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“Orchids for Amateurs”

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**2025 Spring Show  
Best of Section Winners**

**Our April 18, 2025 Guest  
Speaker will be Carlos Lopez  
“The Hidden Life of  
Catasetinae”**

Jose Carlos Lopez is a Business student at MiraCosta college who has been cultivating orchids for over twelve years. His orchid venture began at the age of thirteen years old when he started to follow his father to work at Sunset Valley Orchids. Before he knew it, he was volunteering at the nursery and was helping clean orchid flasks, repot orchids, and doing small tasks. Carlos eventually began to become more involved in the nursery's operations/maintenance and started to take part in attending Orchid shows. He is currently Sunset Valley Orchids Greenhouse specialist and has years of experience with Cattleya, Catasetum, Australian Dendrobiums, and Sarcochilus. Jose Carlos Lopez is currently training to become an accredited American Orchid Society Judge

Carlos will be speaking on the topic: “The Hidden Life of Catasetinae”

From species to hybrids, Catasetinae Orchids have an allure that has captivated Orchid growers from all around the world and has rewarded them with floriferous blooms that come in an array of colors! The Catasetinae alliance includes the genus Mormodes, Clowesias, and Cycnoches, just to name a few. At first glance, this family of Orchids may seem hard to grow, but they're relatively easy once you get the watering schedule down. In this presentation, we will go over important species, breeding lines, and cultivation requirements.



The above photographs are examples of what Carlos will speak about.

### South Bay Orchid Society Spring Show Exhibit – 2025



Some of the orchid sales area. Orchids are direct from the growers' nurseries.



## **April 2025 President's Message**

**by Charles Brown**

Our Spring Orchid Show and Sale is now "in the books". Thank you to the Palos Verdes Art Center for hosting our Show in the Atrium. Special congratulations to those whose plants found their way to the Award Table and a heartfelt thank you to all who brought their beautiful plants for display and judging. Our on-line show volunteer sign-up list saw a big increase in use for this Spring Show. Your use of the sign-up list is much appreciated and saves a lot of time that would otherwise be spent making phone calls to members asking them to volunteer. I want to give special acknowledgement and thanks to our Show Chairs. Their tireless efforts are what allows our Show to be the success that it is. And of course, "thank you" to our Vendors without whom the Show would not be possible.

As some of you might be aware, Lucy and I soon will be leaving the Palos Verdes area, to be closer to Lucy's sister, brother and nephew, and (as we age) to be closer to the wonderful medical services of Cedars Sinai in Beverly Hills. I will likely not attend many future monthly meetings of the society.

Our new residence will not have much room for growing orchids and I have found a home for most, but not all, of my plants. There are a limited number of orchids still looking for homes. If you would like to view the available plants, and take one (or more) home (no cost, free) give me a call 310 377-7083 to arrange a visit. Available plants include cattleya, dendrobium, laelia anceps, and paphiopedilum.

I will dearly miss the wonderful family we call The South Bay Orchid Society. It has been a very rewarding experience to be a part of it all, and I encourage each member to become as much involved with the Society's activities as you can. Volunteer, join the Board, share your ideas. You have much more to offer the Society than you might think. It's up to you to make the Society all that it can be.

## **Spring Show and Sale 2025**

Arthur Hazboun - Show Chair

The show was very well attended (despite the brief rain bursts) with a great varied selection of plants on exhibit by our own members. 122 plants were brought in and 9 were selected for 'Best of Section', one for 'Best of Show', and one for 'Culture Award'. Congratulations to all the ribbon winners, the list the winners is listed elsewhere in this newsletter.

I want to express my appreciation and thanks to every volunteer members that helped make this show a tremendous success. Special thanks to Marcy & Larry Bergen, Jim Hoyle, and Viria Walls for transporting the show supplies from and back to storage. Thanks also to Braulio Mena, Charlie Brown, Charlotte Morrison, Sheewa Salehi, Karen Low, and to all the members that helped throughout the weekend with various tasks. My thanks to the staff at Palos Verdes Art Center with their indispensable assistance.

Our vendors had a profitable weekend and will certainly be back for our next show. We welcomed Joe Ambriz from Ambriz Kingdom of Plants as a new vendor and he was well received. Please support all of our show vendors who make our show and sale possible. Our next show is coming your way on September 20 and 21, 2025 so mark your calendars and save the dates.

## 2025 SPRING SHOW RIBBON JUDGING RESULTS

### **Best of Show**

Phragmipedium Mini Grande      Marc Adolph

### **Section Winners**

#### **Section I. Cattleya Alliance**

Potinara Tropical Orange 'Apricosa'      Bobby Ignacio

#### **Section II. Standard Cymbidiums**

Cymbidium Lucky Shamrock 'Green Glen'      David Streeter

#### **Section III. Novelty and Miniature Cymbidiums**

Cymbidium Dorothy Stocksdale      Sandy & Don  
Hammersmark

#### **Section IV. Phalaenopsis & Doritis**

Phalaenopsis Sensation      Marc Adolph

#### **Section VI. Paphiopedilums & Allied Genera**

Phragmipedium Mini grande      Marc Adolph

#### **Section VII. Dendrobiums**

Dendrobium rhodostictum      Marc Adolph

#### **Section VIII. Oncidium & Allied Genera**

Wilsonara Pui Chin 'Flying Tiger'      David Streeter

#### **Section X. Other Genera**

Maxillaria picta      Larry Bergen

#### **Culture Awards**

Potinara Tropical Orange 'Apricosa'      Bobby Ignacio

Cymbidium Lucky Shamrock 'Green Glen'      David Streeter

Cymbidium Dorothy Stocksdale      Sandy & Don  
Hammersmark

Epidendrum porpax      Jim Hoyle

Phragmipedium Mini Grande      Marc Adolph



These flowers won best in their section by Genus, species or hybrid, and color. Judged by a panel of expert orchid growers.



Above, **Best in Show** by:  
Marc Adolph  
Phrag. Mini Grande



The following are the flowers that won best in their category by Genus, species, or hybrid, and color judged by a panel of expert orchid growers.











**Orange County  
Orchid Society**

**ANNUAL ORCHID AUCTION**

EVERYONE WELCOME!  
FREE ADMISSION!

**Wednesday**  
**April 16, 2025**  
**6:30pm Preview**  
**7:00pm Auction Begins**

Cymbidiums Cattleyas Phalaenopsis  
Dendrobiums Oncidiums Species  
And more!

Yorba Linda Community Center  
4501 Casa Loma Ave, Room C, Yorba Linda, CA

If you have any questions, please contact  
Sharon Rockwell at  
srockwell@writeme.com  
Visit [www.ocos.net](http://www.ocos.net) for  
sale catalog on April 13, 2025

## Welcome New Members!

We offer a warm welcome to our newest members: Teresa Arellano, Jerry Jensen, Sarah Kim, Jay Palmario, Rosario & Issac Parrish, Cheryl Rackner, Michelle & Joel Seaton, and Mary Taylor.

Please be sure to meet and help our new members to feel welcomed to SBOS.

To our new members: When you come to the next meeting, stop by the membership desk to pick up your name badge and a new member package. We will include ten free plant raffle ticket as our 'Thank You' for joining SBOS.



**American Orchid Society**  
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### Webinars:

**April 3, 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** Please end your questions to Sandra Svoboda at [greenhousechat@aos.org](mailto:greenhousechat@aos.org) by March 31, 2025

Register at: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/8557114614245840480>

**April 16, 2025 Growing Orchids Indoors and in Terrariums with Chris Satch, Tuesday 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM**

Chris will tell us about the successes and pitfalls of growing orchids indoors and in terrariums.

**Members Only**

Register at: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/2769516304024166240>

**American Orchid Society Monthly Checklist for March and April**  
**Written by Ned Nash and James Rose**

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

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

- April 18, 2025
- May 16, 2025
- June 20, 2025

◇ General Meetings start 6:30 PM

The next board meeting will be April 29, 2025 7:00PM

Call 310-377-7083 for more Information



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**Our Next Meeting will be April 18, 2025**

### **Upcoming Orchid Events**

**April 14, 2025 Long Beach Amateur  
Orchid Society Annual Orchid Auction**  
6 PM doors open 6:30 PM Auction starts  
6201 East Willow St. Long Beach, CA

**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

**April 18 – 20, 2025 San Diego County  
Orchid Society Show & Sale** Sat. 10 AM  
- 6 PM  
Sun. 10 AM – 4 PM Casa Del Prado  
Room 101 Balboa Park. Info:  
<https://sdorchids.com>

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