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October Meeting
Thursday, October 17, 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

"Habenarias"

This month will an AOS Webinar on Habenarias. A few of us in the society has been successful growing them. Most of the group have not tried them. This session will show you what they are and how to grow them.

Habenaria is a large genus of **deciduous** orchids distributed throughout the tropical and subtropical regions with centers of diversity in Africa, and Brazil in the New World. Primarily **terrestrial** with **fleshy tubers**, these orchids have **erect succulent** stems with just a few smooth leaves that are arranged as a **basal rosette** or alternately on the stem.

The unbranched **inflorescence**, a **terminal raceme**, has white, green or yellowish **resupinate** flowers that may be fragrant. The petals, which may be deeply lobed, overlap with the **dorsal** sepal to form a **hood** over the **column**.

The **labellum** has a **spur** and is usually 3-lobed, although the lobes may be short or long and thread-like. The **stigma** has 2 **fleshy** outgrowths at the mouth of the **spur**.

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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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Fall is officially here, and the little change in the weather is a welcome one. I had put up some extra shade cloth during the hot weather since the sun has shifted I took it down today.

The fall season is a good time to start cleaning up and getting things ready for winter. There is always a few plants that you have been nursing along, and if they have not responded its time to toss them out. We are having a webinar on Habenarias for this months program it should be interesting. I don't think many of us have tried to grow any of these. See you at the meeting.

> Greg Orozco President

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Membership Welcome Message

Please **Welcome** new member **Jim Maynard.**

We had 29 members and 3 guests 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.

Huntington Volunteers Needed

Below is the link where your members can sign up to volunteer for ribbon judging and general help for the Orchid Show. Ribbon judging is a fantastic opportunity where you can learn more about orchids and judging from AOS Judges. Lunch will be provided for ribbon judges. Societies who put in an exhibit for the show will get free admission to the orchid show and grounds for the duration of the show. If your society is not putting in a display, you can volunteer for a shift or ribbon judge and you will get free access to the show and grounds for the duration of the show as well! Please remember to wear your society badge!

They can sign up

here: https://signup.com/go/tzgstab

Awards Banquet

Our Award Banquet will be moved again this year to Monday, November 18th.

The reason for this is The Los Angeles Arboretum will be featuring "Moonlight Forest, an unforgettable evening experience of art, culture, and discovery. Masterfully crafted lanterns beckon you into the gardens. This event is scheduled November 9 thru January 12th on Wednesdays thru Sunday.

So mark you calendar for Monday, November 18th for our Annual Awards Pot Luck.

December Meeting

Our December Meeting will also be moved to Monday, December 16th.

Moonlight Forest

The Arboretum has informed me that is will also be the case of 2020. We are sorry for this change but it beyond our control.

Things to do in the Fall

We just returned from the AOS Members Meetings in Wilmington, Delaware and for us Floridians, it was refreshing to see autumn colors and feel some cool air. A frost was expected for the night we were leaving.

Like spring, fall is an important transitional season and orchid growers should be making preparations for the coming winter. As days get shorter and cooler, orchid growth will slow and in some cases, cease altogether. Unless a plant is in a crisis situation, put off any repotting until the lengthening days of spring. For many orchids, it is this change of seasonal conditions that begins flower initiation. As we move into November, be on the lookout for developing inflorescences on *Phalaenopsis*, *Cymbidium* and certain hybrids and species in other genera, and begin staking when spikes reach 6-8 inches.

If you have been summering some or all of your orchids outside, now is a good time to get your indoor growing area cleaned up and ready to welcome the returning orchids. Whether it is windowsill carts, a basement light setup or greenhouse, use diluted chlorine bleach (1:10) or Physan to clean off any accumulated algae. It is easier to make repairs when there are no plants, so make sure that your growing area is in top condition for the trying conditions of winter. Make sure that heaters are working and that you have plenty of fuel. If you use backup devices or alarms, test them too. Be sure to check plants thoroughly for pests before returning them to the close quarters of your indoor growing area or greenhouse.

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

October 18 – 20 **Huntington Orchid Show** Show & Sale

1151Oxford Rd. San Marino, CA 91108

October 26 - 27 San Diego County Orchid Society Fall Orchids in the Park

> Casa Del Prado 1650 El Prado San Diego, CA www.sdorchids.com

November 2 - 3 Cal-Orchid **Fall Open House** 1251 Orchid Drive Santa Barbara, CA

November 2 - 3 **Santa Barbara Orchid Estate Fall Open House** 1250 Orchid Drive Santa Barbara, CA

The next **Board Meeting** will be held at 7 PM on **December 2** , at the LA County Arboretum. Board members unable to attend should notify **Jim Gomes** ((626) 818-1859 or jim.gomes@att.net).



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AOS Webinar

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