



# San Gabriel Valley *Orchid* Hobbyists

## Bulletin

January Meeting  
Thursday, January 15, 2015  
7:30 pm Ribbon Judging  
8:00 pm General Meeting

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

### General Meeting: George Hatfield

#### *“Cymbidiums”*

George Hatfield has become our traditional speaker for January every year and we are please to have him. George has over 25 years of experience in raising award quality Cymbidium orchids. He is the owner of Hatfield Orchids, which is fortunate to be located in Ventura County, California, and has an ideal climate for the growing of Cymbidium orchids.

George is active in both the Cymbidium Society of America (CSA) and the American Orchid Society (AOS), as well as several Southern California regional organizations for orchids.

He is an orchid judge for both the CSA and AOS. He is past president of the CSA and was the Chairman of the CSA Cymbidium Congress from 1998-2001 and president of the Santa Barbara International Orchid Show in 2002 & 2003.

Currently George is Chair of the Pacific South Judging Region, AOS, and Vice President of the Santa Barbara International Orchid Show.

George was the Key Note Speaker at the 2009 Australian National Orchid Conference in Melbourne.

George will also be bringing plants for sale.

#### Plant Opportunity Table

The plant table for this month will be provided by **George Hatfield**. George always brings a wide variety of Cymbidiums, so don't forget to get your tickets!

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## DECEMBER PLANT JUDGING

Species	Plant Name	Owners Name
Cultural:	Pleur. rowleei	Dann Dunst
1 <sup>st</sup>	Restrepiella ophioccephala	Dann Dunst
2 <sup>nd</sup>	B. nodosa	Jim Gomes
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Pleur. quadrifida	Jim Gomes
Hon.	Cycnodes wine delight 'Jem'	Y.S. Farn
Cattleyas		
Cultural:	C. Porcia	Una Yeh
1 <sup>st</sup>	Blc. King of Taiwan 'Dashin#1'	Una Yeh
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Blc. Pamela Hetherington 'Coronation' FCC/AOS	Greg Orozco
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Pot. Tokyo Bay 'Victory'	Y.S. Farn
Hon.	C. Unknown	Una Yeh
Cattleyas Mini		
Cultural:	Epicat. Volcano Trick 'Paradise'	Y.S. Farn
1 <sup>st</sup>	Blc. Golden Chieftain 'Akuki'	Jim Gomes
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Blc. Unknown	Una Yeh
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lc. Caitlin Joan	Greg Orozco
Hon.	Pot. Fairyland	Alyce Griffin
Cymbidium		
1 <sup>st</sup>		
3 <sup>rd</sup>		
Cymbidium- Novelty		
Cultural:		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Cym. Unknown	Y.S. Farn
2 <sup>nd</sup>		
3 <sup>rd</sup>		
Hon.		
Dendrobiums		
Cultural:	Den. Unknown	Greg Orozco
1 <sup>st</sup>	Den. Unknown	Aaron Estrada
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Den. Unknown	Y.S. Farn
3 <sup>rd</sup>		
Hon.		
Oncidiums		
Cultural:		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Onc. Alohi 'Hawaii'	Jim Gomes
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Onc. Gower Ramsey	Tuan Ngo
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Onc. Gower Ramsey	Jim Gomes
Hon.		
Paph & Phrags		
Cultural:		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Paph. Lowii v. richardianum	David Campen
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Paph. River Gorge x Paph. Burning Bush	Dann Dunst
3 <sup>rd</sup>		
Hon.		
Std. Phals		
1 <sup>st</sup>		
Mini Phals		
2 <sup>nd</sup>		
Vandaceous		
Cultural:	V. Unknown	Jan Pluim
1 <sup>st</sup>		
2 <sup>nd</sup>		
3 <sup>rd</sup>		
Hon.		
Other Genera		
Cultural:	Epi. floribundum x Enc. cordigera	Y.S. Farn
1 <sup>st</sup>	Epicat. Rene Marques 'Flame Thrower' HCC/AOS	Jim Gomes
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Masd. Floribunda	Dann Dunst
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Masd. Maui Gold	Dann Dunst
Hon.	Masd. Goldentiger v. Pinocchio	Dann Dunst

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We would like to thank the nominating committee for their hard work in selecting candidates to run for office.

Hopefully 2015 will be a very successful year for our society.



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## Membership Welcome Message

We had 36 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)577-7220 or [jim.gomes@att.net](mailto:jim.gomes@att.net), by the Friday following the fourth Thursday of the month.

## **Preparing Orchids for Winter**

By Susan Jones

The onset of shorter days and longer, colder nights heralds winter's arrival. Many factors play into keeping your orchids happy and healthy through this time — finding the right combination of variables can be tricky, especially for beginners. The phrase “proper prior planning” is appropriate here; doing so will help your orchids to reach their greatest potential and increase your knowledge and enjoyment of the hobby.

Generally, temperatures between 50° and 80° F (10° to 27° C) are ideal for orchids; but occasional brief periods of temperatures above 100 F (38 C) or drops even into the 30s (0 C) will not harm most orchids as long as no frost forms on the leaves. Cold hardiness, the measure of the orchid's resistance to or ability to adjust to cold stress, should be considered when adding new orchids for your landscape or collection. The degree of cold hardiness is determined by environmental conditions, the overall health of the plant and its genetic makeup. Some species are always killed by colder temperatures, while others can tolerate short periods of temperatures near freezing.

During the winter, flowering orchids brighten well-lit windowsills. On cold nights, it's a good idea to move plants away from the window or use bubble wrap as insulation between the pane and the plants.

### **Cold Injury**

Symptoms indicating cold damage usually become visible some days after exposure to critically low temperatures, not during the cold exposure. Cold injury includes damage from

temperatures above and below freezing. Chill injury is that caused by low temperatures above freezing, and freeze injury is damage from temperatures at or below freezing. Frost damage takes place when dew freezes after it has condensed on leaf surfaces if the air temperature drops below freezing.

The rate at which symptoms develop depends on the severity of the exposure and the conditions in the growing environment after the exposure. Continued cool temperatures and high humidity after exposure to cold may slow the development of symptoms, while high light intensity and warm temperatures may accelerate the appearance of symptoms.

### **Chilling**

Many chilling-injury symptoms are common to other stresses such as lack of water, root-rot diseases, chemical phytotoxicity, heat stress and light stress, and as such may be difficult to diagnose. General symptoms of chilling injury include surface lesions, pitting, large, sunken areas and discoloration; water-soaking in tissues, usually followed by wilting and browning; internal discoloration (browning); increased susceptibility to attack by fungi and bacteria; slower-than-normal growth (this may be difficult to identify without undamaged plants for comparison or a knowledge of the orchid's normal growth rate) and accelerated rate of natural death.

### **Freezing**

Symptoms of freeze injury include desiccation or burning of foliage, water-soaked areas that progress to necrotic spots on leaves, and death of sections of the plant or the entire plant. Obvious symptoms may not be present until after the plant has been stressed by very warm temperatures.

### **The Basics**

Preparation for weathering winter's chills begins at the point of

purchasing your orchids. Choose carefully for the growing conditions you are able to provide your plants. If you keep your home or greenhouse cool in the winter to save on heating costs, avoid the warmer-growing genera such as phalaenopsis and vanda. Instead, stick to intermediate- (most brassavolas, cattleyas, dendrobiums, epidendrums, laelias or mottled-leaved paphiopedilums) or cooler-growing (cymbidiums, masdevallias, miltonias, odontoglossums, oncidiums, plain-leaved paphiopedilums or sophronitis) orchids, depending on the conditions they will be grown under during the summer months. White or yellow vandas, as well as some dendrobiums (phalaenopsis-and antelope-types), are especially cold sensitive and do not like temperature drops below 60° F (16° C), and can be particularly prone to losing leaves when exposed to cooler temperatures. Seedlings and immature plants, particularly those in flasks or compots, are also much more sensitive to chills than their mature counterparts.

Another consideration for growers in northern climes is the shorter day length winter brings. Many orchids need 14 hours of light every day to flower successfully. Relying on daylight alone during winter months will not provide sufficient light to induce budding. Genera with high light requirements may produce healthy green foliage but without sufficient illumination might never reward their growers with the desired flowers. For indoor and greenhouse growers in the north, supplemental lighting may be necessary for optimal plant health and flowering. Depending on the type of light source chosen, the heat generated by the lamps may help counteract cold temperatures.

When adding to an orchid collection, choosing carefully to match the conditions you are able to provide as a grower will go a long way toward keeping your orchids in optimal health through winter's gloom and chills.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

**January 21**  
**Orange County Orchid Society**  
**Annual Orchid Auction**

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

**February 13 - 15**  
**Newport Harbor Orchid Expo 2015**  
**"Orchids: Jewels of the Jungle"**

Westminster Mall  
1025 Westminster Mall  
Westminster, CA

**February 21 - 22**  
**South Bay Orchid Society**  
**"Orchid Show & Sale"**

Torrance Cultural Arts Center  
3330 Civic Center Drive  
Torrance, CA 90503

[www.southbayorchidsociety.com/Show/index.html](http://www.southbayorchidsociety.com/Show/index.html)

**March 13 - 15**  
**The 70th Santa Barbara International Orchid**  
**Show**

**"Celebrate With Orchids"**

Earl Warren Showgrounds:  
Highway 101 and Las Positas Road  
Santa Barbara, CA

**March 27 - 29**  
**San Diego County Orchid Society**  
**"Around The World With Orchids"**  
**2015 Show & Sale**

Scottish Rite Center  
1895 Camino Del Rio South  
San Diego, CA



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