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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

76th Year of Orchid Excellence

Newsletter

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January 2026

Memorial to a Paph Fanatic

Presented by Carol Klonowski

Monday, January 26, 2026

The South Coast Orchid Society is pleased to present a program by Carol Klonowski, President of the Orchid Society of California (Oakland, CA), "Memorial to a Paph Fanatic: Honoring the Legacy of Dr. Norito Hasegawa (1940-2023)". Norito's day job was dentistry, but he proved to be an extraordinary orchid breeder as well, eventually specializing in the Paphiopedilum and Phragmipedium "slipper orchids" in a big way. He was a long-time member of South Coast Orchid Society and an esteemed member of the orchid judging community. Including his joint venture with Dr. Harold Koopowitz, "Paphanatics UnLimited", Norito's legacy brought us many new types of Paphiopedilum hybrids that have achieved worldwide popularity.

Her presentation is a premier; she is going to take it to the World Orchid Conference in Dresden, Germany, in March! We are fortunate to be the first to see it, and she hopes to retrieve some memories of Norito while she is here.

President's Message

Our Pot Luck Christmas event was a great success. There was an abundance of food, very tasty dishes prepared by our members, and the gift exchange provided ample entertainment. Now on to the new year, and a presentation on a subject well-known to SCOS members, the life of Norito Hasagawa and his Paphiopedilums. See you there!

SCOS President, John Reyes

SCOS Speaker and Subject



Carol Klonowski



Norito Hasagawa

December Meeting Ribbon Judging

There was no ribbon judging at our Christmas celebration last month, but now we start a new year and a new competition to see who is our best grower of 2026. So, bring in your blooming orchids and let's get started enjoying another year of orchid beauty, fragrance, color and variety!

ORCHID NEWS AND NOTES

January features the installation of new officers and board members as well as Chairmen or Chairwomen of our various committees. There are still vacancies among the Directors-at-Large.

Photos from Holiday Party

Many thanks to
excellent photos.

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| 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 |

our December

Don Goss for the









Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Special Note

Some of us received an email early this month announcing the death of Paul Gripp, the person most closely associated with the Santa Barbara Orchid Estate for many years. Paul was 93. He not only was largely responsible for establishing what became one of the most enjoyable experiences for orchid lovers anywhere, but also traveled the world to bring back new species and delight us with tales of his adventures. Your editor grew up not far from Paul's neighborhood in Topanga Canyon, and we exchanged stories about our childhood adventures. He will be missed.

Members Orchids

grown by John McCoy



Cymbidium Snow Court grown by John McCoy



Cymbidium Erin Nakasone (Snow Court x canaliculatum) grown by John McCoy
(This cymbidium is a cross made by Tony Valardi at Mariposa Gardens. Tony was a speaker at the SCOS and a terrific Cymbidium hybridizer.)



Cymbidium ParwaStella grown by John McCoy

Upcoming Events.

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

San Diego County Orchid Society Orchids in the Park, January 24-25, Balboa Park

Santa Barbara International Orchid Show, March 20-22, Santa Barbara, 9 am to 4 pm

South Bay Orchid Society Show and Sale, Mar. 28-29, Palos Verdes Art Center, 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

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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