



C. Loddiglossa 'Honeyball'  
BM/JOGA X C. Caudebec  
'Linwood' AM/AOS  
Grown by Larry Bergen

## *The INFLORESCENCE*

“Orchids for Amateurs”

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**Our January 17, 2025  
speaker will be Mitch  
Schneider “Kaleidoscope of  
Colors: Art Shades Compact  
Cattleya”**

Dr. Mitch Schneider's interest in Orchids started young in his teenage years. Mitch started growing orchids after seeing the orchid mania display in his hometown at the Cleveland Botanical Gardens. During his PhD studies Mitch worked at Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico. While at Los Alamos Mitch met Dr. Ron Midgett, who has been breeding orchids for over 55 years. Mitch learned the art of breeding orchids from Ron. About the time Ron started considering retirement, Mitch accepted a position to join the electron sources team for the Stanford linear accelerator Center (SLAC) and relocated operations from Santa Fe, New Mexico to Half Moon Bay, CA. He also became a co-owner of New Earth Orchids.

Mitch's primary interest in breeding orchids is in the Cattleya alliance, Oncidium alliance, and Zygopetalum alliance. Mitch has continued Ron's work of producing compacted novelty size Cattleya's who have plants no bigger than 18 inches tall with flowers that are 5 to 6 inches in natural spread. In a wide variety of color forms including large full segmented cerulean, green with a white lip, spots and stripes, and his favorite the art shade lines. Mitchell also has started breeding to reintroduce high quality warmth tolerant Odontoglossum with the assistance of Bob Hamilton. Mitch is also working with a consortium of breeders to pioneer inter-generic Zygopetalum with full spectrum colors.

Mitch is active in the American Orchid Society Pacific Central Judging Center, has been serving on the SFOS show committee, and is now the Vice President. Mitch strives to encourage younger orchid growers to become more involved and to help partner them with experienced members to share their love of orchids, and to learn from each other.

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The Topic for our meeting will be Kaleidoscope of colors: art shade compact Cattleya: This talk goes over primarily the breeding that was done with C. Horace 'maxima' when bred to a yellow can give a wide range of colors and shows the consistency in the main backbone of our hybridization program and new earth orchids and it shows that you can get consistent for implants that are no bigger than 12 inches tall that flowers of 5 1/2 to 6 inch flowers in a wide range of colors out of the same cross from lavender to yellow, watermelon to fuchsia, burnt orange to even creams. The topic discusses the history of some of the early lavender Cattleya and also shows a great set of colors in another great slideshow of photos discussing different crosses in the art shade Cattleya.

**January 2025 President's Message**

**by Marcia Bergen**

I hope all of you had an enjoyable holiday time with family and friends. We had a wonderful evening at our December potluck enjoying beautiful decorations, a bountiful selection of great food, and a good time getting to know each other better. We missed those of you that could not join us due to recent surgeries, illness, or other obligations. Charles Brown passed out certificates to those members that won the plant judging awards for 2024. Congratulations to Viria Walls, Anna Parkhomenko, Stephane Larouche, Margaret Akashi, Larry Bergen, Braulio Mena, and David West on growing and bringing in beautiful plants to share with us.

Now we begin a new year with hopes for good health, more friendships, and increased knowledge for growing great orchids. At this time, you may have some cymbidiums, laelia anceps, paphiopedilums, and cattleyas blooming. Our phalenopsis and cymbidiums are sending up spikes that will need staking to prepare them for the spring show. With the nights getting colder you may need to protect your plants or bring them inside. It is also a good time to be checking your plants for pests.

It is also time to renew your membership in SBOS and to plan to sign up for volunteering at the Spring Show in March. Please check out the articles in the newsletter for more information.

We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on January 17, 2025. Mitch Schneider will be speaking to us about the Art Shade Colors of Compact Cattleyas. I enjoy the space saving size of these cattleyas as well as the large variety of colors and shades available. This should be an interesting and informative talk.

May you have many blessings in the New Year!

## 2024 Ribbon Judging Results

### Amateur Division:

**1st place (tie)** Margaret Akashi  
Stephane Larouche  
**2nd place** Anna Parkhomenko  
**3rd place** Viria Walls

Margaret and Stephane have now met the requirements to compete as Advanced Amateur Congratulations.

### Advanced Amateur:

**1st place** Braulio Mena  
**2nd place** David West  
**3rd place** Larry Bergen

1st Place award is a one year subscription or renewal to Orchid Digest.  
Winners should present their certificate to Braulio Mena, and give him their mailing address.  
Braulio will make the arrangements with Orchid Digest.

2nd and 3rd place winners should present their certificate to Larry Bergen to claim their tickets.  
Twenty dollars worth of raffle table tickets for Second place.  
Ten dollars worth of raffle table tickets for Third place.

Congratulations to all the winners.  
Thank you to all members for sharing your beautiful flowers at our monthly meetings.

Charles Brown, Ribbon Judging Chair



Viria



Anna



Margaret



Stephane





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### Webinars:

**January 2, 2025 Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q & A with Ron McHatton Find answers to questions you did not even know you had. Thursday 5:30 PM OPEN to everyone**  
Register at: [https://www.aos.org/orchids/webinars-upcoming webinars](https://www.aos.org/orchids/webinars-upcoming-webinars)

**January 9, 2025 Inorganic Potting Media: Never Repot Again with Harvey Brenneise, Part 1 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM**

Harvey reviews the various inorganic media with a focus on semi-hydroponic orchid growing. First of a two-part series **Members Only**

Register at: [https://www.aos.org/orchids/webinars#upcoming webinars](https://www.aos.org/orchids/webinars#upcoming-webinars)

### *American Orchid Society Monthly Checklist for January and February Written by Ned Nash and James Rose*

<https://www.aos.org/orchid-care/seasonal-orchid-care/monthly-checklist-for-january-and-february>

## Membership Renewal Time!

Time to Renew Your Membership! Our membership year runs from January 1 to December 31, so please plan to renew soon. Here is a link to the form [SBOS Renewal Form](#). There is no change in the fees this year. It is still \$20 if you have a single membership and \$25 if you have a membership for a household (2 or more people). If you want the newsletter mailed via USPS, it is an additional \$10.00 to cover the mailing cost. You may send the form and your renewal fee to Charlotte Morrison at the address listed on the form, or better yet, bring the form to the next regular meeting on January 17th. We would love to see you there! Remember the great benefits you receive from becoming a member:

- ◆ Learn about collecting, growing, and repotting from our monthly meetings' cultural sessions
- ◆ Listen and ask questions of local, national and internationally recognized orchid experts and their fabulous photographs, techniques, and presentations
- ◆ Rub elbows with your fellow orchid enthusiast members, ask questions, exchange ideas and learn from each other
  - ◆ Win ribbon awards for bringing your own orchids to the meetings; year-end winners receive a subscription to Orchid Digest
  - ◆ Take home fabulous orchids at unbelievable prices through our monthly silent auctions
    - ◆ Win orchid plants by participating in our monthly orchid raffle

Renew your membership soon so that your name will appear in the annual directory which will be published soon.

## Spring Show & Sale - March 29 and 30, 2025 Arthur Hazboun - Show Chair



It's almost time for our yearly spring show to enjoy the Cymbidiums, Dendrobiums, Cattleyas, Oncidiums, Paphs, and Phrags and other orchid genera in spectacular color on display. The show and sale will take place on the *March 29 & 30* at the Palos Verdes Art Center. Setup starts on Friday, March 28 at 10 am. We have some new and favorite vendors lined up for the event and we hope you support them. Please see our website for more info <https://southbayorchidsociety.com/Show> to get the plant classifications & plant entry forms.

We encourage members who are able to volunteer a couple of hours to help with the event. All volunteers who sign up and complete their shift will receive a gift plant for their time. The [online volunteer signup](https://volunteersignup.org/XHK39) form is at <https://volunteersignup.org/XHK39> we suggest you sign up as soon as possible as positions will fill up quickly.

Plants being entered into competition for exhibition must be thoroughly cleaned - remove dead sheaths, old dead flowers, dead pseudobulbs and leaves, debris, check for pests and remove them. Plants which are suspected of carrying a virus will be immediately removed and returned to their owners. **ALL ENTERED PLANTS MUST BE IN BY 5PM ON FRIDAY MARCH 28** to ensure entry in our logs and be eligible for judging. Plants arriving after 5pm will NOT be considered for judging or entered into competition. Fill out the entry forms by writing legibly to make sure we can enter your plant in the correct classification. Plants without a name will be listed for "exhibit" only and will not be considered for ribbon judging. Judging starts promptly at 6:30pm on Friday evening. We recommend you put a label with your name on the bottom of the pot for your protection in case of a mix up of plant tags.

Please get the word out and publicize our show, tell your orchid friends, coworkers, neighbors, colleagues, and invite them to the show. Our shows serve as fundraisers and are the only way we can continue to pay our bills and to bring you the monthly meetings, speakers, events, and future shows.

Our future membership meetings are held at the Palos Verdes Art Center

- January 17, 2025
- February 21, 2025
- March 28, 2025 SET UP
- March 29 – 30, 2025 SHOW

◇ General Meetings start 6:30 PM

The next board meeting will be January 21, 2025 7:00PM

Call 310-326-5405 for more Information



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**Our Next Meeting will be January 17, 2025**

**Upcoming Orchid Events**

**Feb. 7, 8, & 9, 2025**

**Exotic Plant & Orchid Festival 2025**

**Westminster Mall  
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Mall, Westminster**

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Paph. Makulii Curtsii



Paph. Magic Sherry



Paph. Supersuk Eureka



Pot. Love Passion  
'Orange Bird'



Blc. Yen Corona  
'Green Genie'



Blc. Waianae Leopard  
'Ching Hua'



Blc. Prada Green Deluxe 'NN'



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