



# San Gabriel Valley *Orchid* Hobbyists

## Bulletin

January Meeting  
Thursday, January 16, 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: George Hatfield

#### “Cymbidiums”

Hatfield Orchids is owned and operated by George Hatfield, who has over 15 years of experience in raising award quality Cymbidium orchids. Hatfield Orchids is fortunate enough to be located in Ventura County, California, which has an ideal climate for the propagation of Cymbidium orchids. The operation is run by family & friends, and orchids are their passion.

George is active in the Cymbidium Society of America and the American Orchid Society, as well as several Southern California regional orchid organizations. George is an orchid judge for both the CSA and AOS, and is currently the Chairman of the Santa Barbara judging region for the CSA.

George is also a past-president of the CSA and was the Chairman of the CSA Cymbidium Congress from 1998-2001 and president of the Santa Barbara International Orchid Show in 2002 & 2003. Hatfield Orchids is known for producing some of the top pendulous Cymbidiums in the country. In fact, the Grand Champion of the Santa Barbara Orchid Show.

George will also be bringing plants for sale.

#### Plant Opportunity Table

The plant table for this month will be provided by **George Hatfield**. George always brings a wide variety of Cymbidiums, so don't forget to get your raffle tickets!

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## DECEMBER PLANT JUDGING

Species	Plant Name	Owners Name
Cultural:	Epi. porpax	Lucy Arlotti
1 <sup>st</sup>	Dracula vampira 'Watter'	Dann Dunst
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Masd. princeps x mooreana 'Bay Island'	Dann Dunst
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Restrepia cuprea	Dann Dunst
Hon.	Masd. cardiantha	Dann Dunst
Cattleyas		
Cultural:	C. Porcia	Jose Gonzalez
1 <sup>st</sup>	Blc. Melody Fair 'Mishima'	Tuan Ngo
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Blc. Blanche Aisaka 'Yuki'	Jose Gonzalez
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Blc. Destiny	Una Yeh
Hon.	Unknown	Jan Pluim
Cattleyas Mini		
Cultural:		
1 <sup>st</sup>		
2 <sup>nd</sup>		
3 <sup>rd</sup>		
Hon.		
Cymbidium		
Cultural:		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Cym. tracyanum	Una Yeh
Hon.		
Cymbidium- Novelty		
Cultural:	Cym. Weston Ferrell	Charles Hardman
1 <sup>st</sup>	Cym. Erythrostylum	Charles Hardman
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Cym. Eastern Cloud 'Fuyushigure'	Una Yeh
3 <sup>rd</sup>		
Dendrobiums		
Cultural:		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Den. Thongchai Gold x Candy Stripe	Jan Pluim
2 <sup>nd</sup>		
3 <sup>rd</sup>		
Oncidiums		
Cultural:		
Hon.		
Paph & Phrags		
Cultural:	Paph. Leyburnese	Una Yeh
1 <sup>st</sup>	Paph. Stewies 'Old Faithful'	Dann Dunst
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Paph. Ruby Mist x Paph. Spellbound	Dann Dunst
Std. Phals		
Cultural:		
1 <sup>st</sup>		
2 <sup>nd</sup>		
Mini Phals		
2 <sup>nd</sup>		
Vandaceous		
Cultural:		
1 <sup>st</sup>		
Other Genera		
Cultural:	Masd. Ken Dole	Dann Dunst
1 <sup>st</sup>	Masd. Highland Fling x Monarch	Dann Dunst
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Zytgo Hamelwell	Una Yeh
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Zygo 'Mackay x Intuition 'Fiesta'	Dann Dunst

### 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.

## Changes to By-Laws

The board recommends that By-Law item VII-C-1 be amended to read; **“Five members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum”**.

This would replace; **“Two-Thirds (2/3) of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum”**.

These changes will enable the board to have more productive meetings every month.

## Directors Needed

We will be voting this month to elect two new directors. They will be replacing Dick Lundine and Brandon Tam. We would like to thank Brandon for his contributions to the board in 2013 and Dick you will be missed.

## 2014 Membership Dues

Pay your news for 2014 now while you think of it. 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.

**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.

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## Membership Welcome Message

We had 20 members in attendance for the December meeting.

# Aphids

Among the most common orchid pests, aphids are slow-moving, soft-bodied insects related to scale. Usually less than 1/8-inch long, greenish white or black, aphids have soft, pear-shaped bodies, long legs, antennae, and sucking mouthparts to feed on plant juices. Most are wingless, but winged versions appear to migrate between plants when a colony becomes crowded..



Fortunately aphids have soft bodies and are not difficult to eradicate.

## Life Cycle

The adult female aphid gives birth to between 60 and 100 female nymphs every day for a period of 20 to 30 days. These nymphs immediately start to feed and grow, molting several times to mature to an adult female capable of reproducing within seven to ten days, all without maturing. Within a few days, thousands of aphids can be born.

When colonies become overcrowded, winged forms appear, to fly to establish new colonies. The insects can cycle continuously under greenhouse conditions, their rate of development affected only by temperature.

In the autumn, females begin producing a few males. Females born at the same time have eggs within their bodies; they mate and lay the eggs to provide next season's offspring.

## Symptoms

These insects are easy to spot. Their rapid reproduction and development quickly produces colonies, which feed on the parts of the plant receiving the most nutrients. They can be found on new growth, at the base of buds, on flowers and on the undersides of leaves. Their feeding causes poor growth, stunted plants or curled and distorted leaves.

Developing aphids shed white skins. A pile of them on upper leaf surfaces may be your first sign that these destructive insects have arrived.

## Damage

Where buds are attacked, the flower - if it opens at all - will be mottled and distorted. The sap sucking may result in wilting, deformed plant growth, yellowing, and even loss of leaves. Aphids' salivary secretions can also be toxic to their host plant.



Ants will "farm" aphids for honeydew secretions and can move them from plant to plant. Winged aphids can also spread an infestation.

Aphids eat more plant fluids than they can digest, excreting honeydew - a sweet, syrupy material - on leaves and stems. This attracts sooty mould, a fungus that grows in honeydew, making leaves look dirty and black. Ants are also drawn to honeydew; they feed on it, and will fiercely defend their source against predators. They will even farm aphids, moving them from plant to plant so that additional honeydew factories can be created. Traveling between plants, aphids can introduce and spread virus and disease.

## Control

Prevention is better than a cure; good cultural practices and purchasing healthy plants reduce the chance of infestation. The most common way of acquiring pests is buying an infested plant. Aphids easily colonize clean plants when they are grown close together, allowing movement from plant to plant. Winged aphids may colonize orchids that are outdoors, or indoors and in greenhouses where air currents from fans help spread the critters. To control the proliferation of aphids, immediately isolate an infested plant.

Fortunately, aphids are not difficult to eradicate. For any treatment method, repeat the procedure twice after the initial application at seven- to 10-day intervals to kill successive generations. Test any treatment on a small population of plants before widespread use.

To control aphids, one must also eliminate ants. Insecticides destroy the worker ants that move and protect aphids, but the colony must be eradicated for total control. Sugar-based ant baits are recommended, as ants that farm aphids prefer sugar over fats.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

**February 7 - 9**  
**Newport Harbor Orchid Expo 2014**  
**"Orchid Paradise"**

Westminster Mall  
1025 Westminster Mall  
Westminster, CA

**February 15 - 16**  
**South Bay Orchid Society**  
**"Orchid Show & Sale"**

Torrance Cultural Arts Center  
3330 Civic Center Drive  
Torrance, CA 90503

[www.southbayorchidsociety.com/Show/index.html](http://www.southbayorchidsociety.com/Show/index.html)

**March 14 - 16**  
**The 69th Santa Barbara International Orchid**  
**Show**

**"Complements and Contrasts"**  
Earl Warren Showgrounds:  
Highway 101 and Las Positas Road  
Santa Barbara, CA

**March 21 - 23**  
**San Diego County Orchid Society**  
**"A Symphony of Orchids"**

**2014 Show & Sale**  
Scottish Rite Center  
1895 Camino Del Rio South  
San Diego, CA



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HAPPY NEW YEAR

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