

San Gabriel Valley *Orchid* Hobbyists

Bulletin

December Meeting
Thursday, December 17, 2015
7:00 PM – Ribbon Judging
7:30 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: GREG OROZCO **“DEMONSTRATION ON HOW TO MAKE CORSAGES”**

Greg Orozco will be showing us how to make corsages using various orchids. This should be a very interesting presentation, showing us other ways to display our orchids. The holidays are coming up and what would be a better way to help someone celebrate.

A single bloom with foliage and filler is a popular boutonniere. This is easily done by using a wired bloom, a Dendrobium for example, and adding a few stems of baby's breath and an ivy leaf. The baby's breath and leaf are not wired but secured around the Dendrobium with an extra layer of floral tape. The end of the wire, covered with floral tape, can be curled around a pen or pencil. The boutonniere will be secured with a long pin from the back side of the lapel. Multiple flower boutonnieres can be made the same way, 2 or 3 flowers will need to be wired, lighter elements may be secured with the floral tape. Ends on a multiple flower boutonniere can be gathered with floral tape and left straight or curled. They can also be gathered near the top with floral tape but individual stems left in an unwrapped cluster.

Single flower corsages use much the same technique as boutonnieres but are usually slightly larger, either due to the selection of a larger flower or to the addition of more filler, foliage and accessories. Multiple flower corsages are assembled from pieces similar to single flower boutonnieres. Start by wiring a flower bud along with some filler flowers, greens or ribbon, leaving a long piece of taped wire which other elements will be taped to, this will be the spine of the corsage. Prepare a number of elements as outlined in the boutonniere's section. Wire and tape them to the spine, and curl the end of the spine. A larger corsage may require 2 pins to secure it to the garment. Wrist corsages are made the same way as shoulder corsages but have to be mounted on a special wristlet with metal clamps. These can be purchased at most florists. The clamps are secured around the spine of the corsage and the elastic band is slipped around the wrist. A small corsage can also be secured to a barrette clip with wire for securing to the hair.

Plant Opportunity Table

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

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2015 ANNUAL AWARD WINNERS

Species	Members Name
	1 st Dann Dunst
	2 nd Jim Gomes
	3 rd David Campen
Cattleyas	
	1 st Una Yeh
	2 nd Jim Gomes
	3 rd Y.S. Farn
Mini-Cattleyas	
	1 st Jim Gomes
	2 nd Una Yeh
	3 rd Greg Orozco
Cymbidiums	
	1 st Alyce Griffithl
	2 nd Doris Hirata
	3 rd Jim Gomes Richard Callahan
Novelty Cyms	
	1 ^s Toby Luong
	2 nd Jim Gomes
	3 rd Y.S. Farn
Dendrobiums	
	1 st Jim Gomes
	2 nd Y. S. Farn
	3 rd Toy Luong
Oncidiums	
	1 st Jim Gomes
	2 nd Dann Dunst
	3 rd Una Yeh
Paph & Phrags	
	1 st Dann Dunst
	2 nd Alyce Griffith
	3 rd Aaron Estrada David Campen Gordon Quan
Phalaenopsis	
	1 st Eva Lee
	2 nd Dann Dunst Jim Gomes
	3 rd Alyce Griffith
Vandaceous	
	1 st Dann Dunst
	2 nd Jim Gomes
	3 rd Gordon Quan Una Yeh
Other Genera	
	1 st Dann Dunst
	2 nd Jim Gomes
	3 rd Una Yeh

All Around Winners	
1 st	Jim Gomes
2 nd	Dann Dunst
3 rd	Una Yeh

Awards Dinner

A good time, good food, and excellent friendly company was had by the members and guests that attended. The social hour was just that, with many conversations taking place, some sipping a beverage of their choice.

The society purchased plants from Kalapana Tropicals in Hawaii for each member that attended. The 1st place for overall total points accumulated all year for all genera was Jim Gomes. Points are awarded for the winning plants at our monthly judging. See the winners to the left and above for overall. Jim Gomes was the recipient of the Shirley & Dick Lundine Memorial Award for the member with most Culture Awards for the year. Dann Dunst, Jim Gomes, and Greg Orozco were presented Certificates from the President, Lana Tripathi for their assistance during the year. Greg Orozco was added as an Active Life Member and was given a standing ovation for his service. David Campen and Jim Gomes were presented the Orchid Digest Diamond Award for their contributions to our annual auction.

The food was delicious; the Society furnished a Honey Baked Ham, Turkey, and drinks. The potluck was a sumptuous array of many tasty dishes with enough left over for seconds.

Overall it was a very delightful evening.

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.

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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). Please make your check out to “San Gabriel Valley Orchid Hobbyists Inc.” and mail it to, PO Box 660111, Arcadia, CA

New Society Badge

SGVOH has a new name badge. Our new badge is a stunning 3 ½ inch oval, with dark purple background with white engraving, retaining the same pin. You can order your new name badge when you renew your membership starting in December. Price is \$15. There is no obligation to purchase a new badge, you can still wear your previous badge with pride. See Dann at the membership table.

Winter Rest

Orchid tips for winter...

- If you are a windowsill grower, the light will be entirely different at this time of year. Assess it carefully and make any necessary adjustments. A south window may be brighter due to bare trees and the sun being lower in the sky. Watch for sunburn and move plants back from the window or add a sheer curtain to cut down the light.
- Shorter days and gloomy weather in many parts of the country can cause plants to produce soft growths that are more susceptible to pests and disease. Some orchids will not flower if they do not receive enough light. If necessary, use a growlight on a timer to provide additional light in winter.

- Orchids grow more slowly in winter and will need less water and fertilizer. Most growers cut their fertilizer back to twice a month at half strength. Monitor orchids to keep them at their proper moisture level for their type. Generally, orchids will need about half as much water in winter as they do in summer. Some orchids must have a dry winter rest in order to flower. Click here to learn how to water your orchids.
- The loss of humidity as a result of forced air heating can take its toll on your orchids. Remember, most orchids grow optimally with 60-75% humidity. If your home is especially dry, and you will know by the way your own skin reacts to winter, provide extra humidity for your orchids. A tried and true method is to set orchid pots on trays of pebbles that are filled with water; just make sure the water is not setting in the water. Misting a couple times a day can also help.
- Winter is cold, so protect plants from drafts. If buds start falling off of a Phalaenopsis inflorescence the first thing to suspect is a drafty window (second thing is ethylene gas from a nearby heater). Do not put plants close enough to a window to touch the glass!

If you happen to be lucky enough to live in an area where you grow your orchids outdoors year-round, don't be caught with your guard down. Even South Florida, the Gulf Coast and Southern California can experience damaging cold

temperatures. Have a plan and supplies for covering or moving plants should cold weather be heading your way. Florida has an unusually wet winter. Keep an eye out for fungal infections on leaves, and especially Botrytis on flowers. Provide ample air movement and keep growing area free of plant debris.

Providing a little extra attention to your orchids at this time of year will get them through the winter in good health and bloom!!!

If you have any of your own orchid tips for winter, send them to newsflash@aos.org.

A Note from Lana



Happy Thanksgiving everyone! Our Annual Awards Pot Luck, Nov. 19th, was our opportunity to appreciate the best orchid growers and members who consistently contribute their talent and hard work to our society. Jim spent long days creating beautiful certificates for the winners in each genera. Thanks also to Alyce, Maryann and Joe for organizing the dinner perfectly. Great food all! We're grateful for such a great group! See every one at the Dec. 17th meeting.

-Lana Tripathi
President

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 5 - 6
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

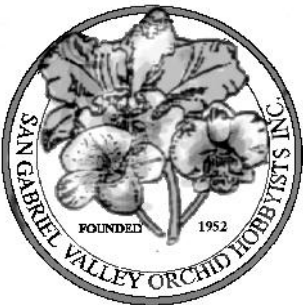
December 5 - 6
Sunset Valley Orchids
Annual Open House
1255 Navel Place
Vista, CA 92081
(760) 310-0778
www.sunsetvalleyorchids.com

December 5 - 6
Andy's Orchids
Open House
734 Ocean View Ave
Encinitas CA 92024
(888) 514-2639
www.andysorchids.com

December 12 - 13
Kay Hudspeth
Orchid Sale
118 E. Sixth St
Ontario, CA
909-984-2435

January 20
Orange County Orchid Society
Annual Auction
Yorba Linda Public Library Community Room
18181 Imperial Highway
Yorba Linda, CA
714-991-8661

The next **Board Meeting** will be held at 7 PM on **Thursday, December 3**, 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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Corsage Making
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