

# San Gabriel Valley *Orchid* Hobbyists

## Bulletin

**February Meeting**  
Thursday, February 20, 2020  
7:00 PM – Plant Judging  
7:30 PM – General Session

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

### “GROWING UNDER LIGHT” DONNA BALLARD

Donna received her first “Trader Joes” noid orchid as a gift, and the following spring it bloomed in her bathroom window and she was hooked. Her presentation is about how she learned to grow orchids by creating her own “Light unit” and progressed to AOS Judging Her collection has now grown into not just a hobby but a full-blown addiction, with not only a “Miniature Emotional Support Greenhouse” (as her husband calls it) in their living room to two small greenhouses and an outdoor shaded growing area in her family’s backyard and today her collection of orchids has topped 1000+ plants.

Donna is a professional interior house plant technician by trade with over 30 years’ experience, a volunteer at the Huntington Botanical gardens, Thornton Estate Orchid Conservatory in San Marino, Sunset Valley Orchids, and Andy’s Orchids on a Stick open houses several times a year. A native of Los Angeles and the San Fernando Valley and she is now an American Orchid Society Associate Judge.

### Plant Opportunity Table

The plant table for this month will be provided by **Carmela Orchids** from the big island of Hawaii. Don’t forget to get your tickets!

### 2020 Membership

Renew your membership now and receive your new 2020 Membership card. This card can be used at Yamada’s for 10% off on any orchid related items.

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## JANUARY PLANT JUDGING

Species	Plant Name	Owners Name
Cultural:	Onc. varicosa var. rogerii	Jim Gomes
1 <sup>st</sup>	L. autumnalis	Raul Vazquez
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bulbo. comosum	Dann Dunst
3 <sup>rd</sup>	C. walkeriana 'Carmela'	Aaron Estrada
Hon.	Coelia bella	Jim Gomes
Cattleyas		
Cultural:	Slc. Golden Wax cross	Lucy Arlotti
1 <sup>st</sup>	L. anceps	Tuan Ngo
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Pot. Love Passion x Lc. Fires of Spring	Jim Gomes
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Slc. Dorothy Elliot	Jim Gomes
Hon.	L. anceps	Una Yeh
Cattleyas Mini		
Cultural:		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Blc. Izumi Charm x Slc. Fire Fantasy	Olga Ribardo
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Pot. Star Fire	Jim Gomes
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Rth. Maui Ruby	Una Yeh
Cymbidium		
Cultural:		
Cymbidium-Noveltly		
Cultural:	Cym. unknown	Raul Vazquez
1 <sup>st</sup>	Cym. Spring Season	Y.S. Farn
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Cym. Spring Season	Una Yeh
Dendrobiums		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Den. Avril's Gold	Una Yeh
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Den. Jonathan's Glory	Dann Dunst
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Den. Hibiki	Raul Vazquez
Hon.	Den. Aussie Parade x Herkerii	Una Yeh
Oncidiums		
Cultural:	Onc. Sunkiss 'Buttercup'	Raul Vazquez
1 <sup>st</sup>	Onc. Sweet Sugar	Dann Dunst
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Onc. Southland	Raul Vazquez
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Miltonia Sunset	Dann Dunst
Hon.		
Paph & Phrags		
Cultural:		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Paph. unknown	Una Yeh
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Paph. Cocoa Liberty x Cocoa Tree	Dann Dunst
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Paph. Charlie Tiger	Linda Peterson
Hon.	Paph. Fairrieatum x (Coconut Candy x barbigerum)	Una Yeh
Std. Phals		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Phal. unknown	Y.S. Farn
2 <sup>nd</sup>		
Mini Phals		
Cultural:	Phal. unknown	Y.S. Farn
1 <sup>st</sup>	Phal. unknown	Y.S. Farn
Vandaceous		
Cultural:		
1 <sup>st</sup>	V. tessellata Dark	Dann Dunst
2 <sup>nd</sup>	V. Sonsri Blue 'Classic'	Aaron Estrada
3 <sup>rd</sup>	V. William Rasco	Dann Dunst
Vanda Mini		
Cultural:		
Other Genera		
Cultural:		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Zygo. 'Blue Visage	Olga Ribardo
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Zygo. Zygosepescalum Amanda	Dann Dunst
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Zygo. Adelaide Meadows	Dann Dunst
Hon.	Laeliocatartron Pink Fantasy	Jim Gomes

## The President's Message

I hope that you all enjoyed Peter Lin's presentation on Mini Catt's last month. We would like to hear from the membership about subjects that you would like to hear about, including Webinars from the A.O.S. It is getting difficult to find and get speakers to speak at our meetings, so any input you have is appreciated. The show at Westminster Mall is coming up soon hope to see you all there.

**Greg Orozco**  
President

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## Membership Welcome Message

We had 28 members and 3 guests in attendance at the January meeting.

*Happy Valentine's Day*

### 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.

## 2020 Membership Dues

Pay your dues for 2020 now while you think of it. Dues are still only \$20.00. If you wish to receive the Bulletin via U.S. mail, there will be an additional \$10.00 charge. Dues are for calendar year 2020 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.....

## 2020 Annual Auction

Our Auction will be **June 18<sup>th</sup>**. 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**

## Monthly Checklist for March and April

### Cattleya

Although March is, in many parts of the country, still a cold and blustery month, the lengthening days and warmer temperatures allowed by increased light are long-awaited harbingers of the coming change of season.

Some of the best standard cattleyas of the year will be in bloom, or will be blooming soon. The last of the winter-flowering hybrids will join the earliest of the spring hybrids in a wonderful display. Be on the alert for senescing sheaths that need removal. If these yellowing sheaths are not removed, the moisture they trap can lead to bud rot. Careful removal of the sheath will allow the buds to develop, although they will need additional support. Changing light conditions can also be a problem in March and April. An exceptionally bright day, especially immediately following a rain, can lead to sunburn of the foliage if shading is not attended to properly. There can still be periods of dull days where spikes can be weakened owing to the lower light. Lengthening days will mean increased metabolic rates necessitating increased water and fertilizer. The plants will indicate needs by drying more rapidly, which means more frequent watering and fertilizing.

With the passing of the season for winter bloomers, and the beginning of the season for spring bloom, it is also the time to be on the lookout for plants that will need potting after they bloom. Immediately after blooming has proven to be the best time to repot winter- and spring-flowering cattleyas. In most cases, they will be ready to grow roots, so if potted at this time, they will root right into fresh mix with little or no setback.

### Dendrobium (Australian)

These hard-cane dendrobiums will be at their flowering peak now. It is not unusual to see a specimen of this type in an orchid show boasting 1,000 flowers. The secret with this group -- bred primarily from *Dendrobium kingianum* and *Dendrobium speciosum* -- is to provide ample water, fertilizer and light during the growing season.

***The AOS thanks Ned Nash and James Rose for this essay. For more info:***

<http://www.aos.org/orchids/seasonal-orchid-care/march-april-checklist.aspx>

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**February 21 -23**  
**Pacific Orchid Exposition**  
**County Fair Building**  
**Hall of Flowers**  
Golden Gate Park  
San Francisco, CA

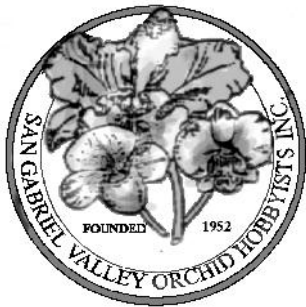
**March 9**  
**Long Beach Amateur Orchid Society**  
**Annual Auction**  
St. Gregory's Episcopal Church Hall  
6201 E. Willow St.  
Long Beach, CA

**March 13 - 15**  
**Santa Barbara Intl. Orchid Show**  
**'Orchid Magic'**  
Earl Warren Showgrounds  
Santa Barbara, CA

**April 8**  
**Cool Growing Orchid Society**  
**Annual Auction**  
Garden Grove Masonic Lodge  
11270 Acacia Pkwy  
Garden Grove, CA

The next **Board Meeting** will be held at 7 PM on **(Will be notified)**  
, at the LA County Arboretum.

Board members unable to attend should notify **Jim Gomes** ((626) 818-1859 or jim.gomes@att.net).



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*February 20, 2020*

*Donna Ballard*

*Growing Under Light*

