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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

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Newsletter

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“Coerulea Cattleyas” Jose Carlos Lopez

Monday, November 17, 2025

Carlos has been intrigued by the “blue” or “coerulea” Cattleya hybrids for many years, and recently won a prestigious award for one of them. Everyone can see that the “blue” Cattleyas aren’t really blue, but their color, usually a sort of muddy bluish lavender, has no name of its own. “Coerulea” is just a Latin word for blue, used by botanists to describe all sorts of bluish flowers. Derived from chance color mutations, the “coerulea” Cattleyas have fascinated orchid growers since the early days of “orchid mania” in the 19th Century. The color itself is mesmerizing, but many of these plants, some fairly easy to grow outdoors in Long Beach, produce big clusters of flowers about this time of year.



Cattleya Gaudii f. coerulea 'Ultramarine Dean', FCC/AOS – the best award so far for Carlos, July, 2025! Photo by Arthur Pinkers.

Program Notes

Don Goss gave us a lot to think about last month in his program on “Creating a Wonderful, Manageable Orchid Collection”. It’s so easy to end up with too many orchids to take care of! Or too many orchids that don’t perform well in your growing conditions! Sometimes it’s a matter of rearranging your collection so that everything gets the right amount of water and light. Sometimes those blooming-size plants that refuse to bloom even 5 years later need a new home. Keep trying! The plants that show up for ribbon judging every month prove that it is possible to succeed with orchids in Long Beach!

October Meeting Ribbon Judging Results
Thank you to Bill MacCorkell for sheparding the SCOS Ribbon Judging.
Thanks to our members for the beautiful displays of Orchids.

SCOS Ribbon Judging Results, October 27, 2025

GENUS	FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE	THIRD PLACE	JUDGES
POINTS	5 pts	3 pts	1 pt	
CATTLEYA	Ctt. Tristar Bouquet 'Hawaii' Una Yeh	C. Elizabeth Calov Bill MacCorkell	Rlc. Sung Ya Green 'Dragon King' Una Yeh	Dean Shoffeitt
CYMBIDIUM	No Entry	No Entry	No Entry	
DENDROBIUM	Den. topaziacum Desica Ingagiola	No Entry	No Entry	Russ Nichols
EPIDENDRUM	No Entry	No Entry	No Entry	No Entry
MAXILLARIEAE	No Entry	No Entry	No Entry	No Entry
ONCIDIUM	Onc. NoId Elaine Murphy	Onc. Dancing Lady Desica Ingagiola	Whm. Shibumi 'Purple Plum' Dawn Dwyer	Mong
PAPHIOPEDILUM	Paph. Chu Chu Bill MacCorkell	No Entry	No Entry	Russ Nichols
PHALAENOPSIS	Phal. equestris Dawn Dwyer	No Entry	No Entry	Bill MacCorkell
PLEUROTHALLID	No Entry	No Entry	No Entry	No Entry
VANDA	V. Chrisnatia 'Greenlight' Desica Ingagiola	V. Princess Mikasa 'Pink' Desica Ingagiola	Vg. Apple Blossum Bill MacCorkell	Carl Barry
MISCELLANEOUS	No Entry	No Entry	No Entry	No Entry
POINTS				
NOVICE	No Entry	No Entry	No Entry	No Entry
CULTURAL AWARD WINNER—7 points	Ctt. Tristar Bouquet 'Hawaii' Una Yeh			

Orchids Displayed at our October Meeting

Thanks to Mong Noiboonsook for the excellent photos.
Thanks again to our members for the beautiful display of Orchids.



C. Elisabeth Calov grown by Bill MacCorkell



Ctt. Tristar Bouquet 'Hawaii'
grown by Una Yeh



Dendrobium topaziacum
grown by Desica Ingagiola



Lnt. Wrigleyi. Una, is this yours?



Oncidium (Gbt.?) Dancing Lady grown by
Desica Ingagiola



Paph. Chu Chu grown by Bill MacCorkell



Whm. Shibumi 'Purple Plum'
grown by Dawn Dwyer



Phal. Equestris grown by Dawn Dwyer



Unknown



Unknown, but so blue!



Rlc. Sung Ya Green 'Dragon King'
grown by Una Yeh



Vanda Crisnetia 'Greenlight'
grown by Desica Ingagiola



V. Princess Mikasa 'Pink'
grown by Desican Ingagiola



Vandoglossum (Vg.) Apple Blossom grown by
Bill MacCorkell

ORCHID NEWS AND NOTES

The election of officers and "Directors-at-Large" will take place at the December 15 meeting, as required by our By-Laws (on our web site). At the November 17 meeting, we will again read the slate of candidates and ask for nominations from the floor. There are still vacancies among the Directors-at-Large. The **slate of candidates** as it stands now is as follows:

President:	John Reyes
First Vice-President:	John McCoy
Second Vice-President:	Don Goss
Corporation Secretary:	Mong Noiboonsook
Memberships Secretary:	Dawn Dwyer
Treasurer:	Elaine Murphy
Director-at-Large, term ending 12/2026:	Vacant
Director-at-Large, term ending 12/2027:	Desica Ingagiola
Director-at-Large, term ending 12/2027:	Vacant
Director-at-Large, term ending 12/2028:	Dean Shoffeit
Director-at-Large, term ending 12/2028:	Eva Von Huff

Anticipation! Who will bring in the **first Cymbidium of the season** for ribbon judging? Spikes are forming now, and some buds are already visible! See you at the November meeting!



Plan Ahead! The last meeting of the year, our traditional **Holiday Celebration**, will take place on December 15. There will be food, entertainment, and a slide show of some of the best orchids of 2025. This event will close out our amazing 75th Anniversary Year. We had great fun, and our club grew significantly. We will greet 2026 with a complete leadership team and high hopes for our future.

A Farewell to Janell Schuck



Janell with her prize winning Paph. Nittens, CCE/AOS

Janell Schuck left us on September 14, 2025. We understand there will likely be a memorial service of some kind in January, 2026. Watch this space for more information.

Upcoming Events.

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

Cal-Orchid Annual Open House, Nov. 7-9, Santa Barbara, 9 am to 4 pm
Santa Barbara Orchid Estate Fall Open House, Nov. 7-9, Santa Barbara, 8 am to 3 pm
Andy's Orchids Winter Open House, Dec. 12-14, Encinitas, 10 am to 4 pm
Santa Barbara International Orchid Show, March 20-22, 2026

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.

Web site: www.southcoastorchidsociety.com

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. If you need supplies or want to shop for orchids, consider these vendors.

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Even more orchids in bloom right now!



Left, **Ctt. (formerly *Cattleya*) Portia 'Sir Jeremiah Coleman'**; Right **Ctt. (formerly *Cattleya*) Porcia 'Cannizaro'**. Portia was the earlier hybrid, *C. bowringiana* x *labiata*, registered by Veitch in 1897. Porcia looks very similar, *C. Armstrongiae* (1907) x *bowringiana*, but it was registered by H. G. Alexander in 1927. Portia comes in standard lavender and "blue" forms, as a result of the availability of "blue" clones of both parents. Porcia has no "blue" forms, because the *Armstrongiae* (1907) parent, if it is still available at all, was never re-made with "blue" parents. **IF IT'S BLUE, IT'S PORTIA, NOT PORCIA!** Both grow well outdoors in Long Beach. Grown by John McCoy.



Laelia anceps, a nameless cultivar. Anceps season is here! More spikes are growing! Those spikes can take up to 4-5 months before they actually flower, which seems peculiar. If they behave this way in the wild, the longer it takes for the spike to mature, the more likely it is that something will come along and eat the buds! This one is in a shade cloth enclosure that, so far, keeps out critters and most bugs. Grown by John McCoy.



Bulbophyllum Eed, grown outdoors by John McCoy. The total length of the flowers is 6".

Enjoy your orchids!