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San Gabriel Valley *Orchid* Hobbyists

Bulletin

February Meeting
Thursday, February 19, 2015
7:30 pm Ribbon Judging
8:00 pm General Meeting

Our regular meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of the month at Los Angeles County Arboretum & Botanic Garden, Lecture Hall, 301 North Baldwin Avenue, Arcadia

General Meeting: Fred Clarke "Growing Orchids 101"

Learn about Growing Orchids in Southern California. This is a PowerPoint presentation.

Fred Clarke has been growing orchids for since 1977 and has been hybridizing for 38 of those years. With over 34 years as a professional grower and manager in the horticultural industry, Fred applies these skills at his orchid nursery; Sunset Valley Orchids, located in San Diego, California.

He is a passionate orchid grower whose curiosity in orchids is broad and varied. Although developing Cattleya hybrids has been his sustaining interest, he is also actively creating new Catasetinae, Paphiopedilum and Australian Dendrobium hybrids.

His pioneering work in Catasetum intergeneric breeding has led to the development of several notable hybrids, most recently the grex, Fredclarkeara After Dark, which produced "the blackest flower ever witnessed". This grex has received over 52 awards world wide, including; eight FCC's, eleven AM's and the coveted 'Award of Distinction on the first flowers shown for judging!

Fred is an internationally acclaimed speaker and travels extensively within USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. He is an accredited American Orchid Society Judge in the Pacific South region. His plants have received hundreds of quality awards from the American Orchid Society.

Plant Opportunity Table

The plant table for this month will be provided by **Sunset Valley Orchids**. Don't forget to get your tickets!

JANUARY PLANT JUDGING Plant Name Species Owners Name Cultural: Paph appletonianum David Campen 1st Pleurothallis amparoana Dann Dunst 2nd Restrepia trichoglossa Dann Dunst 3rd Cym. erythroxylum Kay Hudspeth Hon. Restrepia guttulata Dann Dunst Cattleyas Cultural: Blc. Momilani Rainbow Jim Gomes Slc. Jeweler's Art 'Carved Kay Hudspeth Coral' 2nd L. Splendid King Una Yeh 3rd C. Ruben Gordon Quan Hon. L. Splendid Spire 'Fushia Flare' Una Yeh Cattleyas Mini Cultural: Bc. Maikai 'Mayumi' Jim Gomes 1st Slc. Jeweler's Art x Slc. Minipet Kay Hudspeth 2nd Lc. Mona Pink 'Miromi' Jim Gomes AM/AOS 3rd Hon. C. Unknown Jim Gomes Cymbidium Cultural: Cym. Tracyanum Herbert Doris Hirata Passage 1st Cym. Tracyanum Jim Gomes 2nd Cym. Esmarella x Lucky Alyce Griffith Shamrock 3rd Cym. Wigianum x San Miguel Una Yeh Cymbidium-Novelty Cultural: 1st Cym. pumilum x iowianum Dann Dunst Dendrobiums Cultural: Alyce Griffith Den. Unknown 2nd Den. Gillieston Gold 'Natalie' YS Farn 3rd Den. Butter Star 'Pixie Yellow' Una Yeh Hon. Oncidiums Cultural: 1st Onc. Dancing Lady Una Yeh 3rd Hon. Onc. Unknown Una Yeh Paph & Phrags Cultural: 1st Paph. Winston Churchill Dann Dunst Paph. River Gorge X Paph. Dann Dunst **Burning Bush** Hon. Paph. Danella Dann Dunst Std. Phals Mini Phals Vandaceous Cultural: V. Pure Wax Gordon Quan Other Genera Cultural: Psychopsis Luchia Lip Kay Hudspeth 1st Bolleanthes Lafontaine Jim Gomes 2nd Zga. Adelaide Meadows Jim Gomes 3rd Epicat. Rene Marques 'Flame Kay Hudspeth Thrower' Hon. Zygo Mackayi x Intermedia Dann Dunst

2015 Membership Dues

Pay your dues for 2015
now while you think of it.
Dues are still only \$20.00.
Dues are for calendar year
2015 January –
December). Please make
your check out to "San
Gabriel Valley Orchid
Hobbyists Inc." and mail it
to, PO Box 660111,
Arcadia, CA 91066 or bring
it to the next meeting.

All unpaid members as of the March meeting will lose all privileges that are included with membership.

We encourage you to renew your membership now......

Thanks Irene!

Many thanks, to Irene for being our President for the past several years. We appreciated your help and dedication to our Society.

Thanks for hosting this years cross over luncheon at your house. Officers and Directors were sworn in to Office. And we all enjoyed the food and drinks.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS (CONT.)

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Membership Welcome Message

Open

Please Welcome new members Anna Huang, Mark Orenstein, Ruth Qin, Sunle Sun. We had 40 members and 1 guest in attendance at the January meeting.

ADVERTISING IN THE BULLETIN

Anyone interested in advertising in the SGVOH Bulletin should contact **Jim Gomes** (626)577-7220 or jim.gomes@att.net for prices and information.

Bulletin Deadline: Those wishing to place announcements in the bulletin should get the information to the editor, Jim Gomes (626)577-7220 or jim.gomes@att.net, by the Friday following the fourth Thursday of the month.

Generous Donation

The society would like to thank **Paul Chou** for his generous donation of 24 plants of Brassavola digbyana.

It is the national flower of Honduras. Formerly known as Brassavola digbyana, it is the parent used to produce those beautiful frilly lips in almost all the Cattleya hybrids. Thus the "B" in "Blc." is Brassavola digbyana. It has been used more in hybridizing than almost any other orchid.

Now know as Rhyncholaelias. R. digbyana is native to Mexico, Costa Rica, Honduras and Belize where it grows as an epiphyte often in very harsh conditions and subject to long periods of dryness. Some specimens have actually been found growing on cacti! There are only two species in this genus, R. digbyana and R. glauca. Both are green flowered and have large lips in comparison to the size of the petals and sepals.

Taking Orders
Masdevallia and Dracula
Divisions
3" pots or net baskets
(20% of sales are donated to
the Society)

<u>Dracula: \$20 each</u> (55 to 75 degrees, shade, keep moist at all times, likes high humidity 80% +)

inaegualis - easy grower, treat as masdevallia, cute bell shaped flower, red and white prolific blooms

Nisseniae - beautiful cream color

Felix - abundant miniature blooms cream color with purplish fringes

Masdevallia: \$15 each (55 to 80 degrees, shade, keep moist, likes high humidity 60 -80%)

Keiko Komoda - easy to grow nice yellow blooms

Veitchiana - stunning red, with orange

Dimorphotricha - has paddled shaped leaves, spikes, pretty 3/4" triangular blooms are deep red and have 1/2" yellow tails

Pleurothallis allenii – easy grower, prolific flowers, \$15

Contact Dann Dunst: dannd@aol.com or (909) 229-5605 - will bring to meetings.

Hospitality Chair



We are still searching for someone to step up and take charge for the goodies table at our regular monthly meeting. Maybe two people and they could alternate every other month. If you have any ideas please let us know.

Judging at SGVOH

We appreciate everyone volunteering to judge each month. We know this is a big task. When completing the form please take your time and print the names of the plants on the form. Remember, someone is typing the data from this form into the bulletin. This person can not see the plant and has not idea what the name is. So please print legibility.

A Note From Lana

SGVOH is starting its 63rd year. Here's to a productive 2015!



Thumbs up to our dedicated, talented members, that make our society function so smoothly. Our January Program from George Hatfield on cymbidiums, informed and encouraged us onward. Fred Clarke is our February's Program Speaker.

We are planning a Plant Forum also. Now, I actually am seeing happy smiles on my orchid's blooms! The heart of SGVOH is sharing orchid knowledge. Our Program Chair always brings us the best. I start my Presidency asking for all members to check if their Dues are to be renewed. Dues run from January to December, and must be paid by February of the following year. Don't loose this bargain of information, good friends, tours and luscious orchids! We welcome any new members and guests to join in our passion. See everyone at the February 19th General Meeting.

> -Lana Tripathi President

Long Beach Amateur Orchid Society Annual Orchid Auction Monday, March 9

St. Gregory's Episcopal Church Hall

6201 E. Willow Street
Long Beach, CA
6:00pm - Preview & Registration
6:30pm - Auction Begin

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 7 San Diego County Cymbidium Society Annual Auction

Lake Pavilion 1105 La Bonita Drive Lake San Marcos, CA

February 11 Cool Growing Orchid Society Annual Orchid Auction

Garden Grove Masonic Lodge 11270 Acacia Parkway Garden Grove, CA www.coolorchids.org

February 13 - 15 Newport Harbor Orchid Expo 2015 "Orchids: Jewels of the Jungle"

Westminster Mall 1025 Westminster Mall Westminster, CA

March 13 - 15 The 70th Santa Barbara Intl. Orchid Show "Celebrate With Orchids"

Earl Warren Showgrounds: Highway 101 and Las Positas Road Santa Barbara, CA

March 27 - 29 San Diego County Orchid Society "Around The World With Orchids" 2015 Show & Sale

Scottish Rite Center 1895 Camino Del Rio South San Diego, CA

March 27 - 29 Orchids by Art Open House and Sale

Time: 9am to 5pm 16057 Nordhoff St., North Hills, CA 91343 Cell- 818-903-4073; Home-818-893-2987 Refreshments will be served

The next **Board Meeting** will be held at 7 PM on **Thursday**, **February 26**, at the LA County Arboretum. Board members unable to attend should notify **Jim Gomes** ((626) 577-7220 or jim.gomes@att.net).



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