



San Gabriel Valley *Orchid* Hobbyists

Bulletin

September Meeting
Thursday, September 21, 2017
7:00 PM – Plant Judging
7:30 PM – General Meeting

Our regular meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of the month at
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AOS WEBINAR *Orchids of Mexico* By Ron McHatton

This month we will be presenting a pre-recorded webinar. The AOS offers societies many pre-recorded webinar for us to see at our meeting. If you have heard or seen one that you think this our society would like, please let me know and I can arrange for us to view them at upcoming meetings. To help in costs, we may do this twice a year. If the topic, etc. is what our members would like to see.

Join us to hear Ron McHatton, Director of Education of the American Orchid Society, discuss the *Orchids of Mexico*. This will be an informative glimpse at some of the attractive orchid species to be found in Mexico, both the well-known and the lesser-known, with some comments on their habitats and cultural needs.



AUGUST PLANT JUDGING

Species	Plant Name	Owners Name
Cultural:	Prosthetic cochleata	Dann Dunst
1 st	Miltonia spectabilis	David Campen
2 nd	B. nodosa	David Campen
3 rd	Dracula roezlii	Dann Dunst
Hon.	Den. Purpureum	Dann Dunst
Cattleyas		
Cultural:	C. Chocoberry Fondue	Lisa Basilio
1 st	C. Princess Clementine	Lana Tripathi
2 nd	Blc. Aloha Case x Hunting Island	Y. S. Farn
3 rd	Blc. Sa-Ngob Delight	Y.S. Farn
Hon.	Blc. Hwa Yuan Beauty	Jim Gomes
Cattleyas Mini		
Cultural:		
1 st	Blc. Hawaiian Passion 'Carmela'	Jim Gomes
2 nd	Epc. Middleburg 'Maj'	Toby Luong
3 rd	Ctna. Why Not	Jim Gomes
Hon.	Pot. Hoku Gem 'Freckles'	Jim Gomes
Cymbidium		
1 st		
Cymbidium-Novelty		
Cultural:		
Dendrobiums		
Cultural:	Den. Amabile	Y. S. Farn
1 st	Den. Amabile	Viras Varad
2 nd	Den. Somsak Blue	Dann Dunst
3 rd	Den. Fire Wings	Una Yeh
Hon.	Den. auriculatum	Herbito Rojas
Oncidiums		
Cultural:		
1 st	Onc. Maui Gold 'Polido'	Una Yeh
2 nd	Mtssa. Dark Star 'Darth Vader'	Aaron Estrada
3 rd	Onc. Sharry Baby	Dann Dunst
Hon.	Oncidium/Miltonia Hybrid	Dann Dunst
Paph & Phrags		
Cultural:		
1 st	Paph. Julius	Una Yeh
2 nd	Paph. Unknown	Raul Vasquez
3 rd	Paph. Prince Edward of York	Una Yeh
Std. Phals		
1 st		
2 nd		
Mini Phals		
1 st	Phal. Unknown	Jim Gomes
Vandaceous		
Cultural:	Ren. Bangkok Beauty	Jim Gomes
1 st	V. Kultana Gold	Dann Dunst
2 nd	V. Kenneth Roberts	Una Yeh
3 rd	Asco. Twinkle	Una Yeh
Hon.	Asc. Irene Dobkins	Jim Gomes
Other Genera		
Cultural:	Ctsm. Karen Armstrong x denticulatum	Aaron Estrada
1 st	Enc. Lorraine Smith	Jim Gomes
2 nd	Masd. veitchiana x coccinia	Dann Dunst
3 rd	Epi. raiferum x pfavii	Jim Gomes
Hon.	Dracula Swamp Fox	Dann Dunst

The President's Message

I hope everyone enjoyed Mr. Burzell's talk on cattleya trianae, a species that has contributed so much to the modern day cattleyas. Our next month's program will be a webinar from the AOS on "Orchids of Mexico" that should be very interesting. I hope you all make it through the heat wave with minimal damage to your plants and flowers. I know I have done a lot of extra misting of my plants, and hoping they don't stress too much. Jim Gomes will have entry forms at our next meeting for those of you that want to enter plants in the Huntington Show in October. See you all next month.

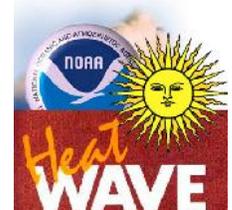
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Membership Welcome Message

We had 35 members in attendance at the August meeting.



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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 c* analiculatum 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.

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

September 10
Southern California Orchid Species
Annual Orchid Auction
Kraemer Memorial Park
Backs Community Building
201 Bradford Ave
Placentia, CA
www.socalorchidspecies.com

September 16 - 17
South Bay Orchid Society
Show & Sale
South Coast Botanic Garden
26300 Crenshaw Blvd
Palos Verdes, Peninsula, CA 90274

September 23 – 24
Fascination of Orchids
International Show & Sale
South Coast Plaza Village
1621 West Sunflower
Santa Ana, CA 92704
www.fascinationoforchids.com

October 6 – 8
Andy's Orchids
Fall Open House
734 Oceanview Ave.,
Encinitas, CA
Info: www.andysorchids.com

The next **Board Meeting** will be held at 7 PM on **Thursday, September 28**, at the LA County Arboretum.
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