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Riverside-San Bernardino Counties
The Inland Orchid News.

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Regular meetings
are held on the 2nd
Saturday of the
month.

Regular meetings
include:

Plant Judging
2:00 pm

Meeting 2:15 pm

Speaker 2:30pm

Refreshments &
Judging Results
3:30pm

Gonzales Community Center
670 Colton Ave Colton, CA
Second Saturday of each month
Show-N-Tell @ 2:00 pm
Meeting @ 2:15 pm

General RSBCOS Meeting

February 11th 2:00 – 4:30 pm



Tim Culbertson will talk about development of new Zygopetalum hybrids. These plants are easy to grow and flower, many will grow easily outdoors in Southern California. Tim teaches middle school kids for a living but has always been passionate about plants. For him it is all about Paphiopedilums; he has collected about 3000 Paphs. He is an accredited American Orchid Society judge. He has worked at the Smithsonian Institution tending to their orchids, and for many years at the United States National Arboretum.

Come and learn about zygopetalums and the breeding lines from around the world.

Dates to Remember:

Feb. 11th – General Meeting

Mar. 4th – Garden Festival

Mar. 11th – General Meeting

Apr. 8th - General Meeting

Apr. 29th & 30th Riverside Flower Show

May 13th – General Meeting

June 10th – General Meeting

2023 MEMBERSHIP DUES Are due now. \$25.00 PER HOUSEHOLD

Garden Festival and Flower Show:

We are cosponsors of this annual event along with the Riverside Community Flower Show Committee Inc. The event will be held Saturday March 4, 2023 at the Lawrence Hutton Community Center in Colton, CA from 10 am – 4 pm. Entries will be accepted Friday March 3, 2023 from 5 pm – 6:30 pm and Saturday March 4, 2023 from 7 am – 9 am. We will need workers for both days. We need your blooming orchid plants as well as other horticulture specimens and floral designs. If you wish to enter a floral design please contact Linda Lang at 951 663 5237 or notarylinda@hotmail.com. We hope to have entry schedules by the regular meeting. Our society will have an orchid sale table. Check it out you may not be able to do without that new orchid.

There will be three educational presentations Macro Photography 10:30 am – 11:15 am, Composting – Organic Fertilizer 11:30 am – 12:15 pm and American Traditional Floral Design 12:30 – 1:45 pm. All presentations are free and open to the public. There will be a time for planting seeds and cuttings at 1:30 pm for children and adults. New memberships joining at this event are discounted by \$5 for a cost of \$20 for a household. See you there with your prize-winning orchids, designs and horticultural specimens. Invite your friends to attend and enter. Entry schedules and advertising fliers hopefully will be available at the next regular meeting.

Scholarship to Be Awarded:

Our Society will be awarding a \$500 plus \$50 private donation to The California University of Pomona. If you wish to add to this scholarship, send your check to Steve Trammell as soon as possible. It would be great if we could get that scholarship up to \$600 with a few private donations of \$10 each from our members. A scholarship is an investment in the future. The \$500 comes from the income from the Floral Design classes we teach at the Morongo Basin Orchid Festival by invitation from Chris Gubler of Gubler's Orchids.

Riverside Flower Show:

More information will be coming. We will be judging Orchids, have a table to promote our society and we will be a vendor selling orchid plants. Dates are April 29th and 30th.

Catasetinae Growing Tips:

Note that we had some of these on last month's plant table. We have a two more for February plant table. Come and buy raffle tickets, good luck.

Catasetum, Clowesia, Cycnoches and Mormodes are seasonal growers. New pseudobulbs develop and mature in a six-to-seven-month period. When mature it flowers and then the leaves drop off and the Orchid plant will rest for one to four months before the cycle starts again. While growing, these orchids should be watered heavily and maintain high humidity. Use a balanced fertilizer during the growing season.

The leaves yellowing and dropping off signal the beginning of dormancy. You should now stop fertilizing and cut back on watering frequency, this simulates the end of the wet season in nature. This will cause the pseudobulbs to harden off in preparation for the upcoming months of dormancy. When most leaves are yellow/brown and have fallen off, stop watering altogether. This is the start of the dormant period.

Some Orchids in this group begin their flowering season at the end of the growing season and the onset of leaf yellowing and in dormancy. Some plants don't even start to develop inflorescence until well after all water is stopped and the plant is leafless. If your orchid pseudobulb starts to shrivel up you can water a couple of times to plump it back up. But, not all of these orchids will lose their green leaves when dormant. Some will hold a few leaves past the point when irrigation has stopped. Some plants will resist dormancy if grown indoors. To help trigger dormancy in these Orchids let the media stay dry for 4 – 5 days then water sparingly with about one or two ounces of water. Allow the media to dry and wait 5-6 days before following the same stingy watering procedure. Repeat this process, increasing the dry intervals between waterings.

If you have problems with excessive dehydration caused by long periods of low humidity, here is a solution. Set the pot in a clean jar with water, then set the pot into the jar.

The water should not touch the bottom of the pot, preferably 2 – 3 inches away. The water in the jar will maintain high humidity around the roots, while the plant remains dry during dormancy. Another approach is to increase the humidity by spraying with a water mist. See pictures below.

Use sphagnum in clay pots, medium fine fir bark in clay or plastic pots, or mounted with sphagnum at the roots on tree fern, cork, driftwood or in baskets. Mormodes show a preference in nature to dead or rotting wood, so use this if available. Suspending or hanging the plants help provide good air circulation.



NEED A PICK ME UP CARD?

If you or someone in our society needs a pick me up card, please let Janet Parks know as she is now our Sunshine person. The society wants all our members and friends that we care and are concerned about to know that we are thinking of them. Janet's email is jntprks@gmail.com and her phone number is 951-315-8273.

Riverside/San Bernardino Counties Orchid Society, Inc. has the following memberships:
American Orchid Society, Inc
National Garden Clubs, Inc.
Pacific Region Garden Clubs, Inc
California Garden Clubs, Inc
Palms to Pines District

November Show-N-Tell

Standard Cattleya		Paphiopedilum	
Cultural	Sheryl Hayes	Cultural	
First Place		First Place	Rozie & Steven Trammell
Second Place		Second Place	
Third Place		Third Place	
Hon. Mention		Hon. Mention	
Miniature Cattleya		Standard Phalaenopsis	
Cultural		Cultural	
First Place		First Place	Kay Sarring
Second Place		Second Place	
Third Place		Third Place	
Hon. Mention		Hon. Mention	
Cymbidiums		Mini Phalaenopsis	
Cultural		Cultural	
First Place		First Place	
Second Place		Second Place	
Third Place		Third Place	
Hon. Mention		Hon. Mention	
Mini Cymbidiums		Standard Vanda	
Cultural		Cultural	
First Place		First Place	
Second Place		Second Place	
Third Place		Third Place	
Hon. Mention		Hon. Mention	
Dendrobium		Mini Vanda	
Cultural		Cultural	
First Place	Sheryl Hayes	First Place	
Second Place		Second Place	
Third Place		Third Place	
Hon. Mention		Hon. Mention	
Odontoglossum/Oncidium		Other Genera	
Cultural		Cultural	
First Place		First Place	Rozie & Steven Trammell
Second Place		Second Place	
Third Place		Third Place	
Hon. Mention		Hon. Mention	
Species		Specimen Plants	
Cultural		Cultural	
First Place		First Place	
Second Place	Tom Gibbs	Second Place	
Third Place		Third Place	
Hon. Mention		Hon. Mention	



2022 – 2023 Officers and Board Members

Vendors who made our past auction such a success. Please remember to purchase orchids from them as a thank you.

1. Gubler's Orchids
 2. Sunset Valley Orchids
 3. Lico Orchids
 4. Andy's Orchids
 5. Casa De Las Orquideas
 6. Kalapana Tropical
 7. Cal Pacific Orchid Farm,
Patrick Desmond,
1122 Orpheus Ave.,
Leucadia, CA 92024
- Gift Certificates
1. Santa Barbara Orchid Estate
 2. Norman's Orchids
 3. Odom's Orchids

Officers 2022-2023

President: Tom Gibbs
1st Vice President: Open
2nd Vice President: Steve Trammell
Board Secretary: Linda Lang

Membership Secretary: Ron Lang

Treasurer: Steven Trammell
swtrammell@msn.com

Auction: OPEN

Greeter: OPEN

Hospitality/Kitchen: Various Groups

Newsletter: Ron Lang

Plant Sales: Jamie Stewart

Raffle Tickets: Frankie Sexton

Speakers: Open

Sunshine: Janet Parks

Parliamentarian: Open

AOS/Orchid Digest: Sandy Collins

Equipment: Jim Spence

Web Site: Jim Spence

Spring Show Ron Lang

Board Members

Linda Lang, Ron Lang, Jim Spence, Steve Trammell, Rozie Trammell, Frankie Sexton, Tom Gibbs, Christy Sterling, Janet Parks and Dann Dust

Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be a virtual Zoom meeting on Feb.19 at 3:30 PM

The board meetings are held on the fourth Sunday of the month and the general society membership is always welcome. If you are a board member and you are not able to attend, please notify Tom Gibbs



Note: Any items you want included in the newsletter please get them to me by the last two days of the month. Address Ron Lang 3800 W. Wilson #85 Banning, CA 92220 or rflangx25@gmail.com.

Remember:

Support your local orchid growers and tell them you are a member of the **Riverside-San Bernardino Counties Orchid Society**. Who knows...you may receive a discount!

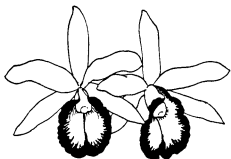
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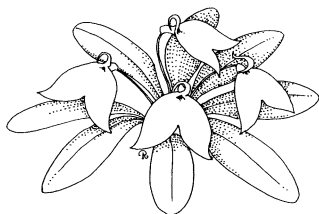
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Newsletter



**Meetings are held at
Colton Community
Center
660 Colton Ave.
Colton, CA 92324**



**Celebrating our
70th year!**

About Our Society...

The Riverside-San Bernardino Counties Orchid Society (RSBCOS) was founded to further the understanding and appreciation of orchids by its members locally and to aid in a worldwide effort to improve man's knowledge of them.

