



April 2022

This month's program

Next Meeting

Our speakers this month are

**Wednesday
April 20th
7:30 pm**

**Kathy Boals, Leslie Naines-Brown
and Vicky Price**

via Zoom

***Adventures in Volunteering at the Huntington Library Orchid
Collection***

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Kathy Boals bio: I attended UCSB as an undergraduate in the Bio Sci department. The University's orchid collection was housed in old wooden greenhouses right next to the Biology building. Naturally I looked around and instantly became enthralled! I particularly remember a pastel peach colored standard Cattleya - I have always wished I could have gotten a piece of it! One of my classmates was already an orchid hobbyist and told me about SBOE. Paul was still only middle aged (this was many years ago) and I was able to afford a few \$6.00 plants even as a college student. Since then I have never looked back and now my collection has grown to over 300 plants.

Leslie Naines-Brown bio: The Santa Barbara Orchid show seduced me into the world of orchids. At first, I was able to resist the pull and just enjoy the show. But then... it happened... the orchid bug captured me. Resistance was futile... I joined the Conejo Orchid Society about 20 years ago, and have been a volunteer at the Huntington Library in the orchid greenhouse for the last 10 years. Us early volunteers not only participated in the activities we will share with you today, but we pollinated and did the lab work to create more... and more...

Vicky Price bio: In 2005, I was busy planting my pansies when my neighbor came up and asked if I wanted some orchids. After much protest on my part, he grabbed my arm and dragged me to his home where he proceeded to dig up some cymbidiums and throw them into some Home Depot buckets. I didn't even know what kind they were, but they had lots of spikes! They proudly flanked my patio doors for years. A year or two later, my dear friend invited me to a meeting of the Conejo Orchid Society. I won 4 beautiful Hatfield cymbidiums and I was hooked! 2 shadehouses, 1 greenhouse and over 300 plants later, I think I have an addiction problem. I began volunteering at the Huntington about 10 years ago. I am so proud of the work the COS volunteers have done to bring the Weltz collection and Greenhouse 4 into the beautiful condition it is now.