



C. Mrs. Herbert Greaves
Grown by Larry Bergen

The INFLORESCENSE

“Orchids for Amateurs”

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**Our September 2020 meeting
and Fall Show have been
cancelled for your protection**

Our September meeting and Fall Show are cancelled due to the Coronavirus restrictions. We are still in stay home stay safe mode. Hopefully each of you has stayed healthy and had the opportunity to work with your orchids and stay in contact with friends and neighbors.

This newsletter will be focusing on what has been blooming at our homes since we cannot bring them in to share with you at this time. We look forward to the time when we can be together again.



Den. subclausum phlox
Grown by David West



Den. Nobile Grown
by Glenda Urmacher



C. Little Dipper “Sato” x
Lc. Tropical Auroa SVO
Grown by Art Hazboun

September President's Message

President's Message for June

by Arthur Hazboun

This is the month we usually hold our annual Fall Show at the South Coast Botanic Garden, but as most of you are aware we unfortunately had to cancel the show this year. This is due to the ongoing pandemic of the SARS-CoV-2 (the novel corona virus that causes) COVID-19. The health of our members, guests, attendees, vendors, and garden personnel were taken into consideration and are of the utmost priority and it's the only way to protect everyone. The spread of the virus continues at an alarming rate and health officials are telling us that now younger people are testing positive for the virus. So please stay safe and take care of each other.

A promotional poster for an orchid show and sale. The background is black with several vibrant orchids in shades of pink, purple, and red. The text is white and pink. At the top, it says "Orchid Show and Sale September 19 and 20". Below that, in pink, it says "Orchids-R-Easy Classes All Weekend". The event details are listed: "Sales: Sat 9-5 & Sun 9-4", "Show: Sat 11-5 & Sun 9-4", and "Location: South Coast Botanic Garden, 26300 Crenshaw Blvd., Palos Verdes". A large red word "Cancelled" is prominently displayed across the middle. To the right of "Cancelled" is a bulleted list of features: "Buy direct from commercial growers", "See award winning orchids/displays", "All day demonstrations on orchid care and repotting", and "Stroll the botanical gardens". At the bottom, it lists "Admission: Adults \$15 Seniors/Student w/ID \$11 Children \$10.50" and "Free Parking". The website "www.southbayorchidsociety.com" is at the very bottom.

As this month's acting president, I wanted to update everyone on the future of the society and what we can expect. As of this writing - the South Coast Botanic Garden has not opened its calendar for future meetings, shows, or events for 2021. This affects all garden clubs, societies, and organizations. As soon as we are notified of any positive news about meetings or schedules we will contact our members via email or a future newsletter.

Since we are not collecting yearly membership dues and to save money and cut our expenses the board of directors have decided not to publish the printed membership directory this year. Please retain and hold on to your existing 2019-2020 for member contact information. We will resume collection of the membership dues if and when we start to meet again.

Please enjoy some photos of blooming orchids (found in this newsletter) some of our members have mailed us to share, we encourage you to take photos of your blooming orchids along with the name of the plant and email them to our newsletter editor Marcy Bergen.

Webinars-Coming Attractions!



When	September 01, 2020 8:30pm EST Tuesday	September 10, 2020 8:30 EST Thursday	October 06, 2020 8:30pm EST Tuesday	October 20, 2020 8:30pm EST Tuesday
Topic	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	Encyclias and their Hybrids	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	Understanding How to Care for your Paphiopedilums
Presenter	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	Mike Curtin AOS Student Judge and member of Oregon Orchid Societies	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	Dave Sorokowsky Owner Paph Paradise Awarded grower and AOS Judge

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Perfect For Beginners & Experienced Growers Alike!

AOS Monthly Checklist for September and October by Ned Nash and James Rose

Cattleya - Despite the shortening days and lowering angle of the sun, September can still be one of the hottest months. Water and fertilizer need to be in balance with heat and light. The alert grower will notice, however, that his or her plants are beginning to slow down a bit. Growths are maturing, and the sheaths are giving the promise of the next six-months' bloom.

Check plants for potting needs for the last time this season. Any in dire need should be potted, even some that may be on the cusp, as there is just enough of the growing season left to allow the plants to establish before the days start to get really short and cold.

This is the month for purples derived from *Cattleya labiata* breeding to flower. If you are short on flowers, look into this group. There is nothing that can quite match this type for beauty and fragrance. They are easy to grow, too.

Plants summered outdoors should begin to be prepared to be brought back into the winter growing area. Clean the plants up and be on the lookout for any pests they may have picked up during the summer. Treat as necessary.

Cycnoches - This little-known and under-appreciated genus, which can have male or female flowers, is at its best in the autumn. Two of the spectacular varieties are *Cycnoches loddigesii*, with its large brown flowers resembling a prehistoric bird, and *Cycnoches chlorochilon*, the swan orchid. This last one has large, fragrant green flowers. The biggest problem, culturally, will be red spider mite infestations that require immediate attention. Plants are quite seasonal, requiring heavy watering in the growing season and then a drier dormant winter season.

Cymbidium - Summer can be the most rewarding season for cymbidiums. Growths should be coming strong now. The leaves of the new growths are best when they are broad and fairly stiff. The color should be a light green to nearly yellow. Early flowering varieties should be showing flower spikes, so move the plants into a cooler area with lower light. For mid-season varieties, lower the dosage of nitrogen to assist in spike initiation.

Dendrobium - This is a good season for hybrids of the *Dendrobium phalaenopsis* and *Dendrobium canaliculatum* types. Both are capable of putting on tremendous shows of long-lasting flowers. Fertilize with a low-nitrogen formula to promote the best flowers. *Dendrobium phalaenopsis* can get tall and top heavy, suggesting an attractive and heavy container would be appropriate for this type.

Rhynchostele bictoniensis - Both *Rhynchostele bictoniensis* and its *hybrids* bloom in this season. *Rhynchostele bictoniensis*, formerly known as *Lemboglossum*, *Odontoglossum*) is a showy species from Mexico that has three different color forms: *sulphureum* (green with white lip), *album* (brown with white lip) and *roseum* (brown with a pink lip). It is a vigorous grower with tall inflorescences of many flowers, and imparts to its progeny (as seen in *Odcdm*. Bittersweet and *Odm*. bicross) ease of culture, warmth tolerance and eye-catching patterns. They make a prime candidate for *odontoglossum* beginners and advanced alike.

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AOS Monthly Checklist continued

Paphiopedilum - Standard, green-leaved paphiopedilums begin to show their bloom sheaths this month. Late-season heat waves can blast these early sheaths, so be observant about proper cooling and air circulation. As with the rest of your plants that may have been summered outdoors, it is time to prepare for their move inside. Clean each plant and implement pest-control practices. Repotting, if necessary, is appropriate.

Phalaenopsis - The bulk of this season's growth is being ripened this month, with growers in cooler climates seeing the first emerging inflorescences. Some night heating may be necessary in the cooler areas. Begin to watch watering more carefully, and reduce feeding proportionately with reduced watering needs. An extra dose of phosphorus and potassium, such as a bloom-booster or high-acid-type fertilizer, is beneficial.

Rossioglossum grande - Once known as *Odontoglossum grande*, this is a spectacular orchid with six to eight flowers up to 8 inches across. Often known as the tiger orchid, it has bright golden yellow flowers heavily marked with chestnut brown barring. The plants are beautiful with a grey-green cast to the foliage, which is borne on succulent pseudobulbs. It prefers hot and wet summers with cooler, even down to 40 F, dry winters. Grow under filtered light. Watch for snails and slugs that eat the flowers, pseudobulbs and leaves.

Cycnoches chlorochilon, the green swan Orchid



Dendrobium
Burana
Stripe is
a popular
and easy
phalaeno
opsis-type
hybrid.



Rossioglossum grande shows
off its large, dramatic flowers.



Vanda unknown
David West



Den. Touch of Gold
Art Hazboun



Miltonia Anne Warne
Larry Bergen



Epidendrum hybrid
David West



C. bicolor Art Hazboun



Lycaste aromatica
Glenda Urmacher



C. White Reception NN
Art Hazboun



Miltassia Charles M.
Fitch 'Izumi' David West



Den. Star of Riverdene
Art Hazboun

Our future membership meetings are held at the South Coast Botanic Garden

- **CANCELLED TILL 2021**
- ◇ **Cultural sessions start 7PM**
- ◇ **General Meetings start 8PM**

The next board meeting will be decided at a later date

Call 310-995-1592 for more information

South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation

A Reminder to Garden Members and Guests

While the Garden remains open as an outdoor venue, all events have been cancelled.

We are strictly adhering to the social distancing rules so we ask that you keep the required physical distance from other visitors. And if you are feeling ill, please postpone your visit.

Please support our host, the South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation for any of these educational and fun filled events. For more information and verification of hours and events, visit their website: <http://southcoastbotanicgarden.org>

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OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE IN 2021



Encyclia Graclis
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C. harrisoniana 'Impassionata'
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Laelia anceps Pink
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