



Dendrobium Luwin Park x tangerinum  
Grown by Margaret Akashi

## *The INFLORESCENCE*

“Orchids for Amateurs”

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**Our August 14, 2026 Speaker  
will be Brandon Tam  
“Growing Large Orchid  
Specimens”**

Brandon is passionate about his career as the Associate Curator ,of Orchids at The Huntington Library, Art Museum, and Botanical Gardens in San Marino, California.

His grandmother first introduced him to orchids when he was seven by giving him a white cymbidium. He volunteered at the Huntington during high school, and when he graduated at age 16, Dr. James Folsom, Director of the Botanical Gardens, offered Brandon a full-time position as the Orchid Collection Specialist. Brandon has managed the collection for over a decade. While working with Dr. Folsom to reinvigorate the Huntington’s orchid collection, Brandon attended California State University Polytechnic, Pomona, and earned his Bachelor of Science in Plant Science degree in 2015.

Brandon now oversees one of the largest orchid collections in the United States, which has grown from 2,000 to over 10,000 plants in the span of a decade. He helped the Huntington assemble and curate one of the three most diverse orchid species collections in the world. The collection is housed in over 26,000 square feet of growing area, which includes the Rose hills Foundation Conservatory and three collection greenhouses, dedicated specifically for tropical plants.

He is also in charge of the annual Huntington International Orchid Show, which he inaugurated in 2015, and was in charge of hosting the annual meeting of the American Orchid Society at the Huntington in 2016.

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In Brandon's spare time, he loves to travel and explore different corners of the world, indulging in unique cuisines, and embracing novel experiences in distant lands. Countries and regions he has traveled to thus far include Ecuador, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Peru, Japan, Canada, Macao, Mexico, Vietnam, and Korea.

Brandon will talk to us about growing specimen orchids at the Huntington.

# THE HUNTINGTON ORCHID SHOW & SALE

OCT. 9-11, 2026  
ROOTS OF ORIGIN



## 10th Annual International Orchid Show & Sale

Featuring exhibits by growers from Southern California and around the world as well as a wide selection of orchids and related supplies from domestic and international vendors

Show and sale open 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA 91108

[huntington.org/orchid-show](http://huntington.org/orchid-show)



Phragmipedium Predator  
Grown by Ksenia  
Kulakova

We are pleased to announce that our guest speaker is Brandon Tam, the orchid specialist from the Huntington Botanical Garden, he will tell us all about how to grow our plants to specimen size. This month I will be doing the triple duty role at SBOS. One is acting president for the month of August, show chair, and webmaster. Having said all that I will keep my message brief and straight to the point since I have LOTS to do. First and foremost, in order to have a successful show we need VOLUNTEERS (yes that's you reading this) to help with the upcoming show and sale on September 19-20. In order to see where we stand for help, we ask you to sign up asap with our online volunteer list at:

**[volunteersignup.org/4W8CY](https://volunteersignup.org/4W8CY)**

It's fast, simple, and effective way to show your support for our society. There will be a nice gift for any volunteer that completes his/her shift. Setup will take place on Friday, September 18, 2025 starting at 10 am, members who volunteered to transport show supplies from storage please meet at 9 am at our storage unit. If you're volunteering make sure you wear your South Bay Orchid Society badge during the event, otherwise you will be asked to confirm your affiliation with our membership staff. As a reminder the hourly raffle is for paid show attendees only, SBOS members are not eligible to participate.

Setup in the Atrium and studio will start on Friday, September 18 about 10 am. Plant entry registration starts at 12 noon on Friday, September 18 and ends promptly at 6 pm. Any plants received after 6 o'clock will not be entered or considered for judging, but marked "display only". All entered plants must be clean, disease and pest free or they will be disqualified and removed. Please clean your plants thoroughly, remove dead/old leaves and shriveled pseudobulbs, sheaths, insects, pests, dirt, old flowers, etc.... Plants must have been grown by the exhibitor for 120 days prior to the show date. PRINT the name of the plant and your name legibly on both the registration slip and the entry card. If a plant does not have a name it will be marked for "exhibit only" and not judged. As always, we can use empty cardboard boxes and newspaper for the plant hotel.

As of this date here are the confirmed vendors for our show (others are pending):

**Ecuagenera of Ecuador**

**Earthly Orchids**

**LA Orchids, LLC.**

**Sorella Orchids**

**Jack Zhu – Fang Hua Gardens**

**Mesa Exotics/SLO Orchids**

**Joe Ambriz - Kingdom of Plants**

# SBOS Fall Show & Sale

Arthur Hazboun – Show Chair

The annual fall show date is quickly approaching. It will be held on September 19 – 20 at our usual location at the Palos Verdes Art Center. In the meantime, start looking over the plants you wish to exhibit and get them ready to qualify for a ribbon or a trophy. You might even earn a best of section or best of show trophy. Good Luck to everyone!

The vendors have been invited to the show and are eager to bring you a great variety of plants at fantastic prices. We encourage all our members and visitors to support them as they make our show possible. We also thank the PV Art Center for hosting us and promoting our show and sale. Please spread the word and invite your friends, neighbors, and co-workers to the show/sale.

As usual the show/sale requires your valuable assistance and help. The online volunteer sign-up sheet is ready to accept your name and to tell us how you can help. It's located at:

<https://volunteersignup.org/4W8CY>

The show flyer (shown below) was designed by our show co-chair Sheewa Salehi it's free for you to use to share with your friends, relatives, neighbors, or anyone else who is interested in learning more about our beloved hobby. Please spread the word about the show. Thank you.







Rhyncholaeliocattleya Robin  
Dubois-Freitag (Pot. Newberry  
Delight 'Mendenhall' AM/AOS  
X Pot. Rubescent Magic 'SVO')  
Grown by Margaret Akashi



Cattleya walkeriana x  
Cattleya skineri  
Grown by Arthur Hazboun



Tolumnia Pink Lady  
Grown by Ksenia  
Kulakova



Cattleya tenebrosa  
Grown by Jim Hoyle



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## Webinars:

### **August 25, 2026 Take a Virtual Trip tp Dresden, the 2026 World Orchid Conference**

Tuesday, 4:30 PM Join orchid expert Kay Perry for a virtual journey to Dresden, host city to the world Orchid Conference 2026 **OPEN TO ALL**

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

**September 1, 2026 Greenhouse Chat** Tuesday, 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](mailto:greenhousechat@aos.org) by August 30,2026.

**OPEN TO ALL**

**Register at:** <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/9029595662970961494>

## *American Orchid Society Monthly Checklist for July and August*

*Written by Ned Nash and James Rose*

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



Stanhopea tigrina  
var. nigroviolacea  
'The Predator'  
FCC/AOS

Grown by Jim  
Hoyle



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

- August 14, 2026
- September 19-20 Fall Show
- October 16, 2026

◇ General Meetings start  
6:30 PM

The next board meeting will be  
**August 25, 2026 7:00PM**  
Call 310-995-1592 for more  
Information



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



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**Our next meeting will be August 14, 2026**



Dendrobium Nagasaki 'Cherry Blossom'  
Grown by Arthur Hazboun

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### **UPCOMING ORCHID EVENTS**

**September 11-13, 2026 Andy's Orchids**

**Fall Open House** 10 AM – 4 PM

734 Ocean Ave., Encinitas

Info: <https://andysorchids.com>

**September 19 & 20, 2026 South Bay Orchid  
Society Orchid Show and Sale**

10 AM – 4 PM Palos Verdes Art Center

5504 Crestridge Road, Rancho Palos Verdes

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