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**Newsletter deadline is the
25th of the month prior to
the month of issue.**

No Meeting in October!

You did it! In spite of all the heat, we had a great Fascination of Orchids Show & Sale.

We could not have done it without the wonderful cooperation of the Santa Ana Zoo and all of the volunteers, some of whom even brought family members and friends to help. Thank you to: Teresa Bartens, Darrell Lovell, Espie Quinn, Una Yeh, Norm Nakanishi, Dana Seelig, Pietra Gaw, Elaine Galisky, Aileen Cohatan-Almazan, Tucker Fitzpatrick, Darlene Maeda, Gisela Ferolito, Jackie Tran, John Marzolino, Luvi Velasco, Khon Nguyen, Enrica Agnelli and any I may have missed. Hope that I have not forgotten anyone, if so, please forgive tired mind and body for not mentioning them. Thank You, thank you, it could not have been possible without all of your generous help. You need to all be proud of a job well done!

I also want to give a special thanks to Tony Glinskas and Roberta Fox, who dedicated many hours pre-show working behind the scenes and without their help, this show would not be possible.

Thank you again for all your hard work and teamwork.

Theo







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Editor's Notes



I hope that you and your orchids have managed with the heat over the prior month. It was quite warm for the Show, but there was a bit of relief from an afternoon breeze. Well, it was September in southern California. Heat comes with the territory.

My orchids have actually done rather well. The early Cymbidiums are right on schedule. Cym. Chen's Ruby is one of my favorites. It blooms regularly, right about now. Ancestry is Cym. Golden Elf by Cym. iridiodes, and it inherits fragrance from both parents. I'll probably get another set of spikes in another month or 6 weeks. Not as grand as the one on display at the Show, but I have divided mine several times to keep it down to something that I can lift.



Cymbidium
Chen's
Ruby



be a bit tricky to grow. *C. forbesii* is not spectacular—brownish and fairly small flowers. But it blooms several times a year and laughs at cold. It has imparted those characteristics to the hybrid, which also got the attractive

The species *Cymbidium dayanum* is also hitting its bloom season. This one has variegated leaves for an extra bit of interest—it is pretty even when not in bloom. This one definitely needs repotting, and very likely dividing next spring. In the meantime, it is putting on a nice show.

One of my favorite *Cattleya* hybrids is *C. Quinquecolor*. This is a primary hybrid of *C. aclandiae* and *C. forbesii*. *C. aclandiae* is a fragrant species with spots and dramatic color, but it requires warmth, and can



Cattleya
Quinquecolor

ANNOUNCEMENTS

See the [Events page](#) for further details

- **Huntington Orchid Show and Sale**
October 14-16, 2022
Huntington Library, Art Museum, and Botanical Gardens, San Marino
Info: www.huntington.org/orchid-show
- **Orchids in the Park Show and Sale**
October 29-30, 2022; Saturday Noon to 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM–5 PM
Casa del Prado Room 101, Balboa Park, San Diego
info: www.sdorchids.com
- **Andy's Orchids Winter Open House**
December 9-11, 2022; 10 AM–4 PM
724 Ocean View Ave., Encinitas
Info: www.andysorchids.com

colorful flowers from its *C. aelandiae* parent. It is lightly fragrant. The best of both worlds.

And Stanhopeas... they tease with big fat buds, then open with a pop and a burst of fragrance. Flowers only last a few days., but plants are getting bigger, with multiple spikes that don't open at once. So I have had several weeks of pleasure from these. They grow pretty easily, the main trick is to keep them wet - if they dry out they lose leaves and sulk.

