



San Gabriel Valley *Orchid* Hobbyists

Bulletin

April Meeting
Thursday, April 18, 2019
7:00 PM – Plant Judging
7:30 PM – General Session

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

“SPECTACULAR ORCHID SPECIMEN PLANTS” PETER T. LIN

This fast paced PowerPoint presentation will feature specimen plants of Orchids, including both species and hybrids. We'll take a look at how good culture, environment, and grooming can produce these spectacular plants. Be prepared to be inspired to create your own specimen plants at home! Peter started growing orchids over 25 years ago, but then stopped due to school and starting a career. It wasn't until about 7 years ago that the orchid "bug" came back and he is now heavily involved once again. He is an accredited judge with the American Orchid Society and a hybridizer of minicatts. He enjoys meeting with other orchid enthusiasts, and can often be found at various orchid shows and societies around the country. He also has hundreds of photos of his orchids that he maintains on Flickr. You can view them by typing this address into the internet:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/minicatt/collections/>

Due to limited growing space, Peter likes to specialize in miniature orchids, both species and hybrids, and has received numerous AOS awards. His other interests in orchids include Dendrobiums, Angraecoids, and Neofinetias. He maintains a collection of a thousand or more orchids at his home in Southern California in 3 small greenhouses, as well as in the house under fluorescent lights..

Plant Opportunity Table

The plant table for this month will be provided by **Diamond Orchids**. There will be a nice selection of orchids, so be sure to buy your tickets!

2019 Membership

2019 Membership is due now. Please renew your membership now and receive your new 2019 Membership card. This card can be used at Yamada's for 10% off on any orchid related items.

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MARCH PLANT JUDGING

Species	Plant Name	Owners Name
Cultural:	Den. speciosum	Jim Gomes
1 st	Coelogne	Raul Vazquez
2 nd	Stenorrhynchos speciosum	Una Yeh
3 rd	Osmoglossum	Raul Vazquez
Hon.	Restrepia citrina	Dann Dunst
Cattleyas		
Cultural:	L. Canariensis	Eva Lee
1 st	Slc. Jewell Box 'Dark Waters'	Jim Gomes
2 nd	L. Zip x Trick or Treat	Jim Gomes
3 rd	Blc. Sea Urchin 'Satin Doll'	Dann Dunst
Hon.	Lc. Prisim Palette 'Mischief'	Y. S. Farn
Cattleyas Mini		
Cultural:		
1 st	L. Angereri x L. Cinnabarina	Raul Vazquez
2 nd	Pot. Love Passion x Blc. Guess What	Jim Gomes
3 rd	L. Santa Barbara Sunset 'Showtime'	Aaron Estrada
Hon.	Bc. Morning Glory	Aaron Estrada
Cymbidium		
Cultural:	Cym. Pumilum x lowianum	Dann Dunst
1 st	Cym. Sweet Heart	Y. S. Farn
2 nd	Cym. Ahduvelli	Y. S. Farn
3 rd	Sirgmun Baseater x Touchston	Y. S. Farn
Hon.	Unknown	Viras Tangna Varad
Cymbidium-Noveltly		
2 nd		
3 rd		
Dendrobiums		
Cultural:	Den. Jonathans Glory 'Dark Joy'	Eva Lee
1 st	Den. Gillieston Gold 'Natalie'	Eva Lee
2 nd	Den. Australian Artist	Una Yeh
3 rd	Den. Jayden	Y.S. Farn
Hon.	Den. Specdio Kingianum	Y.S. Farn
Oncidiums		
Cultural:		
1 st		
Hon.		
Paph & Phrags		
1 st	Paph Glaucophyllum x Haynaldianum	Michelle Medina
2 nd	Phrag Rocquicier	Dann Dunst
3 rd	Paph. Village Green x Magic Mood	Dann Dunst
Hon.	Paph. Norito Hasegawa	Raul Vazquez
Std. Phals		
Cultural:		
Mini Phals		
Cultural:		
Vandaceous		
Cultural:	V. Thanachai x V. Udom Gold	Dann Dunst
1 st		
Vanda Mini		
Cultural:		
1 st		
Other Genera		
Cultural:	Dialaelia Mizoguchi 'Princess Kiki'	Jim Gomes
1 st	Zygo. Rhein Clown	Raul Vazquez
2 nd	Lycaste Sunray	Olga Ribardo
3 rd	Unknown	Viras Tangna Varad
Hon.	Dracuvallia Blue Boy	Dann Dunst

The President's Message

Boy do I love this spring weather. I took the cover off my out door growing area it was getting a little too warm.

I hope you enjoyed Tim's Presentation on Encyclias I was not able to stay for it I had family here from Idaho and had to get back home.

Please remember about our Auction coming up in May. Jim will have much more information in the coming months. Please tell everyone you know about it, and please try and attend as it is our most important way of funding our Society for the coming year. If everyone could donate just one division that would help make it a success. See you all at the next meeting.

Greg Orozco
President

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Membership Welcome Message

Please Welcome new member
Lisa Stone.

We had 27 members in attendance at the March 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.

2019 Annual Auction

Our Auction will be **May 16th**. 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 for your support.



**Going, Going,
SOLD**

Epsom Salts

Question

I have recently learned that Epsom salts work well for getting phalaenopsis to bloom. My questions are:

Does this work for all orchids? If not, which ones should get it, which ones definitely should not get it? How often do I apply Epsom salts? I've read everything from monthly to twice a year. How much do I apply? What does the Epsom salts do? Is magnesium not sufficiently present in fertilizer? So why is the boost from salts particularly important? —

Tania Self

Answer

You will not read much on this topic in regard to orchids for there has been little research done. As so often is the case, the myths and misinformation get spread widely, often by people selling something. However, this much is true: Magnesium is an essential element in orchid nutrition. In Europe, fertilizer formulas are often expressed as N-P-K-Mg, indicating that it is considered as a macroelement rather than a micronutrient. It can be made available to orchids in many forms. Potting mixes will often contain dolomitic lime for a slow-release source. Growers either top-dress with magnesium sulphate in the spring or they apply it dissolved in water in the autumn as a stand-alone application at 1tbs per gallon. Sophisticated growers will usually add magnesium in a chelated form to their liquid-fertilizer solutions. Plant need can be gauged by tissue analysis but this is probably more complex than most hobby growers can be bothered with.

Magnesium is critical to the flower-initiation process in orchids. Instances of disappointing flower production in Cymbidium, for example, have been linked to low levels of magnesium in plant tissue. The recent work with *Phalaenopsis* you have read supports previous studies on Cymbidium and it is reasonable to presume that magnesium is a macroelement for most orchid genera. —

Andy Easton

Mastering Miltonias

Question

I have over the years purchased miltonias, only to have them die but do not know what I am doing wrong. I have friends who have had the same problem. I purchased one in bud in April 2001 and the buds blasted without opening and eventually the leaves began to turn yellow and the entire plant finally succumbed. What am I doing wrong? - **Peggy Spofford-Wallace**

Answer

I am presuming you have the problems with the Colombian miltonias or Miltoniopsis. Honestly, I could not think of a more difficult area to grow this type of orchid than New Mexico. To succeed, you need a shady greenhouse where high daytime humidity could be maintained and either a swamp cooler or an air-conditioning unit that was set on a day setting of 80 F and a night setting of 62° F. You would have to use good-quality water and keep your fertilizer levels low to reflect the shaded environment. If you take these steps, you should succeed in cultivating miltonias, but it will not be easy and you will deserve any praise you might receive. - **Andy Easton**

UPCOMING EVENTS

**March 29 – April 7
Norman's Orchids
Open House**

11039 Monte Vista Ave
Montclair, CA 91763
Info: www.orchids.com

**April 10
Cool Growing Orchid Society Annual
Auction**

Garden Grove Masonic Lodge,
11270 Acacia Pkwy, Garden Grove 92840
Info: www.coolorchids.org

**April 25 – 28
Southern California Spring Garden Show
South Coast Plaza**

"At Home in the Garden"
3333 Bear Street, Costa Mesa, CA .

**May 16
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Annual Auction**

L.A. Arboretum & Botanic Garden
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The next **Board Meeting** will be held at 7 PM on **April 25**, at the LA County Arboretum.
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