



## *The INFLORESCENCE*

“Orchids for Amateurs”

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**2024 Spring Show  
Best of Section  
Winners**

**Our April 19, 2024 Guest  
Speaker will be Tim Culbertson  
‘New Masdevallias You Can  
Actually Grow’**

Although I teach middle school kids for a living, one of my passions has always been plants. I began growing orchids as an offshoot from working at Longwood Gardens in Philadelphia just after college. From the very beginning it was all about Paphs, particularly awarded and select clones of historic importance, of which my collection numbers nearly 3000. While I love finding old, rare stepping stones in paph breeding, I also do a little hybridizing of my own, and growing up my own babies is a blast. I am the youngest accredited judge with the American Orchid Society, and have served in various capacities with various orchid societies in California and on the East Coast. I love meeting other people who like orchids too, and doing so often finds me traveling to shows, vendors, and peoples’ greenhouses to see the latest and greatest in new hybrids and to get the best orchid gossip. I like to be involved in plants as much as possible: in addition to Longwood, I’ve worked at the Smithsonian Institution tending to their orchids, and for years for the United States National Arboretum, collecting rare plants and documenting cultivated species and hybrids for their herbarium. In short, I really like plants.

For our meeting, Tim will be sharing a presentation entitled “New Masdevallias You Can Actually Grow.” It’s been such a pity that these absolute gems trace most of their heritage to cold-growing, cloud forest species. Some modern hybridizers are pushing back on those temperature requirements to make new Masdevallia hybrids which are compact, floriferous, colorful, and that grow and bloom in normal conditions. These plants are easy to grow and flower, are vigorous, and have low demands on light and fertilizer, and as such are wonderful plants! I will help to identify important species in the backgrounds of historically important and modern Masdevallias, as well as discuss the different directions of breeding warmth tolerance. By the end of this presentation, you will have a new appreciation of what goes into breeding trends for these types of plants, as well as an appreciation of their beautiful flowers and ease-of-growth.

How many times have we heard the question, “Why did that plant receive an award and *this one* did not?” We all enjoy viewing the beautiful orchids on display at our (and others’) orchid shows. However, the judging process has something of an air of mystery about it. For our orchid shows, and for our meetings, we use the Ribbon Judging standards, not the more complicated and demanding standards of the AOS merit judging. See the American Orchid Society Handbook on Judging (Effective November 9, 2023) for more information.

Ribbon Judging (as we practice it) asks, “Which of these orchids would you most like to take home?” That orchid is awarded a first-place ribbon. That same question is then asked for the remaining orchids and second place is awarded. The same for third place. If the choice between two plants is difficult, then consideration is given to other factors such as: number of flowers, size of flowers, color, severity of blemishes on the flowers, form (should the flower be nearly flat?), substance (should the flower be firm?), presentation (should the flowers face in the same direction?), and the number of inflorescences. To be certain, there is a degree of personal subjectivity in a judge’s decision. Are the flowers too small? Is that color pure and bright, or otherwise pleasing? Are the flowers sufficiently flat? Is this a pleasing presentation? After thorough inspection and discussion among the judges the ribbons are awarded.

After the ribbons are awarded, the question then is: What “prize” should the grower receive? At the last SBOS Board Meeting we considered replacing the acrylic trophies for Best of Section with gift certificates that could be used at any nursery toward the purchase of orchids. The certificate for the winner of Best of Show would be for a greater amount. Also considered was a “Perpetual Trophy.” After each show the name of the grower and name of the of Best of Show orchid would be inscribed on a plaque that would be displayed at the Spring and Fall Shows. The Board would like to hear from the membership. Should the “prize” awarded to the growers of Best of Section and Best of Show orchids be changed to gift certificates? Or perhaps you have an idea for an even more interesting prize for the growers. Please give it some thought and share your thoughts with a Board Member.

And please bring your blooming plants to our next meeting for sharing and judging.

**Bringing Back Meeting Refreshment Time**

We would like to resume having refreshments at our monthly meetings. We will supply coffee and water. Members are encouraged to bring in finger food type snacks that don’t require plates or silverware. A raffle ticket will be given to those who bring in snack donations.



## 2024 SPRING SHOW RIBBON JUDGING RESULTS

### **Best of Show**

Paph. Winston Churchill 'Indomitable'

Dave Streeter

### **Section Winners**

#### Section I. Cattleya Alliance

C. Encyclia polybulbon

Jim Hoyle

#### Section II. Standard Cymbidiums

Cym. Bob Streeter

Robert Streeter

#### Section III. Novelty and Miniature Cymbidiums

Cym. Lemon Sorbet

Nidia Salvelheio

#### Section IV. Phalaenopsis & Doritis

Dtps. Fuller's Red Peoker

Margaret Akashi

#### Section V. Vanda & Allied Genera

Ascocentrum miniatum

Ksenia Kulakova

#### Section VI. Paphiopedilums & Allied Genera

Paph. Winston Churchill 'Indomitable'

Dave Streeter

#### Section VII. Dendrobiums

Den. King Wong 'Wow'

Arthur Hazboun

#### Section VIII. Oncidium & Allied Genera

Vuyl. Celtic Sun 'Maya'

Arthur Hazboun

#### Section IX. Pleurothallis & Other Genera

Scaphose palvin

Jim Hoyle

#### Section X. Other Genera

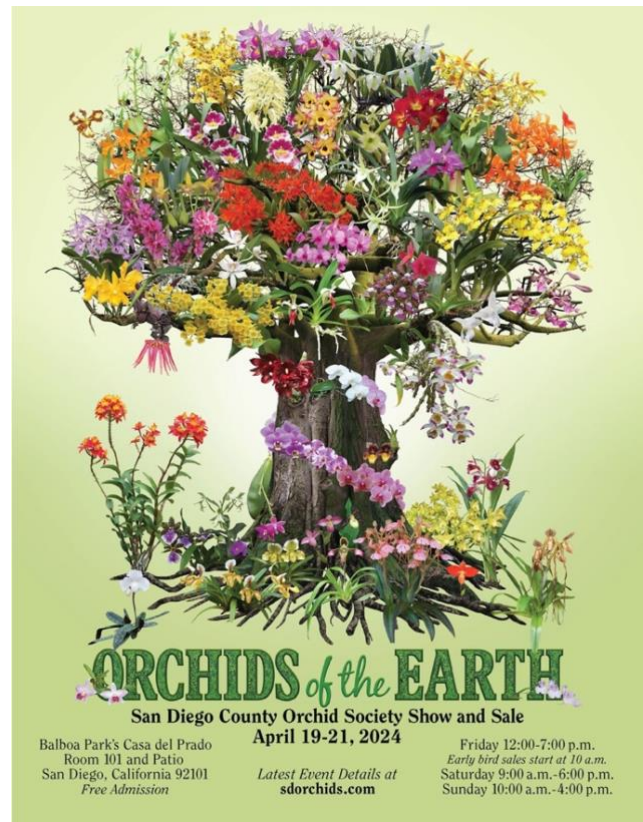
Bletilla striata

Larry Bergen

#### Culture Award

Scaphose palvin

Jim Hoyle



## 2024 SPRING SHOW

A huge thank you to our SBOS 2024 Spring Show participants and volunteers. The time, energy, and dedication you have generously given to the society is deeply appreciated and has contributed to the Spring Shows success.

The variety of Orchids on display were gorgeous. A true testament to your nurture and care of these magical species. This passion has inspired many new members to join and learn more about these beautiful plants. We are excited to share that in comparison to last year we saw an increase in attendance and membership signups. Your tireless work has not gone unnoticed and has been instrumental to our society's success.

Your contribution to SBOS, whether it be volunteering, attending meetings and events, or spreading the word about our society, has made a tremendous positive impact. You have helped foster a community that shares a love for orchids but also genuinely supports each other.

Without your support, we would not be able to achieve our goals or uphold the spirit of the South Bay Orchid Society. Your volunteer work truly makes a difference, and for that, we are incredibly grateful. We look forward to continuing our journey together, growing and celebrating the beauty of Orchids!

Warm Regards,  
Sheewa Salehi, Show Co-Chair



## 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 April 19th. 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

**April 19, 2024 will be the deadline to renew your membership and have your name in the next membership directory!**

### May 17, 2024 Repotting Workshop

The May 17, 2024 meeting will be a hands-on repotting workshop. The society will provide the plants, pot, and potting media (bark, perlite, etc). The cost will be \$20.00 per person, and payments can be made at the monthly April 19 meeting. Members are encouraged to participate and learn the proper method of repotting your orchid. You will receive one healthy mature sized Cattleya for repotting during the event. Please bring your own sanitized hand pruners and disposable gloves. **Members wishing to participate MUST sign up by April 30, 2024. The link to sign up is here: [volunteersignup.org/KYF9P](https://volunteersignup.org/KYF9P)**

P.S. We have 19 plants available. Those who sign up in advance will reserve a plant. Others may attend and observe during the meeting but will not receive a plant. You also have the option of bringing your own plant and just pay \$10 for the media per pot. Please let us know in advance if this is your plan so we have enough supplies.



**Best of Show Paph. Winston Churchill 'Indomitable'**  
Grown by Dave Streeter



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## Webinars:

**April 10, 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](mailto:greenhousechat@aos.org) by April 8, 2024  
Enroll at: <https://secure.aos.org/login?ReturnUrl=http://www.aos.org/all-about-orchids/webinars/chat/greenhouse-chat-march-2024.aspx>

**April 17, 2024 Viruses in Orchids, Symptoms, Spread and Sanitation**  
**By John Hammond** 5:30 PM **Members Only**  
Enroll at: <https://secure.aos.org/login?ReturnUrl=http://www.aos.org/all-about-orchids/webinars/member-only/viruses-in-orchids,-symptoms,-spread-and-sanitatio.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: Carl Berry, Sarah de Heras, Jamie & Gina Hallman, Paul Hernandez, Karen Krebs, Theresa McLernon, Silvestre & Patricia Pacleb, Albert Ramirez, Cecilia Rivas, Susan Whiteside, and Karyn Cook Zafran.

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

- April 19, 2024
- May 16, 2024
- June 21, 2024

◇ General Meetings start 6:30 PM

The next board meeting will be April 23, 2024 7:00PM

Call 310-377-7083 for more Information



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**Culture Award** Encyclia polybulbon  
Grown by Jim Hoyle

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