



# San Gabriel Valley *Orchid* Hobbyists

## Bulletin

**January Meeting**  
**Thursday, January 18, 2018**  
**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  
Los Angeles County Arboretum & Botanic Garden,  
Lecture Hall, 301 North Baldwin Avenue, Arcadia

### **DAVID TOYOSHIMA** **"Cattleyas from Postwar to 1970"**

Our guest speaker for Thursday, January 18, is David Toyoshima. David was born and raised in Long Beach, California and has been growing orchids, specifically cattleyas since he was seven years old when he received his first seedling. "I remember that plant. It was a lavender hybrid, Blc. Doctor Von Braun. I grew it in my parent's windowsill and a few years later I flowered it. It was gorgeous," recalls David.

By age twelve, he erected his first greenhouse, a small 6' x 8' fiberglass and redwood structure. He joined the American Orchid Society in middle school.

Before David could drive, his mom took him to Stewart Orchids in San Gabriel, CA. In high school (and throughout college), David worked part-time at Stewart under the tutorage of Mr. Ernest Hetherington. "Ernest taught me everything there is to know about cattleya orchids, especially hybridizing." "I also became good friends with Frank Fordyce, Jerry Rehfield, and Don Herman because of my association with Stewart and my love of cattleyas. They too taught me so much," said David.

While in college, David was an AOS clerk and student judge. As a longtime member of the AOS, David serves as Chair of the Public Relation Committee, and is currently serving his second term on the AOS Board of Trustees. You can usually find David as the moderator for the AOS Facebook pages.

In his professional life, David is a former high school art teacher. He is currently an advertising art director, illustrator, copywriter, and creative director—a career that has spanned over thirty years. He has worked at well-known Madison Avenue advertising agencies like Doyle Dane Bernbach, Della Femina, and Foote Cone and Belding (much of that time spent in Chicago).

When it comes to orchids, David's biggest passion is collecting and preserving heirloom cattleyas. "One of the first cattleyas I bought from Ernest was Cattleya Bow Bells. Ernest said this plant was a must-have for its historical significance and beauty." Back in the mid 70s, many of these old clones were largely forgotten (and relatively inexpensive to buy). Today, there's resurgence in collecting these old plants.

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## JANUARY PLANT JUDGING

Species	Plant Name	Owners Name
Cultural:	L. anceps	Toby Luong
1 <sup>st</sup>	L. Finckeniana	Toby Luong
2 <sup>nd</sup>	L. anceps 'Williamsiana'	Una Yeh
3 <sup>rd</sup>		
Hon.	Aerangis mire	Y.S. Farn
Cattleyas		
Cultural:	C. Unknown	Gordan Quan
1 <sup>st</sup>	Blc. Pamela Heatherington 'Coronation' FCC/AOS	Jim Gomes
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Blc. Pink Empress	Nata Ruiz
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sls. Misty Girl x Blc. Goldenzell	Una Yeh
Hon.	Bc. Pastoral Innocence	Jim Gomes
Cattleyas Mini		
Cultural:		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Blc. Hawaiian Discovery x C. Orglade	Jim Gomes
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Pot. Oconee Circle	Jim Gomes
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lc. Hsinying Pub	Una Yeh
Hon.	Lc. Pink Treasure x L. Finckeniana	Jim Gomes
Cymbidium		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Cym. Unknown	Y.S. Farn
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Cym. Cadillac 'Geyserland' x Redondo Sunset	
Cymbidium- Novelty		
Cultural:	Cym. dayanum	Una Yeh
Dendrobiums		
Cultural:		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Den. Avril's Gold	Una Yeh
2 <sup>nd</sup>		
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Den. Unknown	Y.S. Farn
Hon.		
Oncidiums		
Cultural:	Oncda. Hula Halau 'Volcano Queen'	Jim Gomes
1 <sup>st</sup>	Onc. Dancing Lady	Una Yeh
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Onc. Sharry Baby	Nata Ruiz
3 <sup>rd</sup>		
Hon.		
Paph & Phrags		
Cultural:		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Paph. Unknown	Una Yeh
2 <sup>nd</sup>		
3 <sup>rd</sup>		
Std. Phals		
Cultural:		
2 <sup>nd</sup>		
Mini Phals		
1 <sup>st</sup>		
Vandaceous		
Cultural:		
1 <sup>st</sup>		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	V. Lamellata	Una Yeh
3 <sup>rd</sup>	V. Unknown	Una Yeh
Hon.		
Other Genera		
Cultural:		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Lyc. Red Jewel	Raul Vazquez
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Epi. Floribundum x Epi. Cordigerum	Jim Gomes
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lyc. Shonam Harmony	Heriberto Rojas
Hon.	Bc. Green Bird	Jim Gomes

## The President's Message

The December meeting had a better turnout than expected due to the holidays.

Greg has been down with a cold, so I am writing his column for this month.

I am very excited to have David Toyoshima speak on Cattleya's. Also to hear about Stewart's Orchids, which many of us never were able to visit.

Winter is here, hoping all your outside orchids are not freezing. It has gotten very cold in Pasadena. I would like to wish each of you a Happy New Year!

Jim Gomes  
Vice President



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**Silent Auction**  
Toby Luong  
**Displays**  
Open

## Membership Welcome Message

We had 19 members  
and 1 guest in  
attendance at the  
December meeting.

### ADVERTISING IN THE BULLETIN

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

## In Need of Officers and Directors

The Board of Directors would like to thank all of our members for their continued support. 2018 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 & tours but without great leadership and pre-planning these chores fall short. Talk to a board member if you have any questions. Please help our Society by Volunteering!!

## 2018 Membership

Membership is now due for 2018. Please see Dann Dunst at our next meeting to renew your members.

Don't forget to pickup your new 2018 Membership card also. This card can be used at Yamada's for 10% off on any orchid related items.

## Orange County Orchid Society Annual Auction

January 17, 2018  
6:30 PM Preview, 7 PM  
Auction begins  
Yorba Linda Public Library  
Community Room (lower level),  
18181 Imperial Hwy.  
Yorba Linda  
Info: [www.ocos.net](http://www.ocos.net),  
(714) 446-9283

## January & February Care

### Cattleya

Watering and fertilizing will be at a minimum, as will potting. Be on the lookout for senescing sheaths on your winter-into-spring bloomers. Careful removal of the dying sheaths will still allow buds to develop without the danger of condensation-induced rot. Low light will lead to weak spikes, so, and as noted above, staking is critical. If you have a chance to get out to nurseries, there may still be a chance to acquire good plants in sheath for spring bloom. Getting them now not only ensures that you'll have them, but allows them to acclimate to your conditions and bloom at their best.

### Cymbidium

We are well into the flowering season now. Outdoor growers should be cautious of freezing temperatures. Damage starts to occur below 30 F. Be diligent about tying the inflorescences for best arrangement of the flowers. Also watch closely for slugs and snails. If weather is quite wet, protect the plants from the rain and this will help to reduce the risk of botrytis spotting.

### Lycaste

The most glorious of all orchids, Lycaste, will be moving toward their flowering season. Make sure the palm-like leaves do not interfere with the emerging inflorescences. Tying them loosely together often is helpful. Some growers cut the leaves off at the pseudobulb, but this

removes part of the attractiveness of this elegant orchid. Resist picking up the plant to inspect those beautiful buds and then setting it down in all different directions as the flower buds will be forced to re-orient themselves to the light source each time and will not open as nicely as they should. Keep plants a little drier during the shorter days.

### Paphiopedilum

The standard Paphiopedilum insigne-derived hybrids, which are called "bull dogs" and "toads," are at their peak. Unlike most other orchids, they can even be potted while in bud. There really is no wrong time to pot a paphiopedilum, and no other orchid responds so favorably to fresh mix and a cleanup. Keep an eye on watering until roots begin to grow.

### Phalaenopsis

Now is the peak of spike development, with the first plants in full flower. Staking and plant preparation is a must for those all-important spring shows. Correct staking now will give a better display and also make it much easier to transport to your society meetings and shows. Care with watering is vital to avoid mechanical damage to the flowers, as well as rot-related problems. Keep spent blooms cleaned up to avoid botrytis inoculation. Do not report this month. Now you'll be seeing lots of phalaenopsis at orchid shows and sales.

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

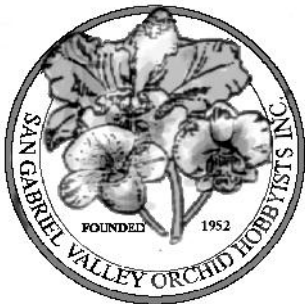
**January 27 -28**  
**San Diego County Orchid Society**  
**Orchids in the Park**  
Balboa Park's  
Casa del Prado, Room 101  
San Diego, CA

**February 9 – 11**  
**Newport Harbor Orchid Show & Sale**  
**'Romancing the Orchid'**  
1025 Westminster Mall  
Westminster, CA

**February 23 - 25**  
**66<sup>th</sup> Pacific Orchid Exposition**  
**'Orchids in Wonderland'**  
**Show & Sale**  
Hall of Flowers, Golden Gate Park  
San Francisco, CA

**March 9 - 11**  
**73<sup>rd</sup> Santa Barbara Intl. Orchid Show**  
**The World's Greatest Show**  
**ORCHIDS**  
Earl Warren Showgrounds  
Santa Barbara, CA

The next **Board Meeting** will be held at (Notification to come), 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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*January 18, 2018*

*David Toyoshima*

*Cattleyas*

