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“Orchids for Amateurs”

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**Our March 27, 2026 meeting will be a review of Show Plant Preparation.**

In preparation for our Spring Show next month, please join us in reviewing the necessary steps required in preparing your plants for exhibition. We will discuss plant clean up and pest removal, removal of detracting old leaves and pseudobulbs, staking up inflorescences for the best presentation of flowers, pot choices or methods of displaying mounted orchids. We will also review how to complete the plant registration forms and understand the classification lists. These forms and the classification list can be found on our website at:

[https://southbayorchidsociety.com/Show/Show\\_judging\\_Entry\\_Slip\\_01.pdf](https://southbayorchidsociety.com/Show/Show_judging_Entry_Slip_01.pdf)

[https://www.southbayorchidsociety.com/Show/Spring\\_Classifications.html](https://www.southbayorchidsociety.com/Show/Spring_Classifications.html)

We hope you will join us for this informative meeting and be encouraged to bring your plants for our show the following month.



Maxillaria tonsbergii  
Grown by Don Goss

**March President's Message by Charlotte Morrison**

Happy Almost Spring to all of you! I hope the recent rain has been beneficial to your plants. I have had a few early bloomers that I hope will still be in shape by our April show.

March and April are busy orchid show months in the local areas, so check the newsletter for information about other societies' activities. The renowned Santa Barbara show (March 20-22) is always a great one to attend and the Gardena Show (March 7) is a local one to support.

We are looking forward to our own Spring Show on April 18–19 at the Palos Verdes Art Center. We had a successful show in September and I'm sure it will be repeated this time with your help. We can still use some volunteers. Please see more details in Arthur Hazboun's article later in this newsletter. In addition, please get your plants ready for display and judging for the show. It is a great way to present our group to the community and to attract new members. And, if like past shows, we should have a lot of great plants to show off this year too.

As mentioned, we like to sign up new members at the shows; bring your friends along and encourage them to join. New members are always listed in the newsletter. Please make note of them, introduce yourself at future meetings and make our new orchid friends feel part of the group. And, don't forget to renew your membership if you haven't already! If you want to be listed in the directory please renew by the end of the show. See you there!



Scaphosepalum  
verricosum  
Grown by Jim Hoyle  
Paph. (Chouyi Citron X  
Chouyi Apple ) X  
Rosy Egret  
Grown by Viria Walls



## **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 March 27, 2026. 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

Arthur Hazboun - Show Chair

It's almost time for our yearly spring show to enjoy the Cymbidiums, Dendrobiums, Cattleyas, Oncidiums, Paphs, and Phrags and many other orchid genera in spectacular color and fragrance on display at our show. This year due to various scheduling conflicts our show and sale will take place a month later than usual and is scheduled for April 18 & 19 at the Palos Verdes Art Center. Setup begins on Friday, April 17 starting at 10 am. Please see our website for more info <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.

Our March meeting will give us some great ideas and suggestions on how to prepare plants for presentation and exhibit at our show. More details about the March meeting will be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

In regards to the plants being entered into competition for exhibition, they must be thoroughly cleaned - remove dead sheaths, old dead flowers, dead pseudobulbs and leaves, debris, pest and disease free. **ALL ENTERED PLANTS MUST BE IN BY 5 PM ON FRIDAY April 17** to ensure entry in our logs and be eligible for judging. Plants arriving after 5pm will **NOT** be entered into the competition. If we cannot read your writing, we will not judge the plant. Please write 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 judged. Judging starts PROMPTLY at 6:30 pm on Friday evening. P.S. we recommend you put a label with your name on the bottom of the pot/plant for your protection in case of a mix up of plants.

Let's get the word out and publicize our show, tell your orchid friends, coworkers, neighbors, colleagues, and invite them to the show. If you belong to other orchid or garden clubs please consider making an announcement during the monthly meeting about our event. Remember our shows are the only way we pay our bills and continue to bring you the monthly meetings, speakers, and future shows, sales and events.



Paphiopedilum Maurice J. Cote X  
(Meon X Oriental Enchantment)



Paphiopedilum venustum var alba  
Grown by Don Goss



Angraecum sesquipedale  
Grown by Don Goss



Pcv. Key Lime Stars



Den. tetragonum var giganteum  
Grown by Jim Hoyle



Cirrhopetalum Unknown species  
Grown by Jim Hoyle



Phal. Mini Mark



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**Webinars:**

**March 3, 2026 Greenhouse Chat with Ron McHatton** Tuesday, 5:30 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](mailto:greenhousechat@aos.org) by March 1, 2026  
**OPEN TO ALL**

**Register at:**  
<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7295280993601927255>

**March 18, 2026 Vanda Culture** Wednesday 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM  
Join Serena Roman of Lady Vanda Orchids and learn about how to get your vandas to bloom to their potential. Serena teaches practical, evidence-based care to demystify orchids for new and experienced hobbyists, emphasizing accessible techniques that build confidence and success. **MEMBERS ONLY**

**Register at:**  
<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7827101574550933084>

*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->

Riviera Garden Club Annual

## Plant Sale Fundraiser

100% of the proceeds will go towards scholarships for High school seniors of Torrance



Saturday  
**March 14, 2026**  
10 am-3:30 pm  
Zelle or Cash

**Madrona Marsh Nature Center**  
3201 Plaza Del Amo, Torrance  
**Free** entry and Parking

Indoor and Outdoor Plants, Cacti, Succulent Arrangements, Garden Art *and more*



[www.rivieragardenclub.org](http://www.rivieragardenclub.org)  
Riviera Garden Club is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization in the South Bay founded in 1957



Join the Gardena Orchid Club for their 36<sup>th</sup> annual

## GARDENA ORCHID SHOW

**FREE ADMISSION**

Saturday, March 7, 2026 | 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
Nakaoka Community Center (1670 W. 162nd St. Gardena, CA 90247)

**FEATURING:**

- Orchid sales from local growers & vendors
- Re-potting demonstration at 1:30 PM
- Viewing various generations of blooming orchids
- Orchid supplies for sale
- Free growing guides & orchid magazines

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For more information:  
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(310) 217-9537 [www.cityofgardena.org/events](http://www.cityofgardena.org/events) Gardena Events @GardenaEvents

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

- March 27, 2026
- April 18 & 19, 2026 SHOW
- May 15, 2026

◇ General Meetings start 6:30 PM

The next board meeting will be  
**March 31, 2026 7:00PM**  
 Call 310-339-7330 for more Information



**Palos Verdes Art Center 5504  
 Crestridge Rd.  
 Rancho Palos Verdes**



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## Our Next Meeting will be March 20, 2026

### Future Orchid Events

**March 7, 2026 Gardena Orchid Show 10 AM – 4 PM Nakaoka Community Center**  
1670 W. 162<sup>nd</sup> Street, Gardena

**March 13-15, 2026 Andy’s Orchids Spring Open House 10 AM – 4 PM**  
734 Ocean View Ave. Encinitas, CA <https://andysorchids.com>

**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>

**April 23 – 26, 2026 36<sup>th</sup> Annual southern California Spring Garden Show**  
South Coast Plaza 333 Bear Street, Costa Mesa  
<https://www.southcoastplaza.com/gardenshow/>

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