



Speaker's Choice:
C. loddegesii 'Marise'
Grown by Braulio Mena

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“Orchids for Amateurs”

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**March 16 & 17, 2024 will be our
Spring Show and Sale
Set up will be March 15th at
10AM**

March President's Message

By Charlotte Morrison

Happy Almost Spring to all of you! As I write this, it is pouring rain here in the South Bay and I hope it will result in wonderful blossoms on your plants (as long as it doesn't get too cold!). I am ready for some warmer weather and a lower gas bill to go along with it.

March and April are busy orchid show months in the local areas, so check the newsletter for information about other societies' activities. The renowned Santa Barbara show (March 8-10) is always a great one to attend, and the San Diego show in mid-April is another one to consider attending.

We are looking forward to our own Spring Show on March 16-17 at the Palos Verdes Art Center. We had a successful show in September and I'm sure it will be repeated this time with your help. We can still use some volunteers and there is a nice reward for your participation. Please see more details in Arthur Hazboun's article later in this newsletter. In addition, please bring your plants for display and judging for the show. It is a great way to present our group to the community and to attract new members. Spring is a great time of year for blooming orchids and based on the February meeting display, we should have a great show.

New members are always listed in the newsletter. Please make note of them, introduce yourself at future meetings and make our new orchid friends feel part of the group. And, don't forget to renew your membership if you haven't already! If you want to be listed in the directory, please renew by the end of the show. See you there!



Annual Spring Show and Sale

March 16-17, 2024

The Spring Show and Sale is almost here, we hope our members are going to bring in some spectacular flowering and fragrant orchids to exhibit and enter into our ribbon judging competition (see details below for the forms). The recent rains should have helped all the outdoor growers in our area help get those Cymbidiums all the water they will need for quite awhile. Please help advertise our show and invite your friends, neighbors, colleagues, co-workers, and associates and spread the word about the show. We are looking forward to some new vendors that have never participated in our shows previously. More show information is on our [show page](#) website at this link > southbayorchidsociety.com/Show

We encourage all members to consider volunteering to help with the show. We ask you to put in a 2 hour shift with whatever time slot is still available or position that suits you. All volunteers who sign up and complete their assigned shift will receive a special gift from the society at the conclusion of their shift. See the online volunteer sign up form for open positions. If you are helping with getting and transporting the supplies from storage please contact Larry Bergen. We always need help in setting up tables, wooden staging, plant registration and placement on Friday morning March 15 at 10 am and with Sunday March 17 tear down after 4pm.

Our show online [volunteer sign up form](#) is located here: <https://volunteersignup.org/CJKWK> it's quick and very easy to sign up. When you sign up a confirmation email reminder will be sent to you. You can also contact Charles Brown for Saturday or Marcy Bergen for Sunday volunteering. Contact info is in this newsletter, website, and membership directory.

As a reminder please bring in your plants for exhibit on Friday after 12 noon, all plants must be in no later than 5 pm Friday March 15, 2024 to allow for the correct entry and registration, placement, and eventual judging. Plants brought in after 5 pm will not be judged and marked for "display only". Judging begins promptly at 6 pm Friday evening. To expedite the entry registration process of plants - the Spring Show plant [classifications sheet](#) can be found here:

southbayorchidsociety.com/Show/Spring_Classifications.html

the plant entry form [registration form](#) is here:

southbayorchidsociety.com/Show/Show_Judging_Entry_Slip_01.pdf

Please bring clean empty cardboard boxes and newspapers (if you have any) for the plant hotel to transport all the purchased goodies from the vendors.

See the article in this newsletter entitled "How to prepare your Orchid for the show" for helpful tips and guides on getting your plants safely to the show and in pristine condition ready to win those ribbons and trophies.

Arthur Hazboun - Show Chair

Sheewa Salehi - Show Co-chair

HOW TO PREPARE YOUR ORCHID FOR THE SHOW

1. Clean your plant - remove all brown or dead leaves from the plant. When you cut the black or brown tips of leaves make sure your cut follows the natural shape of the leaf end. Remove debris, dead stems, leaf litter, old dead flowers, cobwebs, bugs, pests, ferns, and weeds. Clean the pseudobulbs - water helps to soften the dry papery sheath covering on the outside of the mature pseudobulbs so that you can gently rub it off. Wipe the leaves with a (1:1) water/milk solution or lemon juice applied to a paper towel to remove dirt and dust and leave a nice sheen. Do not rub the underside part of the leaves where the stomas are located (this is where the plant exchanges gases and takes in carbon dioxide). Check for pests underneath the leaves and inside the flower sheaths for ants, aphids, scale, thrips, white fly, spiders; remove them with 70% Isopropyl alcohol and a cotton swab. Any plant found with any pests will be automatically disqualified, rejected, and removed from the show display area by the show staff.
2. Label your plant - make sure the plant label has the name listed (and the parents if known) of the orchid, **PRINT LEGIBLY**. Check for the correct spelling of the name, if unsure Google it! Use a new label if the old one is brittle or broken. Plants without a name tag will not be judged and will be marked "FOR DISPLAY ONLY". It also a good idea to put your own name & phone number on a label underneath the pot - the self adhesive small address labels work best for this.
3. Presenting your plant - Make sure the flower stake isn't sticking out to poke someone's eye out, cut the stake below the tallest flower and make sure it is secure and it shows the flowers to their best viewing. Staking the inflorescence early during its development insures that the buds are properly oriented in the same direction. If you are able to do so place the stake behind the flowers to avoid distracting from the blooms. A staked orchid is a lot easier to transport to the show and avoids the movement of the flower spike. Plants with unopened flowers will not be considered suitable for presentation at a show; we recommend you bring in only plants with flowers that have completely opened.
4. Transporting your plant - It's advisable to water your plant at least a few days ahead of the show, don't bring a real wet pot to the show. If it's a tall plant in a plastic pot and is top heavy consider putting it into a larger pot to keep it stable and place a rock or gravel in the outer pot. We recommend you place crumpled newspapers around the plants in your box for support and to secure them during transportation.
5. Registration - When filling out the registration slips we encourage you to PRINT the name instead of scribbling it out (we cannot decipher hieroglyphics!). This insures the plant will be placed in the correct category/classification and will help expedite with the judging process.

***Recommendations from the show chair at the South Bay Orchid Society
Arthur Hazboun - specialorchids@southbayorchidsociety.com
southbayorchidsociety.com/Show***

Ribbon Judging Results for February 2024

Speaker's Choice: *C. loddigesii* var. *punctata* 'Marise' Braulio Mena

Amateur and Advanced Amateur

Cattleya:

1 st <i>C. loddigesii</i> var. <i>punctata</i> 'Marise'	Braulio Mena
2 nd Bc Davie Stars	Stephane Larouche
3 rd Blc. Guess What SVO'	David West

Cymbidium:

1 st Cym. Nina (culture award)	David West
2 nd Cym. Winter Fire 'Frosty Tips'	Robert Fisher
3 rd Cym. No name	Viria Walls

Phalenopsis:

1 st Phal. No name	Anna Parkhomenko
2 nd Phal. Silver Light	Anna Parkhomenko
3 rd Phal. King Car Kitty	Stephane Larouche

Dendrobium:

1 st Den. Gold Diamond	Arthur Hazboun
2 nd Den. Ruben Colmenares	Braulio Mena
3 rd Den.. Nobile	Pat Jones-Kennedy

Paphiopedilum:

1 st Paph. No name	Mitsy Pierre
2 nd Paph. Cherry Camira x Arrow Camira	Ksenia Kulakova
3 rd Paph. Macabre x venustum	Ksenia Kulakova

Other Genera:

1 st Epi. Comet Valley	Ksenia Kulakova
2 nd Epi. coriifolium	Braulio Mena
3 rd Rstp. brachypus	Braulio Mena



Cym. Nina
Grown by David West

Membership Renewal Time!

Time to Renew Your Membership! Our membership year runs from January 1 to December 31, so please plan to renew soon. Here is a link to the form [SBOS Renewal Form](#). There is no change in the fees this year. It is still \$20 if you have a single membership and \$25 if you have a membership for a household (2 or more people). If you want the newsletter mailed via USPS, it is an additional \$10.00 to cover the mailing cost. You may send the form and your renewal fee to Charlotte Morrison at the address listed on the form, or better yet, bring the form to the next regular meeting on March 16 & 17. We would love to see you there! Remember the great benefits you get from being a member:

- ◆ Learn about collecting, growing, and repotting from our monthly meetings' cultural sessions
- ◆ Listen and ask questions of local, national and internationally recognized orchid experts and their fabulous photographs, techniques, and presentations
- ◆ Rub elbows with your fellow orchid enthusiast members, ask questions, exchange ideas and learn from each other
- ◆ Win ribbon awards for bringing your own orchids to the meetings; year-end winners receive a subscription to Orchid Digest
- ◆ Take home fabulous orchids at unbelievable prices through our monthly silent auctions
- ◆ Win orchid plants by participating in our monthly orchid raffle

Renew your membership soon so that your name will appear in the annual directory which will be published soon.



Epi. Comet Valley
Grown by Anna
Parkhomenko



BC. Davie Stars
Grown by Stephane
Larouche





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Webinars:

March 3, 2024 AOS Culture Day ‘Swing into Spring with Orchids’ 8:00 AM
Open to the public Explore the wonders of four fascinating genera. Only \$35 for an all-day seminar with four great speakers and programs.

Enroll at : <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/3385115262603276377>

March 5, 2024 AOS Greenhouse Chat with Ron McHatton 5:30 pm **Members only** Ron McHatton answers your questions about all things orchid. Send your questions and pictures to Sandra Svoboda at greenhousechat@aos.org by March 3, 2024

Enroll at: <https://secure.aos.org/login?ReturnUrl=http://www.aos.org/all-about-orchids/webinars/chat/greenhouse-chat-march-2024.aspx>

March 14, 2024 Designing and Building Home Greenhouses 5:30 PM **Members Only** Learn about the tricks of the trade for designing and installing home greenhouses for orchids Texas to Canada: types, foundations, floors, ventilation, shading and benches you can make yourself and keep your orchids happy.

Enroll at: <https://secure.aos.org/login?ReturnUrl=http://www.aos.org/all-about-orchids/webinars/member-only/designing-and-building-home-greenhouses.aspx>

*American Orchid Society Monthly Checklist for March and April
Written by Ned Nash and James Rose*

<https://www.aos.org/orchids/seasonal-orchid-care/march-april-checklist.aspx>

Welcome New Members!

We offer a warm welcome to our newest members: Marc Adolph, John Burke, Janice and Tom Downs, Judy and Bob Qiu, and Shirley Wong.

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 table raffle tickets as our ‘Thank You’ for joining SBOS.

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

- March 15, 2024 Show Set up
- March 16 & 17, 2024 SHOW
- April 19, 2024
- May 16, 2024

◇ General Meetings start 6:30 PM

The next board meeting will be March 19, 2024 7:00PM

Call 310-339-7330 for more Information



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Rancho Palos Verdes



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Upcoming Orchid Events:

March 2, 2024 Gardena Orchid Show 10 AM – 5 PM Nakaoka Community Center
16770 W. 162nd St. Gardena info: yvonne.nishio@gmail

**March 8 – 10, 2024 76th Santa Barbara International Orchid Show Orchids
– Floral Gems of Nature** 9 AM – 5 PM Earl Warren Show Grounds Admission
\$20 General Admission, \$30 for 3 day pass <http://sborchidshow.com>

March 15 – 17, 2024 Andy's Orchids Spring Open House 10 AM – 4 PM
734 Ocean View Ave. Encinitas Info: www.andysorchids.com

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