



Den. Australian Idol (Gracious
Cascades x speciosum)
Grown by Larry Bergen

The INFLORESCENCE

“Orchids for Amateurs”

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**Our April 17, 2020
meeting is cancelled for
everyone’s safety.**

Our April meeting is cancelled due to the Coronavirus restrictions. So, let’s look for the opportunities and blessings we have at this time. What blessings you may ask? Look at your orchids and spring plants, do you see lots of beautiful blooms and possibly smell great fragrances? Do you find yourself at home with time to repot, clean up, divide, fertilize, enjoy, and take pictures of your orchids? Pictures can be shared with friends so they can also admire the beauty of the plants.

You may also use this opportunity to keep in contact with friends either by phone or computer. You can get to those projects you never had time for or were avoiding. Some people may binge watch TV or movies and some of us are lucky enough to work from home.

Be sure to thank those people that are working to keep us all supplied, healthy, and safe while they would rather be home with their families.

This newsletter will be focusing on what is blooming at our homes since we cannot bring them in to share with you at this time.

Everyone please stay home, stay safe, and most important stay healthy!

If you are like many people trying to navigate these challenging circumstances you may experience just a bit of “cabin fever”. We are now subject to a wide range of travel/mobility restrictions, we are told to practice “social distancing”, maintaining six feet of separation from other people, and told to wash our hands frequently and not to put our hands to our face. All these guidelines have disrupted the lives of everyone around us. However, they are all doable. Technology can help us cope. We can use telephones, Facetime, Facebook, Skype and other Social Media to keep in touch. And, by following the guidance we are protecting the health and safety of one another. As depressing as it seems, and I don't mean to make light of the seriousness of the COVID-19 virus, a somewhat “silver lining” to the virus-cloud is that our orchids do not contract the virus. We don't have to stay six feet away from them! In fact, using our house-bound time to give additional care to the orchids may have a soothing and calming effect on us. It may serve to relieve our “cabin fever”. During these tough times, spend more time with your orchids, they'll reward you for it! Relax, take a deep breath, stay calm but stay vigilant. Wash your hands frequently, practice “social distancing”, and be helpful to those who need help.

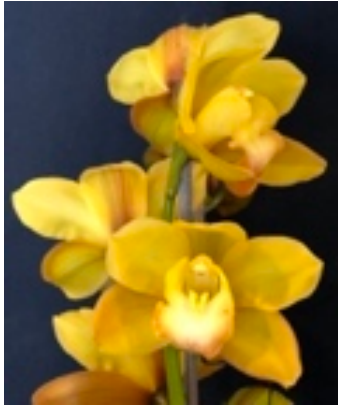
As you have probably learned by now, our April meeting, scheduled for April 17, has been cancelled. To cancel the meeting so far in advance may seem a bit rash. However, we want to protect the health of our members as much as possible. It is by no means certain that the risk of catching the virus will end by then. In addition, LA County and the State of California have officially requested that no meetings be held with more than 10 people. A decision on our May meeting will be made at a later date and you will be notified as soon as possible.

Meanwhile, wash your hands frequently, don't put your hands to your face, practice social distancing and don't hoard toilet paper!



Care for your orchids, stay safe and stay well!

Cymbidiums solid colors



Cym. Tainan City
General



Cym. Kiwi Magic X
Pearly Pepper

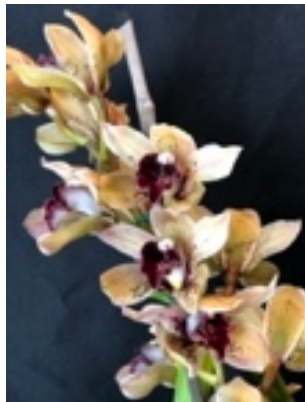


Cym. Via Ambarino X
Mighty Mouse

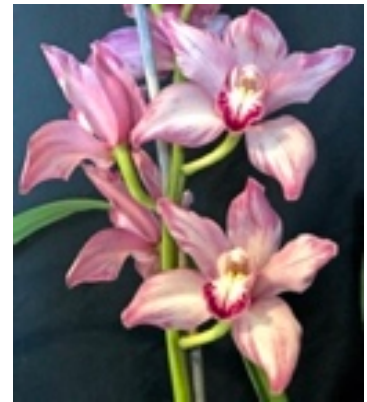
Feathered or spotted cymbidiums



Cym. Winter Fire
'Frosty Tips'



Cym. Bolero X Lotza
Spots 'Marti' Gras



Cym. Wild Woman
'Angela'

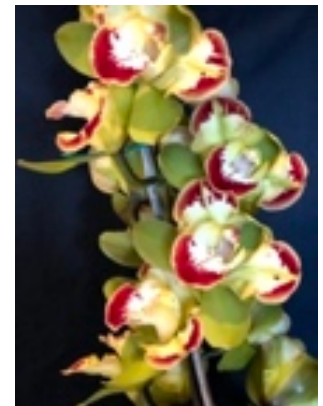
Cymbidiums with peloric petals



Cym. Vanguard 'Mas
Beauty' 4n



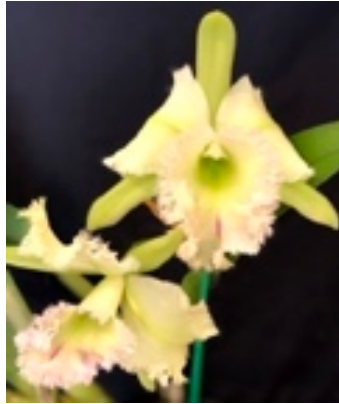
Cym. Strathdon
'Cooksbridge Fantasy'



Cym. Vidar Harlequin



Lc. Tropical Pointey Cheeta



Bc. Golf Green 'Hair Pig' very fragrant



Laeliocattleya Gold Digger Grown by Braulio Mena



P. JC Shining 'JCA138'



Rhynolaelia Aristocrat Grown by Braulio Mena



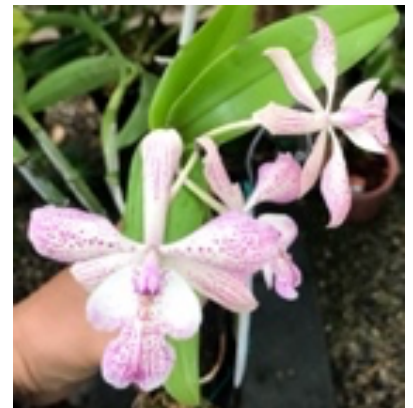
Lc. Koolau Treat



Pot. Triple Love 'NN'



Zygo. Blue Boy



Cattleya X Epiarthron Grown by Braulio Mena



Cym. Mouse Eyes (Mighty Mouse 'Minnie' X Ruby Eyes 4N Red Baron AM/AOS)



Grown by David West



Annual Orchid Auction October 14, 2020

Santa Ana Zoo at Prentice Park
1801 E Chestnut Ave, Santa Ana, CA 92701

Preview - 6:30 pm Auction - 7:00 pm

Free: Parking - Admission - Refreshments

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Our thoughts go out to everyone during this harrowing time. We hope that you are being careful and remaining healthy.

We have made the difficult decision to cancel the June 2020 Orchid Digest Annual Speakers Day event held at The Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens in June. We are sorry!

During these troubling times when we are home because of the COVID-19 virus, the Orchid Digest wants to share a link to a virtual tour of the NY Botanical Garden Orchid Show led by Marc Hachadourian, Senior Curator. To access the tour, click here: [NY Botanical Garden Orchid Show](#). Please, treat yourself and take a few minutes to enjoy the beauty of this show. We are lucky to have these fantastic flowers in our lives that bring us joy and tranquility during the stressful moments.

Have you noticed that the Orchid Digest now has a digital copy of the issue? To access the online January issue, click here: [Orchid Digest Online](#). You will need to go to page 3, lower right-hand corner, of the January issue (Vol. 84-1) to find the password. We would appreciate hearing whether you like having access to a digital copy, one you can read no matter where you are. So please, send an e-mail to me at [Orchid Digest Editor](#) with your feedback about this offering.

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AOS Monthly checklist for March and April

Continued from last month

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 – March is the beginning of the season of heaviest potting for lady's slipper orchids. However, it is a month where the volume of plants needing attention is still small. It is an excellent month to take the time to work with your paphiopedilums before the pressure of other potting prevents your doing the through job you should. Look at each plant: Is it clean of dead and dying foliage? Is it weed free? Does it need potting? Is it in spike? Does it have an insect problem? Cleaning and restaging your paphs is one of the most satisfying tasks of the orchid year. Cleaned and potted paphiopedilums look happy.

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. It is especially difficult to clean mealybugs, in particular, once they have become established in the plant. Better to get to them before they get a good toehold.

Increasing light levels should give emerging spikes the strength they need to grow straight and strong. Do not be too anxious to stake the spikes, because if they are staked too soon, the flowers may develop a 'nodding' stance, where the dorsal will not stand upright. If the spikes seem to develop at an angle, let them, and stake after the flower has hardened for best carriage, especially on the hybrids with fairieanum background.

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.

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



Cymbidium grown by David West



Paph. Devil's Kitchen X
Rose Check

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

- **April 17 cancelled**
- **May 15 (3rd Friday)**
- **June 19 (3rd Friday)**

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

The next board meeting will be decided at a later date

Call 310-377-7083 for more Information

South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation

A Reminder to Garden Members and Guests

While the Garden remains open as an outdoor venue, all events have been cancelled through April 19. We are strictly adhering to the social distancing rules so we ask that you keep the required physical distance from other visitors. And if you are feeling ill, please postpone your visit.

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://southcoastbotanicgarden.org>

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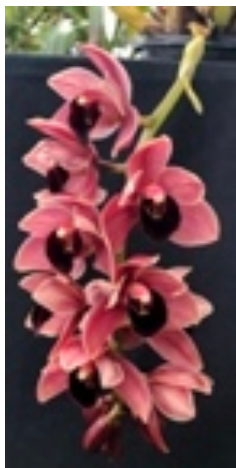
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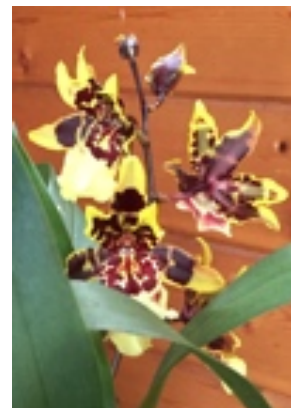
OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE MAY 15, 2020



Cym. Amelia
Earhart
"Salinas 4n X
Gala Odyssey
'Patty' 4N



Dtps. OX Spot Queen



ODCM Wildcat 'Green
Valley"
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