



San Gabriel Valley *Orchid* Hobbyists

Bulletin

January Meeting
Thursday, January 17, 2019
7:00 PM – Plant Judging
7:30 PM – General Session

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

THE BIG ISLAND ORCHID SCENE

Tom Mirenda has been cultivating plants since his early childhood and lives to create beauty with plants in botanic Garden settings for more than half of his adult life. Originally trained as a Marine Biologist, Tom moved to Hawaii in his early 20s to pursue a MB career and worked on the tropic relationships of denizens of Coral reefs in the Northwest Hawaiian Islands (Midway and French Frigate Shoals). There he realized he was better suited to Horticultural pursuits and took positions at New York Botanical Garden, Brooklyn Botanical Garden and at the Incredible Greentree Estate in Long Island where he cared for a first class Orchid collection. During this time, Tom also was the floor manager of the legendary New York International Orchid Show. Eventually Tom accepted the Orchid Collection Specialist Position at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington DC where he cultivated and curated a huge diverse orchid collection for the past 17 years. The collection was used to create massive 4 to 5 month long educational orchid exhibits displayed to literally millions of visitors each year.

For the past 14 years Tom has contributed 2 monthly columns for the ORCHIDS magazine, the Bulletin of the American Orchid Society, and has developed an international following, as a writer, speaker and advocate for orchid conservation around the world. Last year Tom Co-authored The Book of Orchids with Two scientists from Kew and has done speaking tours in the British isles for the last three summers. Presented at the last 3 world Orchid conferences and several IOCC and AOC's on Conservation topics. Tom was a founding member of the North American Orchid Conservation Center and continues his support of orchids conservation there, and around the world.

Last fall, Tom took a major gamble and left the security of his job with the Smithsonian to take a leadership position at the Hawaii Tropical Botanical Garden, an exceptionally beautiful jewel on the lush Hamakua coast just north of Hilo on the Big Island (aka the Orchid Island!). What Tom found there was an Orchid Paradise where myriad spectacular orchids of all types, both lowland and montane species and hybrids seem to thrive, simply planted in the trees, placing them thoughtfully in the landscape.

Ultimately, he believes that the concept of growing orchids in Garden settings, to be a viable model world-wide for orchid conservation and encourages the ex-situ cultivation of orchids by diverse stakeholders in the orchid community and that it is only with the cooperation of Botanical Garden Professionals, Commercial Growers, academia and committed orchid collectors and backyard growers, that orchids will survive the vicissitudes of climate change..

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DECEMBER PLANT JUDGING

Species	Plant Name	Owners Name
Cultural:		
1 st	Coelia bella	Jim Gomes
2 nd		
3 rd		
Hon.		
Cattleyas		
Cultural:	Pot. Mem. Mario Lanza x C. Murray Spence Armrey	Una Yeh
1 st	C. Unknown	Nata Ruiz
2 nd	Blc. Pink Empress	Aaron Estrada
3 rd	Bc. Pastoral Innocence	Gordon Quan
Hon.	Blc. George King 'Southern Cross'	Greg Orozco
Cattleyas Mini		
Cultural:	Bc. Maikai 'Mayumi'	Jim Gomes
1 st	B. Nodosa Hybrid	Jim Gomes
2 nd	Lc. Indigo Love x C. Valentine	Una Yeh
3 rd		
Hon.		
Cymbidium		
2 nd	Cym. Unknown	Y.S. Farn
Cymbidium-Novelty		
2 nd	Cym. Unknown	Y.S. Farn
3 rd	Cym. dayana	Una Yeh
Dendrobiums		
Cultural:		
1 st	Den. Hilda Poxon	Toby Luong
2 nd	Den. Ratreer	Aaron Estrada
3 rd	Den. Cotton Candy	Viras Tangna Varad
Hon.	Den. Gold Schmittian	Una Yeh
Oncidiums		
Cultural:	Onc. cheirophorum	Raul Vazquez
1 st	Onc. Sweet Sugar 'Lemon Drop'	Jim Gomes
2 nd	Tolumnia Tequila Sunrise	Jim Gomes
3 rd	Oncda. Volcano Midnight 'Volcano Queen'	Jim Gomes
Hon.	Onc. Gower Ramsey	Jim Gomes
Paph & Phrags		
1 st	Paph. Gatrixianum	Raul Vazquez
2 nd	Phrag. Naukan Kealoha	Dann Dunst
3 rd	Paph. Res Complex	Raul Vazquez
Hon.	Paph. Warm Valley x Olympic Halo	Dann Dunst
Std. Phals		
Cultural:		
Mini Phals		
Cultural:		
Vandaceous		
Cultural:	Ascda. Adisak Happiness	Dann Dunst
1 st	Ascda. Kuwalee #7	Dann Dunst
2 nd	V. Pachara Delight	Gordon Quan
3 rd	Ascda. Princess Mikasa	Una Yeh
Hon.	V. Pink	Una Yeh
Vanda Mini		
Cultural:		
1 st	Neostylis Lou Sneary 'Blue Bird'	Dann Dunst
2 nd	Neostylis Lou Sneary 'Blue Bird'	Jim Gomes
3 rd	Neostylis Unknown	Una Yeh
Other Genera		
1 st	Zygo Macbayi x Intuition Fiesta	Dann Dunst
2 nd	Zygo. Unknown	Aaron Estrada
3 rd	Masd. Princeps x mooreana	Dann Dunst



The New Year has arrived and with it some very cold weather. For those of us that grow outdoors there's a little anxiety about just how cold is it going to get.

Please remember that January is our election month for new officers and directors, if you are able to volunteer we welcome you to do so.

This month we have a special guest speaker from Hawaii, Mr. Thomas Mirenda who will be speaking about growing orchids on the big island of Hawaii. Just thinking about a warm tropical place sounds great to me. I hope you can all attend.

Greg Orozco
President

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Membership Welcome Message

We had 30 members in attendance at the December 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 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, by the Friday following the fourth Thursday of the month.

IN NEED OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Volunteers Needed

The Board of Directors would like to thank all of our members for their continued support. 2019 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!!

Plant Opportunity Table

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

2019 Membership

2019 Membership is due now. Please renew your membership now and receive your new 2019 Membership card. This card can be used at Yamada's for 10% off on any orchid related items.

Some Orchids That Flower in the Winter Months

The names below are derived from the Latin and Greek languages and can, at first, be daunting to pronounce. It's easier if you remember that, with few exceptions all letters are pronounced. You will often hear names pronounced somewhat differently than indicated below as a result of regional differences. There are also pronunciations that are not technically correct but have found their way into common usage. The common pronunciation, **stan-HOPE-ee-ah** rather than the technically correct **stan-HOPE-ah** for Stanhopea is an example. This pronunciation has no doubt evolved because of the "pronounce every letter rule" although that would sound more like **stan-HOPE-AY-ah**.

C= 50F minimum, I = 55F minimum, W = 60-65F minimum

Cattleya percivaliana (KAT-lee-ah purr-sih-VAL-ee-an-ah) and many of its hybrids (I)

Coelogyne cristata (see-loh-GUY-nee KRIS-tah-tah) (C)

Laelia superbiens (LAY-lee-ah sue-PURR-bee-enz) [also known as **Schomburgkia superbiens**]

Lycaste skinneri (lye-CASS-tee SKIN-er-eye) and many of its hybrids (I)

Trichocentrum

cavendishianum (try-koe-SENT-rum cav-en-DISH-ee-an-um) [also long known as **Oncidium - Oncidium** is pronounced as on-SID-ee-um] (C)

Phaius tankervilleae (FAY-us tan-ker-VILL-eye) [the Nun's Orchid] (I)

Many **Phalaenopsis** (fail-en-NOP-sis) species and their hybrids (W)

Angraecum eburneum (W)

Angraecum

sesquipedale (an-GRAY-kum sess-kwih-PED-ah-lee) (W)

Brassavola nodosa (bra-SAH-voe-lah NOE-dose-ah) (I)

Early

flowering **Cymbidium** (sim-BID-ee-um) species and hybrids (C)

Dendrobium nobile (den-DRO-bee-um NOE-bee-lee) and its hybrids (C winter)

Epidendrum ciliare (I)

Laelia anceps (LAY-lee-ah an-SEPS) (I-C)

Many **Masdevallia** (maz-dee-VAHL-ee-ah) species and hybrids (C-I)

Rhynchostylis gigantea (rink-oh-STY-liss jye-gan-TEE-ah) (W)

Cattleya coccinea (KAT-lee-ah COCK-sinn-ee-ah) (C) and many of the miniature cattleyas developed from this species.

-From the AOS Website



UPCOMING EVENTS

January 16
Orange County Orchid Society
Annual Auction

Yorba Linda Public Library
18181 Imperial Highway
Yorba Linda, CA 92886

February 8 - 10
Newport Harbor Orchid Society
Orchid Expo & Sale

Westminster Mall
Westminster, CA

February 22 -24
Pacific Orchid Exposition
County Fair Building

Hall of Flowers
Golden Gate Park
San Francisco, CA

March 15 - 17
Santa Barbara Intl. Orchid Show
'Orchid Magic'

Earl Warren Showgrounds
Santa Barbara, CA

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