



San Gabriel Valley *Orchid* Hobbyists

Bulletin

February Meeting
Thursday, February 15, 2018
7:30 pm Plant Judging
8:00 pm General Session

Our regular meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of the month at
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"Today Mini and Compact Cattleya's"

Today Mini and Compact growing Cattleya's come in many colors and shapes. Learn about the small growing Cattleya species, the important breeding plants and what hybrids are available for the orchid enthusiast. In conclusion we cover the 'best practices' for growing these little gems. This is a PowerPoint presentation.

Fred has been growing orchids for 40 years and has been hybridizing for 35 of those years. With over 31 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 Bulbophyllum and Paphiopedilum hybrids.

His pioneering work in *Catasetum* intergeneric hybrids led to the development of several notable hybrids, most recently the grex, *Fredclareara After Dark*, which produced "the blackest flower ever witnessed" and received over 90 awards worldwide.

Fred is an Accredited Judge in the Pacific South Judging 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!

FEBRUARY PLANT JUDGING

Species	Plant Name	Owners Name
Cultural:	L. anceps	Toby Luong
1 st	Dracula bella	Dann Dunst
2 nd	Dracula roezlii	Dann Dunst
3 rd	L. anceps SanBar 'Pink'	Una Yeh
Hon.	Paph. appletonianum	Dann Dunst
Cattleyas		
Cultural:	L. Superbiens x C. Amyth.	Una Yeh
1 st	Blc. Taiwan Ruby	Y.S. Farn
2 nd	Blc. Malworth 'Orchidglade'	Gordon Quan
3 rd	Lc. Coastal Breeze	Una Yeh
Cattleyas Mini		
Cultural:	Bc. Maikai	Lisa
1 st	Lc. Tropical Sunset	Una Yeh
2 nd	Pot. Young-Min	Jim Gomes
3 rd	Slc. Hazel Boyd	Y.S. Farn
Hon.	Hawaiian Disc x William Farrell	Jim Gomes
Cymbidium		
1 st	Cym. tracianum	Una Yeh
2 nd	Cym. Champagne	Y.S. Farn
3 rd	Cym. James Toya 'Hatfield'	Y.S. Farn
Cymbidium-Novelty		
1 st	Cym. (Runaway x Peachlet) x devonianum 'Tikitere'	Jim Gomes
2 nd	Cym. Enzan Summer	Lynn Mclwain
3 rd	Cym. Dick Swain 'Louise'	Lynn Mclwain
Hon.	Cym. Unknown	Heriberto Rojas
Dendrobiums		
Cultural:	Den. Class x Intense	Jim Gomes
1 st	Den. Royal Vista x speciosum	Toby Luong
2 nd	Den. Jonathan Glory 'Dark Joy'	Y.S. Farn
3 rd	D. Autumn x Jesmond Sparkler	Toby Luong
Hon.	Den. unicum	Raul ?????
Oncidiums		
Cultural:	Onc. Twinkle	Jim Gomes
1 st	Onc. Alohi 'Hawaii'	Greg Orozco
2 nd	Psychopsis Butterfly	Dann Dunst
3 rd	Onc. Unknown	Jim Gomes
Hon.	Onc. Masai Red	Una Yeh
Paph & Phrags		
1 st	Paph. Ella Dancing	Raul
2 nd	Paph. Yerba Buena	Raul
3 rd	Paph. Cavalese giganteum	Raul
Hon.	Paph. Bellatulum	Dann Dunst
Std. Phals		
Cultural:		
Mini Phals		
1 st		
Vandaceous		
Cultural:	V. Esther Araneta	Dann Dunst
1 st	Ascda. Lake x V. Wirat	Dann Dunst
2 nd	Ascda. Suksamran Beauty	Dann Dunst
3 rd	Ascda. Thaispots x Loudes Apostal	Dann Dunst
Hon.	Aer. Lawrenceae x V. Sadiche	Jim Gomes
Other Genera		
Cultural:	Masd. White Angel	Dann Dunst
1 st	Angcm. Crestwood	Jim Gomes
2 nd	Lycaste Skinneri Alba	Raul
3 rd	Masd. Angel Tang	Dann Dunst
Hon.	Dracuvallia Blue Boy	Dann Dunst



What a pleasure it was to have David Toyoshima as our speaker last month. His program was on the oldies but goodies of the cattleya world. I started growing and learning about orchids in the 1970s going through catalogs from Stewarts Orchids, Amacost Royston, Jones & Scullys, Oak Hills, Rod Mclellens none of which are in business anymore. Seeing all the beautiful photos of all those great old flowers really brought back many memories. This was a nice way to start off the New Year. See you all at the February meeting.

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Membership Welcome Message

Please Welcome new member
Jess Stone.

We had 30 members and 1 guest in attendance at the January meeting.

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2018 Membership

Membership is now due for 2018. Please see Dann Dunst at our next meeting to renew your membership. Don't forget to pickup your new 2018 Membership card also. This card can be used at Yamada's for 10% off on any orchid related items.

March 12, 2018
Long Beach Amateur
Orchid Society
Annual Orchid Auction
 Preview at 6:00PM, Auction
 at 6:30PM. Visitors and
 guests welcome. Cash or
 check only. Free parking
 and admission.
www.lbaos.com

AOS Webinar

Doctor Doctor,
 I See Spots:
Cattleya guttata

Andrew Coghill-
 Behrends, Wednesday,
 February 21, 2018
 This Webinar is for AOS
 Members only. Please go to
 AOS.ORG / All About
 Orchids/Webinar.

Join Andrew Coghill-Behrends
 as he presents a discussion on
Cattleya guttata and its
 hybrids.

The Importance of Staking

Orchids growing in the wild don't have the benefit of a caretaker to primp and preen them. But their only purpose is to attract a pollinator, not please us humans. If we grow orchids to display in our homes or exhibit at shows and orchid society meetings, we want them to look their best. Our regimen of giving our orchids the best of care must include staking the flowers. Some beginners may not consider staking part of orchid growing, or may be too intimidated to try their hand at it. But the flowers are the reward we grow orchid plants for and we should help them present those flowers in their most glorious beauty. This is not to imply that all orchids must be staked, but there are some orchids and some cases where staking is of great benefit.

Why Stake?

It is essential to stake an orchid inflorescence if the plant is being transported to a meeting or show. The movement of travel can easily damage flowers or even break an inflorescence. Many orchids will present their flowers in a more pleasing manner if the inflorescence is staked. Just today I was looking through the shade house and found a *Cattleya intermedia* inflorescence that had grown quite tall over Easter weekend. It was starting to bend and the weight of the four flowers was also making the pseudobulb bend as well. Had I left this

spike to develop on its own the flowers would be nodding downward. That doesn't matter to a bee but it does to us who want to admire the flowers! Commercial phalenopsis growers always stake inflorescences, starting early to create a beautifully shingled presentation of flowers. Most orchids with long, multifloral inflorescences show better if staked. Both single-flowered and multifloral *Paphiopedilum* hybrids should be staked to allow the inflorescence to develop straight and stay that way. Many cattleyas, especially those with long flower spikes or heavy flowers benefit from staking. In short, any orchid may be improved by staking its inflorescence excepting some species and of course, orchids with pendant inflorescences.

This article was taken from the AOS website under beginners newsletter.

June Auction

Our June Auction will be on June 21st. We would like encourage members to start dividing their plants, so they may donate some of their divisions. Remember, our auction is our only fund raiser, so we may acquire speakers, pay rent, supplies, etc. We would like to thank each of you in advance for your support.



**Going, Going,
 SOLD**

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 9 – 11
Newport Harbor Orchid Show & Sale
'Romancing the Orchid'
1025 Westminster Mall
Westminster, CA

February 23 - 25
66th Pacific Orchid Exposition
'Orchids in Wonderland'
Show & Sale
Hall of Flowers, Golden Gate Park
San Francisco, CA

March 9 - 11
73rd Santa Barbara Intl. Orchid Show
The World's Greatest Show
ORCHIDS
Earl Warren Showgrounds
Santa Barbara, CA

March 23 - 25
San Diego County Orchid Society
Show & Sale
Scottish Rite Event Center
1895 Camino Del Rio South
San Diego, CA 92108

The next **Board Meeting** will be held February 22, 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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Today's Mini & Compact

Cattleyas

