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Newsletter

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

Meeting: April 6, 2024 at 9:45 AM

Cultural Techniques for Growing Award-Winning Cymbidiums

Webinar with George Hatfield

George graduated from Cal State Poly Pomona with a B.S. in Science and Plant and Soil Science. He is the owner of Hatfield Orchids Est. 1999) in Oxnard, CA, specializing in the production of Cymbidiums. George has received many awards for his exceptional orchids including recently. George hybridizes most of the orchids he grows creating some spectacular cymbidium flower displays. George was awarded the AOS Hybridizer award for his contributions to Cymbidium



growing and culture. He is an accredited judge in both the American Orchid Society and the Cymbidium Society of America. George was the Judging Chair for the American Orchid Society, Pacific South Judging region.

Cymbidium Aurora Malano Mendoza

President's Message

The weather is still on the fall side with some rain and cool days and nights (below 60 degrees). I still am picking when to water rather than on a schedule trying to hit the warmer days (above 65 degrees) to avoid mold and crown rot issues.

I have started gathering and organizing my repotting supplies and areas where I will be repotting. Sharpening pencils, getting fresh tags, assembling and cleaning pots, and getting the different media (bark, coconut, and perlite) ready.

It seems that there is still a lot to do around the growing area before warmer days. Cleaning up all the fallen leaves and keeping the grass from growing under the benches and orchid pots is a full-time job. I am also repairing the shade areas to make sure they are tip-top when the sun finally decides to come out. If you haven't done your pest management, this is a good time of year to start.

It is the start of the Spring Orchid Show season so check your newsletter for Shows and dates. Save the dates for the **Fascination of Orchids International Festival of Orchids & Exotic Plants, September 20-22, 2024 at the Santa Ana Zoo.**

I will be asking for suggestions for future talks/demonstrations. Let me know if you have suggestions. See you Saturday 9:30 AM at the Zoo.

Theo

February Meeting





Know the Treatment for that Pest

- How do pests attack/feed on your orchids?
 - Vascular fluids
 - Leaf tissue
 - Chlorophyll
- Match the pest management strategy with the pests route of attack. This includes the “Green Methods”

SOME USEFUL REFERENCES

Orchid Pests and Diseases American Orchid Society	The Garden Show 4/29 and 4/30/2006 at South Coast Plaza
California Department of Food and Agriculture Diagnostic Division 1220 N Street Sacramento, CA 95814	Orange County Farm Supply 1826 W Chapman Ave Orange, CA 92868-2695 (714) 978-6500
The Organic Gardener's Handbook of Natural Insect and Disease Control Published by Rodale Garden Books	Don and Leah Cotton Buglogical Control Systems Inc http://www.buglogical.com/
Household Hazardous Waste Roundup Orange County (714) 834-6752 L.A County (888) 253-2652	University of Colorado http://www.ext.colostate.edu/pubs/insect/pubins.html
	Decollate Snails www.goodsnails.com

Editor's Notes



Some of the orchids love the rain and cold, some not so much. I think more like it than don't like it, though. Quite a few of them are blooming later than they have in years past. Den. speciosum has mostly been a bust—only one plant bloomed, var. grandiflorum, the others sat there. The Den. speciosum and kingianum hybrids have been OK though.



Den. speciosum
var grandiflorum



Den. Benizuru
Treasure
'Lorelei'



Den.
Australian
Artist

It has been a good year for Cymbidiums. Cym. Ruby Eyes 'Red Baron' has a velvety texture that is hard to capture in a photo. Cym. Procol Harum has big



Cym. Ruby
Eyes 'Red
Baron'

flowers, with a light picotee setting off the dark orange segments. Cym. Snow Ball is a Hatfield cross, Cym. insigne x Sara Jean 'Ice Cascade', vigorous and floriferous.



Cym.
Procol
Harum



Cym. Snow
Ball



Poinciana Solar City can bloom twice a year, and grows easily outside. It is a bit of golden sunshine.

Some more of the Mediterranean-climate terrestrials are putting on a show. Caladenia Harlequin is, so far, the only member of this Australian genus that I have managed to grow and flower. It is tricky, because it has a small tuber and root system, and just one leaf per growth. This was my best blooming yet for it.



Caladenia Harlequin

Speaking of Australian, some of my Thelymitra are putting on a show. The blue ones are waiting for next month, but here is a nice blooming of the red natural hybrid Thelymitra x macmillanii. These are nicknamed "sun orchids" because they only open in bright sunshine. If a few clouds move in, they close up, to wait for another day. And we haven't had a lot of sun to encourage them.



Thelymitra x macmillanii

Lycaste lasioglossa definitely likes the rain. This was a particularly good blooming. It grows hanging, shady, cool, and damp.



Lycaste lasioglossa

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- **Woman's Club of Orange Spring Flower Show**
Thursday, April 4, 2024; 12 Noon to 4 PM
121 S. Center St., Orange
Info: www.womanscluboforange.org
- **Long Beach Amateur Orchid Society Annual Auction**
Monday, April 8, 2024; 6 PM preview and registration, 6:30 PM Auction begins
St. Gregory's Episcopal Church, 6201 E. Willow St., Long Beach
Info: LBAOSinfo@gmail.com
- **San Diego County Orchid Society Orchid Show and Sale**
April 19–21, 2024; Fri. 12 PM–7 PM (Sales from 10 AM), Sat. 9 AM–6 PM, Sun. 10 AM–4 PM
Balboa Park Casa del Prado Rm. 101 and Patio, San Diego
Info: sdorchids.com
- **Spring Garden Show**
April 25–28, 2024
South Coast Plaza Crate & Barrel/Macy's Wing
- **Orchid Society of Southern California Orchid Auction**
June 17, 2024; Doors open 12 PM, Auction 1–4 PM
First Christian Church Meeting Hall, 221 S. 6th St., Burbank
Info: www.orchidssc.org
- **South Bay Orchid Society Fall Show and Sale**
September 7–8, 2024; 10 AM–4 PM
Palos Verdes Art Center, 5504 Crestridge Rd, Rancho Palos Verdes
Info: www.southbayorchidsociety.com/Show
- **Fascination of Orchids Festival of Orchids and Exotic Plants**
September 20–22, 2024; 10 AM–4 PM
Santa Ana Zoo, 1801 E. Chestnut, Santa Ana
Info: www.ocorchid.com