



San Gabriel Valley *Orchid* Hobbyists

Bulletin

November Meeting
Thursday, November 20, 2014
6:00 PM Annual Awards Dinner
No Plant Judging
No Silent Auction

Our regular meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of the month at
Los Angeles County Arboretum & Botanic Garden,
Lecture Hall, 301 North Baldwin Avenue, Arcadia

Annual Awards Dinner



Come celebrate a terrific year for the Society! Social hour will begin at 6 PM with dinner served at 6:30 PM. The Society will provide Honey Baked Ham as the main course and coffee. **Please bring a side dish to serve 10 – 12 people, your own plates and silverware, and beverages of your choice** (including wine, if you wish). Members bringing hot dishes are urged to bring a food warmer. An orchid bouquet or small plant for your table decoration will add to the festivities.

Every membership will receive a nice plant. This month we will not have a guest speaker. Instead, we are going to let members openly ask any questions they may have regarding plants, pest, etc.

Learn who the top winners were for the year's Plant Judging!

2015 Membership

Renew your membership now and receive your new 2015 Membership card. This card can be used at Yamada's for 10% off on any orchid related items.

December Meeting

Come and find out the new slate of officers. They will be sworn in at the meeting.

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SOUTHLAND SHOW WINNERS



SGVOH Southland Show Display

Thursday night was the Awards Ceremony and SGVOH received Second Place for our Floor Display. We also won Best Cymbidium, and Dendrobium of the Show. Congratulations to Jim Gomes and Greg Orozco.

Below is a list of all plant winners.

Plant Owner	Plant Name	Ribbon/Award
Jim Gomes	Cym. Alcor	1 st Place
		1 st Best of Class
		1 st Best of Section
	Dtps. Firecracker	1 st Place
	Blc. Young Kong	1 st Place
	Paph. Unnamed	1 st Place
	Den. Enobi Purple 'Splash'	2 nd Place
	Den. Muang Thai	3 rd Place
Una Yeh	Blc. Blue Grotto	1 st Place
		1 st Best of Class
		1 st Best of Section
	Dar. Charm 'Blue Charm'	1 st Place
	L. Rubin	1 st Place
	C. Chocolate Drop 'Volcano Queen'	2 nd Place
	V. Paki	3 rd Place
	Zygo.	3 rd Place
Greg Orozco	Den. Muang Thai	1 st Place
		1 st Best of Class
		1 st Best of Section
	Sngl. Venus 'Jamboree'	1 st Place
		1 st Best of Class
	Phal. Unnamed	1 st Place
	Blc. Yen Corona 'Green Genie'	3 rd Place
Doris Hirata	Lc. Longriver Compton 'Golden Star'	1 st Place
Paul Chou	Blc. Bryce Canyon 'Splendiferous'	2 nd Place

ADVERTISING IN THE BULLETIN

Anyone interested in advertising in the SGVOH Bulletin should contact **Greg Orozco** at g.orozco3400@att.net for prices and information.

Display Volunteers

We would first like to thank Lucy Arlotti, Alyce Griffith, Jim Gomes, Greg Orozco, Linda Peterson, Lana Tripathi, Doris Hirata, Joe Vargas, and Mary from San Gabriel Nursery for volunteering to help build the display.

We would also like to thank Greg Orozco, Jim Gomes, Una Yeh, Doris Hirata, Dr. Paul Chou, Lucy Arlotti, Brenda Ward, and Alyce Griffith for bringing in plants for the display.

All this takes a great deal of time and effort, so THANKS. A special thanks for our display designer Greg Orozco for his creative ideas for this display.

A Few Good Directors

The Board of Directors would like to thank all of our members for their continued support. 2015 is a new year and we need a full slate of officers. All positions need to be filled to run the society in an organized manner. Next year we would like to plan activities and tours but without great leadership and pre-planning these chores fall short. Please help our Society by Volunteering!!

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.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS (CONT.)

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Una Yeh
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- Raffle Ticket Sales**
Gordon Quan
- Ribbon Judging**
Linda Peterson
- Roster**
Jim Gomes
- Silent Auction**
Toby Luong
- Displays**
Greg Orozco

2015 Membership Dues

Pay your dues for 2015 now while you think of it. Dues are still only \$20.00. Dues are for calendar year 2015 January – December). You can mail your check for \$20.00 to SGVOH, PO Box 660111, Arcadia, CA 91066 or bring it to the next meeting.



Monthly Checklist for November and December

Cattleya

Growers of just about every level of expertise will have begun to notice autumn conditions by now. Days are becoming shorter, hence cooler; the sunlight has less intensity as a result of the sun's lowering angle, nights are longer and generally cooler. Plants are responding by slowing and ripening their growth in preparation for winter.

The first cultural change noticed should be a reduced frequency of watering, as the plants dry out more slowly. This is a function of both the reduced day length and lower temperatures, as well as the plants' slowing growth rate. Reduced water needs signal a reduced need for fertilization. Note that the key word is reduced, not eliminated. Feed less frequently and at lower dosage, but feed. Growths, made during summer's heat, and relatively soft and green, will be ripening -- hardening -- in preparation for a brief period of rest (in many cases).

Many of these ripening growths will have a sheath, presaging the coming winter or spring flowering season. In some cases, these sheaths will have been evident since as early as July. (Early sheath development does not mean early flowering on plants with winter-spring seasons.) You may notice that some of these sheaths are showing signs of yellowing. This is not abnormal. Autumn's more pronounced temperature fluctuation can lead to water condensation inside the sheath, hastening the normal process of senescence, so yellowing sheaths can be left on the plant only so long before they must be carefully removed to preserve the bud primordia within. Water condensation left unchecked can rot the bud primordia. The sheaths can be safely removed by slitting open and peeling down toward the pseudobulb.

Cool-Growing Orchids

One can almost hear a sigh of relief from all of the cool-growers, from masdevallias to odontoglossums. As day temperatures decline, one can see a noticeable improvement in these plants. Shorter days and lower light levels do not seem to bother them. Repot before winter arrives.

Cymbidium

Finally we begin in earnest the main cymbidium season. *Cymbidium ensifolium* can give some early and fragrant hybrids, but it is now that the bulk of the crop will be flowering. The season lasts for about seven months, adding color to any collection. Miniature varieties will peak for the next three to four months. There are three important things to do: stake inflorescences ramrod straight for best presentation, watch for slugs and snails (especially just after a rain), and fertilize with a mild balanced formula regularly.

Paphiopedilum

The flowering season for the "toads" or "bulldog" paphs is just getting underway. These cannot be grown everywhere, but where cooler summer nights allow their growth, there is no longer-lasting or more exotic display than these. Paphiopedilums are, in general, not heavy feeders, and it is especially important with this type to reduce nitrogen levels now for best flowering and spike length. Be watchful for water accumulating in the growth around the sheath, or for the late-season warm spell, either of which can lead to the sheath's rotting. As the spikes emerge, do not change the orientation of the plant toward the light, as this can lead to a crooked or twisted spike

While paphiopedilums rarely like to dry out entirely, water needs are significantly reduced beginning now. Overwatering at this time of year can quickly lead to root rot or erwinia problems. Now is the time to practice good sanitary practices in your greenhouse or growing areas, as pest and disease problems have a way of multiplying rapidly in the darker and more crowded conditions that generally mark the winter growing area. With paphiopedilums, especially, "cleanliness is next to godliness" and if the growing area is littered with old foliage, weeds and dying flowers, keeping the plants alive and flowering will be next to impossible.

Vandaceous Genera

Whereas the general decline in temperatures is beneficial to cool-growing orchids, it is not for vandaceous plants. The only cold-hardy member is *Neofinetia falcata*. Orient your plants in such a way as to take advantage of as much light as possible. This can be a problem in northern latitudes. Reduce watering and feeding schedules.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 1 - 2
Santa Barbara Orchid Estates
“56th Fall Open House”
1250 Orchid Drive
Santa Barbara, CA
www.sborchid.com

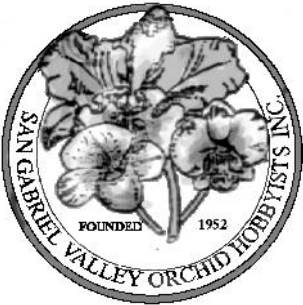
November 1 - 2
Cal-Orchid
“27th Open House”
1251 Orchid Drive
Santa Barbara, CA
www.calorchid.com

December 6 - 7
Andy’s Orchids
Open House
734 Ocean View Ave
Encinitas CA 92024
(888) 514-2639
www.andysorchids.com

December 6 - 7
Casa de las Orquideas
Annual Open House
9 a.m to 4 p.m.
170 S. Nardo Ave.
Solana Beach, CA 92075
www.orquideas.com

December 6 - 7
Sunset Valley Orchids
Annual Open House
1255 Navel Place
Vista, CA 92081
(760) 310-0778
www.sunsetvalleyorchids.com

The next **Board Meeting** will be held at 7 PM on **Thursday, December 4**, 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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