



San Gabriel Valley *Orchid* Hobbyists

Bulletin

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7:00 PM – Ribbon Judging

7:30 PM – General Meeting

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GENERAL MEETING: CURTIS GEAN “THE LENGTHS WE GROW TO”

I am a semi-retired photographer/videographer that has had a long time interest in Orchids. After dabbling in Hybrid Roses, I was introduced to Orchids in 1970 because of my need to use some plants and flowers in a photo shoot. The gentleman that provided my introduction, and later became my mentor was Homer C. Dodson.

Homer invited me to attend with him, a meeting of the local Orchid Society. I bought some raffle tickets, and won two plants. One of those plants, Den. Petite Jewels-[Midnight x bigibbum]-is still alive and doing well.

Needless to say, I was hooked. It has been a wonderful time the past 46 years, studying species and their cultural requirements, researching hybrids, and even learning to be an Orchid Judge.

I entered the AOS Judges Training Program in 1973, was elevated to Certified Judge in 1983. In 1996, following the break-up of my marriage, I moved to Mexico, where I spent the better part of the next 10 years learning how to survive on next-to nothing. It was a real challenge, but I think I have become a better person as a result of it.

In 2007, I returned stateside to care for aging parents, and re-entered the AOS Judging Program. Because of my long absence, I was required to “start over” and was re-certified in 2013.

Orchiditis is a compelling and insidious disease, it takes over your life if you let it, and becomes all-consuming. I love it, and every day I find something new to explore. While in Mexico, I had the chance to look for Orchids in the states of Nayarit, Jalisco, Colima, Michoacan, and Guerrero. I was able to find many epiphytes and semi-terrestrial species, and because of some established contacts there, was given the opportunity to re-locate many plants slated for destruction. Because of road improvement projects and the like, many plants would have been destroyed, but were able to be re-located to a nearby area and saved.

I have prepared for your group a program called “The Lengths We Grow To”... all about various methods of Orchid culture from the basic windowsill grower... all the way to a sophisticated greenhouse complex. I also will be talking and demonstrating various aspects of the OrchidWiz Encyclopedia... and how to use them...

JUNE PLANT JUDGING

Species	Plant Name	Owners Name
Cultural:	Dracula bella	Dann Dunst
1 st	Masd. veitchiana	Dann Dunst
2 nd	L. pulcherrima	Lynn Mcllwain
3 rd	Masd. reich	Dann Dunst
Hon.	Masd. coccinea	Dann Dunst
Cattleyas		
Cultural:	Blc. Everything Nice 'Showtime' HCC/AOS	Jim Gomes
1 st	L. purpurata ('Cinnabrosa x Adams1)	Greg Orozco
2 nd	L. Tenebrosa 'Colibri' x self	Jim Gomes
3 rd	Lc. Canhamiana 'Azure Skies'	Jim Gomes
Hon.	L. purpurata 'Adams 1'	Una Yeh
Cattleyas Mini		
Cultural:		
1 st		
2 nd	C. Mem. Jim Nickou x Blc. Love Sound	Y.S. Farn
3 rd	Lctna. Peggy San x Slc. Angel Eyes	Y.S. Farn
Cymbidium		
Cymbidium-Novelty		
Cultural:		
1 st	Cym. Madidum 'Leroy'	Jim Gomes
Dendrobiums		
Cultural:	Den. Farmeri ('Thailand Pink x Pine Lace')	Una Yeh
1 st	Den. Unknown	Una Yeh
2 nd	Den. Lori's Star	Jim Gomes
3 rd	Den. Anosmum	Y.S. Farn
Hon.	(Den. Tosca x Den. Rutherford Starburst) 'Red Wine' x Den. Hilda Poxon 'SVO Spectacular'	Jim Gomes
Oncidiums		
1 st	Miltonia Unknown	Dann Dunst
2 nd	Onc. Unknown	Tuan Ngo
3 rd	Onc. Unknown	Tuan Ngo
Hon.	Pschopsis Mendenhall	Dann Dunst
Paph & Phrags		
Std. Phals		
1 st	Phal. Hsin Pudding Puppy 'Harlequin'	Lynn Mcllwain
2 nd		
Mini Phals		
Cultural:	Phal. Unknown	Aaron Estrada
1 st	Phal. Unknown	Jim Gomes
2 nd	Phal. K.S. Balm 'King Sir'	Una Yeh
3 rd	Phal. Unknown	Jim Gomes
Vandaceous		
Cultural:	Asco. Krailerk White x Sanderiana Alba	Dann Dunst
1 st	V. Somsri Classic	Aaron Estrada
2 nd	V. Esther Araneta	Dann Dunst
3 rd	Ascf. Cherry Blossom 'Hawaii'	Y. S. Farn
Hon.	Rhy. coelestis x neofinetia falcate	Jim Gomes
Other Genera		
Cultural:	Enc. Mabel Kanda	Jim Gomes
1 st	Enc. floribundum x Enc. cirdugeryn	Y.S. Farn
2 nd	Enc. Mariae	Jim Gomes
3 rd	B. Nodosa x C.Little Mike	Jim Gomes
Hon.	Lyc. deppei x aromatica	Una Yeh

Orchid Digest Speakers Day "Crazy About Catts"

I attended Orchid Digest Speakers Day this year for the first time. The speakers were (Fred Clarke, Keith Davis, Munekazu Ejiri, Francisco Miranda, and James Cornstock). All Speakers were excellent.

We had a break half way thru with appetizers, fruit, and drinks. Then we browsed the vendor sales (Cal-Orchids, SVO, Andys Orchids, Miranda Orchids, and Suwada Orchids).

After the fourth speaker we had a very nice dinner. Then back to for the last speaker on Orchids in 3D with 3D glasses.

What a wonderful and informative way to spend the day. I would recommend attending this next June at The Huntington.

2016 Roster

SGVOH 2016 Roster has been printed and was distributed at our June meeting. If you missed the meeting, please pick your copy up at membership desk.

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Membership Welcome Message

Please Welcome new members
Su Jen Fan

We had 30 members and 1 guest in attendance at the June meeting.

Sophronitis to Cattleya Transfers



Once a *Laelia*, always a *Laelia*? Only if it comes from Mexico. *Laelia rubescens* remains in the genus.

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In 2000 the first DNA study of the *Laeliinae* was reported in *Lindleyana*. One of the results of that study was the realization that the Brazilian *laelias* did not belong with the Mexican group of species that included the type for that genus (*Laelia anceps*). The initial solution was to place them in *Sophronitis* although other authors proposed to split these species into several segregate genera. With the publication of *Genera Orchidacearum Vol 4* in 2006 and the acceptance of the circumscriptions therein, a plethora of name changes took place in artificial hybrid names in this alliance. While many familiar names changed, the situation would have been significantly worse had this group of species been carved into a number of smaller genera.

Recent DNA studies with nine plastid regions plus the original ITS dataset have led to a better understanding of this group. While this expanded *Sophronitis* is always supported, it is also imbedded among species

traditionally recognized as *Cattleya* presenting the need to further alter the definitions of the genera that make up the alliance. There are effectively two solutions; creation of new genera for the various subgroups of *Cattleya* or lump all *Sophronitis* species with *Cattleya* and deal with these groupings as subgenera or sections of a greatly expanded *Cattleya*. This latter solution provides better nomenclatural stability for artificial hybrids of species in this alliance since changes would not result in transfers to new genera.



The cute little *Laelia liliputana* (aka *Hoffmannseggella*, *Sophronitis*) will soon be known as *Cattleya liliputana*.

At the World Orchid Conference in January 2008, International Orchid Committee met to discuss the situation and, with input from the RHS Advisory Panel on Orchid Hybrid Registration (APOHR), the authors of the additional studies, the Orchid Hybrid Registrar (the Registrar), the AOS and editors of *Genera Orchidacearum* agreed that sinking *Sophronitis* into *Cattleya* would be a better approach over the long term.

Where are we? The first step in the process was the publication of a scientific paper transferring these species comprising the expanded *Sophronitis* into *Cattleya*. That was done in March of 2008 in *Biodiversity*. Those that don't appear in this paper are those that, at one time or another, were already transferred by other authors. *Sophronitis* (*Laelia*)

tenebrosa is an example. The second step, transfer of the natural hybrids has also now been done as well.

In a few months *Genera Orchidacearum Vol. 5* will be published and will contain an addendum accepting these changes and the World Checklist of Monocotyledons will then be updated to reflect the changes. The Registrar has prepared the transfer of those species that appear in the hybrid registration database as well as the changes to intergeneric names that will result.

While these changes will take some getting used to, this will stabilize hybrid names in the long run. The most visible of the ensuing name changes will be the sinking of the vast majority of *Laeliocattleya*, *Sophracattleya*, and *Sophrulaeliocattleya* into *Cattleya*. This and the transfer of most of the existing *Brassocattleya*, *Brassolaelia*, *Brassolaeliocattleya* and *Rhynchocattleya* hybrids to *Rhyncholaeliocattleya* (*Rhyncholaelia x Cattleya*) will involve some 75-80% or more of the hybrid name changes. There will be some *Laeliocattleya* that remain so along with some *Brassocattleya* and *Brassolaelia* that will remain unchanged or become *Brassocattleya*; those with one of the Mexican *Laelia* species like *L. anceps* or *L. autumnalis* or a true *Brassavola* like *B. nodosa* in the background respectively, but these will definitely be in the minority. An example of one of the former is *Bc. Katherine H. Chatham* (*B. nodosa x C. labiata*) which will remain unchanged and an example of the latter is *Bl. Richard Mueller* which will become *Bc. Richard Mueller* (*B. nodosa x C. flava*) It is our understanding that the Registrar expects the database to be updated by the end of March.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 8 – 10
Santa Barbara Orchid Estates
Open House
1250 Orchid Drive
Santa Barbara, California 93111
www.sborchid.com

July 8 – 10
Cal-Orchids
Open House
1251 Orchid Dr.
Santa Barbara, Ca. 93111
www.calorchid.com

July 8 – 10
Andy's Orchids
Annual Summer Open House
734 Ocean View Ave.
Encinitas, CA. 92024
www.AndysOrchids.com

July 22 – 24
Newport Harbor Orchid Society
Summer Exotic Plant & Orchid Festival
1025 Westminster Mall
Westminster, CA
www.nhosinfo.org

July 30 – 31
San Diego Orchid Society
Summer Orchids in the Park
Balboa Park, San Diego

The next **Board Meeting** will be held at 7 PM on **Thursday, July 28**, 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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*The length we grow to &
a OrchidWiz Demo*

