



# San Gabriel Valley *Orchid* Hobbyists

## Bulletin

**April Meeting**  
Thursday, April 17, 2014  
7:30 pm Ribbon Judging  
8:00 pm General Meeting

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

### **General Meeting: Gene Crocker** **“Blooming Cattleya’s For Every Month”**

We are very pleased to have Gene Crocker as our guest speaker this month. Gene grew up in the northwestern part of South Carolina, not far from where he worked for 25 years as Vice-President of Carter and Holmes Orchids in Newberry, S.C. (He retired in December of 2010, but his home is only a three minute walk from the greenhouses.) He obtained his first orchid plants in 1956, when he was 15 years old. These first plants were cattleyas, his first love, but he has an interest in all orchid genera.

After graduating from Clemson University in Textile Chemistry, he obtained a second degree in Meteorology from Penn State and served as a weather forecaster in the U.S. Air Force. He worked as Laboratory Manager for Cannon Mills, famous manufacturer of sheets and towels, for twenty years before joining Carter and Holmes in 1986.

As an amateur orchidist, Gene developed an interest in hybridizing, producing his first Cattleya hybrids in 1961. The creative aspects of orchid breeding have been very enjoyable and rewarding for him, always giving something to anticipate. For over 25 years he has carried on the breeding program at Carter and Holmes started in the 1950’s by Bill Carter. Many of his hybrids have been awarded by the AOS, including two that received FCC’s and one cross that received an Award of Quality. His Doritaenopsis Newberry Parfait ‘Picotee’ received an Award of Merit from the Royal Horticultural Society and has been popular in the “pot plant” trade throughout the world. Gene has traveled extensively, representing Carter and Holmes at various orchid conferences around the world. Perhaps his most enduring claim to orchid fame is the fact that he coined the term, “mericlone”, in 1964. In 2013 he was recognized by the American Orchid Society for outstanding accomplishments in orchid hybridizing.

Gene and his wife Kitty have three children and six grandchildren.

### **Plant Opportunity Table**

The plant table for this month will be provided by **Carter & Holmes**. Don’t forget to get your raffle tickets!

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## MARCH PLANT JUDGING

Species	Plant Name	Owners Name
Cultural:	Epi. piliferum	Charles Hardman
1 <sup>st</sup>	Brassavola digbyana var. Alba	Jim Gomes
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Den. teretifolium	Jim Gomes
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ludisia discolor var Alba	Dann Dunst
Hon.	Ludisia discolor var Nigrescens	Dann Dunst
Cattleyas		
Cultural:	C. Unknown	Y.S. Farn
1 <sup>st</sup>	Lc. C.G. Roebling	Jim Gomes
2 <sup>nd</sup>	C. Intermedia x C. Intermedia Orlata	Eva Lee
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Rlc. Volcano Island	Linda Peterson
Hon.	Blc. Haadyai Delight 'Bangor Gold'	Eva Lee
Cattleyas Mini		
Cultural:	C. Unknown	Una Yeh
1 <sup>st</sup>	Slc. Hazel Boyd	Y.S. Farn
2 <sup>nd</sup>	C. Richard Muller x Lc. Trick or Treat	Greg Orozco
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Blc. Village Chief North 'Green Elf'	Jim Gomes
Hon.	C. Unknown	Jan Pluim
Cymbidium		
Cultural:	Cym. Hybrid Green & Pink	Charles Hardman
1 <sup>st</sup>	Cym. Mad Hatter 'Dylan'	Toby Luong
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Cym. Mem. Connie Jo Nine	Greg Orozco
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Cym. Fifi Harry 4N 'Geyserland'	Toby Luong
Hon.	Cym. Geno's Gem 'Emerald Fire'	Toby Luong
Cymbidium-Noveltly		
Cultural:	Cym. Dorothy Stockstill 'New Horizon'	Dann Dunst
1 <sup>st</sup>	Cym. Madidum 'Christmas'	Jim Gomes
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Cym. Venetian Lilac 'Lips' x devonianum	Jim Gomes
3 <sup>rd</sup>		
Dendrobiums		
Cultural:	Den. Specio-Kingianum 'JM'	Toby Luong
1 <sup>st</sup>	Den. Andree Millar	Jim Gomes
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Den. Hancockii	Eva Lee
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Den. Aggragatum	Greg Orozco
Hon.	Den. Hybrid	Y.S. Farn
Oncidiums		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Onc. Hybrid	Charles Hardman
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Onc. Splendidum	Mark Ziartin
3 <sup>rd</sup>		
Paph & Phrags		
Cultural:		
1 <sup>st</sup>		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Paph. Depearl	Jim Gomes
3 <sup>rd</sup>		
Std. Phals		
Cultural:		
Mini Phals		
2 <sup>nd</sup>		
Vandaceous		
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ren Tom Thumb 'Flicker'	Jim Gomes
Other Genera		
Cultural:	Epi floribundum x Enc. cordigera	Y.S. Farn
1 <sup>st</sup>	Masd. Mandarin Gold 'Orange Crush' HCC/AOS	Dann Dunst
2 <sup>nd</sup>		
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Masd. Golden Tiger 'Augie' x Masd. Pinocchio 'Strings'	Dann Dunst

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 Jim Gomes  
**Silent Auction**  
 Toby Luong  
**Displays**  
 Greg Orozco

## SGVOH AUCTION MAY 15<sup>TH</sup>

### Divisions Needed

We depend upon the funds we raise at the Auction to **help support meeting costs for the year** (speaker's fees, plant table, and room rental. As you go through your orchids, **please begin to identify those divisions that would be great donations to our auction.** With 'Show Time' this month in Southern California, you know you need to be generating a bit more room in your growing area for those lovely new plants you will buy.

Put May 15<sup>th</sup> on your calendar and begin inviting your friends and family to join you at this fun event. What a great way to introduce them to the myriad of orchids available at Low, Low prices!

## Membership Welcome Message

We would like welcome new members **Su Ling and welcome back Mark Ziarten.** We had 30 members and 1 guest in attendance for the March meeting.

## 2014 Membership Dues

Dues are still only \$20.00. You can mail your check for \$20.00 payable to San Gabriel Valley Orchid Hobbyists Inc., PO Box 660111, Arcadia, CA 91066 or bring it to the next meeting.

## ADVERTISING IN THE BULLETIN

Anyone interested in advertising in the SGVOH Bulletin should contact **Greg Orozco** at [g.orozco3400@att.net](mailto:g.orozco3400@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)577-7220 or [jim.gomes@att.net](mailto:jim.gomes@att.net), by the Friday following the fourth Thursday of the month.

# *Carter and Holmes Orchids*

## PRE-ORDERS

P.O. Box 668, 629  
Mendenhall Road

Newberry, South Carolina 29108  
Telephone (800) 873-7086  
Facsimile (803) 276-0588  
Email:  
orchids@carterandholmes.com

Although I will not bring plants for sale at the meeting, we do offer a **25% discount** on pre-orders from our catalog or web site. You will also receive a **Bonus plant** for every five plants ordered. (Call 800-873-7086 to request a catalog if you do not have one) There is a charge for packing and delivery totaling 10% of each order.

We recommend pre-payment for these orders, which will be delivered at the orchid society meeting. We prefer pre-payment using a charge card so we can adjust for sold out items and only charge for the plants delivered. If you place an order, please specify the name of the orchid society for delivery.

Our web site, [www.carterandholmes.com](http://www.carterandholmes.com) contains all of the items available in our catalogs. (Collections and other discounted items may be ordered but do not qualify for the society discount.)

Plants will be bundled by customer name to assist in distribution.

Plants will be delivered to the meeting. Orders need to be received at least by

10 days before the meeting date to allow time for processing.

I look forward to meeting with you. Please e-mail directly to me if you have questions.

[twocrockers@gmail.com](mailto:twocrockers@gmail.com)

or call Carter and Holmes at 800-873-7086. Anyone may take your order as long as you **specify the society name.**

## Hatfield Orchids at Yamada's

George Hatfield owner of Hatfield Orchids will be selling blooming Cymbidiums once a month until June 2014 at Yamada Company, 706 W. Gardena Blvd., Gardena, CA. Sales will be on Saturday from 10:00AM to 1:00PM.

If you have cultural problems with your Cymbidiums bring them to the sale. We will evaluate and give you advice.

Suspect virus, bring a cutting of the leaf and we will test for virus (\$5.00 per test).

The sales dates are as follows:  
April 5, May 17, and June 14.

## May 15<sup>th</sup> Auction Volunteers needed

We need members to sign up to assist us for our annual auction. We need members in the following areas:

- ❖ Room Setup
- ❖ Receive Plants/Supplies
- ❖ Register Bidders

- ❖ Sales Recorders
- ❖ Cashier

If you feel like you would like to help out this year with our auction please contact Jim Gomes (626-577-7220 or email: [jim.gomes@att.net](mailto:jim.gomes@att.net))

Your help would greatly be appreciated.

## *SGVOH Monthly Judging*

We welcome all members to get involved with our monthly judging process. If you are unsure about how the process works ask for someone to assist you in judging. It is a lot of fun and you will learn more than it's just a pretty flower. The judging is very informal and plants are awarded as a matter of "personal taste".

Below are some guidelines for judging and completing the form:

- Take your time while judging
- Print legibly
- Complete Plant Name and Owners Name
- Print your name on the bottom of the form
- Check off the genus you judged at the bottom of the form

These forms are taken and typed into our Bulletin and Website. The points are tallied for our year-end Award Banquet Dinner.

The Cultural award is the highest award given for each genus. Below is a description of Cultural Award.

"Very well grown; exceptional number of flowers for type. An outstanding plant."

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**April 5**

**San Diego County Cymbidium Society  
Annual Orchid Auction**

Lake San Marcos – Lake Pavilion  
1105 La Bonita Drive  
San Marcos, CA 92078

**April 12**

**Mariposa Garden  
Winter Festival**

6664 South Street  
Lakewood, CA 90713  
www.mariposagarden.com

**May 17**

**Palomar Orchid Society  
2014 Orchid Auction**

The Pavilion at Lake San Marcos  
1105 La Bonita Drive  
San Marcos, CA 92078  
www.palomarorchid.org

**May 15**

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Annual Orchid Auction**

Los Angeles County Arboretum &  
Botanic Garden  
301 North Baldwin Avenue  
Arcadia, CA 91106  
www.sgvo.org

**May 31**

**Casa de las Orquideas  
14<sup>th</sup> Annual Seedling Sale**

170 S. Nardo Ave.  
Solana Beach, CA 92075  
858-755-7572

The next **Board Meeting** will be held at 7 PM on **Thursday, April 24**, 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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