



Best of Section Spring Show
winners 2023

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“Orchids for Amateurs”

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**Our April 21, 2023 guest
speaker will be
Tim Culbertson
“Holcoglossums: The
Next Great Thing in
Vandas”**

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 an 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. Continued on page 2



Holcorides Rosy Snowflakes

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For your meeting, I'll be sharing a presentation on Holcoglossums: The Next Great Thing in Vandas.

Holcoglossums are a relatively new genus to Vandaceous breeding, and they are already making a big splash: they are miniature, adaptable, and make great compact plants for windowsills or outdoors in Southern California. By combining Holcoglossums with basically every Vandaceous genus under the sun, we have been able to come up with some spectacular new combinations; in many cases, these are so new that they haven't even been named yet! This is truly cutting-edge breeding, and you will be amongst the first to see and appreciate these new directions in miniature Vandaceous plants for outdoor or windowsill growing here. By the end of this presentation, you will have a new appreciation of the range of plant habits, floral forms, and colors of Holcoglossum species and hybrids, as well as an appreciation of their lovely flowers and ease-of-growth.



Vandaglossum (rupestre X
V. curvifolium)



Vandaglossum Lemon Drop

President's Message for April 2023 by Charles Brown

They say that "Variety is the spice of life." This winter's weather has certainly provided a wide range of conditions. We've seen the good, the bad and the ugly. The more than average precipitation gave our orchids a boost. The colder than usual temperatures were not so good for some orchids and meant that we orchid hobbyists were less likely to be outdoors caring for them. The cold also brought hail to some locations, causing extensive damage to cymbidiums and most outdoor orchids. Despite all the challenges posed by the weather our society members remained committed to good orchid care, managed to grow some awesome orchids, and we enjoyed a very nice array of beautiful flowers at our Spring Show and Sale. Even the weather cooperated, providing pleasant sunny days, albeit a little on the cool side.

I arrived at the Palos Verdes Art Center Friday evening before the Show and was happy to see that we had received a good number of beautiful blooming plants for display and judging. The fragrance of the numerous dendrobiums filled the room. The colorful cymbidiums decorated the entire length of our display section. The phalaenopsis were also plentiful. Vendors were busy populating their tables with all manner of interesting and exotic plants to tempt us. Our member volunteers were busy registering and placing plants on tables. Around 6:00 PM Friday we began judging the orchids and by 7:00 PM we had selected the Best of Class for each of the ten classes of orchids. Congratulations to all those whose orchid made it to the Awards Table.

Now it was time to select the orchid for Best of Show. The four judges gathered 'round and carefully assessed the Best of Class Winners and cast their vote by secret ballot. And the winner of Best of Show was: I hope you were at the Show to see who the winners were, because I'm not going to name the winners here. If you weren't at the Show you'll have to read further in this newsletter.



Fredclarkeara After Dark
'SVO Black Pearl'

2023 Spring Show in Review

Words alone are not enough to describe my thanks to everyone involved in putting our Spring Show & Sale together and making it such a great success. My appreciation to the following board members who worked the hardest and are most deserving:

Marcy and Larry Bergen - hauling show supplies to and back from the show, setting up, Larry working the book sale booth, and Marcy coordinating the Sunday volunteers

Charles Brown - online volunteer coordinator, judging chair, and Saturday volunteer organizer

Braulio Mena - staffing the entrance booth during the entire show, and organizing the book sale

Gerald (Jerri) Larsson - helping with setup and teardown manning the book sale booth

Charlotte Morrison - keeping busy with membership and help with setup/teardown

Dr. Robert Streeter - our senior director emeritus was kind enough to oversee and participate in the judging of the event.

Thanks also to the volunteer members who signed up to assist with the show especially:

Karen Low - excellent job with plant classifications, registration, and overall organizing of the show

David West - for helping with transporting the show supplies from storage and setup

Ron Henry - for setting up and transporting show supplies

Marcia and David Streeter - for setting up and helping with staging and judging at the show

Jim Hoyle - for transporting the show supplies and helping in various positions at the event

I wish to also personally thank each member who volunteered in helping with various positions at the event. Too many for you to list here but know that we couldn't do it without your assistance. We really and truly appreciate your enthusiasm, and help.

Last but not least our vendors who make it possible for us to pay our bills and bring you our monthly meetings, speakers, and shows.

KHN concepts

Orchids and Gardens

Sorella Orchids

Sunset Valley Orchids

UPT (Unsolicited Plant Talks)

Zuma Orchids

I want to also thank the Palos Verdes Art Center for allowing us to have our shows and meetings at the location and we hope to continue to do so for many years in the future.

Congratulations to all the ribbon winners and the "Best of Section" winners. The list is featured in the newsletter. Special kudos to Ksenia Kulakova for winning the "Best of Section" and "Best of Show" trophy for her *Ascocentrum miniatum* and to Jerri Larsson for his "Best Culture" trophy for *Den. Nobile Fancy Angel "Lycee"*. I was honored to receive the Best of Dendrobium section trophy for my *Den. Kingwok "Wow"*, thank you.

On to the next Fall show/sale - planning has begun already (yes, really).

Arthur Hazboun - Show Chair

2023 SPRING SHOW RIBBON JUDGING RESULTS

Best of Show

V. miniata

Ksenia Kulakova

Section Winners

Section I. Cattleya Alliance

C. Lynn Spencer 'Pearl'

Charles Brown

Section II. Standard Cymbidiums

Cym. Bob Streeter 'Hatfield'

Dave Streeter

Section III. Novelty & Miniature Cymbidiums

Cym. Dorothy Stockstill 'Forgotten Fruits'

Dave Streeter

Section IV. Phalaenopsis & Doritis

Phal. Liu's Cute Angel

Ksenia Kulakova

Section V. Vanda & Allied Genera

V. miniata

Ksenia Kulakova

Section VI. Paphiopedilums & Allied Genera

Paph. Honda Hall 'Gold Plate'

Jerri and Nancy Larsson

Section VII. Dendrobiums

Den. King-Wong 'Wow'

Arthur Hazboun

Section VIII. Oncidium & Allied Genera

Osmoglossum canvallarioides

Jim Hoyle

Section X. Other Genera

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Charles Brown

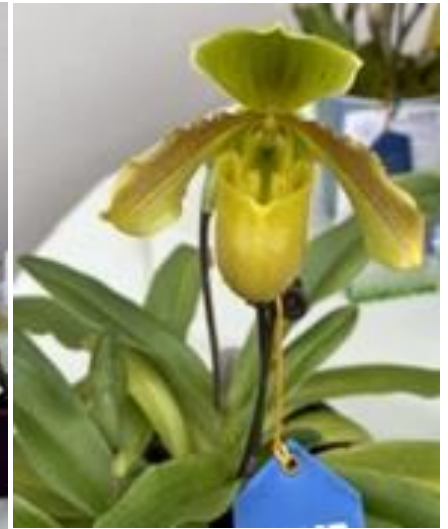
Culture Award

Den. Fancy Angel 'Lycee'

Jerri and Nancy Larsson

Last Call to pay your membership dues!

All membership dues must be paid by April 15, 2023 or your names will be removed from the membership list, the next directory, and the SBOS email list. Contact Charlotte Morrison to renew your membership now! Her name and email are on the board member list in this newsletter.



Upcoming Events

April 14, 2023 Orange County Orchid Society Annual Auction

6:30 PM preview 7:00 PM auction begins

Yorba Linda Community Center 4501 Casa Loma Ave. , Yorba Linda

<https://www.ocos.net> for sale catalog on April 12.

April 20 – 23, 2023 South Coast Plaza Spring Garden Show

3333 Bear St., Costa Mesa (Crate & Barrel / Macy's Home Store wing)

Info: <https://www.southcoastplaza.com/gardenShow/>

April 21 – 23, 2023 San Diego Orchid Society Spring Show and Sale

Friday 3 PM – 7 PM, Sat. 9 AM – 6 PM, Sun. 10 AM – 4 PM Balboa Park's Casa

del Prado room 101 & patio <https://www.sdorchids.com>

April 21-23, 2023 AOS Spring Members Meeting at Casa Del Prado in Balboa Park

Beginning in April 2023 our meetings will start at 6:30 PM.

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

- April 21, 2023
- May 19, 2023
- June 16, 2023

- ◇ Cultural sessions start 6 PM
- ◇ General Meetings start 7 PM

The next board meeting will be April 25, 2022 6:30PM

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

Webinars:

April 4, 2023 AOS Greenhouse Chat with Ron

McHatton 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM open to everyone
Submit your questions and pictures to Sandra Svoboda at
greenhousechat@aos by April 2, 2023 Enroll at:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/495752629030898517>