



# San Gabriel Valley *Orchid* Hobbyists

## Bulletin

September Meeting  
Thursday, September 18, 2014  
7:30 pm Plant Judging  
8:00 pm General Session

Our regular meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at  
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## DENNIS OLIVAS 'DENDROBIUMS'

Dennis Olivas was born on the island of Kauai, Hawaii. As a lad, his helped his mom grow her orchids and got hooked. He joined the Future Farmers of America and his project was raising and selling these beautiful and exotic plants. In 1980 he moved to the mainland and swore off the orchid family; not for long as he was introduced to the Rod McLeallan's Acres of Orchids'. From there his whole life became one downward spiral. First he fills his home with upwards of 6,000 plants. Later he leased a greenhouse space for his ever burgeoning orchid collection. Glutton for punishment, his collection grew overflowing the 3,000 sq. ft. greenhouse in Half Moon Bay.

With the help of his close friends, from the Bay Area, Napa and Fresno, they moved his obsession to a greenhouse in Daly City in November of 2013. A whole new ball game of learning how to raise orchids, still without heat but in an area that gets more sun and higher temperatures, good water year round.

He was President for the Peninsula Orchid Society, San Francisco Orchid Society, Diablo View Orchid Society and the Santa Cruz Orchid Society. He is an accredited judge of the American Orchid Society. Dennis belongs to over 14 orchid societies and tries to assist them when ever possible.

## Plant Opportunity Table

The plant table for this month will be provided by **Dennis Olivas**. Don't forget to get your raffle tickets!

## AUGUST PLANT JUDGING

Species	Plant Name	Owners Name
Cultural:	Bulbo. cirrhopetalum lepidum	Dann Dunst
1 <sup>st</sup>	Dracula woolwardiae	Dann Dunst
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Cym. shi zhang hong	Una Yeh
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Cym. Unknown	Y.S. Farn
Hon.	Stenoglottis woodii	Brenda Ward
Cattleyas		
Cultural:	C. Hawaiian Wedding Song 'Virgin'	Una Yeh
1 <sup>st</sup>	C. Mem. Vida Lee	Eva Lee
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lc. Schilleriana	Jim Gomes
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Blc. Amy Crispin 'June Bridge'	Y.S. Farn
Hon.	C. Canto en Verde 'Altadena Ruby'	Jim Gomes
Cattleyas Mini		
Cultural:		
1 <sup>st</sup>	C. Unkown	Alyce Griffith
2 <sup>nd</sup>	C. Unknow	Tuan Ngo
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Blc. Momilani Rainbow 'Luetticke'	Una Yeh
Hon.	Lc. Renata 'S&W'	Una Yeh
Cymbidium		
Cultural:		
Cymbidium- Novelty		
Cultural:		
1 <sup>st</sup>		
2 <sup>nd</sup>		
3 <sup>rd</sup>		
Hon.		
Dendrobiums		
Cultural:		
1 <sup>st</sup>		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Den. Unknown	Irene Sriboonwong
3 <sup>rd</sup>		
Hon.		
Oncidiums		
Cultural:	Onc. Sharry Baby	David Campen
1 <sup>st</sup>	Onc. Maui Gold	Una Yeh
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Brassia Unknown	Alyce Griffith
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Enc. Unknown	Y.S. Farn
Hon.	Brassia Unknown brown color	Alyce Griffith
Paph & Phrags		
Cultural:		
1 <sup>st</sup>		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Paph. Green Envy 'Little Ben'	Brenda Ward
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Paph. Pinocchio 'In Charm'	Alyce Griffith
Hon.	Phrag. Hirtzii x Coldsum	Brenda Ward
Std. Phals		
1 <sup>st</sup>		
2 <sup>nd</sup>		
3 <sup>rd</sup>		
Mini Phals		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Depts. Unknown	Irene Sriboonwong
Vandaceous		
Cultural:		
1 <sup>st</sup>		
2 <sup>nd</sup>		
3 <sup>rd</sup>		
Hon.		
Other Genera		
Cultural:	Coelogne mayeriana	Jim Gomes
1 <sup>st</sup>	Masd. Highland Fling 'Orange Burst'	Dann Dunst
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Masd. Copper Angel	Dann Dunst
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Neof. Falcata	Una Yea
Hon.	Lycaste aromatica	Jim Gomes

SGVOH will have a floor display at The Southland Show. This is your chance to have your blooming orchids admired by hundreds of people & perhaps win a prize or two. SGVOH's display has a good chance of winning a top prize. So on top of having people oohing & aahing over your orchids, you will get the bragging right of having your orchids displayed at an award winning display.

In order to enter your plants & get them judged, you need to bring your plants to the Huntington on Wednesday, 10/15; judging is 10/16. You will need to provide info about your plant(s). You can pick up the info sheets at the SGVOH meeting on 9/18. If you think you will have a blooming plant around 10/15 & would like to display it at the Show, please give the info to me at

jim.gomes@att.net, or 626-577-7220 anytime prior to 10/15.

Thank you. Looking forward to seeing your orchids at the Show.

### 2015 Elections

The Nominating Committee is Dann Dunst, Toby Luong, and Una Yeh. Now is the time to think about who would be good leaders for 2015. If you are interested in joining the board, please talk to Dann, Una or Toby.

### 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, by the Friday following the fourth Thursday of the month.

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## Membership Welcome Message

Please WELCOME new members **Sandra & Gene Collins, Aaron Estrada, and Colette Wyman**. We had 32 people in attendance at the August meeting.

# Monthly Checklist for September and October

## **Cattleya**

Despite the shortening days and lowering angle of the sun, September can still be one of the hottest months. Water and fertilizer need to be in balance with heat and light. The alert grower will notice, however, that his or her plants are beginning to slow down a bit. Growths are maturing, and the sheaths are giving the promise of the next six-months' bloom.

Check plants for potting needs for the last time this season. Any in dire need should be potted, even some that may be on the cusp, as there is just enough of the growing season left to allow the plants to establish before the days start to get really short and cold.

This is the month for purples derived from *Cattleya labiata* breeding to flower. If you are short on flowers, look into this group. There is nothing that can quite match this type for beauty and fragrance. They are easy to grow, too.

Plants summered outdoors should begin to be prepared to be brought back into the winter growing area. Clean the plants up and be on the lookout for any pests they may have picked up during the summer. Treat as necessary.

## **Cycnoches**

This little-known and under-appreciated genus, which can have male or female flowers, is at its best in the autumn. Two of the spectacular varieties are *Cycnoches loddigesii*, with its large brown flowers resembling a prehistoric bird, and *Cycnoches chlorochilon*, the swan orchid. This last one has large, fragrant green flowers. The biggest problem, culturally, will be red spider mite infestations that require immediate attention. Plants are quite seasonal, requiring heavy watering in the growing season and then a drier dormant winter season.

## **Cymbidium**

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

## **Dendrobium**

This is a good season for hybrids of the *Dendrobium phalaenopsis* and *Dendrobium canaliculatum* types. Both are capable of putting on tremendous shows of long-lasting flowers. Fertilize with a low-nitrogen formula to promote the best flowers. *Dendrobium phalaenopsis* can get tall and top heavy, suggesting an attractive and heavy container would be appropriate for this type.

## **Paphiopedilum**

Standard, green-leaved paphiopedilums begin to show their bloom sheaths this month. Late-season heat waves can blast these early sheaths, so be observant about proper cooling and air circulation. As with the rest of your plants that may have been summered outdoors, it is time to prepare for their move inside. Clean each plant and implement pest-control practices. Repotting, if necessary, is appropriate.

## **Phalaenopsis**

The bulk of this season's growth is being ripened this month, with growers in cooler climates seeing the first emerging inflorescences. Some night heating may be necessary in the cooler areas. Begin to watch watering more carefully, and reduce feeding proportionately with reduced watering needs. An extra dose of phosphorus and potassium, such as a bloom-booster or high-acid-type fertilizer, is beneficial.

## **Rossioglossum grande**

Once known as *Odontoglossum grande*, this is a spectacular orchid with six to eight flowers up to 8 inches across. Often known as the tiger orchid, it has bright golden yellow flowers heavily marked with chestnut brown barring. The plants are beautiful with a grey-green cast to the foliage, which is borne on succulent pseudobulbs. It prefers hot and wet summers with cooler, even down to 40 F, dry winters. Grow under filtered light. Watch for snails and slugs that eat the flowers, pseudobulbs and leaves.

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**September 12 – 14**  
**The Riverside-San Bernardino Counties**  
**Orchid Society and the Garden & Floral**  
**Arrangers Guild**  
***The Magic of Orchids***  
Sunshine Growers Nursery  
34017 Yucaipa Blvd.  
Yucaipa, CA 92399  
www.rsbcos.org

**September 20 – 21**  
**Southbay Orchid Society**  
***Orchid Show and Sale***  
South Coast Botanic Garden  
26300 Crenshaw Blvd.  
Palos Verdes, CA  
www.southbayorchidsociety.com

**September 27 – 28**  
**Fascination of Orchids**  
South Coast Plaza Village  
1631 West Sunflower  
Santa Ana, CA 92704  
www.ocorchidshow.com

**October 17 – 19**  
**The Southland Show**  
**“Orchidtober Fest”**  
The Huntington Library  
1151 Oxford Road  
San Marino, CA 91108

The next **Board Meeting** will be held at 7 PM on **Thursday, September 25**, 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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