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Regular Meeting Schedule
Doors open at 6:30 pm
Meeting begins 7:00 pm
Culture session
Speaker starts at 7:30 pm
Opportunity drawing
Doors close at 9:30 pm
Committees: Auction - John McCoy. Ribbon Judging - Bill MacCorkell. Hospitality – Open. Newsletter – Open. Website - John McCoy. Library - Open

South Coast Orchid Society

76th Year of Orchid Excellence

Newsletter

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Donna Ballard
Aussie Dendrobiums:
Dendrobium tetragonum

Monday, June 22, 2026

“Aussie Dendrobiums” have been popular in Long Beach for many years, but most of us know very little about the diverse Australian species in their background. Donna has been investigating! This installment of her series concerns *Den. tetragonum*, widely distributed and highly variable, involved in over 2,000 hybrids: Its range and natural habitat in Australia, cultural needs for growing the species and its hybrids in Southern California, with photos from nature and the judging table. With better knowledge of the species, we should get better results in our own collections!



Newsletter Editor: Russ Nichols has retired from a very long run as newsletter editor. John McCoy is filling in for now, but we still need to find a permanent newsletter editor. Currently, the newsletter is composed in Microsoft Word. The editor will receive input from board members about the schedule, program, ribbon judging results and photos, as well as covering any developments of interest to our members. The newsletter is then converted to PDF format and distributed via email, a process now managed by Don Goss. Contact any board member to volunteer for this important position!

Ribbon Judging: Bill Maccorkell is taking a couple months off. Mong Noibooksoon has stepped up to keep ribbon judging going until Bill can return. At the May meeting, ribbon judging went smoothly, thanks to Mong and his dedicated team. The plants on display were diverse and sensational!

Shows and Sales: •Friday-Sunday, June 12-14, [Andy's Orchids](#) summer open house, 743 Ocean View Ave., Encinitas. •Saturday, June 20, [Orchid Digest Speakers Day](#), Huntington Botanical Center. For more events, watch the [Orchid Events Calendar](#) at fascinationforchids.com!

May Meeting: Our annual **Repotting Workshop** was a lot of fun! About equal numbers of SCOS members and visitors with plants that needed attention. Everybody pitched in; soon the hall was buzzing with activity. Espie's demonstration of potting methods was a hit with visitors who were startled to see her light a butane torch indoors to sterilize tools!



May Meeting Ribbon Judging

Mong Noiboonsook led the Ribbon Judging team at the May meeting. Bill Maccorkell is taking a break for a couple months.

May 18, 2026 SCOS Ribbon Judging Results

GENUS	FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE	THIRD PLACE	JUDGES
POINTS	5 pts	3 pts	1 pt	
CATTLEYA	Laelia superbiens alba, Mong Noiboonsook	Cattleya NOID, Desica Ingagiola	Lc. Pink Porcelain ((Lc. Tropical Song x L. anceps) x C. intermedia), Desica Ingagiola	Dean Shoffeitt
CYMBIDIUM	Cymbidium madidum 'Leroy', Jill Gorski	No entry	No entry	Desica Ingagiola
DENDROBIUM	Dendrobium secundum, Desica Ingagiola	No entry	No entry	Dean Shoffeitt
EPIDENDRUM	Barkeria spectabilis, Dean Shoffeitt	Prosthechea (Epidentrum) cochleata, Eva Von Huff	Barkeria melanocaula, Dean Shoffeitt	Desica Ingagiola
MAXILLARIEAE	Maxillaria tenuifolia (yellow form), Desica Ingagiola	No entry	No entry	Dean Shoffeitt
PHALAENOPSIS	Phalaenopsis NOID, Desica Ingagiola	No entry	No entry	Dean Shoffeitt
VANDA	Renanthera monachica, Desica Ingagiola	Vanda Udomchai Beauty, Desica Ingagiola	Vanda garyi, Desica Ingagiola	Mong Noiboonsook
CULTURAL AWARD WINNER – 7 points	Renanthera monachica, Desica Ingagiola			Espie Quinn



Ribbon Judging Photos from our May Meeting

Many thanks to Mong Noiboonsook for the excellent photos.



Laelia superbians alba, grown by Mong Noiboonsook



Cattleya NOID, grown by Desica Ingagiola



Lc. Pink Porcelain, grown by Desica Ingagiola



Cymbidium madidum 'Leroy', grown by Jill



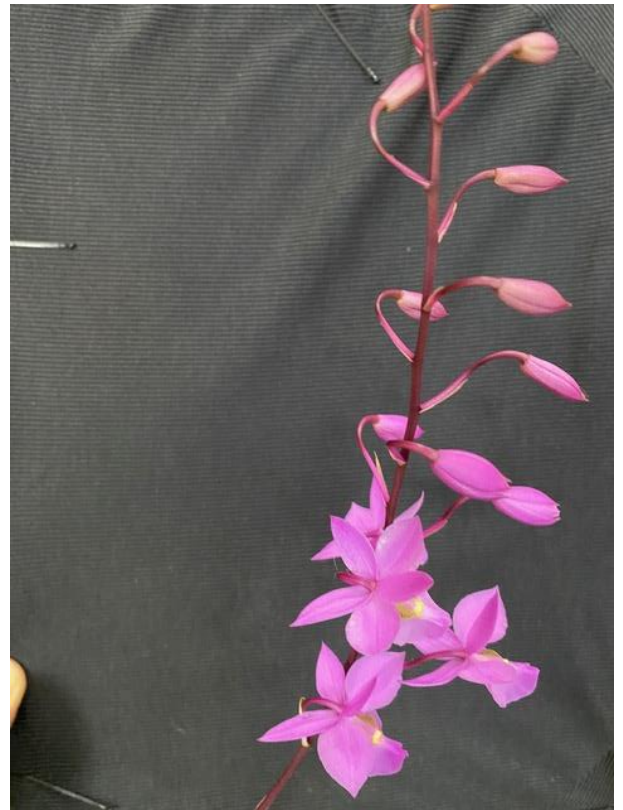
Dendrobium secundum, grown by
Desica Ingagiola



Barkeria spectabilis, grown by Dean
Shoffeitt



Proschechea (Epidendrum) cochleata,
grown by Eva Von Huff



Barkeria melanocaula, grown by Dean
Shoffeitt



Maxillaria tenuifolia, yellow form, grown by Desica Ingagiola



Phalaenopsis NOID, grown by Desica Ingagiola



Renanthera monachica, grown by Desica Ingagiola



Vanda Udomchai Beauty, grown by Desica Ingagiola



Vanda garayi, grown by Desica Ingagiola



A Celebration of Life was held in memory of Janell Schuck May 16, 2026. SCOS was well represented. Janell's contributions to SCOS will inspire us for a long time to come.



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, 5620 E. Atherton St. in Long Beach, CA. Whaley Park is on Atherton, just off Bellflower Blvd., near the Long Beach State University campus.

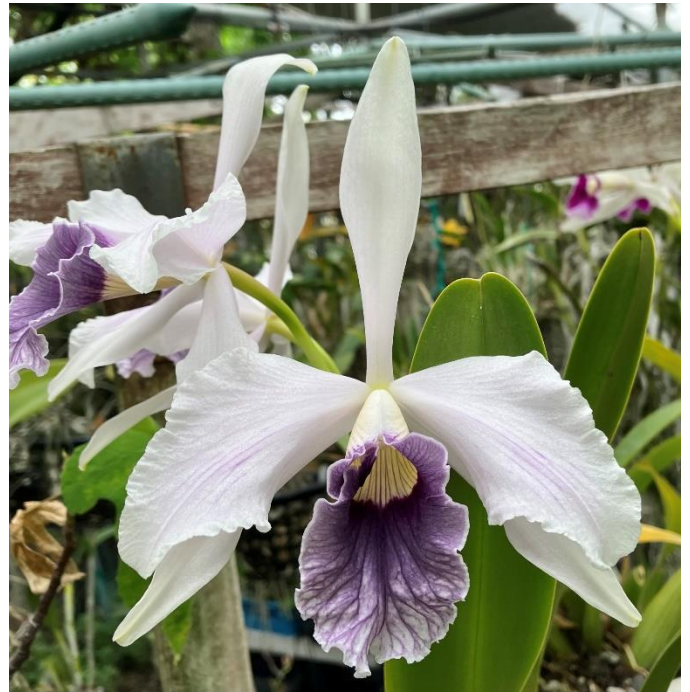


Blooming Now in Long Beach



thrive in Southern California. They don't mind cold nights, but they do object to wet feet during our winter! They come in many color combinations, which growers in Brazil have defined and named. A few years ago, we published a blog on [Cattleya purpurata, Brazilian Style](#), with some fascinating lore and, at the bottom of the article, some excellent cultural advice. Shown here, examples of the "vinicolor" (above) and "werkhauseri" forms (right).

Purpurata season is here! *Cattleya* (formerly *Laelia*) *purpurata* is about the most reliable large-flowered orchid for growing outdoors in Long Beach. These are tough plants. Although they come from the coastal plain of southern Brazil, where they experience year-round warmth, rain, and humidity, they turn out to



Avoid Placing Orchids Too High in the Pot

Here's an illustration of what happens when the potting medium is piled too high in the pot, and is allowed to dry out. In this situation, ordinary watering just runs off the medium, which remains dry under the surface. As the medium ages, the surface often becomes more and more impervious to water, due to the build-up of salts. An easy mistake, but once you understand the risk, also easily avoided. If you leave some space at the top of the pot,

water will pool on top of the medium, and will stay there long enough to seep all the way through the medium. We popped this Cymbidium seedling out of the pot to see what was happening. The roots showed signs of drying out, and the medium itself was quite dry, in spite of having been watered the day before. We moved this plant up to the next larger pot size, with the top of the medium about ½” below the rim of the pot, and gave all of this group of seedlings a thorough soaking. Under ideal conditions, Cymbidium seedlings can produce so many roots that they actually lift the plant up out of the pot! Many more Cymbidiums will need to be repotted in the next few weeks!



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