



San Gabriel Valley *Orchid* Hobbyists

Bulletin

August Meeting
Thursday, August 19, 2010
7:30 Plant Judging
8:00 General Meeting

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

General Meeting: Tom Biggart

“Australian Dendrobiums and a Few Sarcochilus”

We are pleased to have Tom Biggart as our August speaker. Tom is the owner and head grower of Granite Hills Orchids in El Cajon, California, a small town 15 miles east of San Diego. His nursery is a hobby business, which means he doesn't make a living growing plants. It is more of a labor of love! Tom loves plants in general, and orchids are his main passion.

He is very interested in Encyclias and has a large collection of Encyclia species and hybrids. The Australian cool growers are a current interest. Mr. Biggart is in business with the Harveys of Cedarvale Orchids. They are major Australian growers and hybridizers of native Dendrobiums.

Tom is a retired elementary school teacher with orchids as his new students. He would love to have anyone stop by to talk orchids should one be in the San Diego area. Tom will be supplying the plant opportunity table for this meeting, and will also be offering select plants for sale.

How-To-Session

Jan Plum will be discussing “Orchid Greenhouses”.

Plant Opportunity Table

The plant table for this month will be provided by **Tom Biggart**. So don't forget to get your raffle tickets!

September Meeting

Our September speaker will be **Alan Koch** speaking on “Understanding Dendrobiums”.

Read insert on Southland Orchid Show, volunteers needed!

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JULY RIBBON JUDGING Prepared by Gin Gan

| Species | Plant Name | Owners Name |
|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| Cultural: | Habenaria rhodocheila | S&D Lundine |
| 1 st | Encyclia hanburyi | Una Yeh |
| 2 nd | Encyclia parviflora | Greg Orozco |
| 3 rd | Lycaste deppeii | Jim Gomes |
| Hon. | Nageliella pulchella | Farn Y.S. |
| Cattleyas | | |
| Cultural | | |
| 1 st | Bl. Sea Urchin | Una Yeh |
| 2 nd | Lc. Schilleriara | S&D Lundine |
| 3 rd | | |
| Hon. | | |
| Mini Cattleyas | | |
| Cultural | | |
| 1 st | | |
| 2 nd | | |
| 3 rd | Epc. Aranbeam | Una Yeh |
| Hon. | | |
| Cymbidium | None Shown | |
| Cultural | | |
| 1 st | | |
| 2 nd | | |
| 3 rd | | |
| Hon. | | |
| Mini Cymbidium | | |
| Cultural | | |
| 1 st | | |
| 2 nd | Cym. Unknown hybrid | Una Yeh |
| 3 rd | | |
| Hon. | | |
| Dendrobiums | | |
| 1 st | Den. Unknown | Jim Gomes |
| 2 nd | | |
| Hon. | | |
| Oncidiums | | |
| Cultural: | Colm. Wild Cat "Leopard" | S&D Lundine |
| 1 st | Colm. Wild Cat | Una Yeh |
| 2 nd | Colm. Wild Cat | Jim Gomes |
| 3 rd | Onc. Sherry Baby | Una Yeh |
| Hon. | Onc. Sherry Baby | Jim Gomes |
| Paph & Phrags | | |
| Cultural | | |
| 1 st | Paph. Magic Lantern | S&D Lundine |
| 2 nd | Paph. Maudiae Alba | S&D Lundine |
| 3 rd | | |
| Phalaenopsis | None Shown | |
| Cultural | | |
| Mini Phalaenopsis | None Shown | |
| 1 st | | |
| Vandaceous | None Shown | |
| Cultural | | |
| 1 st | | |
| 2 nd | | |
| 3 rd | | |
| Hon. | | |
| Other Genera | | |
| Cultural | | |
| 1 st | Encyclia Cochleata | Una Yeh |
| 2 nd | Zygo. Unknown | Farn Y.S. |
| 3 rd | Epi Hybrid | Lucy Arlotti |
| Hon. | | |

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We are pleased to announce that SGVOH is offering T-Shirt sales. Available in either in hunter green or orchid and the price is only \$12.00. Please support you society by purchasing and wearing them proudly. Please contact Jim Gomes at our next meeting.

We are a Non-Profit Org

It takes a good amount of money to keep our club solvent on an annual basis. Our major fundraiser is our annual auction held each May. These proceeds, along with our SGVOH membership dues help to defray some costs. The raffle ticket sales and silent auction also bring in a few dollars.

We must pay a rental fee to the Arboretum for our club and board meetings, insurance for each member, monthly speaker fees and plants raffles. Other costs include supplies for our hospitality tables, webmaster and website fees, stamps, printing our Bulletin and Membership Roster. Also we purchase books to upgrade our library, furnish colored tags for our judging tables. Included is the cost of our Annual Awards Dinner, the food, award ribbons, gift plants and speaker fees.

So the list is quite significant and our costs are pretty high.

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So help support our raffle ticket sales and silent auction. Bring in goodies for our refreshment table, it all helps, nothing is free. Hopefully more members will step forward and volunteer when needed. After all, the membership is what makes us who and what we are.

-Joe Vargas

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Bulletin Deadline: Those wishing to place announcements in the bulletin should get the information to the editor, **Jim Gomes** (626)577-7220 or jim.gomes@att.net, by the Friday following the fourth Thursday of the month.

**HELP
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Southland Orchid Show Presents “Literally Orchids”

It's time to start planning what we want to do for this years display for the Southland Orchid Show. Again, we will be asking for your help with the display and hopefully we will all have some plants in bloom at that time. Last year we had a great turnout of volunteers, plants, won “Best Theme Award”.

We will have a sign up sheet at the next meeting for all that wish to participate, so please sign up and help us win another award this year.

Thanks Greg

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Monthly Checklist for July and August

Cattleya

Cattleyas this month require careful attention to their watering and fertilizing needs owing to characteristically high temperatures. Evaporative cooling is a must in areas of the country where it is effective. Where it is not (the more humid regions), care needs to be paid to proper venting to keep temperatures within reason. Bottom vents in conjunction with top vents provide enough rising airflow to help keep plants cool. Increased air flow lessens humidity and dries plants out more quickly, necessitating more frequent damping down and watering, in areas where high humidity is not a problem. Higher light and heat indicate more fertilizer. The growths your plants are making now are the source of this autumn, winter and spring's blooms, so applying adequate fertilizer this month is the best way to ensure future blooms. Higher temperatures and humidity may also lead to fungal or bacterial rot problems, so it is important to closely observe your plants for any early indication of problems. Pests are also at a high point this month for the same reason.

Paphiopedilum

Cooling and air circulation are especially critical in these two months to prevent stress and avoid disease problems. Watering needs to be closely monitored to ensure that plants do not dry out. Warmer-growing hybrids will be at the peak of their blooming, with attention needing to be paid to staking of spikes. Look for water lodging in growths, which can rot emerging spikes and lead to the loss of the entire growth.

Phalaenopsis

Most, if not all, potting should be complete by now. This month and next are when these plants achieve their maximum growth. This growth will be that from which they set their spikes for the coming season. The more leaves the plants grow, the better potential for spiking will be realized. Growers in cooler areas such as the Pacific coast have the advantage this month, should they choose, of cooling for early season spikes. Lots of heat and light call for liberal applications of water and fertilizer.

Cymbidium

Summer can be the most rewarding season for cymbidiums. Growth 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.

High-elevation Plants

For cooler-growing plants, such as masdevallias, other pleurothallids and the like, the next few months will be a challenge. During the hottest times, keep your plants more shaded and be sure to keep the humidity level much higher. Do not let plants dry out. Delay any potting until the weather cools.

Laelia purpurata

The flowering season of this majestic plant will be coming to an end, presenting a good time to report. As soon as the new roots start to appear, clean off old bark and repot into a clean medium-grade fir bark. Place the plant in a little less light and higher humidity to relieve stress until it is more established, which is about one month after potting.

Odontocidium

Many of the intergeneric crosses between odontoglossums and oncidiums, such as *Odontocidium*, *Wilsonara* and *Colmanara*, will be blooming now. Take special care to train the spikes for best floral display. Keep plants under fairly shady conditions. Watch for snails and slugs.

Vandaceous

Genera Plants will be growing quickly now and really enjoying the hot humid days so similar to their native habitat. Watch for pests though, as many of these also enjoy the same conditions as the plants. Check flower spikes so that they can extend unimpeded for the best flower presentation later.

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

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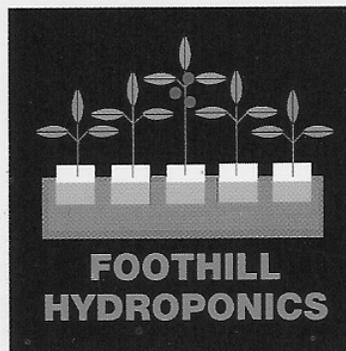
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San Diego Botanic Gardens
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October 15 - 17

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and Botanical Gardens
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