



San Gabriel Valley *Orchid* Hobbyists

Bulletin

July Meeting
Thursday, July 18, 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

Becoming an 80 Percentile Grower

FRED CLARKE

Learn about the fundamentals of growing orchids and explore some advanced techniques. Orchid plant culture is explained and techniques on how to maximize growth and flowering are reviewed. Learn how to become an 80 percentile grower. This is a PowerPoint presentation.

Fred Clarke has been growing orchids for 40 years and has been hybridizing for 35 of those years. With over 31 years as a professional grower and manager in the horticultural industry, Fred applies these skills at his orchid nursery; Sunset Valley Orchids, located in San Diego, California.

He is a passionate orchid grower whose curiosity in orchids is broad and varied. Although developing Cattleya hybrids has been his sustaining interest, he is also actively creating new Bulbophyllum and Paphiopedilum hybrids.

His pioneering work in Catasetum intergeneric hybrids led to the development of several notable hybrids, most recently the grex, Fredclarkeara After Dark, which produced “the blackest flower ever witnessed” and received over 90 awards worldwide.

Fred is an Accredited Judge in the Pacific South Judging Region. His plants have received hundreds of quality awards from the American Orchid Society.

Membership Badges

You may purchase SGVOH Badges at our Membership Desk at any of the meetings. Badges cost \$15.00 and if you wear the badge you get a free raffle ticket.

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JUNE PLANT JUDGING

Species	Plant Name	Owners Name
Cultural:	Max. tenuifolia	Toby Luong
1 st	Den. tobaense	Una Yeh
2 nd	Onc. pumilum	Raul Vazquez
3 rd	Den. Golden Jade	Una Yeh
Hon.	Enc. Hanburyi	Raul Vazquez
Cattleyas		
Cultural:	L. Purpurata	Y.S. Farn
1 st	Blc. Everything Nice 'Showtime'	Jim Gomes
2 nd	L. Purpurata v. vini color	Una Yeh
3 rd	L. Purpurata	Jim Gomes
Hon.	L. Pulcherrima v. Alba	Lynn McIlwain
Cattleyas Mini		
Cultural:	Slc. Golden Acclaim	Lucy Arlotti
1 st	Epi. Roth Canary	Raul Vazquez
2 nd	Blc. Izumi Charm	Una Yeh
3 rd	Lc. Black Forest	Brenda Ward
Hon.	Tokyo Magic	Francisca Windayanti
Cymbidium		
Cultural:		
Cymbidium-Novelty		
1 st	Cym. Lamorack	Toby Luong
2 nd	Cym. Little Beauty 'Susan'	Y.S. Farn
3 rd	Cym. Pat Ann 'Debbie'	Jim Gomes
Hon.	Cym. Canaliculatum 'Stacy'	Jim Gomes
Dendrobiums		
Cultural:		
Oncidiums		
Cultural:	Milt. Maui Mist 'Golden Gate'	Dann Dunst
1 st	Milt. Ambre's Charm	Raul Vazquez
2 nd	Vuyl. Celtic Sun	Dann Dunst
3 rd	Mtdm. Ron Ripling's Delight	Dann Dunst
Hon.	Milt. Andrea West	Dann Dunst
Paph & Phrags		
Cultural:		
1 st	Paph. lowii	Raul Vazquez
2 nd	Paph. Hung Shen Bay	Olga Ribardo
3 rd		
Std. Phals		
Cultural:	Phal. Unknown	Jim Gomes
1 st	Phal. Unknown	Olga Ribardo
2 nd	Dtps. Hsin Pudding Puppy	Lynn McIlwain
3 rd	Phal. Magic Art	Jim Gomes
Hon.	Phal. Unknown	Dann Dunst
Mini Phals		
1 st		
Vandaceous		
1 st	Renanstylis Queen Emma	Jim Gomes
2 nd	V. lamellata	Una Yeh
3 rd	V. Suphan Pink	Una Yeh
Hon.	V. Paki	Una Yeh
Vanda Mini		
1 st	Neof. falcate 'Yellow Dragon'	Una Yeh
2 nd	Ascf. Cherry Blossom	Y.S. Farn
3 rd	Neof. 'White'	Una Yeh
Other Genera		
Cultural:	Enc. Profusa x Enc. Incubus	Toby Luong
1 st	Epy Serena O'Neil	Dann Dunst
2 nd	Enc. Borincana	Toby Luong
3 rd	Odtna. Pacific Paronoia	Jim Gomes
Hon.	Ency. Gail Nakagaki	Dann Dunst

The President's Message

It's purpurata time again, and we had some very nice examples at our June meeting. I think that the Laelia purpurata season is my favorite time and yes I know that they are now considered cattleya's. Purpurata's just have such a stately look the way they bloom up above the foliage and in such a wide range of colors. They are the perfect plant to grow outdoors here in So Cal, they can take the heat and some cold winter temperatures. If you are not growing them give them a try, they will reward you with lots of beautiful flowers for early summer.

Greg Orozco
President

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Membership Welcome Message

Please Welcome new members

**Norman Fang &
Brian Huang.**

We had 27 members in attendance at the June 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.

Monthly Checklist for July and August

Cattleya

Cattleyas this month require careful attention to their watering and fertilizing needs owing to characteristically high temperatures. Evaporative cooling is a must in areas of the country where it is effective. Where it is not (the more humid regions), care needs to be paid to proper venting to keep temperatures within reason. Bottom vents in conjunction with top vents provide enough rising airflow to help keep plants cool. Increased air flow lessens humidity and dries plants out more quickly, necessitating more frequent damping down and watering, in areas where high humidity is not a problem. Higher light and heat indicate more fertilizer. The growths your plants are making now are the source of this autumn, winter and spring's blooms, so applying adequate fertilizer this month is the best way to ensure future blooms. Higher temperatures and humidity may also lead to fungal or bacterial rot problems, so it is important to closely observe your plants for any early indication of problems. Pests are also at a high point this month for the same reason.

Paphiopedilum

Cooling and air circulation are especially critical in these two months to prevent stress and avoid disease problems. Watering needs to be closely monitored to ensure that plants do not dry out. Warmer-growing hybrids will be at the peak of their blooming, with attention needing to be paid to staking of spikes. Look for water lodging in growths, which can rot emerging spikes and lead to the loss of the entire growth.

Phalaenopsis

Most, if not all, potting should be complete by now. This month and next are when these plants achieve their maximum growth. This growth will be that from which they set their spikes for the coming season. The more leaves the plants grow, the better potential for spiking will be realized. Growers in cooler areas such as the Pacific coast have the advantage this month, should they choose, of cooling for early season spikes. Lots of heat and light call for liberal applications of water

and fertilizer.

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.

High-elevation Plants

For cooler-growing plants, such as masdevallias, other pleurothallids and the like, the next few months will be a challenge. During the hottest times, keep your plants more shaded and be sure to keep the humidity level much higher. Do not let plants dry out. Delay any potting until the weather cools.

Oncidium intergenerics

Many of the intergeneric crosses between odontoglossums and oncidiums, such as *Odontocidium*, *Wilsonara* and *Colmanara*, will be blooming now. Take special care to train the spikes for best floral display. Keep plants under fairly shady conditions. Watch for snails and slugs.

Vandaceous

Plants will be growing quickly now and really enjoying the hot humid days so similar to their native habitat. Watch for pests though, as many of these also enjoy the same conditions as the plants. Check flower spikes so that they can extend unimpeded for the best flower presentation later.

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

The Orchid Digest & PhalFanatics "The Phalaenopsis Symposium"

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UPCOMING EVENTS

July 12 – 14
Santa Barbara Orchid Estate
Open House
1250 Orchid Drive
Santa Barbara, CA 93111
www.sborchid.com

July 12 – 14
Cal-Orchids
Summer Hummer Sale
1251 Orchid Drive
Santa Barbara, CA 93111
www.calorchid.com

July 28
San Diego Orchid Society
Orchids in the Park
Balboa Park
Casa del Prado, Room 101
San Diego, CA
www.sdorchids.com

August 16 – 18
Newport Harbor Orchid Society
Summer Exotic Plant & Orchid Festival
1025 Westminster Mall
Westminster, CA 92683
www.nhosinfo.org

The next **Board Meeting** will be held at 7 PM on **July 25**
, 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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