



San Gabriel Valley *Orchid* Hobbyists

Bulletin

February Meeting
Thursday, February 21, 2013
7:30 pm Ribbon Judging
8:00 pm General Meeting

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

General Meeting: Fred Clarke “Aussie Native Dendrobiums and their Cultivation”

Our friends down under have been breeding their native Dendrobiums and creating some fantastic flowers, the word is out! Aussie Dens are easy to grow, tolerant of heat and cold, have fragrant flowers, and re-bloom from the old bulbs!!! They grow well with Cattleyas and in frost free areas they are perfect plants for the shade house. In conclusion we cover the ‘best practices’ for growing these remarkable plants.

Fred Clarke has been growing orchids for 33 years and has been hybridizing for 25 of those years. With over 25 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 Aussie Dendrobium 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”. This grex has received eight FCC’s, eight AM’s and the coveted ‘Award of Distinction’ on the first flowers shown for judging!

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

Fred will also be bringing plants for sale.

Plant Opportunity Table

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

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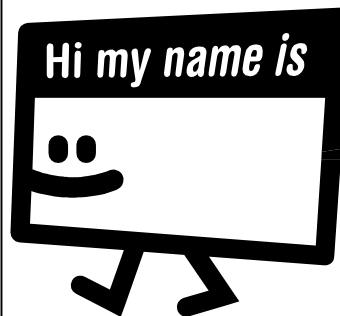
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JANUARY PLANT JUDGING

Species	Plant Name	Owners Name
Cultural:	Paph. villosum	Brandon Tam
1 st	Lycaste macrophylla	Unknown
2 nd	Ornithocephalus inflexus	Brenda Ward
3 rd	Cyc. Warszewiczii	David Campen
Hon.	Max. variabilis	Una Yeh
Cattleyas		
Cultural:	C. Unknown	Jim Gomes
1 st	Blc. Ilha Do Pico Monte Vista	S&D Lundine
2 nd	Blc. Pamela Hetherington	S&D Lundine
3 rd	Lc. Purple Cascade 'Sweet Beauty'	Y.S. Farn
Hon.	Blc. George King "Serendipity"	Jim Gomes
Cattleyas Mini		
Cultural:		
1 st	C. Chocolate Drop 'Kodama'	Jim Gomes
2 nd		
3 rd		
Hon.		
Cymbidium		
Cultural:		
1 st	Cym. Lovely Valley	Y.S. Farn
2 nd	Cym. Unknown	Nata Ruiz
3 rd	Cym. Shifting Sand 'Yellow Bird'	Y.S. Farn
Cymbidium- Novelty		
Cultural:		
1 st		
2 nd		
Dendrobiums		
Cultural:		
1 st		
Hon.		
Oncidiums		
Cultural:		
1 st		
Paph & Phrags		
Cultural:	Paph Samuel Wertz	Brandon Tam
1 st	Paph. Mercatelli	Brandon Tam
2 nd	Paph. Pacific Shamrock x Sheila Hanes	Brandon Tam
3 rd	Paph. Heaven's Gate	Brandon Tam
Hon.	Paph. Hsinying web#2 x Ruby Leopard 'October Rainbow'	S&D Lundine
Std. Phals		
Cultural:		
1 st		
2 nd		
3 rd		
Mini Phals		
Cultural:		
Vandaceous		
1 st		
Other Genera		
Cultural:		
1 st	Masd. Princeps x Mooreana	Dann Dunst
2 nd	Masd. Unknown	Dann Dunst
3 rd		



Membership Name Tag

Members may purchase a personally engraved SGVOH name tag for \$10.00 each. You may purchase them at any of our regular meetings. Please contact:
Membership Chair,
Dann Dunst.

Members wearing their name tag at our regular meeting can obtain a special raffle ticket for that evening's Plant Opportunity Table.

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2013 Membership Dues

Pay your news for 2013 now while you think of it. Dues are still only \$20.00. You can mail your check for \$20.00 to SGVOH, PO Box 660111, Arcadia, CA 91066 or bring it to the February meeting.

Membership Message Welcome

We would like to WELCOME new members, **Kwongshoung Chong (KC)** and **Fujiko Hattori**. We had 34 members and 4 guests in attendance.

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.

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.

Monthly Checklist for January and February

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.

Odontoglossums

Odontoglossums and their intergeneric hybrids offer a great splash of color now. Though once thought of as being difficult to grow and requiring cool temperatures due to the emphasis on odontoglossum breeding, the new intergeneric hybrids made using *Oncidium* and *Brassia*, for example, are just the opposite. These plants are quite content in more intermediate conditions. New growths generally emerge in the spring, later forming beautiful plump pseudobulbs. Look for the flower spikes to emerge from the inner sheath of the pseudobulb. If your plant's pseudobulbs are shriveled, then the plants have been kept too dry or too wet. Inspect the roots to determine which condition prevailed. If the lead pseudobulb is large, plump and green (and back bulbs are shriveled) but no flower spike is evident, the plants may have been kept too dry.

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.

Zygopetalum

For the most part, the flowering season will have ended for this group, providing the grower a chance to do some repotting. The plants will then have a chance to become well established before the hotter months of summer arrive. Most growers use bark mixes, but some exceptional results have been seen lately using rock-wool blends. You may want to try this mix, but do not change your whole collection over to this new media until you are sure it is right for you. First, experiment with a few plants to see how they respond.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 8 - 10
Newport Harbor Orchid Expo 2013
"Show Us Your Bloomers"
Westminster Mall
Orange County, CA

February 19
Newport Harbor Orchid Society
Annual Auction
6:30 PM preview, 7 PM Auction begins
Costa Mesa Community Center
1845 Park Ave.
Costa Mesa, CA

March 8 - 10
Santa Barbara International Orchid Show
"Orchids in Focus"
Earl Warren Showgrounds
Santa Barbara, CA
Info: www.sborchidshow.com

March 22 -24
San Diego Orchid Show
Scottish Rite Center
1895 Camino del Rio South
San Diego, CA 92108
www.sdorchids.com

The next **Board Meeting** will be held at 7 PM on **Thursday, February 21**, 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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Dendrobiums

