



**Speaker's Choice:** Paph. Petula's Flame  
Grown by Larry Bergen

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“Orchids for Amateurs”

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**Our February 21, 2025  
speaker will be Braulio Mena  
“Cataloging Your Orchid  
Collection”**

In this presentation you will learn some of the cataloging options available and what I use, to keep your orchid records at hand, without breaking the bank. Organize by category, keep track of purchase dates, blooming, fertilizing, awards and more!

Braulio Mena started in the orchid hobby in the summer of 2005 with the Gardena Orchid Club (GOC) formerly known as Gardena Cymbidium Society. He joined the South Bay Orchid Society (SBOS) in September 2006 and Long Beach Amateur Orchid Society (LBAOS) in 2022. He has served on the board with SBOS since November 2015, currently as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and Treasurer, and LBAOS as Vice President. He is also a board member with SCCSS (South Coast Cactus and Succulent Society) where he has served as a Co-Speaker coordinator since late 2023. Braulio is also a cofounder of SCCPE (Southern California Carnivorous Plant Society) founded in March 2020 where he currently serves as Treasurer.

From his involvement in all these societies, you can guess his interests in plants range from orchids, to cacti and carnivorous plants. His collection totals about 800 plants. He has been employed with Los Angeles County for 18 years, currently as Building Maintenance Supervisor and can't wait to retire to be able to dedicate full time to his favorite hobbies.



## February 2025 President's Message

by Braulio Mena

Hello fellow orchid enthusiasts! This year did not start off well for many of our friends and family members. Some of our fellow orchid enthusiasts from our sister society (Malibu Orchid Society) not only lost their very treasured orchid collections but their homes also. My heart goes out to everyone that is going through this very difficult time.

January 20 (Martin Luther King Day) I had the opportunity to drive down PCH through the Palisades and Malibu and see first hand the devastation. I went there knowing I would see a lot of fire damage, but nothing could have really prepared me to see what I saw. It was heartbreaking to say the least. I came back home feeling very fortunate and blessed, and eager to lend a helping hand. If you can, donate time, food, clothes or anything you can, at this point any little bit helps.

As February rolls around and the warmer weather approaches, it is always a very exciting time for many of us. Personally, many of my plants start to break dormancy and I begin to see new signs of life. March also means our Spring Show and Sale. The show is quickly approaching so is time to plan ahead. The first thing we need to do is to start selecting the plants that we would like to display at the show and start getting them ready by trimming dead parts and fumigating them if they have pests. Lately we have been more selective with plants that are turned in, if they have bugs, they will be rejected, so please be proactive. The second thing we need to start thinking about is how we can help in the planification and execution of the show and sale. Keep in mind that we need a good number of volunteers to make every show a success. The board members alone cannot accomplish this without your help. The income that we get from the show pays our bills and keeps the light on, so that we can all enjoy our monthly meetings, listen to interesting speakers, and have awesome plant tables. Sign up online at <https://volunteersignup.org/XHK39> or approach board members at the meeting regarding volunteering.



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## January 2025 Ribbon Judging

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### **Cattleya:**

1<sup>st</sup>: C. Caudebec 'Linwood'

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2<sup>nd</sup>: C. no name

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3<sup>rd</sup>: L. anceps 'Bold Beauty'

Larry Bergen

### **Cymbidium:**

1<sup>st</sup>: Cym. Vanessa Amorosi 'Pink Paradise'

David West

2<sup>nd</sup>: Cym. Kiwi Showcase Sungold X  
Cym. Tracey Reddaway 'Waikanae'

David West

3<sup>rd</sup>: Cym. Valley Olympic 'Rose'

David West

### **Dendrobium:**

1<sup>st</sup>: Den. Royal Vista 'SVO 1'

David West

2<sup>nd</sup>: Den. nobile

Pat Jones Kennedy

3<sup>rd</sup>: Den. specio-kingianum 'King Wong Wow'

Braulio Mena

### **Oncidium:**

1<sup>st</sup>: Onc. Twinkle

Viria Walls

2<sup>nd</sup>: Onc. maculatum

David West

### **Paphiopedilum:**

1<sup>st</sup>: Paph. henryanum

Don Goss

2<sup>nd</sup>: Paph. Maurice J. Cote 'SVO'

Marc Adolph

3<sup>rd</sup>: Paph. Petula's Flame

Larry Bergen

### **Phalaenopsis:**

1<sup>st</sup>: Phal. stuartiana (Philippinense Princess X Wild Cat)

Marc Adolph

2<sup>nd</sup>: Phal. hieroglyphica

Mark Adolph

3<sup>rd</sup>: Phal. schilleriana

Rika Hayashi

### **Other Genera:**

1<sup>st</sup>: Pleurothallis – leptofolia

Jim Hoyle

2<sup>nd</sup>: Clowesia Grace Dunn

Stephane Larouche

3<sup>rd</sup>: Vanda Pachara Delight

David West



Paph. Maurice J. Cote 'SVO'

C. no name





Cym. Vanessa Amorosi  
'Pink Paradise'



Onc. Twinkle



Den. specio Kingianum  
King Wong 'Wow'



C. Caudebec 'Linwood'



Paph. henryanum



Pleurothallis leptotifolia



Den. nobile



Cym. Kiwi Showcase  
Sungold X Cym. Tracey  
Reddaway 'Waikanae'



Clowesia Grace Dunn



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### Webinars:

**February 5, 2025 Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q & A with Ron McHatton Find answers to questions you did not even know you had. Wednesday 5:30 PM OPEN to everyone**  
Register at: <https://www.aos.org/orchids/webinars>

**February 12, 2025 Inorganic Potting Media: Never Repot Again with Harvey Brenneise, Part 2 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM**  
Harvey reviews the various inorganic media with a focus on semi-hydroponic orchid growing. Second 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 February 21st. 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

## Arthur Hazboun - Show Chair

It's almost time to see all the flowering Cymbidiums, Dendrobiums, Cattleyas, Oncidiums, and many other orchid genera in spectacular living color. The show and sale is scheduled for March 29 & 30, 2025 at the Palos Verdes Art Center. Setup begins on Friday, March 28 at 10 am. Vendors have been confirmed and will be ready with their quality awarded plants that are eagerly waiting to go home with you. We hope you support our vendors which make this show possible. For information on everything related to the show visit our website at this link <https://southbayorchidsociety.com/Show> & to get the plant classifications & plant judging forms.

Volunteers are still needed to help us with the show to make the event a great success. The volunteer signup form is available online at <https://volunteersignup.org/XHK39>. Positions are still available and are only two hours in duration. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

In regards to the plants being entered into competition, they must be thoroughly cleaned (remove dead sheaths, old flowers, debris), pest and disease free, appropriately labeled, and in bloom. 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 entered into the competition. Judging starts PROMPTLY at 6:30pm Friday evening. P.S. 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 plants. Please help us get the word out and publicize the show, tell your orchid friends, coworkers, neighbors, and relatives and please invite them to the show.

### *In memory of James Rose*



We extend our sincere condolences to Lauris Rose and everyone at Cal-Orchid in Santa Barbara, CA for the loss of one of the greatest hybridizers, growers, and Orchid experts. James and his wife Lauris purchased Cal Orchid nursery in 1987 and travelled extensively throughout the world collecting and amassing hundreds of orchids and plants to bring back to Santa Barbara. Jim has authored articles in the CSA, Orchid Digest, and AOS magazines. Jim and Lauris made Cal Orchid a renowned orchid nursery providing one of the largest varieties of orchid species and hybrids in the USA. They are recognized for their superior 'Pacific' line of Reedstem Epidendrums, which have been developed over a 15 year period of selective breeding and have received many awards around the world. Click here for a video tour of Cal Orchid by Huell Howser in 2010 featuring the Epidendrums with Jim and Lauris.

To view the video : <http://www.calorchid.com/video-page>

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

- February 21, 2025
- March 28, 2025 SET UP
- March 29 – 30, 2025 SHOW
- April 18, 2025

◇ General Meetings start 6:30 PM

The next board meeting will be February 25, 2025 7:00PM

Call 310-413-3259 for more Information



Palos Verdes Art Center 5504 Crestridge Rd. Rancho Palos Verdes



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### **Upcoming Orchid Events**

**Feb. 7,8, & 9, 2025 Exotic Plant & Orchid Festival 2025 Westminster Mall**  
1025 Westminster Mall, Westminster <https://nhosinfo.org>

**Feb. 29, March 1 & 2, 2025 Pacific Orchid Exposition Show & Plant Sale**  
Friday & Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM , Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM County Fair Building 1199 9<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
San Francisco Info: [https:// www.orchidsanfrancisco.org](https://www.orchidsanfrancisco.org)

**March 7,8,& 9, 2025 Santa Barbara International Orchid Show**  
Earl Warren Showgrounds, Santa Barbara info: <https://sborchidshow.com>

**March 29 & 30, 2025 South Bay Orchid Society Spring Show & Sale**

**April 16, 2025 Orange County Auction** Yorba Linda Community Center  
45091 Casa Loma Ave. Room C , Yorba Linda 6:30 PM Preview 7 PM Auction starts

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