



San Gabriel Valley *Orchid* Hobbyists

Bulletin

September Meeting
Thursday, September 20, 2018
7:00 PM – Plant Judging
7:30 PM – General Session

Our regular meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of the month at
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WHAT IS AN ORCHID?

This month we will be watching a webinar from the AOS titled "What is an Orchid". We have had several new members join our society this year and we thought it would be nice to present this topic. The speaker in this AOS webinar is Greg Allikas who has been a commercial photographer in Palm Beach and an orchid grower for 28 years. He is the awards photographer for West Palm Beach Judging Center and several annual south Florida orchid shows.

This PowerPoint presentation by Greg is an Introduction to growing orchids. You will learn all the parts of what makes an orchid. And the four elements which you will need to know in growing an orchid. Which are Light, Air, Water and Food.

Plant Opportunity Table

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

Annual Awards Potluck

Our Banquet is held each year in November. This year the banquet will still be in November must moved to Monday, November 12th.

The reason for this is The Los Angeles Arboretum will be featuring "Moonlight Forest, an unforgettable evening experience of art, culture, and discovery. Masterfully crafted lanterns beckon you into the gardens. This event is scheduled October 26 thru January 6 on Wednesdays thru Sunday.

So mark you calendar for Monday, November 12th for our Annual Awards Pot Luck. **This is only a one time only.**

AUGUST PLANT JUDGING

Species	Plant Name	Owners Name
Cultural:	Epi. scriptum	Jim Gomes
1 st	V. tessellata	Dann Dunst
2 nd	B. cuculata	Jim Gomes
3 rd	Epi. fimbriatum	Dann Dunst
Hon.		
Cattleyas		
Cultural:	Blc. George King 'Southern Cross'	Greg Orozco
1 st	Lc. Tokyo Magic x Blc. Williette Wong 'The Best'	Jim Gomes
2 nd	Pot. Chief sweet Orange	Y.S. Farn
3 rd	Blc. Mem. Vida Lee 'Limelight'	Y.S. Farn
Hon.	Lctna. Renate 'S&W'	Una Yeh
Cattleyas Mini		
Cultural:		
1 st	Pcv. Golden Peacock	Greg Orozco
2 nd	L. Jose Pinho	Una Yeh
3 rd	L. xanthina	Jim Gomes
Hon.	B. nodosa 'Susan Fuchs' x C. Hsinying Pub 'Albo Sanguinea'	Una Yeh
Cymbidium		
2 nd		
Cymbidium-Novely		
2 nd	Cym. Unknown	Nata Ruiz
Dendrobiums		
Cultural:		
1 st	Den. Pongton Green	Dann Dunst
2 nd		
3 rd		
Hon.		
Oncidiums		
1 st	Pyp. Butterfly var. alba 'Canary'	Dann Dunst
2 nd	Pyp. Mariposa 'Peloric'	Dann Dunst
3 rd	Pyp. Mendenhall 'Hildos'	Dann Dunst
Hon.	Onc. Unknown	Y.S. Farn
Paph & Phrags		
1 st		
Std. Phals		
Cultural:		
1 st		
2 nd	Dtps. Unknown	Una Yeh
3 rd	Phal. Caliacan x Firebird	Dann Dunst
Hon.		
Mini Phals		
Cultural:		
1 st		
2 nd		
3 rd		
Hon.		
Vandaceous		
Cultural:	V. Dr. Anak x V. Lumpini Red	Gordon Quan
1 st	Ascda. Kuwalee #7	Dann Dunst
2 nd	Ascda. Kuhana Gold Spot	Dann Dunst
3 rd	Neof. falcata	Una Yeh
Hon.	Mokara Golden Tommy	Lucy Arlotti
Other Genera		
Cultural:	Enc. alata 'Sud' x Cashens 'Brown Sugar'	Una Yeh
1 st	Ctsm. Gladiatorum x Fumbriatum	Una Yeh
2 nd	Kir. Stephanie Takasaki	Jim Gomes
3 rd	Nageliella Purpurea	Una Yeh



I would like to thank Jim Gomes for putting together our program for last month. Jim had members send in pictures of their growing area, and he put them into a power point presentation. It was very interesting to see how and where every one grew their plants.

The fall Orchid Shows are coming up this month and that means plant sales as well. So lets remember to support our vendors, let them know you are from San Gabriel Valley Orchid Hobbyists and pick up a few new plants.

Greg Orozco
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Membership Welcome Message

Please Welcome new members

**Michelle Medina &
Rick Medina**

We had 32 members in attendance at the August meeting.

ADVERTISING IN THE BULLETIN

Anyone interested in advertising in the SGVOH Bulletin should contact **Jim Gomes** (626)818-1859 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)818-1859 or jim.gomes@att.net, by the Friday following the fourth Thursday of the month.

Monthly Checklist for September and October

Cattleya

Despite the shortening days and lowering angle of the sun, September can still be one of the hottest months. Water and fertilizer need to be in balance with heat and light. The alert grower will notice, however, that his or her plants are beginning to slow down a bit. Growths are maturing, and the sheaths are giving the promise of the next six-months' bloom.

Check plants for potting needs for the last time this season. Any in dire need should be potted, even some that may be on the cusp, as there is just enough of the growing season left to allow the plants to establish before the days start to get really short and cold.

This is the month for purples derived from *Cattleya labiata* breeding to flower. If you are short on flowers, look into this group. There is nothing that can quite match this type for beauty and fragrance. They are easy to grow, too.

Plants summered outdoors should begin to be prepared to be brought back into the winter growing area. Clean the plants up and be on the lookout for any pests they may have picked up during the summer. Treat as necessary.

Cycnoches

This little-known and under-appreciated genus, which can have male or female flowers, is at its best in the autumn. Two of the spectacular varieties are *Cycnoches loddigesii*, with its large brown flowers resembling a prehistoric bird, and *Cycnoches chlorochilon*, the swan orchid. This last one has large, fragrant green flowers. The biggest problem, culturally, will be red spider mite infestations that require immediate attention. Plants are quite seasonal, requiring heavy watering in the growing season and then a drier dormant winter season.

Cymbidium

Summer can be the most rewarding season for cymbidiums. Growths should be coming strong now. The leaves of the new growths are best when they are broad and fairly stiff. The color should be a light green to nearly yellow. Early flowering varieties should be showing flower spikes, so move the plants into a cooler area with lower light. For mid-season varieties, lower the dosage of nitrogen to assist in spike initiation.

Dendrobium

This is a good season for hybrids of the *Dendrobium phalaenopsis* and *Dendrobium c* *analiculatum* types. Both are capable of putting on tremendous shows of long-lasting flowers. Fertilize with a low-nitrogen formula to promote the best flowers. *Dendrobium phalaenopsis* can get tall and

top heavy, suggesting an attractive and heavy container would be appropriate for this type. .

Paphiopedilum

Standard, green-leaved paphiopedilums begin to show their bloom sheaths this month. Late-season heat waves can blast these early sheaths, so be observant about proper cooling and air circulation. As with the rest of your plants that may have been summered outdoors, it is time to prepare for their move inside. Clean each plant and implement pest-control practices. Repotting, if necessary, is appropriate.

Phalaenopsis

The bulk of this season's growth is being ripened this month, with growers in cooler climates seeing the first emerging inflorescences. Some night heating may be necessary in the cooler areas. Begin to watch watering more carefully, and reduce feeding proportionately with reduced watering needs. An extra dose of phosphorus and potassium, such as a bloom-booster or high-acid-type fertilizer, is beneficial.

The AOS thanks Ned Nash and James Rose for this essay.



UPCOMING EVENTS

September 15 – 16
South Bay Orchid Society
Orchid Show & Sale
South Coast Botanic Garden
26300 Crenshaw Blvd.
Palos Verdes, CA
www.southbayorchidsociety.com

September 29 – 30
Fascination of Orchids
International Show & Sale
South Coast Plaza Village
1621 West Sunflower
Santa Ana, CA 92704
www.fascinationoforchids.com

October 5 – 7
Andy's Orchids
Fall Open House
734 Ocean View Ave.
Encinitas, CA
www.andysorchids.com

October 19 – 21
Huntington Botanical Gardens
Intl. Orchid
Show & Sale
"Orchid Musical"
1151 Oxford Road
San Marino, CA 91108
www.huntington.org

The next **Board Meeting** will be held at 7 PM on **TBD**, 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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