ago. She has since retired and works as a part time volunteer at the Huntington Botanical Gardens Thornton Estate Orchid Conservatory in San Marino. She currently has approximately 420 sq feet of greenhouse, shade house and interior growing areas where she has over 1300 Cattleyas, Paphiopedilums, Cymbidiums, Dendrobiums, Sarcochilus, miniature Vanda and novelty Phalaenopsis orchids as well as several other genera.



**Donna Ballard,** our speaker for July, with her *Cattleya* Degnan's Star 'Fallbrook's Fireworks' AM/AOS

## **President's Message**

Last month, Carlos Lopez from SVO helped us understand the Catasetinae. This month, we find out how to grow orchids for less, from Donna Ballard, who's experience has given her insight into the basic needs of orchids, and how those needs can be met. See you on the 22nd of this month. The report from our Treasurer reveals \$9400 in our account as of the end of June. With the continued payment of dues, this gives us a relatively good operating budget.

John Reyes President, SCOS

## June Judging Results

June 24 2024 SCOS Ribbon Judging Results

June 24 2024 BCOB 1	Ribbon Judging Results			
GENUS	FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE	THIRD PLACE	JUDGES
POINTS	5 pts	3 pts	1 pt	
CATTLEYA	Lc. Stonehouse 'Leonard Webster' Espie Quinn	L. purpurata 'Shuster' Espie Quinn	C. purpurata 'Unicolor' John McCoy	Dawn Dwyer
CYMBIDIUM	Cym. Australian Midnight Espie Quinn	No entries	No entries	Mong Noiboosook
DENDROBIUM	Den. lindleyi Eva Von Huff	No entries	No entries	Carlos Lopez
EPIDENDRUM	E. alata Espie Quinn	Epi. bracteolatum John McCoy		Mong Noiboosook
MAXILLARIEA E	Max. Mem. Ben Berliner 'Yellow Cape' John McCoy	No entries	No entries	Bill MacCorkell ??
ONCIDIUM	Milt. Flavescens John McCoy	No entries	No entries	???
PAPHIOPEDIL UM				
PHALAENOPS IS	Phal. No Id Bill MacCorkell	No entries	No entries	Bill MacCorkell
PLEUROTHAL LID				
VANDA	V. White Crane Espie Quinn	No entries	No entries	Russ Nichols
NOVICE				
CULTURAL AWARD 7 points	Den. lindleyi Eva Von Huff			Carlos Lopez

## June Meeting Orchids Displayed



Cym. Australian Midnight



Den. Lindleyi



Lc. Stonehouse 'Leonard Webster'



Cattleya purpurata frma. vinicolor



Blc. Carolina Orange x Lc Trick or Treat



Miltonia flavescens



Encyclia alata



Maxillaria Ben Berliner 'Yellow Cape'

### Member's Orchids Grown by John McCoy



Dendrobium amabilis



Oncidium pumilum



Laelia cinnabarina



Brassia Spider's Gold 'Prolific'

#### Upcoming Events.

See our website for flyers: www.southcoastorchidsociety.com. San Diego County Orchid Society Orchids in the Park, Balboa Park, July 27-28, Sa 12-6, Su 10-4 Cal-Orchid Summer Hummer, Santa Barbara, July 19, 20, 21, 9AM to 4 PM South Bay Orchid Society Show and Sale, Palos Verdes Art Center, Sept 7-8, 10 AM to 4 PM Fascination of Orchids Festival of Orchids, Santa Ana Zoo, Sept 20-22, 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

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