



# San Gabriel Valley *Orchid* Hobbyists

## Bulletin

**July Meeting**  
Thursday, July 16, 2015  
7:00 PM – Ribbon Judging  
7:30 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: PHYLLIS S. PRESTIA, ED D. “CYCNOCHES”**

Phyllis is a retired educator and Middle School Principal. She received a Doctorate of Education at Rutgers University, where she also served as instructor in the graduate education program.

Originally from New Jersey, she moved to California with her husband to retire in the sunny, San Diego area and grow orchids. Her collection includes a variety of species and hybrids across several genera grown both in a small greenhouse and three outdoor growing areas under shade cloth.

In her orchid life she has been the President of the San Diego County Cymbidium Society and currently serves as the Vice President of the Cymbidium Society of America, as well as keeping active in several Southern California orchid societies. She is currently participating in the orchid judge training programs of both the American Orchid Society and Cymbidium Society of America.

Phyllis' presentation on the genus *Cycnoches* will give the hobbyist orchid grower a thorough review of the distinctive traits of these spectacular orchids. She will highlight the key species most popular in modern *Cycnoches* breeding and their influence of color and form in both primary and complex hybrids.

With a comprehensive review of the culture for these relatively easy to grow orchids, including tips from her own successful experience growing them, even those new to the genus can enjoy these beautiful, fragrant orchids.

### **Plant Opportunity Table**

The plant table for this month will be provided by **Sunset Valley Orchids**. Don't forget to get your tickets!

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## JUNE PLANT JUDGING

Species	Plant Name	Owners Name
Cultural:	Enc. parviflora	Jim Gomes
1 <sup>st</sup>	Pyp. butterfly var. alba 'Canary'	Dann Dunst
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Restrepia schizopetala	Dann Dunst
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Enc. hanburyi	Jim Gomes
Hon.	Epi prismatocarpum	Una Yeh
Hon.	Neof. falcata	Y.S. Farn
Cattleyas		
Cultural:	L. labiata	Una Yeh
1 <sup>st</sup>	L. purpurata var. semi-alba	Una Yeh
2 <sup>nd</sup>	L. purpurata alba 'Elias' x L. purpurata alba 'Gigantea'	Doris Hirata
3 <sup>rd</sup>	L. purpurata var. flamia x L. purpurata var. striata 'Doraci'	Una Yeh
Hon.	L. purpurata var. werkhauseri	Una Yeh
Cattleyas Mini		
Cultural:		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Lc. Twilight Song	Gordon Quan
2 <sup>nd</sup>	L. Cinnabarina x L. Tenebrosa 'Fumacinha'	Gordon Quan
3 <sup>rd</sup>		
Hon.		
Cymbidium		
1 <sup>st</sup>		
Cymbidium-Novelty		
Cultural:		
1 <sup>st</sup>		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Cym. Dancing Mother	Y.S. Farn
3 <sup>rd</sup>		
Hon.		
Dendrobiums		
Cultural:	Den. aggregatum	Jim Gomes
1 <sup>st</sup>	Den. Gatton Sunray	Y.S. Farn
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Den. World Cup #2	Y.S. Farn
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Den. Convolutum	Jim Gomes
Hon.		
Oncidiums		
Cultural:	Onc. Sherry Baby	David Campen
1 <sup>st</sup>	Onc. Wild Cat	Aaron Estrada
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Onc. Unknown	Jim Gomes
3 <sup>rd</sup>		
Paph & Phrags		
Cultural:		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Paph. St. Swithin	Dann Dunst
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Phrag. Fireworks	Dann Dunst
3 <sup>rd</sup>		
Hon.		
Std. Phals		
1 <sup>st</sup>		
Mini Phals		
1 <sup>st</sup>		
2 <sup>nd</sup>		
Vandaceous		
Cultural:		
1 <sup>st</sup>	V. Sanderiana	Lana Tripathi
2 <sup>nd</sup>	V. Precious Lilac	Dann Dunst
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Rumrillara Cherry Showers	Jim Gomes
Hon.	V. Paki x V. Bill Burke	Alyce Griffith
Other Genera		
Cultural:	Brassia Unknown	Gordon Quan
1 <sup>st</sup>	Enc. Nursery Rhyme	Toby Luong
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Epy. Serena O'neill	Toby Luong
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Epicat. Serena's Tinkerbell	Una Yeh
Hon.	Masd. Peach Allure	Dann Dunst

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## 2015 Roster Supplement

If you haven't already done so, stop by the membership desk and pick up your copy of The Roster Supplement. It will include new members names, email address, and phone number.

Any changes in members email address, name, phone number, etc should be sent to Jim Gomes ([jim.gomes@att.net](mailto:jim.gomes@att.net)).

## Membership Welcome Message

Please Welcome new members  
**Pat & Erine Nyman**

We had 36 members and 1 guest in attendance at the June 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 **Jim Gomes** (626)818-1859 or [jim.gomes@att.net](mailto:jim.gomes@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)818-1859 or [jim.gomes@att.net](mailto:jim.gomes@att.net), by the Friday following the fourth Thursday of the month.

## Monthly Ribbon Judging Reminder

You may have a new plant (less than 6 months) that has produced beautiful blooms that you would like to share with the other SGVOH members. You may bring it and display it on our NEW ARRIVALS table. It will not be judged, but you will receive a raffle ticket. Any member who has grown their plants longer than 6 months may exhibit and participate in the ribbon judging contest.

Want to learn more about orchids? Why not participate in the judging?

You may pair up with another member and become a judge for the evening. It is a great learning experience and an opportunity to get to know another member. Try it and share the fun.

Ribbon Chair,  
Linda Peterson

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## Monthly Checklist for July & 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.

### **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.

### **Oncidium intergenerics**

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**

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.

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## A Note From Lana

With this crisping heat, I've never been more grateful for the misters in my greenhouse.



Our speaker at June's General Meeting was Francisco Mirada, on Laelias. He is such an asset in Jim's Program line up of engrossing specialist. Brazil is now on everyone's 'must see' list. The plant tables were eye openers. Our members continue to welcome and encourage our new members. Pitching in and helping new members learn about Orchids is our Societies strength. We again, welcome any and all to join us. Our website is full of information and pictures of our meetings. See you in July.

-Lana Tripathi  
President

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**July 10 - 12**  
**Santa Barbara Orchid Estates**  
**Open House**  
1250 Orchid Dr.  
Santa Barbara, CA 93111  
www.sborchid.com

**July 10 - 12**  
**Cal-Orchids**  
**Summer Hummer Sale**  
1251 Orchid Dr.  
Santa Barbara, CA 93111  
www.calorchid.com

**September 19 - 20**  
**South Bay Orchid Society**  
**Show and Sale**  
South Coast Botanic Garden  
26300 Crenshaw Blvd  
Palos Verdes, CA  
www.southbayorchidsociety.com

**September 26 - 27**  
**Fascination of Orchids**  
**Show and Sale**  
South Coast Plaza Village  
1631 West Sunflower  
Santa Ana, CA 92704  
www.ocorchidshow.com

The next **Board Meeting** will be held at 7 PM on **Thursday, July 23**, 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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**"Cycnoches"**

