



Five Cities Orchid Society 2017

President's Message

Hope you all had a Merry Christmas and that 2017 will be a great New Year for all of you. I do not know about you but although each year has the same number of days (except leap years), 2016 seemed to go by quicker than previous years. Could this possibly be a sign of old age? It is now January 2017 and you are possibly sitting in your easy chair reading this newsletter, and I hope that if you made any new year's resolutions, one will be to strive to become a better orchid grower.

There are many ways to hopefully attain that goal. In my opinion they include attending as many orchid society meetings and shows that you can, ask questions of other growers, figure out which groups of orchids will grow best for you and acquire more of those types, increase the size or make changes to your growing area(s), read about general orchids care and especially about the types of orchids you are trying to grow, and subscribe to AOS and Orchid Digest publications. There is a lot of information about orchid care available on the internet but remember that all of it might not be accurate and some of the suggestions work well for the author's growing environment and might not work for you. In case you did not know, AOS puts on webinars each month with some only available to members. Previous webinars (which are available on the web) have included a wide variety of topics including Greenhouse Chats with the AOS Director of Education, Ron McHatton. The next chat is Tuesday, January 10th, 2017 from 5:30-6:30 pm. Try it.

I hope you all made it to the December potluck and silent auction. My wife and I were out of the country so we missed the festivities but from my understanding people had a good time. The silent auction netted about \$800, so thanks to the folks that donated items for the auction and to those that successfully bid and won. Thanks also to Chuck and Judy for preparing the ham that evening.

I hope to see you all at the January 2017 meeting. Chris

DECEMBER MEETING/BOARD ELECTION

Our meeting was called to order by Vice-president Chuck Scheithauer. He presented a slate of officers to serve in upcoming vacant positions for the next two years. He then asked for nominations from the floor. There were none. A motion was made to accept the slate and it was seconded. The members

voted to accept the slate as presented. Allan Durham, Treasurer; Scott St. Clair, Director-at- Large; Judy Scheithauer, Secretary will serve 2 year terms. The meeting was adjourned and the silent action followed. Judith Scheithauer Secretary

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Calendar of Events

Paphiopedilum Guild January 13-15, 2017 Hyatt Hotel, 1111 East Cabrillo Boulevard, Santa Barbara Info: www.orchiddigest.org

Orange County Orchid Society Annual Auction January 18, 2017: 6:30 PM Preview, 7 PM auction begins Yorba Linda Public Library Community Room (Lower Level) 18181 Imperial Hwy, Yorba Linda Info: Edie Gulrich egulrich@att.net or Susan Scheffler chefinyl@gmail.com

□ Newport Harbor Orchid Society Orchid Expo and Sale February 10-12, 2017; Friday 10 AM–9 PM, Saturday 10 AM–7 PM, Sunday 11 AM–6 PM Westminster Mall, Westminster Info: www.nhosinfo.org/orchidshow

□ Pacific Orchid and Garden Expositio* February 24–26, 2017; Friday and Saturday 9 AM–6 PM, Sunday 10 AM–5 PM San Francisco County Fair Building, Hall of Flowers, 1199 9th Av., San Francisco – *NEW LOCATION!* Info: www.orchidsanfrancisco.org

□ Santa Barbara International Orchid Show March 15-17, 2017; 9 AM–5 PM Earl Warren Show grounds, Santa Barbara Info: www.sborchidshow.com

□ Santa Barbara Orchid Estate Open House Friday–Saturday 8 AM–5 M, Sunday 9 AM–5 PM 1250 Orchid Drive, Santa Barbara Info: www.sborchid.com

□ Cal-Orchid Open House 1251 Orchid Drive, Santa Barbara Info: www.calorchid.com

□ San Diego Orchid Society Show and Sale March 24-26, 2017; Friday 3–6 PM, Saturday 9 AM–6 PM, Sunday 10 AM–4 PM Schottish Rite Event Center, Mission Valley, 1895 Camino Del Rio South, San Diego Info: www.sdorchids.com or (619) 543-9078

□ South Bay Orchid Society First Annual Auction April 21, 2017; 6:30 PM Preview, 7 PM auction begins South Coast Botanic Garden, 26300 Crenshaw Blvd. Palos Verdes Peninsula Info: www.southbayorchidsociety.com

LOOKING AHEAD

1. Did you know that **orchids can live for many years**? Unlike cut flowers that fade within a week or two, an orchid can bloom for months and live for many, many years. Timely repotting is critical to orchid health. [Find the right mix for your orchid.](#)
2. **Orchid pests can be difficult to control indoors**, especially in winter, as most insect sprays are too dangerous for indoor use. Staying vigilant and keeping a close eye out for pests is a good way to nip an outbreak right away. Physically removing pests from orchids by cleaning plants under a stream of water works well. The bugs will likely return since removing adults usually leaves behind their eggs. Treatment for bugs needs to be repeated every few days to a week until there are no longer any more signs of trouble. Ask some of the society members for hints on more natural remedies
3. Beware of the dry air in heated environments and **lack of light** during these very short and sometimes dreary days. Insufficient light is a common culprit in the failure of orchids to rebloom.
1. With all the fabulous **Dendrobiums in bloom** during the holiday season it is time to start planning for repotting them. Dendrobiums can be picky about when they are repotted and they most prefer after blooming.

REMINDER

Our January meeting is starting off 2017 with a bang. Orchids 101 will be hosted by Bob Asbell of Asbell's Orchids starting at 7 PM. Our main meeting begins at 7:30 PM and will feature a presentation on dividing large orchids hosted by The Two Amigos. The plant table is a gem of potted orchids ready for your home and greenhouse. It is a nice collection of Cattleyas, Cymbidiums, and others. You will definitely want raffle tickets for this one.

Pacific Orchid & Garden Exposition

SHOW & PLANT SALE
February 24-26, 2017
 Fri. & Sat. 9am-6pm • Sun. 10am-5pm

New Location!

HALL OF FLOWERS
 Golden Gate Park, 1199 9th Ave.
 San Francisco, California

TICKETS & INFORMATION:
650.548.6700

orchidsanfrancisco.org
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GENERAL: \$14 advance online
 \$15 at the door
SENIORS (65+): \$11 advance online
 \$12 at the door
3 DAYS PASS: \$30
Children 16 and under are FREE




MALIHINI ORCHID SOCIETY

2017 ANNUAL Orchid Show & Sale

AOS and CSA Judged Show

FREE ADMISSION
Fri. Feb. 10 6pm-9pm
(sale area only)
Sat. Feb. 11 10am-6pm
Sun. Feb. 12 10am-5pm

There will be displays, lectures and demonstrations on orchids. Special purchased orchids will also be on sale.

Information: www.malihini.org

**Main Street
Cupertino**
 1945P Stevens Creek Blvd,
 Cupertino, CA 95014
 Space #19369
 (next to Eureka Restaurant
 between N. Tantau Ave.
 & N. Wolfe Road)

Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers

Cymbidium Orchid Auction



Friday, January 20, 2017

Auction 7:00 PM
 Registration & Preview 6:30 - 7:00 PM

Beautiful Cymbidiums and their Companions, including In Spike, Rarely Available, and Show & Award Winners!

- 150 Plant Entries
- No Buyers Premium
- Absentee Bids Accepted



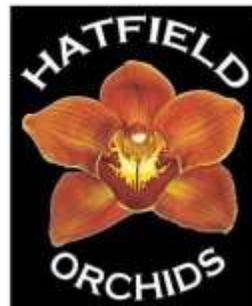
Cym. (Via Fair Vista x Robert Rowe) 'Ruby Splash' © Darrel Wong

San Mateo Garden Center
 605 Parkside Way
 San Mateo, CA 94403

Catalog & Photos will be Available after January 9, 2017 at:

www.GoldCoastCymbidiumGrowers.com

Email Questions or Inquiries to Richard Mangan at mangasz@att.net or call (209) 373-7652



George Hatfield owner of **Hatfield Orchids** will again be selling his award quality Cymbidiums at Yamada Company (706 W. Gardena Blvd in Gardena) from November 2016 to May 2017. Sale will be on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

A hands on potting demonstration will be held at 11:00 a.m. If you have cultural problems with your Cymbidiums bring them to the sale so we can evaluate and give you advice.

Suspect virus, bring a cutting of the leaf in a plastic bag and we will test for virus (\$5.00 per test).

Sale Dates

- November 19, 2016
- December 3 & 17, 2016
- January 7 & 28, 2017
- February 4 & 18, 2017
- March 4 & 25, 2017
- April 8, 2017
- May 13, 2017