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## *The INFLORESCENCE*

“Orchids for Amateurs”

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**Our January 20, 2023  
Speaker will be Peter Lin  
“The Three A’s of the Orchid  
World: Angraecum, Aerangis  
and Aeranthes”**

Peter Lin was bitten by the orchid bug a long time ago. You will probably see him at the shows and sales throughout California. He has been an American Orchid Society judge for over a decade, and is now the Chair of the Long Beach supplemental judging center. He has served as President of Orchid Digest corporation.

One of Peter’s focuses has been breeding ‘mini-Catts’, very small Cattleya-alliance hybrids with big flowers. His collection is full of specimens from every major group of orchids. To get an idea of his interests, you might look at his personal Facebook profile, or the [Facebook page for Diamond Orchids](#) (his business). The [Diamond Orchid website](#) is full of information and pictures. Along with the mini-catts, there are plenty of unusual, surprising, and sometimes just strange species that have caught his attention.

Peter is an Accredited Judge in the AOS Pacific South Judging Region. He has served as a judge for over a decade, and has been the Chair of the Long Beach Center within the Pacific South Judging Center for much of that time.

Part of Peter’s collection is housed at Sunset Valley Orchids in Vista. When you visit Sunset Valley Orchids for one of their events, you may see Peter at work in his collection.

**Angraecum** orchids or Comet Orchids mostly come from Africa or Madagascar. The most famous species is the Christmas Orchid, *Angraecum sesquipedale*. These plants are monopodial, meaning there's a single stem which grows with alternating leaves and flower stems. Roots emerge from just above the leaves. *Angraecums* generally grow as epiphytes, but a few are lithophytes. Some are large and others are very small; some grow upright while others hang down. They are pollinated by moths: the white flowers of most species and fragrance of the flowers at night make them attractive to moths. The flowers may also be yellow, green or ochre. They have a long spur at the back of the labellum (lip). Some species have one flower on one inflorescence, while others produce several. (<https://www.orchid-care-tips.com/angraecum.html>)

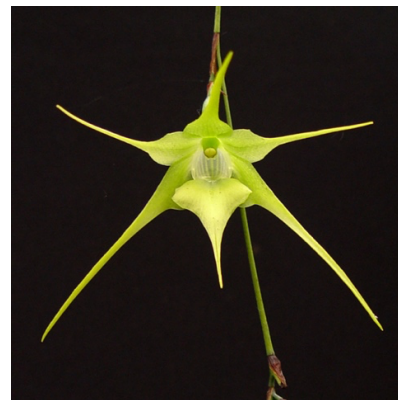
The **Aerangis** genus comprises many tropical orchids which can be distinguished by their white star-shaped flowers. The genus contains about 50 plants, and though they mostly originate in tropical regions of Africa, a few are also native to the islands of the Indian ocean. These orchids are epiphytes—plants that grow attached to trees. They are often grown in hanging baskets or mounted on vertical surfaces. The most distinctive feature of an *Aerangis* plant is its waxy flowers which are usually white or yellow and shaped like a five-pointed star. They have a pleasant aroma and bloom regularly. ([www.thespruce.com/grow-aerangis-orchids-1902580](http://www.thespruce.com/grow-aerangis-orchids-1902580))

**Aeranthes** (pronounced air-ANN-theez) are mostly found in Madagascar and the adjacent islands off the east coast of Africa. They have translucent yellow, green, or white flowers on stems up to three feet long and are allied to *Angraecum*. There are 43 recognized species and 2 varieties of *Aeranthes*. The flowers vary in size but can be up to 4 inches wide and 5 inches tall and are often slightly fragrant. They prefer intermediate to warm humid conditions and around 70% shade. (<https://www.aos.org/orchids/orchids-a-to-z/letter-a/aeranthes.aspx>)



*Aerangis Biloba*

(<https://www.etsy.com/listing/1299085016/aerangis-biloba-in-moss->)



*Aeranthes caudata*

[https://www.google.com/search?q=aeranthes+orchids++care&tbm=isch&ved=2ahUKewjnzaelkIn8AhXrCkQIHbM7ALsQ2-cCegQIABAA&oq=aeranthes+orchids++care&gs\\_lcp=CgNpbWcQA1DRClitOmDgPWgRcAR4](https://www.google.com/search?q=aeranthes+orchids++care&tbm=isch&ved=2ahUKewjnzaelkIn8AhXrCkQIHbM7ALsQ2-cCegQIABAA&oq=aeranthes+orchids++care&gs_lcp=CgNpbWcQA1DRClitOmDgPWgRcAR4)

## January 2023 President's Message by Marcia Bergen

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season filled with enjoyable moments and good health. For those of you that were battling with Covid, I hope you are fully recovered and feeling better. Happy New Year and welcome back! We are looking forward to resuming our meetings and having some great speakers. There are quite a few societies, including ours, that will be having Spring Shows and Sales. Our Spring Show will be March 25 and 26, 2023. Please start preparing your plants by staking up inflorescences and going on pest control duty. For now, enjoy those winter blooming cattleyas and cymbidiums that are coming into bloom. Please be sure to renew your membership with Charlotte. I look forward to seeing you at our meeting on January 20<sup>th</sup>.

### Membership Renewal Time!

Time to Renew Your Membership! Our membership year runs from January 1 to December 31, so please plan to renew soon. Here is a link to the form [SBOS Renewal Form](#) and you will find the form in the newsletter. There is no change in the fees this year. It is still \$20 if you have a single membership and \$25 if you have a membership for a household (2 or more people). If you want the newsletter mailed via USPS, it is an additional \$10.00 to cover the mailing cost. You may send the form and your renewal fee to Charlotte Morrison at the address listed on the form, or better yet, bring the form to the next regular meeting on January 20<sup>th</sup>. We would love to see you there!

Remember the great benefits you get from being a member:

- ◆ Learn about collecting, growing, and repotting from our monthly meetings' cultural sessions
- ◆ Listen and ask questions of local, national and internationally recognized orchid experts and their fabulous photographs, techniques, and presentations
- ◆ Rub elbows with your fellow orchid enthusiast members, ask questions, exchange ideas and learn from each other
- ◆ Win ribbon awards for bringing your own orchids to the meetings; year-end winners receive a subscription to Orchid Digest
- ◆ Take home fabulous orchids at unbelievable prices through our monthly silent auctions
- ◆ Win orchid plants by participating in our monthly orchid raffle

Renew your membership soon so that your name will appear in the annual directory when it is published early next year.

Date paid: \_\_\_\_\_

**SBOS Membership Renewal**

Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Ch # \_\_\_\_\_

Please update your personal information and include this form with annual membership dues.  
Individual member **\$20.** 2 or more persons (same Household) \$25.00  
Printed (Mailed newsletter ) \$10.00 Annual membership runs from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31.

Paid members names will be published in our annual fall directory, therefore it is important that we have your current contact information.

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Name(s) as you wish to appear in the Directory

First

Last

Address

Include in directory — If No, for Board use only

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

No

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

No

Email \_\_\_\_\_

No

**Please bring your membership dues and this form to our next meeting or mail to:**

SBOS, c/o Charlotte Morrison, 414 S. Juanita Ave., Redondo Beach, CA 90277

**SBOS Future Trips January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**The Huntington Library, Art Museum, and Botanical Gardens  
1151 Oxford Rd. San Marino 91108**

Brandon Tam will be providing the SBOS with a private tour of the Huntington orchid greenhouses on January 7<sup>th</sup>. We are no longer taking sign-ups for this trip. Anyone that has signed up and finds themselves unable to attend must **TEXT** Braulio (310-413-3259). Braulio will be contacting those members that have signed up for the trip to advise them of the time and meeting place.





**75<sup>TH</sup>**  
**SANTA BARBARA INTERNATIONAL ORCHID SHOW**

**ORCHIDS—  
 THE ADVENTURE RETURNS**

**MARCH 10-12, 2023  
 9AM - 5PM**

**EARL WARREN SHOWGROUNDS  
 SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA**

**GENERAL ADMISSION - \$20 | 3-DAY PASS - \$30  
 CHILDREN 12 & UNDER WITH PAID ADULT - FREE**

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**Orchid Show and Sale**  
 March 25 and 26, 2023 Hours: 10 am - 4 pm  
 See award winning blooming orchids species and hybrids of all genera  
 Buy quality orchids from commercial growers and vendors  
 Tour the Palos Verdes Art Center Gallery

**Location:**  
 Palos Verdes Art Center  
 5504 Crestridge Road  
 Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275

Admission: Adults \$5.00 Children under 12 Free  
 Free Parking  
 Hourly raffle during show hours, winner must be present.  
 Plant hotel available during your visit.

Sponsored by the Palos Verdes Art Center

For more show information and a map  
[www.southbayorchidsociety.com/Show/index.html](http://www.southbayorchidsociety.com/Show/index.html)



**Orchids**  
**January 28-29**  
 Saturday Noon – 5 p.m.  
*Early bird sales start at 10 a.m.*  
 Sunday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Balboa Park's  
 Casa del Prado, Room 101  
*Near the Natural History Museum*

*Free Admission*

**Show and Sale  
 in the Park**



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***AOS Monthly checklist for January and February plant care***

***Written by Ned Nash and James Rose***

***<https://www.aos.org/orchids/seasonal-orchid-care/january-february-checklist.aspx>***

## **January Webinars:**

**AOS Greenhouse Chat with Ron Mchatton** open to the public

Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 5:30 PM

Enroll at : <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/374456704015213326>

Please send your question and pictures to Sandra Svoboda at [greenhousechat@aos.org](mailto:greenhousechat@aos.org) by January 2, 2023.

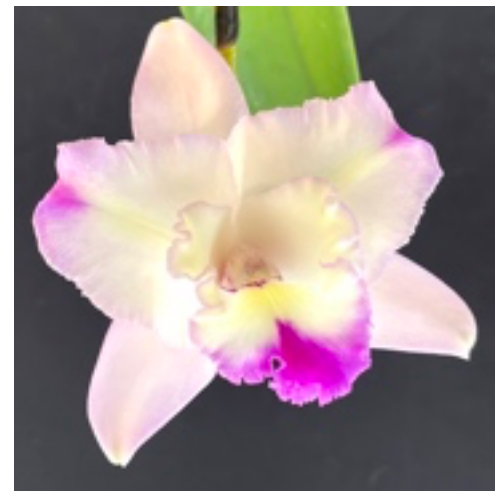
**New Directions in Zygopetalinae** Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 5:30 PM

Tim Culbertson will be sharing about the breeding and culture of these orchids that are easy to grow and flower. **open to Members only**

Enroll at: <https://secure.aos.org/login?ReturnUrl=http://www.aos.org/all-about-orchids/webinars/member-only/new-directions-in-zygopetalinae.aspx>



Blc. Mahina Yahiro 'Mishima' AM/AOS  
Grown by Jerri Larsson



Lc. Angel Heart 'Hihimanu'  
Grown by Larry Bergen



Our future membership meetings are held at the Palos Verdes Art Center

- January 20, 2023
  - February 17, 2023
  - March 24 – 26 Spring Show
- ◇ Cultural sessions start 6 PM  
◇ General Meetings start 7 PM

The next board meeting will be January 24, 2022 7PM

Call 310-326-5405 for more Information



**Palos Verdes Art Center**  
**5504 Crestridge Rd.**  
**Rancho Palos Verdes**



**Our New Home !!**



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**OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE January 20, 2023 AT 6PM**

#### **Upcoming Events**

**January 28 & 29, 2023 Winter Orchid Show In The Park** Sat. 10AM – 5PM,  
Sun. 10AM – 4PM, Balboa Park's Casa del Prado room 101

<http://sdorchids.com>

**March 10 – 12, 2023 Santa Barbara International Show and Sale** 9AM – 5PM  
Earl Warren Show Grounds, Santa Barbara <http://SBOrchidshow.com>

**March 25 & 26, 2023 SBOS Spring Show and Sale**

<http://southbayorchidsociety.com/Show/index.html>

**April 21 – 23, 2023 San Diego Orchid Society Spring Show and Sale**

**April 21-23, 2023 AOS Spring Members Meeting at Casa Del Prado in  
Balboa Park**

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