



San Gabriel Valley *Orchid* Hobbyists

Bulletin

October – No Meeting
Due to
The Huntington Orchid Show & Sale
Friday October 16 – Sunday October 18, 2015

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

NO GENERAL MEETING

ATTEND THE HUNTINGTON ORCHID SHOW & SALE SEE THE SGVOH DISPLAY

We need all your plants you have in bloom this month for our display, so here is what you can do to have your plants included in our display.

1. Make a reasonable guess as to which plants will be in bloom that week.
2. Determine the full name of the plant(s). Plant registration slips were handed out at the last meeting. These need to be completed and given to Jim Gomes on Wednesday October 14th. If you have any questions regarding completing the form, please contact Jim Gomes via email or phone. (jim.gomes@att.net, 626-577-7220). Place one of your address labels on each pot so that your Plant(s) can be returned to you. Keep a list of the plants for yourself.
3. Bring it (them) to The Huntington, Botanical Bldg. between 10 AM – 12 PM on Wednesday, Oct 14th, if you cannot bring it/them yourself, please contact Linda Peterson (626-358-8988) or a nearby member early so they may have the plant(s) by Tuesday, Oct. 13, to bring to the show for you.
4. Arrive at the SGVOH display in the Botanical Bldg. promptly at 5 PM on Sunday, Oct. 19th, to pick up your plants. If you cannot pick your plant(s) up, please arrange ahead of time for someone else to do so.

Check out more information on speakers, and vendors at the Show's website:
<http://www.huntington.org>

Admission to The Huntington

Wear your SGVOH badge or present your membership card at the gate and you will be admitted free of charge. Please inform them you have an Orchid Display in the Botanical Bldg.

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SEPTEMBER PLANT JUDGING

Species	Plant Name	Owners Name
Cultural:	Dracula tubeana	Dann Dunst
1 st	Restrepia guttulata	Dann Dunst
2 nd	Scaphosepaulum	Dann Dunst
3 rd	Restrepia chameleon	Dann Dunst
Hon.	Restrepia schizosepala	Dann Dunst
Cattleyas		
Cultural:		
1 st	Blc yahroma yung	YS Farn
2 nd	Pot Hsinying Pink Doll	Una Yeh
3 rd	Lc. Pirate King 'Portwine'	Jim Gomes
Hon.	Blc. Longlife Rainbow	Una Yeh
Cattleyas Mini		
Cultural:	Blc. Mem. Vida Lee 'Limelight'	Jim Gomes
1 st	Lc. Mary Elizabeth Bohn 'Royal Flare'	Una Yeh
2 nd	Lc. Clayton Waglay	Una Yeh
3 rd	Lc. Intercepts	Jim Gomes
Hon.	C. Mark Jones 'Lance' x Slc. Jungle Elf 'Cheryl Lynn'	Jim Gomes
Cymbidium		
1 st		
Cymbidium-Novelty		
1 st		
2 nd		
Dendrobiums		
Cultural:	Den. Densiflorum	YS Farn
1 st	Den Muang Thai	Jim Gomes
2 nd	Den. Unknown	Jim Gomes
3 rd		
Hon.		
Oncidiums		
Cultural:	Onc. Unknown	Alyce Griffith
1 st	Tulumnia Irene Groann	Dann Dunst
2 nd	Onc. Hybrid	Dann Dunst
3 rd		
Hon.		
Paph & Phrags		
Cultural:		
1 st		
2 nd		
Std. Phals		
1 st	Phal. Unknown	Dann Dunst
2 nd	Phal. Unknown	Alyce Griffith
Mini Phals		
1 st		
2 nd		
Vandaceous		
Cultural:	Rhy. coelestis var. Blue	Dann Dunst
1 st	V. Paki x V. Bill Burke	Jim Gomes
2 nd	V. Gordon Dillon	Dann Dunst
3 rd	V. Somsri Pink Diamond 'Jubilee'	Jim Gomes
Hon.	Ascda. Suksamran Sunlight 'Sun Kiss'	Gordon Quan
Other Genera		
Cultural:		
1 st	Miltassia Dark Star 'Darth Vadar'	Jim Gomes
2 nd	Kir. Stephanie Takasaki 'Jereds'	Jim Gomes
3 rd	Eplc. Volcano Trick 'Paradise'	Jim Gomes
Hon.	Stenoglottis Mars	Una Yeh

Annual Awards Dinner November 19



Come celebrate a terrific year for the Society! Social hour will begin at 6 PM with dinner served at 6:30 PM. Mark your calendar for this special event of the year. This is a great way to meet and socialize with other members. In addition, an orchid will be given to each member.

Annual awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place per genera will be given. In addition for the first time The Dick & Shirley Memorial Award will be given. This award will be given to the member with the most Cultural Awards within the year.

It should be a very pleasant and relaxing evening.

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Membership Welcome Message

We had 32 members and 1 guest in attendance at the September 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.

INFORMATION SHEET

The Huntington Orchid Show & Sale

“Beautiful Orchids”

October 16 – 18, 2015

Keep this sheet handy so you will know the various timelines for the show!

This is 1st Annual Huntington Orchid Show and Sale, located at 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA 91108. It is a great orchid show at a fabulous botanical garden where you will be able to see beautiful displays full of orchids, attend orchid lectures, and visit vendors as well as tour the gardens.

To learn more about the details for the Show, please visit: www.huntington.org/orchidshow/

WE NEED YOUR BLOOMING PLANTS FOR OUR DISPLAY

We are counting on members to show as many plants in our display as we have on our ribbon judging table at the regular meetings. Your plants will be safe with guards at night and they can be reclaimed at 5:00 PM on Sunday.

We know that at this time you do not know which of your plants will be ready for display in the Show, but here is the outline of what we need from you;

- ❖ If you want your plant judged, then you will need to complete a Plant Registration form. The form is on the reverse side. These forms need to be submitted to Jim at the show on Thursday between 10am - 11am on October 14th. If you are unable to make copies of the registration form, we will have copies at the Huntington.
- ❖ Please start identifying plants as soon as possible that might be ready to show then, begin grooming them, and determining their proper names. To have a plant judged, you need to provide at least two names:
 1. The **genus** is the category of plant, names like *Cattleya*, *Cymbidium*, *Epicattleya*, *Iwanagara*, *Miltassia*, or *Odontocidium*.
 2. The proper **species** or **grex**, names like *falcate*, *Everything Nice*, *El Hatillo*, or *tenufolia*.
 3. If the plant is a **hybrid**, the plant may be given a **cultivar or clonal name**, names like *Carmela*, *Elegance*, *Pinta*, or *Susan*. These names are usually in single quotes (sometimes double quotes).
 4. Here are some examples of full plant names: *Laeliocattleya Peggy Huffman 'Carrousel'* or *Epicattleya El Hatillo 'Pionta'* or *Psychopsis papilio*, or *Phragmipedium besseae*.
- ❖ As you identify your plant's name, just be sure to copy the complete name from the plant label. Sometimes the label will have other versions of the name (a name x a name). If you are not sure how to write the name of a plant, ask someone.
- ❖ If you can bring your plants to the Huntington, we need them there between 10 & 12 AM on **Wednesday, October 14**.
- ❖ If you cannot bring your plants at that time, then you can arrange to have them brought by **Tuesday, October 14**, to the Huntington by another member.
- ❖ **Be sure to keep a list of the plants you take to the show!** If a plant gets misplaced – you need to be able to identify the plant that needs to be found!

How Do I GROOM A PLANT TO BE IN A SHOW?

- ❖ Check for 'Critters'; ants, scale, mealy bugs, and eliminate them. (That is why you start early!)
- ❖ Stake the flower spike to support a fully open blossom
- ❖ Carefully wipe or wash leaves to remove any collected dirt or debris
- ❖ Remove is possible, any dried sheaths
- ❖ Trim off any injured or drying leaves or pseudo bulbs
- ❖ Clean off any debris on mix surface
- ❖ Remove kikis as necessary
- ❖ Insert pot inside a larger pot if necessary to stabilize the plant (keeping it from tipping over)
- ❖ Step back to see what detracts (spider webs?, dirt on pot?, or ?) and remedy
- ❖ Label your pots as YOURS. An address label works great

Plant ID No. (Leave Blank): _____

Plant Registration Form (Please Print)

Display/Exhibitor # _____

Date: October 14, 2015 Place: The Huntington-San Marino, CA

Name of Show: *Huntington Botanical Gardens International Orchid Show*

Judging Requested: Ribbon _____ AOS _____ CSA _____

Class _____ Section _____

Genus and Plant Name _____

Varietal/Clonal Name _____

Parentage (AOS & CSA ONLY) _____

X _____

Previous Awards received by this plant (AOS/CSA Only) _____

Name of Exhibitor _____

Street _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone No _____

E mail _____

Edema

By Sue Bottom/Pictures by Terry Bottom

When I first noticed those corky blisters on the leaves of my orchids, I thought it was some kind of aberrant scale. I tried scratching them off and even tried excising them with an X-Acto knife, though of course it wasn't scale at all. The culprit was edema, also known as oedema; swelling caused by excess fluids.

In orchids, this swelling is caused by improper watering, when the roots absorb more water than can be transpired by the leaves. Typically this happens during the cooler months in late winter and early spring, especially during extended periods of cool, cloudy weather. If you water on a gray day when the plant is not actively growing or you water late in the day or a day when the nighttime temperatures turn cool, edema blisters may form. The excess water absorbed by the plant causes a swelling of plant cells that produces a blister on the leaf.

Proper watering is the key to preventing edema blisters from forming. During the warm growing season when plants are in active growth and the nighttime temperatures are warm, you can water your plants with wild abandon. You can water in the morning, the afternoon or at night. In fact, when the humidity is very low, many orchid growers find it difficult to properly hydrate their orchids because they dry out so quickly.

Some selectively water in the evenings after the sun has set so their plants will stay wet overnight and soak up water. Fertilizer shouldn't be applied in the evening hours. Darkness, plus water plus nutrients is a formula for fungal and bacterial growth. Most orchids grow in a nutrient-poor environment so even though the plants may be wet at night from heavy dews and rain, there is insufficient food to fuel rots

and the like in nature. If you decide a night time watering regime is right for you, water at dusk and then apply your fertilizer in the early morning.

My go-to guy, Courtney Hackney, recommends nighttime watering during periods of low humidity and warm nighttime temperatures and notes some of the additional benefits from this approach.

Your plants will be well hydrated so you will not have to worry about fertilizer toxicity. The roots will be ready to take up fertilizer as their surface condition has changed from hard and stiff to soft and pliable. If you live in an area with hard water, salts that accumulate in the medium, pots and roots will become soluble overnight, allowing them to be flushed out the next morning while fertilizing. Once the humidity rises or nighttime temperatures drop below the 65 – 70 F range, you should resume the more conventional morning watering regime.

Watering during the cooler months is quite different than during the main growing season. Many orchids go through a winter resting period and some an outright dormancy, so the orchid's need for water and fertilizer is at a minimum. Your frequency of watering will be perhaps a quarter or a half of your summertime watering frequency. Water early in the morning, finishing before noon or so. Do not water on gray or rainy days, even if it is your "scheduled" water day.

Orchid growers spend a lot of time worrying about different pests and diseases that might be afflicting their plants. I have come to believe that there are more physiological and cultural issues that cause problems with your orchids than those caused by pests and diseases. If you have access to the AOS Guide on Orchid Pests and Diseases, read or reread Tom Sheehan's discussion on physiological disorders caused by improper watering, light, nutrition, potting faults and other conditions (Sheehan 2002). His comments are

as true today as the day they were written.



The edema on this cattleya leaf shows the blistering from the swollen plant cells.

Edema can also be expressed on flower segments, as on this cattleya.

A Note from Lana

One of the many advantages of attending and joining SGVOH is



the relevant and timely information, I can't always find fast enough in a book. With the heat, I'm learning about bud blast. The long time members helped with solutions. Our August program on Dendrobiums by Peter Lin was inspiring! He answered all our questions. Check out our indispensable web site and its resources. Hope to see you at the September Meeting!

-Lana Tripathi
President

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 11

**Southern California Orchid Species Society
Annual Orchid Auction**

Kraemer Memorial Park
Backs Community Building
201 Bradford Ave.
Placentia, CA
www.socalorchidspecies.com

October 24 - 25

**San Diego County Orchid Society
Fall Show in the Park**

Casa del Prado rm
101 Balboa Park
San Diego, CA
www.sdorchids.com

October 16 - 18

**The Huntington Botanical Gardens
1st Annual Intl. Orchid
Show & Sale**

1151 Oxford Road
San Marino, CA 91108
www.huntington.org

October 26

**South Coast Orchid Society
Auction**

Whaley Park Clubhouse
5620 Atherton Street
Long Beach, CA
www.southcoastorchidsociety.com

The next **Board Meeting** will be held at 7 PM on **Thursday, October 22**, 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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October 15
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