



**Best of Fall Show: Miltonia
morelana 'Surprised' FCC/AOS
Grown by Don Goss**

The INFLORESCENCE

"Orchids for Amateurs"

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**Our October 16, 2026 GUEST
Speaker will be Carol
Klonowski "Memorial To a
Paph Fanatic"**

Carol Klonowski has been growing orchids since the 1980's when a friend in Berkeley, California, gave her a cattleya orchid and it bloomed out with three big, dark lavender flowers and an intoxicating fragrance. She built an entire greenhouse in her backyard to accommodate the precious plant, which only led her to buy more orchids. Then another friend gave her a gift membership to the **Orchid Society of California**, and it's been a serious hobby ever since.

Carol has served as Director, Vice President, and President of the Orchid Society of California for most of the past two decades, serving as President while the society is rebuilding after Covid, and is currently a **Fully Accredited Judge with the American Orchid Society** in the California **Sierra Nevada Judging Center**.



October President's message by Marcia Bergen

In spite of summer vacation schedules and brutal heat waves affecting our plant care, we still had some beautiful orchids displayed in our Fall show. Granted our display was smaller than usual and some of the categories that would normally be larger were instead smaller. We demonstrated the wide variety of all orchids. From the extremely small *Schoenorchis tixieri* to the very large *Epidendrum schweinfurthianum*.

I want to thank all those that contributed to the success of the show; our many volunteers that donated their time, the members that brought in all their blooming plants, the board members that worked all weekend, and the vendors that helped to draw in the orchid enthusiasts. I was happy to be able to meet some of our new member/ volunteers. It was good to meet you and get to know you a little. I hope to see you again at our meetings. Thanks also to Larry for organizing the volunteers for me when I had to be out on Sunday. Thanks also to everyone that checked up on me after surgery. I'm doing much better now.

Congratulations to everyone that won awards at the show, especially those that won the best of section, best of show, and culture awards.

It was interesting to see how many home orchids that would have been great for the show opened up beautiful flowers between Friday registration time and Monday morning. We have lots of *Laelia purpurata* spikes to look forward to. Too bad that they just weren't ready on time for our show. The Huntington Show is coming soon, October 9 – 11, 2026. Keep a watch on your plants in case you choose to enter them in the Huntington Show.

I look forward to seeing everyone and their blooming plants at our next meeting! Be ready to meet some new members and make them feel welcome.



Fall Show 2026

Arthur Hazboun

The fall show/sale is in the books with very happy attendees, vendors, and members. Although our recent brutal heat spell didn't result in a large quantity of plants being brought in for exhibiting, the best quality ones were brought in and were apparent in the pride each member took in growing, grooming, and presenting his/her plant(s). Congratulations to all the winners and to Don Goss for winning his very first "Best of Show" and culture trophy for his exceptionally well grown *Miltonia moreliana* 'Surprised' FCC/AOS.

I want to thank the following people who were of immense help in putting our show together and assisting throughout the event: Marcy and Larry Bergen, Bob and Viria Walls, Jim Hoyle, Karen Low, Dave and Marcia Streeter, Charlotte Morrison, Ksenia Kulakova, Don Goss, Jerry Jones, and each volunteer who signed up for various positions during the three days. THANK YOU ALL, we couldn't have done it without you.



Miltonia moreliana 'Surprised' FCC/AOS

Grown by & photo by Don Goss

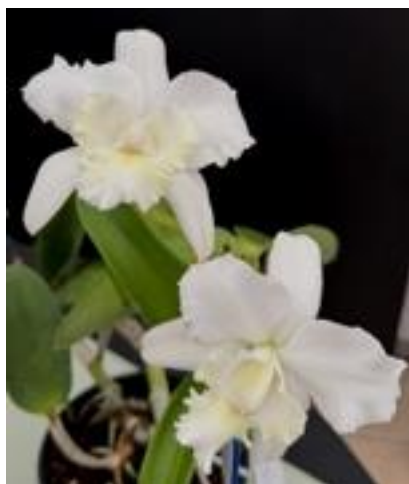
Best of Show winner 2026



Vanda Korb Fah
Grown by Viria Walls



Phalaenopsis Sogo
Perfume 'Sweet'
Grown by Ksenia Kulakova



Cattleya loddigesii
var. harrisoniana
'Streeter's Choice'
Grown by David
Streeter



Epidendrum Schweinfurthianum
Grown by Sabina Pradham



Paphiopedilum Houghtoniae
Grown by David Streeter



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Webinars:

October 8, 2026 Greenhouse Chat Thursday, 5:30 PM Join Dr. Ron McHatton as he answers your questions about all things orchid. Please send your question and pictures to Sandra Svoboda at greenhousechat@aos.org by October 5, 2026.

OPEN TO ALL

Register at: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/1166373387728564822>

October 13, 2026 How to Take Orchid Photography by Award Winning Photographer Wes Newton Tuesday, 5:30 PM Award-winning AOS photographer Wes Newton shares orchid photography tips, phone techniques, and insights from his collection of over 2,400 AOS photographs. **Members Only**

Register at: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/1633090784949658453>

American Orchid Society Monthly Checklist for September and October

Written by Ned Nash and James Rose

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



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

- October 16, 2026
- November 20, 2026
- December 18, 2026 Party

◇ General Meetings start
6:30 PM

The next board meeting will be
October 20, 2026 7:00PM
Call 310-940-2721 for more
Information



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Our Next Meeting will be October 16, 2026

UPCOMING ORCHID EVENTS

**October 3 & 4, 2026 Morongo Basin
Orchid Festival and Riverside, San
Bernardino Counties Orchid Society
AOS-Judged Show** At Gubler Orchids,
2200 Belfield Blvd., Landers

Info: <https://www.gublers.com>

**October 9 – 11, 2026 The
Huntington Orchid Show & Sale
ROOTS OF ORIGIN**
10 AM – 5 PM, 1151 Oxford Road,
San Marino

Info: <https://huntington.org/orchid-show>

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Welcome New Member!

**We offer a warm welcome to our
newest member: Osvaldo Garcia.**

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

To our new member: 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 tickets
as our 'Thank You' for joining SBOS.