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“Orchids for Amateurs”

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Cattleya Eximia (aka Laelia purpurata
'El Supremo' X Cattleya warneri alba
'Show Off'
Grown by Bobby Ignacio

**Our Spring Show and Sale
April 18th & 19th, 2026
Set up April 17, 2026**

Show and Sale – April 18 & 19, 2026

Arthur Hazboun - Show Chair

Hi everyone just a quick reminder to our members that we are still looking for volunteers to help with the event; specifically in setting up and tear down, plant registration, clerks, and volunteers-at-large. Setup commences on Friday April 17 at 10 am with setting up tables in the Atrium and painting studio.

Please look over the online volunteer signup sheet at: volunteersignup.org/FDJLK and pick the time/position that you prefer. Note - shifts are only in 2 hour increments and most are sitting down so you can relax and enjoy the show. Clerks who signed up to assist with judging help please make sure you arrive before 6:30 on Friday evening prior to judging. Our sincere thanks to the members who have already signed up to volunteer; we couldn't do it without your help. Your dedication and support is greatly appreciated and volunteers will receive a free Orchid plant as a gift at the completion of your shift as our way of thanks. We can always use clean empty cardboard boxes and newspapers for the plant hotel.

Here's the information that you need if you will be entering plants to exhibit at the show:

- Clean your plants thoroughly! - remove all dead leaves, sheaths, old flower spikes, cobwebs, shriveled pseudobulbs, misc. debris, etc...
- Inspect plants thoroughly for pests - mealy bugs, scale, aphids, spider mites, thrips, slugs, bush snails, etc... kill and remove pests completely before bringing in your plant.

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- Stake your flowers to ensure the best presentation and orientation, cut off the top of the stake to prevent serious eye injuries.
- Deadline for registering plants is 6 pm Friday April 17, 2026, plants brought in at a later time will **NOT** be entered into the judging competition.
- Print legibly on the registration slips and tags (if we can't read it we can't judge it!)
- Plants without an actual name on the tag will not be judged
- Registration slips and classification forms are on our website and are listed below:

https://www.southbayorchidsociety.com/Show/Show_Judging_Entry_Slip_01.pdf

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

For complete show rules and regulations - I recommend you read them at:

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

I hope to see lots of well grown healthy blooming and fragrant plants. Let's make this show a really spectacular one to show the attendees how much we love and nurture our Orchids and maybe convince some visitors to join us as new members. See you at the show.

Vendors who have signed up to participate as of this writing (list subject to change before event):

SLO Orchids/Mesa Exotics, Sorella Orchids, Jack Zhu (Fang Hua Gardens), Ricardo's Nursery, Ambriz Kingdom of Plants, Earthly Orchids, Ecuagenera Orquideas del Ecuador, Orchids of Los Osos, LA Orchids LLC.

Congratulations Viria!!



Viria Walls joined the South Bay Orchid Society in 2011 as a new and active member and was voted in as a director on the board in 2023. Viria is currently our refreshments chair at all of our meetings, shows, and events. She also is a great help during the preparation and setup during and after our yearly shows and annual potluck. Her enthusiasm, smile, and pleasant demeanor enhances our orchid society events. The South Bay Orchid Society is honored to present the Orchid Digest Diamond Award of Excellence in 2025 to Viria Walls for her dedication, hard work, and support to the South Bay Orchid Society.

April President's Message

Dear SBOS Members,

April is here, which means our biggest event of the year is just around the corner — the South Bay Orchid Society Spring Show & Sale, taking place April 18–19, 2026. This event is a highlight for our society and our community, and it truly takes all of us to make it happen.

We are still looking for volunteers to help with setup and teardown, plant registration, clerks, and volunteers-at-large. Setup will begin Friday, April 17 at 10:00 AM in the Atrium and painting studio. Volunteer shifts are only two hours, and most positions are seated, so you can relax and enjoy the show while helping. Volunteers will also receive a free orchid plant at the completion of their shift as a thank-you for your support.

From a judging perspective, I encourage members to bring plants that are well grown and well presented. When judging ribbon classes, we look for floriferousness, form, color, size, substance, grooming, and overall presentation, as well as the general health of the plant. A beautifully grown plant that is clean, well staked, and properly labeled already goes a long way on the judging table.

Thank you to everyone who has already signed up to volunteer. Your time and support are what make this show possible. If you haven't signed up yet, please consider helping, it's a wonderful way to be part of the show and support our society.

Sign up here: <https://volunteersignup.org/FDJLK>

We look forward to seeing you all at the show!

Warmly,

Sheewa Salehi

President, South Bay Orchid Society

Show Co-Chair



Phalaenopsis NO ID



Onc. Gower Ramsey
'Pure Yellow'



Paph. Supersuk X Raisin Pie



RHYN. Picotee Passion



Paph. Big Island Mood X
Topaz Charm


LONG BEACH AMATEUR ORCHID SOCIETY

ANNUAL ORCHID AUCTION

SATURDAY MAY, 9, 2926

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AUCTION FROM 1:00 - 4:00 PM

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JOIN US FOR A SPECTACULAR SHOWCASE AND SALE OF ORCHIDS FROM
COMMERCIAL AND PRIVATE GROWERS

PARKING AVAILABLE
ADA ACCESSIBLE
WE ACCEPT CASH, ZELLE, AND CREDIT CARDS

Pre-register at
<https://forms.gle/YqMPJGyxivb3Araq6>

March 2026 RIBBON JUDGING RESULTS

Cattleya

- 1st Cattleya Eximia (aka Laelia purpurata 'El Supremo' X
Cattleya warneri alba 'Show Off') Bobby Ignacio
- 2nd Rhyncatlaelia Picotee Passion Bobby Ignacio
- 3rd Rhyncattleanthe (formerly Potinara) Love Passion 'Dogashima' David West

Cymbidium

- 1st Cymbidium Liza Yamamoto David West
- 2nd Cymbidium NO ID Christine Lillibridge

Dendrobium

- 1st Dendrobium NO ID Viria Walls
- 2nd Dendrobium linguiforme var. linguiforme Braulio Mena
- 3rd Dendrobium usitae 'Red Coral' Braulio Mena

Oncidium

- 1st Oncidium Gower Ramsey 'Pure Yellow' Arthur Hazboun
- 2nd Oncidium Alessandro Valenza Arthur Hazboun
- 3rd Odontoglossum Pratum Gold Larry Bergen

Paphiopedilum

- 1st Paphiopedilum Supersuk X Raisin Pie Marc Adolph
- 2nd Paphiopedilum Big Island Mood X Topaz Charm Pat Jones Kennedy
- 3rd Phragmipedium Voodoo Cherry X (Magic Cherry X Hsunying Rainbow)
Robert Bauer

Phalaenopsis

- 1st phalaenopsis NO ID Viria Walls
- 2nd Phalaenopsis NO ID Marc Adolph
- 3rd Phalaenopsis KS Happy Eagle Maki Kanelo

Other Genera

- 1st Leptotes bicolor Arthur Hazboun
- 2nd Lycaste Goldilocks Christine Lillibridge
- 3rd Amitostigma keiskei Braulio Mena



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Webinars:

April 2, 2026 Greenhouse Chat with Ron McHatton Thursday, 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 March 31, 2026 **OPEN TO ALL**

Register at: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/5864653638144461919>

April 21, 2026 Growing Cattleya alaorii and its hybrids with Jojo deBeaubien Tuesday, 5:30 PM Jojo will discuss the dwarf Cattleya alaorii and its hybrids. **MEMBERS ONLY**

Register at: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/4755048494503912031>

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>



Cymbidium Yamamoto

Dendrobium NO ID

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

- April 18 &19, 2026 SHOW
- May 15, 2026
- June 19, 2026

◇ General Meetings start 6:30 PM

The next board meeting will be
April 21, 2026 7:00PM
Call 562-675-2993 for more Information



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

April 23 – 26, 2026 36th Annual Spring Garden Show South Coast Plaza,
333 Bear St, Santa Ana
Info: <https://www.southcoastplaza.com/gardenshow/>

May 9, 2026 Long Beach Amateur Orchid Auction doors open at 12PM, Auction 1 PM – 4 PM
St Gregory’s Episcopal Church, 6201 E. Willow St.
Long Beach Info:
<https://www.lbaos.org/events/2026auction>

Registration: see website for pre-registration info



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