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"Orchids for Amateurs"

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**Our January 17, 2020
guest speaker will be
Fred Clark "Mini and
Compact Cattleyas"**

Fred Clarke started Sunset Valley Orchids in 1995 as a natural outgrowth of a hobby that began 27 years earlier. Sunset Valley Orchids is a boutique-style nursery dedicated to providing excellent customer service and breeding superior orchid hybrids for the orchid enthusiast. Fred is an accredited American Orchid Society Judge in the Pacific South Judging Region.

SVO's efforts are focused on the development of new and interesting lines with three primary goals: 1) vigorous, robust, and compact growing plants; 2) new flower colors and shapes; and 3) AOS award-quality flowers. SVO develops hybrids and species in several genera including Cattleya, Catasetinae, Paphiopedilum, Australian Dendrobium, as well as Sarcochilus, Zygopetalum and Stanhopea. It carries out the complete growing process from flasking to community trays and growing in pots. Its Cattleya breeding program has developed over 35 years, with many new and unique hybrids, especially compact cattleyas less than 12" tall at maturity that bloom in 4" pots. Sunset Valley Orchids is also a top breeder of the Catasetinae, the group of orchids consisting of Catasetum, Mormodes, Clowesia, Cycnoches and their hybrids. The development of the "blackest orchid seen," Fredclarkeara After Dark (Mo. Painted Desert X Ctsm. Donna Wise), captured attention around the world in 2002, and Fred's work on "black" orchids continues to this day. Orchids from Sunset Valley Orchid have received hundreds of AOS awards, including 8 that have received the highest honor, the First Class Certificate -- FCC

Happy New Year everyone! Thank you to everyone that attended the potluck party. The society contributed the ham and the turkey and the members contributed all the great food that we feasted on that evening. Thanks also for the help with setting up and cleaning up for the party, and to Nick for getting the beautiful orchids we each took home. I hope 2020 will be a wonderful year filled with blessings, good health, and plenty of flower blooms for each of you.

Winter has arrived and our orchids need to be protected from the cold, the winds, and the heavy rains that could damage flowers and push over plants. Since many of us do not have greenhouses to protect our plants, we have to improvise and be creative. At our house we enclose a patio gazebo in plastic and use old Christmas lights to heat the area. Larry moved the cattleyas, lycastes, vandas, zygotetalums, paphs, catasetums, dendrobiums, and a few other varieties into the shelter. The cymbidiums and oncidiums are still outside and fully exposed. Larry has also been collecting rain water to use for watering throughout the year. Our rain barrels are now completely full of winter rain.

Our January speaker will be Fred Clark from Sunset Valley Orchids telling us about mini and compact cattleyas. These smaller orchids take up less space in your collection and allow you to have more varieties. In Mid-December, Sunset Valley Orchids held their Open House. We were able to make the trip down to their nursery to check things out and of course shop. Needless to say, more orchids than expected jumped in our car and came home with us to join the collection. Even though we say we have no more space, it always seems to happen that way. After all, these are supposed to be compact and shouldn't take up much room!

I hope to see you at the January 17th meeting!





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Register at <http://aos.org>

Monthly Checklist for January and February Orchid Care

Cattleya - Watering and fertilizing will be at a minimum, as will potting. Be on the lookout for senescing sheaths on your winter-into-spring bloomers. Careful removal of the dying sheaths will still allow buds to develop without the danger of condensation-induced rot. Low light will lead to weak spikes, so, and as noted above, staking is critical. If you have a chance to get out to nurseries, there may still be a chance to acquire good plants in sheath for spring bloom. Getting them now not only ensures that you'll have them, but allows them to acclimate to your conditions and bloom at their best.

Cymbidium - We are well into the flowering season now. Outdoor growers should be cautious of freezing temperatures. Damage starts to occur below 30 F. Be diligent about tying the inflorescences for best arrangement of the flowers. Also watch closely for slugs and snails. If weather is quite wet, protect the plants from the rain and this will help to reduce the risk of botrytis spotting.

Lycaste - The most glorious of all orchids, Lycaste, will be moving toward their flowering season. Make sure the palm-like leaves do not interfere with the emerging inflorescences. Tying them loosely together often is helpful. Some growers cut the leaves off at the pseudobulb, but this removes part of the attractiveness of this elegant orchid. Resist picking up the plant to inspect those beautiful buds and then setting it down in all different directions as the flower buds will be forced to re-orient themselves to the light source each time and will not open as nicely as they should. Keep plants a little drier during the shorter days.

Phalaenopsis - Now is the peak of spike development, with the first plants in full flower. Staking and plant preparation is a must for those all-important spring shows. Correct staking now will give a better display and also make it much easier to transport to your society meetings and shows. Care with watering is vital to avoid mechanical damage to the flowers, as well as rot-related problems. Keep spent blooms cleaned up to avoid botrytis inoculation. Do not repot this month. Now you'll be seeing lots of phalaenopsis at orchid shows and sales.

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Odontoglossums - Odontoglossums and their intergeneric hybrids offer a great splash of color now. Though once thought of as being difficult to grow and requiring cool temperatures due to the emphasis on odontoglossum breeding, the new intergeneric hybrids made using *Oncidium* and *Brassia*, for example, are just the opposite. These plants are quite content in more intermediate conditions. New growths generally emerge in the spring, later forming beautiful plump pseudobulbs. Look for the flower spikes to emerge from the inner sheath of the pseudobulb. If your plant's pseudobulbs are shriveled, then the plants have been kept too dry or too wet. Inspect the roots to determine which condition prevailed. If the lead pseudobulb is large, plump and green (and back bulbs are shriveled) but no flower spike is evident, the plants may have been kept too dry.

Paphiopedilum - The standard *Paphiopedilum insigne*-derived hybrids, which are called "bull dogs" and "toads," are at their peak. Unlike most other orchids, they can even be potted while in bud. There really is no wrong time to pot a paphiopedilum, and no other orchid responds so favorably to fresh mix and a cleanup. Keep an eye on watering until roots begin to grow.

Zygopetalum - For the most part, the flowering season will have ended for this group, providing the grower a chance to do some repotting. The plants will then have a chance to become well established before the hotter months of summer arrive. Most growers use bark mixes, but some exceptional results have been seen lately using rock-wool blends. You may want to try this mix, but do not change your whole collection over to this new media until you are sure it is right for you. First, experiment with a few plants to see how they respond.

The AOS thanks Ned Nash and James Rose for this essay.

Orchids that flower in Winter – AOS C=50F minimum, I = 55F min., W=60-65F min.

Cattleya percivaliana (KAT-lee-ah purr-sih-VAL-ee-an-ah) and many of its hybrids (I)

Coelogyne cristata (see-loh-GUY-nee KRIS-tah-tah) (C)

Laelia superbiens (LAY-lee-ah sue-PURR-bee-enz) [also known as ***Schomburgkia superbiens***]

Lycaste skinneri (lye-CASS-tee SKIN-er-eye) and many of its hybrids (I)

Trichocentrum cavendishianum (try-koe-SENT-rum cav-en-DISH-ee-an-um) [also long known as ***Oncidium - Oncidium*** is pronounced as on-SID-ee-um] (C)

Phaius tankervilleae (FAY-us tan-ker-VILL-eye) [the Nun's Orchid] (I)

Many ***Phalaenopsis*** (fail-en-NOP-sis) species and their hybrids (W)

Angraecum eburneum (W)

Angraecum sesquipedale (an-GRAY-kum sess-kwih-PED-ah-lee) (W)

Brassavola nodosa (bra-SAH-voe-lah NOE-dose-ah) (I)

Early flowering ***Cymbidium*** (sim-BID-ee-um) species and hybrids (C)

Dendrobium nobile (den-DRO-bee-um NOE-bee-lee) and its hybrids (C winter)

Epidendrum ciliare (I)

Laelia anceps (LAY-lee-ah an-SEPS) (I-C)

Many ***Masdevallia*** (maz-dee-VAHL-ee-ah) species and hybrids (C-I)

Rhynchostylis gigantea (rink-oh-STY-liss jye-gan-TEE-ah) (W)

Cattleya coccinea (KAT-lee-ah COCK-sinn-ee-ah) (C) and many of the miniature cattleyas developed from this species.

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Wednesday
January 15, 2020

6:30 p.m.
Preview

7:00 p.m.
Auction Begins

Starting January 3rd, check our
website at www.ocos.net for a
current listing of sale items.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

We are looking for someone to volunteer to assist David West with the set up and take down of chairs and tables for our meetings. Please call David at 562-212-5552.



Pot. Burana Angel 'SVO #1 Best' HCC/AOS
X Pot. Roy's Magic 'Ruben'



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

- **January 17th (3rd Friday)**
- **February 21 (3rd Friday)**
- **March 20 (3rd Friday)**

- ◇ **Cultural sessions start 7PM**
- ◇ **General Meetings start 8PM**

The next board meeting will be **January 21, 2020**

Call **310-326-5405** for more information

South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation

- **January 5** Rose Pruning Demonstration 1pm – 4pm Classroom A
- **January 11** Hands on Demonstration Fruit Tree Pruning 10am – 12am FEE- Members \$14
- **January 19** Fuchsia Pruning & Propagation Demo 1pm – 5pm Classroom B

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:

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OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE JANUARY 17, 2020

January 15, 2020 Orange County Orchid Society Annual Auction 7 pm start
18181 Imperial Hwy., Yorba Linda

February 7, 2020 “Orchids on Parade” Newport Harbor Orchid Society Show &
Sale, Westminster Mall <https://nhosinfo.org>

March 13 – 15, 2020 “Orchids – A World of Adventure” 75th Santa Barbara International
Show 9 am – 5 pm Earl Warren Show Grounds, Santa Barbara



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