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# Fascination of Orchids Newsletter

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## Newsletter

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

**Meeting: June 7, 2025 at 9:45 AM**

## Topic: : "Installing and Maintaining Orchids with the Flamingo Gardens Orchidteers "

### *Webinar with Lucy Matos-Lodato and Keith Clark*

Join this orchid "squad" as they share tips on installing and maintaining orchids on trees. Learn the secrets of creating your own outdoor orchid oasis from this amazing team of volunteers who have transformed Flamingo Gardens in Davie, Florida, into an Orchid Paradise.

Keith Clark is the CEO and Lucy Matos-Lodato is President of the Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society, which was organized in 1989 to unite those interested in the education of its members with respect to the culture, growing, hybridization, preservation, and perpetuation of native and hybrid orchids and to provide an environment for the exchange of information.

## President's Message

This time of year in Southern California, we experience a phenomenon called "May gray" or "June gloom," where the mornings are characterized by overcast skies and cooler temperatures and sunny afternoons and cooler nights (high 50s and low 60s). There may be times when there is a fair amount of moisture in the air due to the marine layer, which may produce heavy mist and/or rain. Be on the lookout for crown rot and/or botrytis (bacteria) which shows up as brown spots on the flowers. These two issues can occur when there is enough moisture to produce a lot of dew on the plants and flowers and the temperature is below 60 degrees, with little or no air movement.

Potting, potting, potting! It just seems to never end but it gets me out of the house and I know the orchids appreciate it. I am glad I bought enough potting media for the season. I'll let you know what I find out from Orange

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**President's Message** *(Continued)*

County Farm Supply when I go this weekend. Has anyone gone to Yamadas? Report in at the meeting please.

In between repotting orchids and cleaning up, I planted my vegetable garden. Tomatoes, eggplant, zucchini, squash, and peppers. Mixing all that soil almost killed me!

Next month is when we usually have our summer BBQ in place of our regularly scheduled meeting. Let me know at the June meeting what you all want to do.

Save the dates for the **Fascination of Orchids International Festival of Orchids & Exotic Plants, September 26-28, 2025 at the Santa Ana Zoo.**

On a sadder note, Richard (Dick) Hess passed away on May 7, 2025. Dick was a long-time member of many of the OC Orchid Societies and an avid grower of paphiopedilums and phragmipediums as well as other genera. Dick will be missed.

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*

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**From Gisela Ferolito:**



(*L. sanguiloba* x *L. tenebrosa* 'Best') x *L. purpurata* f. *flamea* 'Darkest'



*Lc. Rojo* x *Ctna. Why Not*

## Editor's Notes



Cymbidium season is mostly over but not completely. I don't know if Cym. Kuranda (Cym. madidum x suave) is the end of the season mostly just finished, or the beginning of the next one. But it just opened and will stay in bloom into late June or early July. By the end of July or early August I'll see Cym ensifolium hybrids like Golden Elf and Chen's Ruby. So the Cymbidium-less period is very short.



Sarcochilus season at my house was very short. But I did get a good bloom from Sarco. Kulnura Gizmo.



Jackflowlieara (Iwanagara) Apple Blossom has many color forms, as might be expected from a very complex intergeneric hybrid. It is a robust plant, and the flowers are fragrant. This one, soft yellow with pink lip.



This month, more of the action was among species. Cattleya schroederiae makes me think of a sunny-side-up egg. And Cattleya mossiae also grows well in my back yard.





*Epidendrum parkinsonianum* produces large night-fragrant flowers. Since the plant is pendant and very soft (even floppy) it needs to be grown mounted. I have found it necessary to put some sphagnum around the roots to give it enough moisture.



*Epi. parkinsonianum*

*Epidendrum falcatum* is a close relative of *Epi. parkinsonianum*, and has similar succulent leaves but smaller flowers. However, the growths tend to come out perpendicular to the main stem, and to be very brittle. I no longer move the plant even for photos because it breaks so easily, though the broken growths do root and bloom quite easily.



*Epi. falcatum*

Many deciduous and semi-deciduous *Dendrobiums* are blooming now. I don't dry them out in winter, keeping them in with the general population, but the chill and shorter days seem to be a sufficient trigger for blooming. Some, like *Den. ochreatum*, and *Den. crepidatum*, bloom just on the prior year's canes. Others, like *Den. aphyllum* and *Den. jindjaniense*, can bloom repeatedly on old, bare canes. At any rate, don't cut any of these as long as the canes are still firm since they continue to supply energy to the plant. When they are shriveled and light brown they'll break off naturally.



*Den. rindjaniense*



*Den., aphyllum*



*Den. ochreatum*





Den. crepidatum

Angraecum germinyanum grows on, more than in, its basket. This year it put on a particularly good show, opening 8 flowers at once, and as those were aging another 3. I love the spidery sepals. It's night-fragrant like the rest of the genus since it's pollinated by moths.



Angraecum germinyanum

As it does every May, Epidendrum lacustre (purple Panama form) blooms profusely.

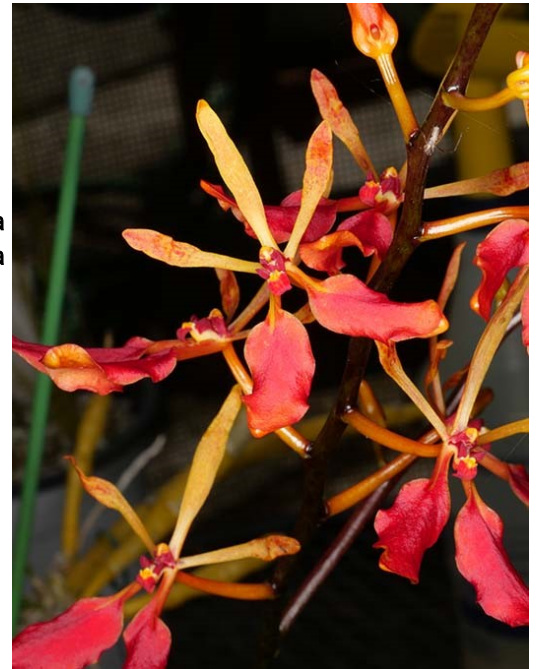


Epi. lacustre



Just a few more... I haven't been able to find much information at all on Renanthera pulchella, but it seems to be quite cold-tolerant. It stays small, in a 4 inch basket but blooms reliably.

Renanthera pulchella

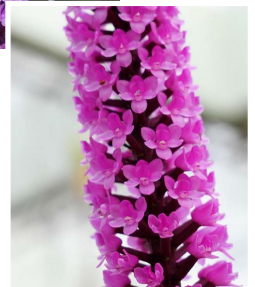


Arpophyllum giganteum produces large inflorescences of small

flowers. It's a hummingbird magnet, but usually they are too fast to photograph. A couple of years ago I got



Arpophyllum giganteum



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

- **Orchid Society of Southern California Annual Auction**  
June 14, 2025; 12PM Doors Open; 1-4 PM Auction  
Meeting Hall, First Christian Church, 221 S. 6th St, Burbank  
Info: [www.orchidssc.org](http://www.orchidssc.org)
  - **San Gabriel Valley Orchid Hobbyists 2025 Orchid Auction**  
June 19, 2025; 6 PM Preview, Auction 7 PM  
Los Angeles County Arboretum, 301 N. Baldwin Ave, Arcadia, The Palm Room  
Info: [www.sgvoh.org](http://www.sgvoh.org)
  - **Five Cities Orchid Society Orchidfest 2025**  
June 28–29, 2025; Saturday 10 AM–5 PM, Sunday 10 AM–4 PM  
Nipomo High School, 525 N. Thompson Ave, Nipomo  
Info: [www.fcos.org](http://www.fcos.org)
  - **Cal Orchid Summer Hummer**  
July 18–20, 2025  
1251 Orchid Dr., Santa Barbara  
Info: [calorchid@cox.net](mailto:calorchid@cox.net)
  - **San Diego County Orchids Society Show and Sale**  
July 26–27, 2025; Saturday 12 PM - 6 PM, Sunday 10 AM–4 PM  
Balboa Park, San Diego, Casa del Prado Room 101  
Info: [www.sdorchids.com](http://www.sdorchids.com)
  - **San Francisco Orchid Society Presents Orchids in the Park**  
July 26–27, 2025  
SF County Fair Building, 1199 9th Ave., San Francisco  
Info: [www.orchidsanfrancisco.org](http://www.orchidsanfrancisco.org)
  - **South Bay Orchid Society Fall Show and Sale**  
September 20–21; 10 AM–4 PM  
Palos Verdes Art Center, 5504 Crestridge Rd, Rancho Palos Verdes  
Info: [www.southbayorchidsociety.com](http://www.southbayorchidsociety.com)
  - **Fascination of Orchids International Festival of Orchids & Exotic Plants**  
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