



January's Speaker's Choice  
Cym. Ann Miller  
Grown by David Streeter

## The INFLORESCENCE

"Orchids for Amateurs"  
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**Our February 20, 2015  
Speaker will be  
Don Goss  
"Improve Your Orchid  
Photography"**

Don Goss received his first 35mm camera at age nine, and by age ten was doing his own film developing and printing in the darkroom. Fast-forward to 1992; he played chauffeur for a now ex-girlfriend to Stewart's Orchids near Santa Barbara. He got into one of the back rooms where he shouldn't have been and found a Vanda that was NOT FOR SALE! He called his Italian Uncle Vinnie who made them an offer they couldn't refuse. ☺ That was his first orchid. He has since combined his experience in photography with his love of orchids. Don has received a number of AOS awards, most recently a pair of FCC's.

Would you like to have photographs of your orchids that are "wall worthy?" Or, when your friends see your pictures, they say "WOW, you took that?" Like growing orchids, the 80 – 20 rule also applies to photography. You have a camera; point-and-shoot, cell phone, or a DSLR, and that's the 20%. Getting a wonderful photograph is about setting up the right conditions under which you are shooting. We're going to learn how to use whatever camera you have and control the conditions for making more beautiful photographs.

This will not be a technical discussion! He won't be talking about depth of field, f-stops, and the inverse square law of light or how your camera works. This will be a practical application for photographing at shows, meetings, and at home. If all you know is how to snap a picture, then you're in. AND, if you have been shooting for a long time, you'll gain new insights.

So bring whatever camera you like to the meeting and let's make some art!

Our culture session will be a Question and Answer Session with Dr. Bob Streeter.



## February President's Message

In a normal February or early March I would be reminding all of our members to be getting their plants ready for the show or to be volunteering to help. Unfortunately, the board of directors made a decision to cancel the Spring show this year. For a variety of reasons, we did not have a good response from our vendors. We wanted to make sure the show was up to our expectations and would continue to attract members and the public to future events. The spring show is a major revenue source for the society, so it is important to have a successful event. We need to continue to have active members in order to keep the society viable. Please continue to support the events, volunteer when you can, and tell any of your friends, colleagues, and acquaintances about the society. With that in mind, our annual elections are coming up in May. If you think you would be interested in serving on the board in any capacity, you are welcome to attend our board meetings to see what we discuss and what positions are available. Please talk to any of us at a meeting for the particulars. We will be having a regular meeting in the place of the show, so I hope to see you all there.

Charlotte Morrison

February President

### Check Out The American Orchid Society Website!

For anyone interested in learning more about orchids and their care, be sure to check out the American Orchid Society website,( <http://www.aos.org>) You will find the All About Orchids tab offering 'Orchids A to Z', a definitive source of information on orchid genera. Photos of different species in each genus are shown with large-size pop ups for a detailed view. Culture requirements are presented in an easy to understand format. Also under this tab area on the website you will find Orchid Basics, Culture Sheets, the AOS video library, a guide to pests and diseases, and other resources.

Another benefit of this website is monthly webinars. The next webinar will be offered on February 25, 2015, 8:30 PM EST. Harry Gallis, Accredited AOS Judge and Board of Trustees Vice President will present Demystifying AOS Judging: What are those Judges Looking For?

The AOS website offers a library of past webinar presentations also. Some of the presentations are only open to members, but many are available to everyone.

Now is a good time to check out this informative website, consider becoming a member of AOS, and see the benefits that membership in AOS brings.

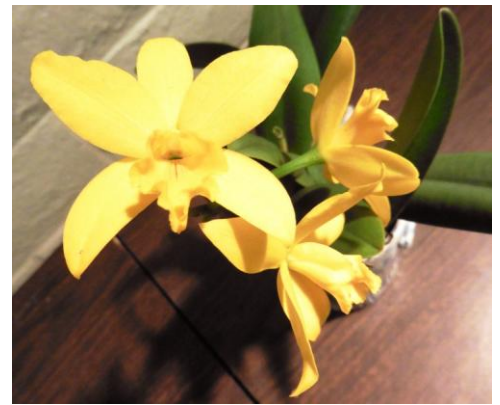




Ondoglossum oncidium  
Grown by Sylvia Eastwood



Rossioglossum  
Rowden Jester  
Grown by Saul Miller



Lc. Blazing Sun NN  
Grown by Kim Ly



Cym Red Beauty  
'Evening Star'  
Grown by  
Robert Fisher



Paph. Xanana 'Guru'  
Grown by Saul Miller



Cym. Night Shade X Ruby Eyes  
Grown by Robert Fisher



Den. White Grace 'Satu'  
Grown by Saul Miller



Cym. Big Deal 'Debbie' X  
Tapestry 'Firefall'  
Grown by Robert Fisher



Den. Unicum X sib  
Grown by Braulio Mena

## South Bay Orchid Society Proudly Presents:

### Bus Trip to the [70th Santa Barbara International Orchid Show](#)

Saturday March 14, 2015 Cost : \$38.00 / Person

This year's theme "Celebrate With Orchids"

The South Bay Orchid Society's annual bus trip to the Santa Barbara International Orchid Show at Earl Warren Showgrounds in Santa Barbara is scheduled for March 14th, 2015. This trip is open to all orchid lovers! The clean, comfortable bus is the most hassle-free and fun way to get the show. The cost for the full day trip is \$38.00 per person and includes admission to the show, snacks and beverages, and one raffle ticket per person for a chance to win one of the plants donated by the growers where we will be stopping to shop for plants and supplies.

**Santa Barbara Orchid Estate:** SBOE has a wide variety of plants of the cattleya alliance, cymbidiums, oncidiums, masdevallias and more. This orchid grower has been in business for 59 years on 5 acres of beautiful Santa Barbara land – choice location for growing orchids outdoors. SBOE has a wonderful variety of blooming orchids that can be grown outside in our climate.

**Cal-Orchids:** Specialists in epidendrums, lycastes, and laelias, Cal-Orchid has orchids from the world over; species, hybrids, plants for beginners as well as experts. The sparkling clean green houses and shade houses are perfect for displaying the healthy orchid stock.

**PARKING LOCATION:** We will leave from the K-Mart parking lot @ 500 Carson Town Center, on the southeast corner of Torrance Blvd. and Figueroa. Look for the bus in the parking lot closest to Figueroa. **DEPARTURE & RETURN TIME:** Check in at the bus at 7:00 AM. We depart at 7:30 AM promptly and will leave the Orchid Show at about 3:00 PM to return to our cars at about 6:30 PM (depending on traffic conditions). We will have about 1 ½ hours at **Santa Barbara Orchid Estate** and **Cal-Orchid**; we'll have about 2 ½ hours at the Santa Barbara Orchid Show. So, come join us! Bring your lunch or get one at the show; wear comfy shoes, bring your watch and a way to identify your plants. (A box with your name on it and some address labels are easy ways to carry your treasures home.) See you on the bus!

**FOR RESERVATIONS, PAYMENTS, & INFORMATION call Wilma DeGuzman at:  
(310) 308-5367 or email: [winwin.rich@yahoo.com](mailto:winwin.rich@yahoo.com)**

For general information on the show visit:

[http://www.sborchidshow.com/pages/About\\_Show/About.html](http://www.sborchidshow.com/pages/About_Show/About.html)

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## Orchid Sales

George Hatfield, owner of Hatfield Orchids will be selling cymbidiums at Yamada Company (706 W. Gardena Blvd., Gardena) from September to June. The sale will be on Saturdays from **10 AM to 1 PM**. Potting demonstrations will be held at 11 AM. Cultural advise will be available for anyone who has problems with their plants. If you think your plants may be virused, bring a cutting of the leaf in a plastic bag and it can be tested for \$5.00 per test.

**February 7, 2015**

**March 21, 2015**

**April 11, 2015**

**May 9, 2015**

**June 6, 2015**



# Ribbon Judging Results for January, 2015

**Speaker's' Choice:** Cymbidium: Ann Miller

Dave Streeter

## ADVANCED AMATEUR

### Cymbidium

1<sup>st</sup> Night Shade x Ruby Eyes

2<sup>nd</sup> Red Beauty 'Evening Star'

3<sup>rd</sup> Big Deal 'Debbie' x Tapestry 'Fire Fall'

Robert Fisher

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### Odontoglossum

1<sup>st</sup> Odontoglossum oncidium

Sylvia Eastwood

### Other Genera

1<sup>st</sup> Paph. Keyeshill

2<sup>nd</sup> Dendrobium, bicallosum

3<sup>rd</sup> Den. Unicum x sib.

Sylvia Eastwood

Braulio Mena

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## AMATEUR

### Cattleya

1<sup>st</sup> Lc Blazing Sun NN

Kim Ly

### Dendrobium

1<sup>st</sup> Unknown

Saul Miller

### Other Genera

1<sup>st</sup> Paph. Xanana 'Guru'

2<sup>nd</sup> Oncidium Tsiku Marguerite

3<sup>rd</sup> Rossioglossum Rawdow Jester

Saul Miller

Saul Miller

Saul Miller



Onc. Tsiku Marguerite  
Grown by Saul Miller



Blc. Nacachi X L. anceps  
Grown by Ted Johnson

## The Economic Value of Big Overgrown Plants.

I have been growing orchids for eighteen years now. This has resulted in me finally not killing all of them, but only some as I'm beginning to get the hang of it. It has also resulted in the existence of some very large plants. In 2000 I bought a Catt Margaret Hort from Santa Barbara Orchid Estates, which has turned into a monster. It's so heavy that it is a bother to take it anywhere and after seeing it bloom faithfully for so many times I decided to dismember it. 75% of the plant was removed leaving behind a substantial specimen. The rest was divided into divisions of no more than four bulbs.

Over twenty divisions of three to four bulbs and at least as many or more divisions of two bulbs was the result. The two lead divisions are mounted and will wait until they initiate and have at least three leads. The rest I put on eBay, one at a time asking \$15.00. Fifteen of them sold for a low of \$20 to a high of \$50 for an average of \$24.00. If you assume that this will continue and I don't see it abating, the final value of this plant's division comes to about \$1,000. If one would divide the remaining specimen plant and include that, I would estimate the final total to be at least \$1,400. I would have never guessed that a plant like that was worth that much.

A second plant went through a similar process. This was Coryhopea (Stan martiana x Coryanthes macrantha alba), which I also bought fifteen years ago. Unlike the floriferous Cattleya Margaret Hort, this plant has never bloomed for me, but it grew into a monstrous giant. It has lots and lots of leaves but no flowers. I broke up half of it and it followed the same pattern as the catt. A two or three bulb division sells for between \$20 and \$30. So far I have sold seventeen of them and have another twenty to go. Since there is much more of the original plant left, I would

estimate the final value of this non-blooming beast to be over \$1,500, again way more than I imagined.

I guess that's how Santa Barbara Orchid Estates creates the plants for their \$7.50 table. They break up a huge plant and laugh all the way to the bank. Many of us have large plants but we never see them for sale at that size and I, for one, had no idea what something like that would be worth. Now I know better.

Nick



**Orange County Orchid Society, Inc.**

**Orchid Mounting & Potting Workshop**

**April 15, 2015**

**Orchid Judging – 7:00 p.m.**  
**Orchid Workshop – 7:30 p.m.**

**Orchids for sale.**  
**All other materials and training provided free.**

**Everyone Welcome!**  
**Bring a Friend!**  
**Have some Fun!**

**Information:**  
**Nohline L'Ecuyer**  
**orchids@nohline.com**  
**714.491.6660**

**Meeting Location:**  
**Yorba Linda Public Library**  
**Community Room, (Lower Level)**  
**18181 Imperial Highway**  
**Yorba Linda CA 92886**

Chiloschista yunnanensis  
owned & photographed  
by Peter Lin

# Orchid Calendar

Our future membership meetings are held  
at the South Coast Botanic Garden

- February 20 (3<sup>rd</sup> Friday)
  - March 20 (3<sup>rd</sup> Friday)
  - April 24 (4<sup>th</sup> Friday)
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- Cultural sessions start 7PM
  - General meetings start 8PM  
at South Coast Botanic Garden

The next board meeting will be  
February 24

Call 310-316-8193 for more  
information

## South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation

- ❖ February 8 Shop and Learn:  
Resolute Love: Cymbidium Orchids  
12 PM – 3 PM
- ❖ February 28 Cherry Blossom  
Festival 9 AM – 5 PM
- ❖ March 1,7,8 Cherry Blossom  
Festival 9 AM – 5 PM

Please support our host, the South Coast  
Botanic Garden Foundation for any of these  
educational and fun filled events. For more  
information and verification of hours and  
events, visit their website

<http://www.southcoastbotanicgarden.org>



Onc. Tiger Brew  
Grown by  
Larry Bergen

## South Bay Orchid Society Board

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## Welcome to Our New Members

To our new members: When you come to the  
next meeting, stop by the membership desk to  
pick up your name badge and a new member  
package. We will include ten free plant table  
raffle tickets as our 'thank you' for joining SBOS.

"The Inflorescence"  
South Bay Orchid Society  
c/o Marcy Bergen  
23415 Juniper Ave.  
Torrance, CA 90505

## Our Next Meeting will be February 20, 2015

### Future Shows & Sales

Feb. 7, 2015 **Mariposa Garden Open House**  
6664 South St., Lakewood 9 AM - 3 PM

Feb. 13, 14, & 15, 2015 **Newport Harbor  
Orchid Expo & Sale**

Feb. 20-22, 2015 **Pacific Orchid Expo**  
<http://www.orchidsanfrancisco.org>

March 13 – 15, 2015 **70<sup>th</sup> Santa Barbara  
International Orchid Show**

**Feb. 7, 2015 San Diego County  
Cymbidium Society Annual Auction**  
preview 11 AM auction 12 PM  
Lake San Marcos – Lake Pavillion  
1105 La Bonita Dr., San Marcos  
Info: 760-732-0555

**Feb. 11, 2015 Cool Growing Orchid  
Society Annual Orchid Auction**  
preview 6:30 PM gavel 7 PM  
Garden Grove Masonic Lodge  
11270 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove  
Info: <http://www.coolorchids.org>

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