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## The INFLORESCENCE

“Orchids for Amateurs”

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**Our April 20, 2018  
Meeting will be our  
Auction !!**

Our second annual auction is coming up quickly. April 20<sup>th</sup> will be your opportunity to help the society with a fund-raiser auction and a chance to increase your orchid collection. It's a win win any way you look at it! Last year we were very successful and had a great time. We hope this year will be even better. We are asking everyone that volunteered to help or those that are bringing in plant donations, to arrive between 5 and 5:30 PM. We will have workers registering both plants and guests, delivering plants to the winning bidder, acting as spotters to help the auctioneer, setting out the food, handling the payments, and acting as security. You will be instructed on your job for the evening and we will set up the room, the food and the plants. You will be able to bid even as you volunteer! We must be ready for the preview by 6:30 PM. Our auction will start at 7 PM and end at 9PM.

*We are requesting that everyone bring in cardboard boxes to carry home purchased plants. We also need donations of food that can be eaten quickly during the auction.*

We are looking forward to the auction and hope to see everyone involved on April 20.

## AOS Monthly Checklist for March and April

**Cattleya** - Lengthening days will mean increased metabolic rates necessitating increased water and fertilizer. The plants will indicate needs by drying more rapidly, which means more frequent watering and fertilizing. With the passing of the season for winter bloomers, and the beginning of the season for spring bloom, it is also the time to be on the lookout for plants that will need potting after they bloom. Immediately after blooming has proven to be the best time to repot winter- and spring-flowering cattleyas. In most cases, they will be ready to grow roots, so if potted at this time, they will root right into fresh mix with little or no setback.

**Cymbidium** - Plants should be putting on a spectacular show this time of year. Adjust all staking and twist-ties and be on the lookout for aphids, slugs and snails. Give adequate water because flowering strains the plants. As new growths appear later, increase the nitrogen level in the fertilizer. Should a plant look healthy but not be blooming, try increasing the light during the next growing season. The number-one reason for no flowers is lack of light.

**Dendrobium (Australian)** - These hard-cane dendrobiums will be at their flowering peak now. The secret with this group -- bred primarily from *Dendrobium kingianum* and *Dendrobium speciosum* -- is to provide ample water, fertilizer and light during the growing season.

**Lycaste** - This genus of superb orchids will be coming to the end of its flowering season. Soon you will see the beginning of new root growth, which is an excellent time to repot into fresh media. As new growth emerges, provide ample fertilizer and water. A sign of good culture is an increase in the size of pseudobulbs with each successive year.

**Miltoniopsis** - This marks the beginning of the flowering season. Amazing displays of color will dazzle the grower over the next few months. Prepare your plants for optimum display by staking spikes (if needed) and cleaning off the older yellow foliage. Do not miss the wonderful fragrance as the flowers unfold..

**Paphiopedilum** - The summer-blooming types will be showing the first of their buds in March and April. Be on the lookout for the buds, as well as any insect pests that may have found their way into the crowns of your plants. Cleaning and restaging your paphs is one of the most satisfying tasks of the orchid year. Cleaned and potted paphiopedilums look happy.

**Phalaenopsis** - In most of the country, March is the peak blooming month for phalaenopsis. Staking needs to be carefully attended to, so that the flowers will be displayed at their best for orchid shows and judging. Rapid-growing spikes and open flowers place extra demands on the plant. Careful monitoring of watering and feeding will give the plants the energy they require to give their best floral display. Remember, too, that the lengthening days will also increase the frequency at which plants need water. Beware of the invasion of sucking pests that accompany the flowering season. Flowers and spikes are favorite targets of mealybugs and scales.

**Pleurothallids** - Members in this large and increasingly popular group will be looking their best now. If plants are not in flower, the next few months provide an excellent time to divide if needed or repot into fresh mix. Taking care of these tasks now will allow enough time for your plants to become established before the hot weather arrives.

## It's Auction Time



**On April 20, 2018** we will have our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Orchid Auction. We were successful last year and hope to have another great auction this year.

Our auction committee is working diligently to bring a quality assortment of orchid plants from local growers, commercial vendors, suppliers, nurseries, and active society members. The auction will be conducted by Peter T. Lin who is an accredited AOS judge and a very experienced auctioneer.

If you have signed up and volunteered to assist with the auction we thank you in advance and ask that you **arrive at the garden by 5pm and no later than 5:30pm**. We need help in the setup as we prepare the plants and registration and the tables/chairs. You will be assigned your position and instructed on your particular task. This will insure a speedy way to get things moving fast.

If you are donating plants to the auction, please contact Arthur Hazboun and let him know approximately how many plants you're bringing that we know how many labels to prepare. If you're donating plants on the night of the auction, please arrive early enough to get your plants labeled and entered into the auction database. We hope to see every member past and present at the auction; get the word out and tell your friends, relatives, neighbors, co-workers, and colleagues about the auction. Please support our fund raising effort and make sure to thank the vendors, growers, and nurseries that contribute and donate to our auction.

We ask you to please consider bringing some munchies (snacks, sandwiches, cookies, food) for our prospective bidders. We also need a lot of empty cardboard boxes and newspapers to pack the winning plants.

**Preview will start at 6:30pm and the Auction will start promptly at 7pm**



**Thank you for supporting the South Bay Orchid Society**

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# Ribbon Judging Results for March, 2018

## Speaker's Choice:

Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance'

Ted Johnson

## Advanced Amateur

### Cymbidium:

1<sup>st</sup> Cym. Sydney Harbor 'Sorcerer'

Fe Woods

2<sup>nd</sup> Z. 'Blue Bird'

Glenda Urmacher

### Dendrobium:

1<sup>st</sup> Den. kingianum

Fe Woods

2<sup>nd</sup> Den. Benizuru Treasure

Arthur Hazboun

3<sup>rd</sup> Den. Nobile F. alba

Arthur Hazboun

### Phalaenopsis:

1<sup>st</sup> Phal. no name

Glenda Urmacher

2<sup>nd</sup> Phal. No name

Glenda Urmacher

3<sup>rd</sup> Phal. Surf Song OX 'Gold Orange'

Glenda Urmacher

### Other Genera:

1<sup>st</sup> Mtssa. Charles M. Fitch x Black Berry 'Hawaii'

Arthur Hazboun

2<sup>nd</sup> Bletilla striata purple

Arthur Hazboun

3<sup>rd</sup> Wilsonara Eye Candy 'Pinky'

Ksenia Kulakova

## Amateur

### Cymbidium:

1<sup>st</sup> Cym. Dorothy Stockstill 'Forgotten Fruit'

David West

2<sup>nd</sup> Cym. No name

David West

3<sup>rd</sup> Cym. Nancy Miyamoto Kayle

Luda Kuprenas

### Dendrobium:

1<sup>st</sup> Den. Peter Shen x Nida 'Stripes'

Luda Kuprenas

2<sup>nd</sup> Den. Super Model 'Platinum'

David West

### Oncidium:

1<sup>st</sup> Onc. Hilda Plumtree

David West

2<sup>nd</sup> Beallara Marfitch 'Howard's Dream'

Ksenia Kulakova

3<sup>rd</sup> Odn. Yellow Parade 'Alpine'

David West

### Paphiopedilum

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

Ksenia Kulakova





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Den. Nobile f. Alba



Phal. Surf Song



Cym Dorothy Stockstill  
Forbidden Fruit



Odn. Yellow Parade  
"Alpine"



Beallara  
"Howard's Dream"



Onc. Hilda Plumtree



Cym. No name



Beletilla striata



Wilsonara Eye Candy Pinky



## Annual Orchid Auction April 11, 2018



Garden Grove Masonic Lodge  
11270 Acacia Pkwy GG 92840  
Registration & Preview 6:30 pm  
Auction Starts 7:00 pm  
Open to the Public  
Free: Admission Parking Refreshments  
[www.CoolOrchids.org](http://www.CoolOrchids.org)



Cym. Sydney Harbor "Sorcerer"



Den. Benizuru Treasure

### Welcome New Members

We offer a warm welcome to our newest member Christian Cantamessa and returning member Kathy Synstelien.

Please be sure to meet our new members and make them feel welcome to SBOS.

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.

### Refreshments Please



The society is looking for one person who would be interested in helping to oversee our monthly refreshments at our meetings, shows, and events. Helen Miyake has graciously volunteered and needs a partner to help. The position would require you to arrive a little earlier than the usual start time to help prepare and setup in the kitchen and clean up after. Our dedicated refreshment ladies Joann and June have been faithfully taking care of our members, volunteers, and vendors during our meetings, shows, and events for over a dozen years. They would like your help and will train you in this highly rewarding, unpaid, and satisfying position. If you're interested in helping please contact any board member via phone or email.  
Thanks.

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

- **April 20 Auction**
- **May 18 (3<sup>rd</sup> Friday)**
- **July 20 (3<sup>rd</sup> Friday)**
  
- ❖ **Cultural sessions start 7PM**
- ❖ **General meetings start 8PM  
at South Coast Botanic Garden**

**The next board meeting will be  
April 24**

**Call 310-541-4412 for more information**

### South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation

- **April 20 & 21** Member's Preview  
Rose Garden First Bloom
- **May 6** So. Bay Epiphyllum society  
Show & Sale 9 AM – 4 PM
- **May 12** So. Coast Rose Society  
Show & Sale 10 AM – 4 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.southcoasbotanicgarden.org>



Den. Peter Shen X Nida 'Stripes'

### **South Bay Orchid Society Board**

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## Our Next Meeting is April 20, 2018

**April 7, 2018** Mariposa Garden  
Spring Sale 9 AM – 3 PM  
6664 South St., Lakewood  
<http://www.mariposagarden.com>

**April 13 – 15** Andy's Orchids  
Annual Spring Open House  
734 Ocean View, Encinitas  
10 AM – 4 PM  
<http://www.andysorchids.com>

**April 11, 2018** Cool Growing Orchid  
Society Annual Auction  
6:30 PM preview 7 PM Auction  
Garden Grove Masonic Lodge  
11270 Acacia Parkway,  
Garden Grove  
<http://coolorchids.org>

**May 12, 2018** Palomar Orchid Society  
2018 Orchid Sale & Auction  
Preview 9 – 10 AM Auction 10 – 2:30 PM  
Shadow Ridge Golf Club  
1980 Gateway Dr., Vista

**June 9, 2018** Orchid Digest Speaker's Day  
"Orchids in the Wild" 12 – 8 PM  
The Huntington Library, Art Collections, &  
Botanical Gardens, San Marino  
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