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“Orchids for Amateurs”

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**Our February 20, 2026
Guest speaker will be
Peter Lin
‘Brassavola Species and
Their Hybrids’**

Peter started growing orchids over forty years ago, but then stopped due to school and starting a career. It wasn't until about twenty years ago that the orchid "bug" came back and he is now heavily involved once again! He is an accredited judge with the American Orchid Society, and a hybridizer of mini-catts. He enjoys meeting with other orchid enthusiasts, and can often be found at various orchid shows and societies around the country.

Due to limited growing space, Peter likes to specialize in miniature orchids, both species and hybrids, and has received numerous AOS awards. His interests in orchids include Dendrobiums, Angraecoids, and Neofinetias. He is also known as "Mr Sophronitis" as he has a passion for growing and collecting them. He maintains a collection of a several thousand orchids at his home in Southern California in three small greenhouses, outdoors, as well as an offsite greenhouse.



February President's Message by Braulio Mena

Hello Fellow Orchid Enthusiasts!

Welcome to February—spring is quickly approaching. I hope everyone is off to a great start in 2026.

Please note that our Spring Show has been rescheduled to **April 18–19** (previously March) due to scheduling conflicts. As a result, our **membership meeting will be held on March 27**. I am excited about the later show date, as it should allow for a greater variety of orchids in bloom, including some that are not typically ready for our usual show timeframe. You know what I'm talking about? Those two or three that lead you to believe they may be ready and then they are not.

While on this topic, I would like to remind everyone that volunteers are essential to the success of our show and sale. Help is needed before, during, and after the event—for setup, staffing various roles, and cleanup. The event would not be possible without member support, and the more volunteers we have, the lighter the workload for everyone. All volunteers will receive a gift orchid. Proceeds from the event help fund society expenses, including meeting space, speakers, opportunity table plants, and gift plants.

Please begin preparing your plants early if you plan to display them at the show. If you track bloom times, this should help identify which plants will be ready. As always, ensure plants are healthy and pest-free.

Finally, the board is always looking for members interested in serving on committees. If you would like to contribute in a more ongoing capacity, please contact any board member listed in this newsletter. Committees such as Show/Sale, Raffle, Refreshments, and Social Media can always benefit from additional support.

Thank you for your continued involvement and support.

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 \$20.00 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 20. Forms will also be available at the meeting. We would love to see you there! Remember the great benefits you get from being a member:

- ◇ Learn about collecting, growing, and repotting from our monthly meetings' cultural session
- ◇ 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 in the Spring.

THE FINAL DATE TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND HAVE YOUR NAME IN THE NEXT MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY WILL BE MARCH 27, 2026

Spring Show & Sale

April 18 & 19, 2026

Note the change in dates

Arthur Hazboun - Show Chair

It's almost time for our yearly spring show to enjoy the Cymbidiums, Dendrobiums, Cattleyas, Oncidiums, Paphs, Encylisas, and many others. The show and sale will take place on the April 18 & 19 at the Palos Verdes Art Center. Setup is scheduled for Friday, April 17 starting 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 to get more information <https://southbayorchidsociety.com/Show> and to get the plant entry forms and plant classifications.

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 form is at <https://volunteersignup.org/FDJLK>** we suggest you sign up for your preferred assignment as soon as possible.

Plants being entered into ribbon judging 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 6 PM ON FRIDAY April 17** to ensure entry in our logs and be eligible for judging. Plants arriving after 6 PM will **NOT** be entered into the competition.

For further information see the [rules/regulations](https://www.southbayorchidsociety.com/Show/PlantRegistration.html) at <https://www.southbayorchidsociety.com/Show/PlantRegistration.html> and the entry form is located [here](https://www.southbayorchidsociety.com/Show/Spring_Classifications.html):
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Print legibly to make sure we can read and 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 April 17.

Let's get the word out and publicize our show, tell your orchid friends, coworkers, neighbors, colleagues, and invite them to the show. The show enables us to continue to pay our bills and to bring you the monthly meetings, speakers, events, and future shows

January 2026 RIBBON JUDGING RESULTS

Cattleya

- 1st Cattleya Portia Coerulea X Cattleya mossiae coerulea
Larry Bergen
- 2nd Pot. Shinfong Beauty X. C. Chocolate Drop AM/AOS
David West
- 3rd Cattleya trianae 'Cashen's'
Stéphane Larouche

Cymbidium

- 1st Cymbidium Pebbles Gloria
David West
- 2nd Cymbidium Gateway to Gold
Pat Jones-Kennedy
- 3rd Cymbidium Weston Ferrell
David West

Dendrobium

- 1st Dendrobium Fancy Angel 'Lychee'
Larry Bergen
- 2nd Dendrobium bellatulum
Pat Jones- Kennedy
- 3rd Dendrobium Jonathan's Glory 'Dark Joy'
Pat Jones-Kennedy

Oncidium

- 1st Beallara Marfitch 'Howard's Dream'
Larry Bergen

Paphiopedilum

- 1st Paphiopedilum No ID
Marc Adolph
- 2nd Paphiopedilum LEEANUM
Jasmine Bashi
- 3rd Phragmipedium Cardinale
Ksenia Kulakova

Other Genera

- 1st Ascocentrum garayi
Ksenia Kulakova
- 2nd Zygopetalum Debbie De Mello
David West
- 3rd Dockrillia striolata
Pat Jones Kennedy



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Webinars:

February 10, 2026 Greenhouse Chat with Ron McHatton Tuesday, 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM Join Dr. Ron McHatton as he answers your question about all things orchids. Please send your question and pictures to Sandra Svoboda at greenhousechat@aos.org by February 7, 2026 **OPEN TO ALL**

Register at: <http://register.gotowebinar.com/register/1709103313422020447>

February 12, 2026 Happy Roots Happy Orchids Thursday, 5:30 PM A webinar presented by Harvey Brenneise focusing on orchid health and growth, themed around the idea that healthy roots lead to happy orchids. **MEMBERS ONLY**

Register at: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/724856790646243162>

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>



Cym. Pebbles Gloria

Paph. NO ID

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

- February 20, 2026
- March 27, 2026
- April 18 &19, 2026 SHOW

◇ General Meetings start 6:30 PM

The next board meeting will be
February 24, 2026 7:00PM
 Call 310-413-3259 for more Information



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February 26 – March 1, 2026 Pacific Orchid Exposition
Friday –
Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM
County Fair Building 1199 9th Ave. San Francisco
Info: <https://www.orchidsanfrancisco.org>

March 20 – 22, 2026 Santa Barbara International Orchid Show
Earl Warren Show Grounds, Santa Barbara
Info: <https://www.sborchidshow.com>

April 18 - 19, 2026 South Bay Orchid Society Show and Sale
Saturday –
Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM Palos Verdes Art Center
5504 Crestridge Road, Rancho Palos Verdes
Info: <https://www.southbayorchidsociety.com>



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