



**Best of Show:**  
*coliostylis parkinsonianum*  
Grown by Jim Hoyle

## *The INFLORESCENCE*

“Orchids for Amateurs”

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**Our May 15, 2026 Speakers will be Braulio Mena, Stephane Larouche, & Larry Bergen demonstrating various potting techniques.**

Since our society has quite a few members that are newer to growing orchids, we felt that this would be a good time to review some of the basics. Board members Braulio Mena, Stephane Larouche, and Larry Bergen will be demonstrating repotting techniques for various types of orchids. Stephane will work with phalaenopsis and paphiopedilums. Larry will demonstrate with cattleyas. Braulio will repot cymbidiums. Come ready to learn and have your questions ready. We look forward to seeing you there!



Slc. Katherine Clarkson  
Grown by Marc Adolph

## *May President's Message by Larry Bergen*

Greeting fellow orchid enthusiasts.

I would like to express my appreciation for all of the volunteers who made this spring show a success. Beginning with our show chairs Arthur Hazboun and Sheeva Salehi. Also, the individuals who assisted with the setup of PVAC: positioning and covering the tables, setting up the plant hotel and winning table, bringing in the refreshments for the members and vendors, and bringing in the boxes for the plant hotel. Next, I would like to thank everyone who prepared their plants for the show. It was amazing to see the wide variety of genre present. The flowers were absolutely amazing. Remember if your plant does not have registered name, it does not qualify for judging. I would like to congratulate the section winners: Dave Streeter, Don Goss, Sylvia Eastwood, Larry Bergen, Marlena Pacis, David West, and Jim Hoyle as the Best of Show and Cultural Award winner. My gratitude goes out to all of the members who volunteered to give their time to assist with the show. Those who worked on membership, collecting the entrance fee, working at the plant hotel, and just making sure that the show went well. Finally, I would like to thank Marcy Bergen for organizing the volunteers for all three days. I also would like to thank Bob and Viria Walls for assisting with bringing the materials from storage to PVAC and retuning it to storage. Without their help it would have been a much more difficult job.

One of our members at the show inquired about having a mini cultural session at the beginning of our meetings. If you have a topic you would like discussed or something you want demonstrated, or something you would like to participate in, please see me at the May meeting. I would love to organize this new program.

### **Welcome New Members!**

**We offer a warm welcome to our newest members: Lani Espinas, Gabriel Frig, Yuliya Meshcherskoya, Holly Prine, Lee Quan, Larry & Vita Thomas.**

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

To our new members: 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.

## Review of our Spring Show and Sale Arthur Hazboun - Show Co-Chair

The Spring/Show was very well attended even though it took place a month after our usual March schedule. A vast selection of expertly grown plants were brought in for exhibit by our own society members. Congratulations to all the ribbon winners, Best of Section, and Best of Show winners, the complete list of winners is listed elsewhere in this newsletter.

I want to express my appreciation and thanks to every volunteer and board member that helped with the event. We couldn't have done it without your help. Special thanks to Sheewa Salehi my co-chair who filled in during my absence on Saturday.

Our vendors were very happy and had a profitable weekend. They requested to be invited to our next show. Please support all of our vendors who make our shows possible.

It was suggested by a couple members that the society should dedicate a meeting on "how to clean plants, stake plants, present plants for show presentation, and how to fill out the registration slips correctly". The board discussed these items and we promise to dedicate a meeting specifically to teach, instruct, and have a hands-on discussion on the above.

The Fall Show and Sale is scheduled for September 19 and 20, 2026 so mark your calendars but don't tell your orchids we're having a show because they are shy and won't produce a bloom in time for the show.

Our May 2026 meeting will be a hands-on repotting on cattleyas, cymbidiums, phrags and paphs by a trio of our members. Look for more details on the meeting in this newsletter



Paphiopedilum Wossner Black Wings  
Grown by Don Goss

Phalaenopsis Yukimai  
Grown by Sylvia Eastwood



## IN MEMORANDUM

We are sad to report the passing of Ron Henry. Ron joined the society in 2002. For many years he served as our property manager. He transported materials to and from our shows and helped with set up and take down. Ron also assisted the vendors. Due to his work schedule as a tutor to English second language students, Ron often missed our Friday meetings. He enjoyed our shows, bus trips to the Santa Barbara Show, and our holiday pot luck dinner. He assisted other SBOS members with repotting, house sitting, and pet sitting. He was a good friend that will be missed.



Cymbidium Pia Borg 'Flash'  
Grown by Dave Streeter


LONG BEACH AMATEUR ORCHID SOCIETY

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SATURDAY MAY, 9, 2926

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## 2026 SPRING SHOW RIBBON JUDGING RESULTS

### **BEST OF SHOW**

Coilostylis Parkinsoniana

Jim Hoyle

### **SECTION WINNERS**

#### **Section 1. Cattleya Alliance**

Cattleya Milton Warne 'Dreambird' HCC/AOS

Dave Streeter

#### **Section 11. Standard Cymbidiums**

Cymbidium Pia Borg 'Flash'

Dave Streeter

#### **Section 111. Novelty and Miniature Cymbidiums**

Cymbidium Helen Bannerman 'Black Magic' AM/AOS

Larry Bergen

#### **Section IV. Phalaenopsis & Doritis**

Phalaenopsis Yukimai

Sylvia Eastwood

#### **Section V. Vanda & Allied Genera**

Renanthera Mona Lisa

David West

#### **Section VI. Paphiopedilums & Allied Genera**

Paphiopedilum Wossner Black Wings

Don Goss

#### **Section VII. Dendrobiums**

Dendrobium thyrsoflorum

Don Goss

#### **Section VIII. Oncidium & Allied Genera**

Banfieldara Gilded Tower 'Mystic Maze'

Marlena Pacis

#### **Section X. Other Genera**

Coilostylis Parkinsoniana

Jim Hoyle

### **CULTURAL AWARDS**

Cattleya Milton Warne 'Dreambird' HCC/AOS

Dave Streeter

Cymbidium Itchycoo Park

C. Ramirez

Renanthera Mona Lisa

David West

Coilostylis Parkinsoniana

Jim Hoyle



Paph. philippinense  
Grown by Dave Streeter



Phrag. Mini Grande  
Grown by Marc Adolph



Vanda Burgeffii  
Grown by Arthur Hazboun



Tolumnia Red Mask  
Grown by Ksenia Kulakova



Dendrobium densiflorum  
Grown by Dave Streeter

Prosthechea Radiata  
Grown by Rika Hayashi





Myrmecophiala tibicinis X Rhy.  
Netrasiri 'Starbright'  
Grown by Marlena Pacis



Lc. Rosie's Surprise  
Grown by Dave Streeter



Bcd. Gilded Tower  
'Mystic Maze'  
Grown by  
Marlena Pacis



Paph. roebelinii X  
sanderianum  
Grown by Dave  
Streeter

Cymbidium  
Itchycoo  
Park  
Grown by  
C. Ramirez



Vanda Kenneth  
Roberts  
Grown by David  
West  
  
Psychopsis  
Grown by  
Marc Adolph





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## Webinars:

**May 5, 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](mailto:greenhousechat@aos.org) by May 2, 2026  
**OPEN TO ALL**

**Register at:** <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/5094281915654848094>

**June 11, 2026 Catasetum Culture with Scott Elliott** Thursday, 5:30 PM  
Join Scott Elliot of Maneki Hill Orchids, who will talk about hybridizing and growing catasetums. **MEMBERS ONLY**

**Register at:** <https://www.aos.org/orchids/webinars>

*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-may-and-june>



Rangaeris amanuensis  
Grown by Jim Hoyle

Dendrobium thysiflorum  
Grown by Don Goss



Cymbidium Helen Bannerman  
'Black Magic' AM/AOS  
Grown by Larry Bergen

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

- May 15, 2026
- June 19, 2026
- July 18, 2026

◇ General Meetings start 6:30 PM

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



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**Our next meeting will be May 15, 2026**

**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/2026a  
uction](https://www.lbaos.org/events/2026auction)

Registration: see website for pre-  
registration info



**Cattleya Milton Warne ‘Dreambird’  
Grown by Dave Streeter**

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