

Ornithophora radicans Grown by Jim Hoyle Best Orchid in Show 3 rd Place, Best Botanical Specimen Blooming Plant, Best Other Miscellaneous Genera at the Huntington International Orchid Show.

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"Orchids for Amateurs"

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Our November 20, 2026 Guest Speaker will be James Roberts "In Vitro Orchid Production"

James Roberts got the orchid bug in the summer of 2005 after perusing through the local library but didn't really begin growing and collecting them until 2015. Originally from Texas, James has moved around the country with his plants until settling in southern California and lives in Gardena. James grows a great diversity of plants but focuses primarily on growing cattleyas and phragmipediums. He has begun his own breeding lines and flasks orchids in his kitchen making novel hybrids. James is currently a student Judge in the Pacific South region.

James will be giving a talk on his work with his at home orchid propagation laboratory. He will discuss the science and planning that goes into making crosses, how we make plants out of the seeds and get them out of the flasks to eventually become blooming size orchids. Whether you are curious about how to grow seedlings, want to know how orchids are made or want to learn how to do the lab-work yourself there should be plenty for all. James will be providing an opportunity table with plants he has raised and crossed himself.



November President's message by Sheewa Salehi

Dear SBOS Members,

As we welcome November, I hope everyone is enjoying the fall season and looking forward to another society meeting.

This month, we are pleased to feature James Roberts, who will present In Vitro Orchid Production—a fascinating, behind-the-scenes look into propagating orchids from seed.
Drawing from his experience in his home propagation laboratory, James will cover the end-to-end process: from the science and planning behind making custom crosses, to nurturing seedlings in flasks, and carefully transitioning young plants into full cultivation. Whether you are curious about hybridizing, eager to try growing seedlings, or looking to start your own lab experiments, this presentation will offer something inspiring for every grower.

As a special highlight, James will also supply our opportunity table with unique plants he has personally hybridized and raised.

Looking Ahead to 2027: Webmaster Role

As we prepare for the coming year, we are actively looking for a skilled volunteer to join the SBOS Board of Directors as our Webmaster.

This vital role oversees the society's website, monthly newsletter, email announcements, and overall digital strategy. If you have experience in website management and want to help elevate our online presence, we would love to have your expertise on board.

Interested candidates or those wanting to learn more are encouraged to speak with Arthur Hazboun at the meeting or send us an email.

Thank you all for your continued enthusiasm and support. We look forward to seeing everyone at our November meeting!

Warm Regards,
Sheewa Salehi
President, South Bay Orchid Society
Show Co-Chair

The History of the South Bay Orchid Society (SBOS)

Founded May 3, 1957

Researched and written by Arthur Hazboun

As we prepare for the 70th anniversary celebration of the founding of the South Bay Orchid Society I have decided to write a series of articles on its history and progress throughout the years. This article is a first in a series that will highlight and describe some historical background and perspective on our society. My thanks to the following individuals who were kind enough to share a lot of this information presented in these articles.

Our late president Tom Renger who was president in 1968 and again in 2008 and 2009 and was for a period the "historian" for the society and has given us much of the information presented here.

Dr. Bob Streeter joined the society in April 1977 and became president in 1982-1983 and has served in different capacities on the SBOS Board of Directors and still serves as Director Emeritus. Dr. Bob was instrumental is getting the LA County Dept. of Parks and Recreation and the South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation to allow SBOS and many other garden and horticultural clubs and societies to hold their meetings, shows and events at the garden.

Chuck Spain served as president in 1984, and again in 2001-2002 and involved with many southern California orchid societies contributed a vast amount of dates, background and information on the society's older days.

Dave De Young – who served as president in 1981 and continues as an expert grower also provided very interesting background stories on the society.

Jim Owens – president in 1980 an orchid enthusiast and book collector extraordinaire gave some pertinent historical information that will be presented in these articles.

> The South Bay Orchid Society, Inc. (SBOS) was founded on 3 May 1957, by Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Williams. The original location and meeting place of the society was in the founder's home and the first meeting occurred on June 14, 1957. At the first meeting W.C. Williams was named temporary chairperson and Betty Maxwell was appointed temporary secretary/treasurer. The officers elected were:
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> W.C. Williams – President
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> Henry Ross – Vice President
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> Pete Cockrell – Treasurer
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> Mrs. J.H. Maxwell – Secretary continued on page 4

The society's original name was "The Beach Cities Orchid Society" with the name changed to the "South Bay Orchid Society" at the membership meeting on September 13, 1957. The charter meeting was held on October 11, 1957 at the Elks Club in Redondo Beach, Ca. The society was incorporated on August 7, 1958 in the state of California.

SBOS was voted as an affiliate of the Orchid Digest Corporation during a directors meeting in Fresno, California on October 15, 1960, the OD representative Loren Paulsohn was the first director on the board.

The very first Orchid Show co-sponsored by the LA County Dept. of Parks and Recreations took place on March 18-19, 1961 at Alondra Park, the theme was "Orchids at Easter Time", the chairman was "Spud" C.P. Corliss.

The second annual show was held on March 10-11, 1962 at the same venue with the same sponsorship and chairperson.

To be continued in future newsletters

We had no judging for October member plants. The following plants were brought in for display.

Cattleya:

C. leopoldii V. albina 4n X Brassavola nodosa 4n	Jasmine Bashi
Slc. Mem. Evelyn Paquette 'SVO Sun Spots' X Blc. Sun Spots 'Sandy'	Larry Bergen
C. Orchidglade 'SVO' HCC/AOS X C. Chocolate Drop 'SVO' AM/AOS	Larry Bergen
L. Susanna X L. dayana X L. pumila	Pat Jones- Kennedy
Vnra (Vaughnara) Golden Spice	Pat Jones- Kennedy

Dendrobium:

Dendrobium Fancy Angel 'Lychee'	Larry Bergen

Oncidium:

Oncidium Sherry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance'	JerryJensen

Other Genere:

Coelogyne magna formerly Dendrochilum magnum	Larry Bergen



Onc. Sherry Baby ‘Sweet Fragrance’
Grown by Jerry Jensen



C. Orchidglade ‘SVO’ HCC/AOS X
C. Chocolate Drop ‘SVO’ AM/AOS
Grown by Larry Bergen



Coelogyne magna
Grown by Larry Bergen



Slc. Mem. Evelyn Paquette ‘SVO Sunspots’ X Blc. Sun Spots ‘Sandy’
Grown by Larry Bergen



Den. Fancy Angel ‘Lycee’
Grown by Larry Bergen

L. Susanna X L. dayana
X L. pumila
Grown by Pat Jones -Kennedy



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Webinars:

November 10, 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 by November 8,2026. **OPEN TO ALL**

Register at: https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/673607460531518047

November 5, 2026 Repotting with New Zealand's Finest Thursday, 5:30 PM Join Graham Ramsey on November 5, 2026 for Repotting with New Zealand's Finest, a webinar exploring repotting techniques and growing media. **Members Only**

Register at: https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/5225496539325042015

American Orchid Society Orchid Cultural Calendar

Fall: October- December

General Care:

https://www.aos.org/orchid-care/aos.org/orchid-culture-calendar--fall

California: https://aosweb.cdn.prismic.io/aosweb/-IQGDqOQf9VRYg24_Fall-WhattoDoinCalifornia.pdf

UPCOMING ORCHID EVENTS

November 6-8, 2026 9 AM – 4 PM Cal Orchids Fall Open House
1251 Orchid Dr., Santa Barbara

November 6-8, 2026 Santa Barbara Orchid Estate Fall Open House
1250 Orchid Drive, Santa Barbara

November 14, 2026 The Ochid Digest and the Huntington present The 2026 Cattleya Symposium 10 AM – 6:30 PM Hybrid event: In person and Virtual at the Huntington 1151 Oxford Rd., San Marino Register on line for in person or virtual. Members must register by November 7 to receive the discount rate.

To register: https://www.orchiddigest.org/2026-Cattleya-Symposium

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

- **November 20, 2026**
- **December 18, 2026 Party**
- **January 15, 2027**

◊ **General Meetings start 6:30 PM**

The next board meeting will be

November 24, 2026 7:00PM

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C. leopoldii v. albina X B. nodosa

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