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# Fascination of Orchids Newsletter

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

**Meeting: January 7, 2023 at 9:45 AM**



**Asian Cymbidiums**  
*species – hybrids – culture*

with Ken Jacobsen,  
Pacific Central Judging Center

Ken was first introduced to orchids by his uncle in the 1960's and has been growing orchids for well over 50 years. His collection includes Cymbidiums, Oncidiums, Odontoglossums, Lycastes, Cattleyas, Laelias, Masdevallias and several other genera. Ken and his wife, Amy Chung, enjoy travelling to all areas of the world where orchids are grown, visiting the local growers, and seeing various species in the wild. Together, Amy and Ken have over 7000 orchids.

Ken is a judge in the AOS judging program, was a judge in the CSA judging program, and is a past AOS trustee

## President's Message

Hope everyone had Happy Holidays and a happy New Year. We had a nice meeting in December and I wanted to thank all of you who brought food. There were a few open houses during December at Andy's and Sunset Valley Orchids.

The weather was cold for most of December and even gave us some much needed water, which will carry over into the New Year. Watering my cattleyas in the winter is less frequent than other times of the year. I try to water early in the day so the plants have a little time to dry out before it gets cold at night. In these times when we have rain every

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week or two, I don't water at all.

Now is the time where you should be on the lookout for plants that were not repotted appropriately and the bark has broken down. Make sure they get fresh potting mix or the roots will rot in the damp/wet winter cold or the plant will get root rot and die. I am still repotting when I see new roots forming and I have been mounting my an-cyps which have bloomed and are now rooting. Hopefully they will be fully attached to the mount by summer. Otherwise, I will let most of my plants rest for the winter until I see new roots sprout in the spring. Also, you should start to see spikes on your Cymbidiums which should be stalked if they are upright flowering plants. With the damp weather watch out for slugs and snails. They love those tender new growths and flowers.

Hope to see you all Saturday at the Barn at the Santa Ana Zoo at 9:45 AM.

Theo

## From the December Meeting



**From Cheryl DiDonna:**

From Hawai'i, a unique event—the eruption of Mauna Loa! Fortunately, everyone is safe.



**From Gisela Ferolito:**



**Maxillaria ubatubana**

A flower machine!



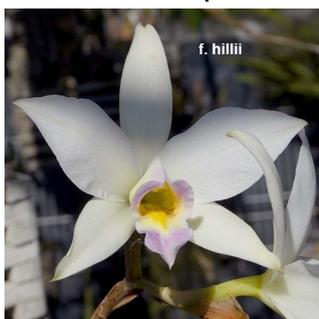
## Editor's Notes



Winter (or what passes for winter in southern California) is closing in. The rain is welcome. Sit back and enjoy the floral treats of the season! *Laelia anceps* and the rest of the Mexican *Laelias* have been blooming throughout December, and will continue to put on a nice show for another month or so. The winter/spring *Cymbidiums* are just starting to bloom. Keep an eye on your plants, stake spikes as needed. Those *Cym* spikes can sneak up on you, they're growing fast now.

One can't have too many *L. anceps*. There are so many lovely color forms. Here are just a few.

### Some *Laelia anceps*:



*Laelia gouldiana* has a pearl-like luster in the sunshine. *Laelia autumnalis* always blooms for me as winter begins, in spite of its name.



*L. superbiens* is just that—superb. It has long spikes and wild roots. This used to be a *Schomburgkia*, based on the wavy petals. The ones with slim, solid pseudobulbs were classified as *Laelia*, the ones with thick, hollow pseudobulbs became *Myrmecophila*.



*L. superbiens*

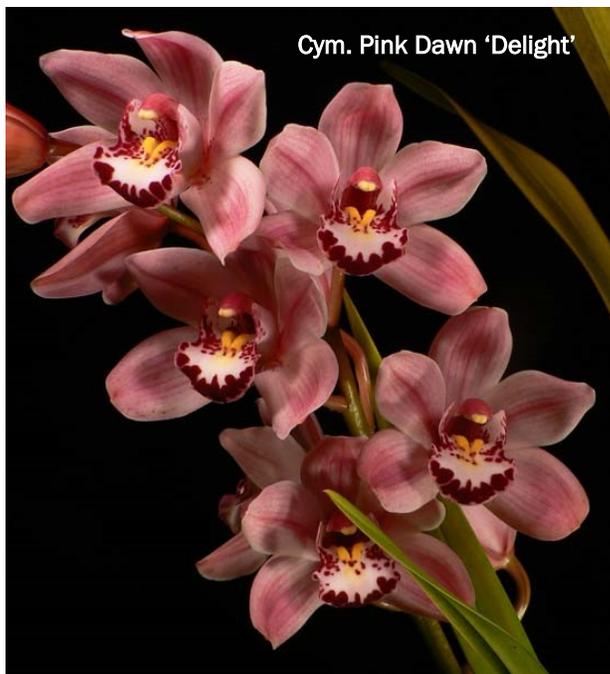


Here's a lovely unnamed *Cattleya* hybrid—with one parent being *L. anceps* f. *veitchiana*.



C. Sir Jeremiah Colman x *L. anceps*

*Cymbidiums* are just getting started—I have lots of buds, so the next few months should be outstanding. We had a very temperate fall, with cool days and moderately warm days. We mostly escaped the dry Santa Ana winds that can damage buds.



Cym. Pink Dawn 'Delight'

There are quite a few Dendrochilums that do fine on my patio. *Dendrochilum cobbianum* has a range of colors, from white to yellow. The long chains of tiny flowers look like strings of lace.

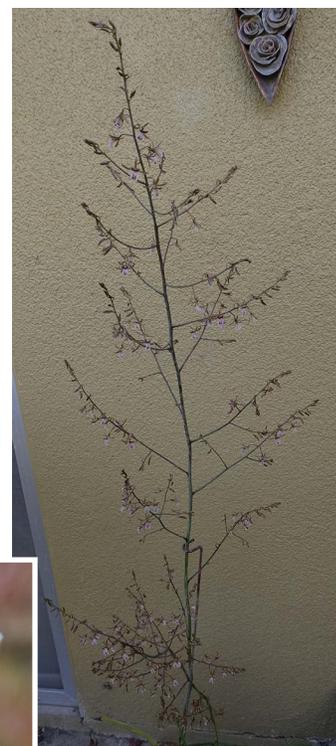


*Dendrochilum cobbianum*



Cym. Snow Court 'Ice King'

*Eulophia* is a genus that is native to Africa. It is a member of the Cymbidium tribe. The species tend to grow in desert areas. They're very drought-tolerant but take good advantage of water when they get it. *Eulophia macra* comes from Madagascar. The inflorescence gets longer and longer over several months, and the small brown buds look quite unimpressive. Were they even alive? Finally it bloomed. And up close, the little flowers are very beautiful, with the lip being almost crystalline.



*Eulophia macra*

Let's take a look at some of the other things that are growing in my back yard. This *Isochilus* puts on a good show every year about this time. Andy Phillips has been trying for years to get a positive ID on it, with no success. So it is *Isochilus* sp.



*Isochilus* sp.



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- **Orchids in the Park Show and Sale**

January 28-29, 2023: Sat. Noon to 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM—4 PM

Balboa Park's Casa del Prado, Room 101 (Now the Natural History Museum), San Diego

Info: [www.sdorchids.com](http://www.sdorchids.com)

- **Santa Barbara International Orchid Show**

March 10-12, 2023; 9 AM—5 PM

Earl Warren Showgrounds, Santa Barbara

Info: [www.sborchidshow.com](http://www.sborchidshow.com)

- **South Bay Orchid Society Show and Sale**

March 25-26, 2023; 10 AM—4 PM

Palos Verdes Art Center, 5504 Crestridge Rd., Rancho Palos Verdes

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

Here's a cute miniature. The clump of leaves is about 1.5 inches across. *Trisetella hoeijeri* flowers look to me like little birds. They are one of the largest species of the genus.—"large" is relative.



*Trisetella hoeijeri*



Roberta Fox, Editor

*Dendrobium victoria-reginae* blooms several times a year, mostly on leafless canes, and a given cane can bloom multiple times. It doesn't need to dry out. The one bit of TLC that it seems to need is pure water—my success with this species improved a lot when I got my RO system.



*Dendrobium victoria-reginae*