



# San Gabriel Valley *Orchid* Hobbyists

## Bulletin

January Meeting  
Thursday, January 16, 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

### “MINI-CATTS: DELIGHTFUL CATTEYAS IN MINIATURE” PETER LIN

A fast-paced Powerpoint presentation on these charming Cattleya orchids. The journey will begin with a review of the miniature species, early hybrids, and then to some of the relevant hybrids of today. We will also review how to grow these wonderful plants

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 mini-catts. 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.

### 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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## DECEMBER PLANT JUDGING

Species	Plant Name	Owners Name
Cultural:	Dendrochilum formosanum	Eva Lee
1 <sup>st</sup>	Masd. tricarinata	Dann Dunst
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Angraecum leonis	Raul Vazquez
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Aer. biloba	Una Yeh
Hon.	Scaphosepalum gibberosum	Dann Dunst
Cattleyas		
Cultural:	L. Finckeriana	Jim Gomes
1 <sup>st</sup>	Blc. Super Storm 'Thanksgiving'	Eva Lee
2 <sup>nd</sup>	L. anceps 'Supreme'	Raul Vazquez
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Blc. Melody Fair 'Mishima'	Aaron Estrada
Hon.	Bc. Maikai	Jim Gomes
Cattleyas Mini		
Cultural:		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Pot. Love Passion x Blc. Guess What	Jim Gomes
2 <sup>nd</sup>	C. Jairak Doll	Raul Vazquez
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Blc. Sea Urchin	Una Yeh
Hon.	Bc. Yellow Bird	Jim Gomes
Cymbidium		
2 <sup>nd</sup>		
Cymbidium-Novelty		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Cym. Chen's Ruby	Una Yeh
Hon.	Cym. Unknown	Una Yeh
Dendrobiums		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Den. Smile 'butterfly'	Raul Vazquez
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Den. Velvet Melody	Olga Ribardo
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Den. Unknown	Aaron Estrada
Hon.	Den. goldschmidtianum	Una Yeh
Oncidiums		
Cultural:	Onc. Marguerite	Raul Vazquez
1 <sup>st</sup>	Onc. Unknown	Raul Vazquez
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Onc. Moon Shadow 'Tiger Tails'	Y.S. Farn
3 <sup>rd</sup>		
Hon.		
Paph & Phrags		
Cultural:		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Paph. Cocoa Chilwin x Yi-Ying	Dann Dunst
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Paph. Hung Sheng x Hung Sheng	Olga Ribardo
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Phrag. Kealoha	Dann Dunst
Std. Phals		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Phal. Unknown	Raul Vazquez
2 <sup>nd</sup>		
Mini Phals		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Phal. Valentini	Jim Gomes
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Phal. Unknown	Aaron Estrada
3 <sup>rd</sup>		
Vandaceous		
Cultural:		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Vasco. Sasicha x Ascda. Varut Fuchsia x Rhy. coelestis	Dann Dunst
2 <sup>nd</sup>	V. Pachara Delight	Linda Person
3 <sup>rd</sup>		
Hon.		
Vanda Mini		
Cultural:	Phrds. Bangkok Sunset	Jim Gomes
1 <sup>st</sup>		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	V. Unknown	Raul Vazquez
3 <sup>rd</sup>		
Other Genera		
Cultural:	Zygo. Imagination	Dann Dunst
1 <sup>st</sup>	Masd. Falcata	Dann Dunst

## The President's Message

Well, winter has finally arrived, and it looks like it may be a wet one. We can always use the rain, just so it doesn't get too cold. Jim, Toby, and I went to Fred Clark's for his open house last week, its always fun to rummage around and look for something we don't really need but think we should have. We all found something to bring home of course. Peter Lin will be our guest speaker in January, speaking about his expertise on Mini Catts. Hope to see you all there.

**Greg Orozco  
President**



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### Membership Welcome Message

We had 19 members in attendance at the December meeting.

# IN NEED OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

## Volunteers Needed

The Board of Directors would like to thank all of our members for their continued support. 2020 is a new year and we need a full slate of officers. All positions need to be filled to run the society in an organized manner. Next year we would like to plan activities & tours but without great leadership and pre-planning these chores fall short. Talk to a board member if you have any questions. Please help our Society by Volunteering!!

## 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.....

## Nominating Officers and Directors

At the January meeting the floor will be opened for nominations for our new 2020 Board of Directors.

## January & February Care

### Cattleya

Watering and fertilizing will be at a minimum, as will potting. Be on the lookout for senescing sheaths on your winter-into-spring bloomers. Careful removal of the dying sheaths will still allow buds to develop without the danger of condensation-induced rot. Low light will lead to weak spikes, so, and as noted above, staking is critical. If you have a chance to get out to

nurseries, there may still be a chance to acquire good plants in sheath for spring bloom. Getting them now not only ensures that you'll have them, but allows them to acclimate to your conditions and bloom at their best.

### Cymbidium

We are well into the flowering season now. Outdoor growers should be cautious of freezing temperatures. Damage starts to occur below 30 F. Be diligent about tying the inflorescences for best arrangement of the flowers. Also watch closely for slugs and snails. If weather is quite wet, protect the plants from the rain and this will help to reduce the risk of botrytis spotting.

### Lycaste

The most glorious of all orchids, Lycaste, will be moving toward their flowering season. Make sure the palm-like leaves do not interfere with the emerging inflorescences. Tying them loosely together often is helpful. Some growers cut the leaves off at the pseudobulb, but this removes part of the attractiveness of this elegant orchid. Resist picking up the plant to inspect those beautiful buds and then setting it down in all different directions as the flower buds will be forced to re-orient themselves to the light source each time and will not open as nicely as they should. Keep plants a little drier during the shorter days.

### Paphiopedilum

The standard Paphiopedilum insigne-derived hybrids, which are called "bull dogs" and "toads," are at their peak. Unlike most other orchids, they can even be potted while in bud. There really is no wrong time to pot a paphiopedilum, and no other orchid responds so favorably to fresh mix and a cleanup. Keep an eye on watering until roots begin to grow.

### Phalaenopsis

Now is the peak of spike development, with the first plants in full flower. Staking and plant preparation is a must for those all-important spring shows. Correct staking now will give a better display and also make it much easier to transport to your society meetings and shows. Care with watering is vital to avoid mechanical damage to the flowers, as well as rot-related problems. Keep spent blooms cleaned up to avoid botrytis inoculation. Do not repot this month. Now you'll be seeing lots of phalaenopsis at orchid shows and sales.

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**January 15  
Orange County Orchid Society  
Annual Auction**

Yorba Linda Public Library  
18181 Imperial Highway  
Yorba Linda, CA 92886

**February 7 - 9  
Newport Harbor Orchid Society  
Orchid Expo & Sale**

Westminster Mall  
Westminster, CA

**February 21 -23  
Pacific Orchid Exposition  
County Fair Building  
Hall of Flowers**

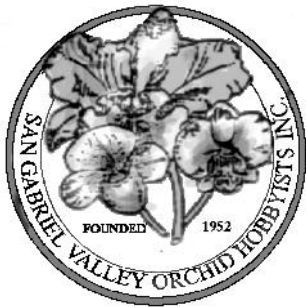
Golden Gate Park  
San Francisco, CA

**March 13 - 15  
Santa Barbara Intl. Orchid Show  
'Orchid Magic'**

Earl Warren Showgrounds  
Santa Barbara, 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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*January 16, 2020*

*Mini Catts*

*Peter Lin*

