



Speaker's Choice: *Disa uniflora*
"Yellow Flower"
Grown by Braulio Mena

The INFLORESCENCE

"Orchids for Amateurs"

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Our August 15, 2025 Guest Speaker will be Tim Culbertson "Masdevallias You Can Actually Grow"

Although I teach middle school kids for a living, one of my passions has always been plants. I began growing orchids as an offshoot from working at Longwood Gardens in Philadelphia just after college. From the very beginning it was all about Paphs, particularly awarded and select clones of historic importance, of which my collection numbers nearly 3000. While I love finding old, rare stepping stones in paph breeding, I also do a little hybridizing of my own, and growing up my own babies is a blast. I am an accredited judge with the American Orchid Society, and have served in various capacities with various orchid societies in California and on the East Coast. I love meeting other people who like orchids too, and doing so often finds me traveling to shows, vendors, and peoples' greenhouses to see the latest and greatest in new hybrids and to get the best orchid gossip. I like to be involved in plants as much as possible: in addition to Longwood, I've worked at the Smithsonian Institution tending to their orchids, and for years for the United States National Arboretum, collecting rare plants and documenting cultivated species and hybrids for their herbarium. In short, I really like plants.

For your meeting, I'll be sharing a presentation entitled "New Masdevallias You Can Actually Grow." It's been such a pity that these absolute gems trace most of their heritage to cold-growing, cloud forest species. Some modern hybridizers are pushing back on those temperature requirements to make new Masdevallia hybrids which are compact, floriferous, colorful, and that grow and bloom in normal conditions. These plants are easy to grow and flower, are vigorous, and have low demands on light and fertilizer, and as such are wonderful plants! I will help to identify important species in the backgrounds of historically important and modern Masdevallias, as well as discuss the different directions of breeding warmth tolerance. By the end of this presentation, you will have a new appreciation of what goes into breeding trends for these types of plants, as well as an appreciation of their beautiful flowers and ease-of-growth.

August 2025 President's Message **by Arthur Hazboun- Show Chair**

This month I'm doing triple duty, acting president, show chair, and webmaster! I want to remind everyone that our annual Fall Show & Sale is scheduled on September 20 and 21 at the PV Art Center. Look for some exciting new international vendors along with your yearly favorites. Get your plants ready to exhibit at our show by cleaning, staking, etc. In order to make this a successful event we need as many volunteers as possible to help with various show tasks, the [online volunteer form](#) to signup is ready at <https://volunteersignup.org/9R4PB> We will also have signup sheets at the August meeting.

I urge every able member to consider signing up as a volunteer to assist with the show, we make it easy for you with only a two hour shift. Remember to wear your SBOS badge during the show, if you don't have one you can order one at our August meeting. The current cost is a onetime fee of \$15.00.



Click on the show flyer above for more show information

Check your schedule and see which slot (date/time) is still open and where you would like to sign up. We are desperately need members with pickup trucks who are available Friday morning to transport the show supplies from storage to the PV Art Center and back again at the end of the show. We are also seeking volunteers to help on Sunday throughout the day. All volunteers who complete their assigned shift will receive a gift as a thank you. The more help we have the easier it will be for all of us. For full [show details](#) go to southbayorchidsociety.com/Show and for the registration forms and plant classifications see these links:

https://www.southbayorchidsociety.com/Show/Fall_Show_Classifications.html

<https://www.southbayorchidsociety.com/Show/PlantRegistration.html>

July 2025 RIBBON JUDGING RESULTS

Speaker's Choice: *Disa uniflora* "Yellow Flower" Braulio Mena

Cattleya

1st *Laelia Purpurata* 'ACO SVO'
Var. *Venosa Striata* Arthur Hazboun
2nd *Cattleya Comets Tail* Jasmine Bashi
3rd *Brassocattleya Hamlyn's Magic* 'Leilani' Viria Walls

Cymbidium

1st *Cymbidium Lamorack* Olga Amaral
2nd *Cymbidium aloifolium* 'Dwarf' Pat Jones Kennedy

Dendrobium

1st *Dendrobium nobile* 'Thailand' Arthur Hazboun
2nd *Dendrobium farmeri* Larry Bergen

Oncidium

1st *Oncidium papilio* (syn. *Psychopsis papilio*) Marc Adolph
2nd *Oncidium sphacelatum* Jasmine Bashi
3rd *Miltassia Shelob* 'Okika' Larry Bergen

Paphiopedilum

1st *Paphiopedilum rothschildianum* Don Goss
2nd *Paphiopedilum Transvaal* Don Goss
3rd *Phragmipedium Fritz Schomburg* Don Goss

Phalaenopsis

1st *Phalaenopsis violacea* f. *Indigo* Larry Bergen
2nd *Phalaenopsis Vio Vio* 'Cat Face' Larry Bergen
3rd *Phalaenopsis LD's Bear King* Larry Bergen

Other Genera

1st *Prothechea baculus* David West
2nd *Disa uniflora* "Yellow Flower" Braulio Mena
3rd *Catasetum Memoria* Dorothy Wells Stéphane Larouche



L. Purpurata 'ACO SVO' Var. Venosa Striata



Oncidium papilio (syn. Psychopsis papilio)



Cymbidium Lamorack



Dendrobium nobile 'Thailand'



Paphiopedilum rothschildianum



Prosthechea baculus



Cymbidium aloifolium 'Dwarf'



Paphiopedilum Transvaal

THE HUNTINGTON ORCHID SHOW & SALE

OCT. 17-19, 2025
PERFECT HARMONY

9th Annual International
Orchid Show & Sale

Featuring exhibits by growers from
Southern California and around the world
as well as a wide selection of orchids and
related supplies from domestic and
international vendors

Show and sale open 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

huntington.org/orchid-show

Orchid: *Phalaenopsis* Harold Koopowitz 'Huntington's Emerald' AM/AGS.
Photo by Arthur Peikers.



THE WORLD PREMIERE OF "ORCHIDÉES"

OCT. 18, 2025
A COMPOSITION
BY NICK ROTH
FOR SOLO CELLO
AND VIDEO

Exploring 100 million years of orchid
evolution by translating its DNA into music

Featuring cellist Kate Ellis with cinematography
by Andrew Sanchez and Brandon Tam

7 p.m. in Rothenberg Hall

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Fascination of Orchids Inc.
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Proudly Present the 44th
Fascination of Orchids Festival
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Sept. 26, 27, 28, 2025
10 AM to 4 PM
Santa Ana Zoo
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Just Show this Coupon at Zoo Ticket Booth

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Cymbidium Comets Tail



Phalaenopsis violacea f. Indigo



Catasetum Memoria Dorothy Wells



Oncidium sphacelatum

Free Orchids Available!

Luda Kuprenas, a former SBOS member, is clearing out her orchid collection. If you would like to check out her plants, please contact her.

Luda Kuprenas 310-541-7017
5716 Sunmist Dr., RPV

THANK YOU LUDA!



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Webinars:

August 7, 2025 Greenhouse Chat Join Ron McHatton as he answers your questions about all things orchid. **Thursday 5:30 PM OPEN to everyone**

Please send your questions to Sandra Svoboda at greenhousechat@aos.org by August 4, 2025

Register at: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6515834995326085728>

American Orchid Society Monthly Checklist for July and August
Written by Ned Nash and James Rose

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

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

- August 15, 2025
- September 19, 2025 SET UP
- September 20-21 SHOW

◇ General Meetings start 6:30 PM

The next board meeting will be August 19, 2025 7:00PM

Call 310-995-1592 for more Information



Palos Verdes Art Center 5504
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Upcoming Orchid Events

September 20-21, 2025 South Bay Orchid Society Fall Show and Sale

September 26 – 28, 2025 Fascination of Orchids International Festival of Orchids & Exotic Plants 10 AM – 4 PM Santa Ana Zoo 1801 E. Chestnut, Santa Ana
Info: <https://fascinationoforchids.com>

October 4-5, 2025 Riverside/San Bernardino Counties Orchid Society's 'The Morongo Basin Orchid Festival'
Gubler Orchids 2200 Belfield Blvd. Landers, CA 92285

October 17 – 19, 2025 Huntington International Orchid Show & Sale
1151 Oxford Rd, San Marino

Sign Up NOW for volunteer positions for our Fall Show and Sale!

We ask all members to donate at least two hours of their time working at our show. You will receive a nice gift plant as a Thank You.

Sign up on line at:
<https://volunteersignup.org/9R4PB>

Help is needed for Friday SET UP and BOTH Saturday and Sunday during the show. It is a great time to see the show and talk with other members.

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