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# Santa Cruz Orchid Society Newsletter

May 2018

## Next Meeting

*May 4, 2018. Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.*

*Live Oak Grange Hall, 1900 17th Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA*

**Reminder: There will be no general meetings for the months of June, July, and August. Check Upcoming Events to see the special programs planned for these months.**

## May Program

This month's speaker will be Tanya Lam. The topic of her talk is **"Helping Your Orchids Thrive in Challenging Environments"**

Every day, Tanya juggles full time work, frequent travel for business, and taking care of her family & orchid collections. She lives in San Jose California where it's expensive to heat and cool the greenhouses. She came up with a good orchid mix over the years, and has been known as a great orchid grower, however some of her species bloomed but did not thrive to their best potentials. Furthermore, some of her moisture-loving species died from dehydration because of her frequent business trips.

After seeing plants grow in their natural habitats in Thailand, Brazil, Ecuador and China, Tanya was determined to make a change to overcome her environmental challenges. Her collections are now changing with the new successes, and she continues to try growing many species that were avoided before. Tanya will share everything she does from A to Z from water, temperature, fertilization, and more with her collections in San Jose. [Read more about our speaker.](#)

## Refreshments

Refreshments for this month to be provided by: Bridget Binko, Lillian Derrigan, Bruce Hill, Cheri Wagner, Lucy Ferneyhough. Thank you!

## Dinner With the Speaker

Dinner will be at Chinese Village on Capitola Rd., Capitola at 5:30. If possible email Vicky Smith at [orchids@cruzio.com](mailto:orchids@cruzio.com) by Thursday, April 5 if you plan to attend. Please put "Dinner with the Speaker" as the subject or just show up at the restaurant.

## Opportunity Table

This month the opportunity table will be provided by Tanya.



### ABOUT OUR SPEAKER

Tanya has been growing orchids since 1997. Orchids have become Tanya's obsession and second profession. Tanya has seen orchids growing in their native habitats in Australia, Bahamas, Brazil, China, Ecuador, Puerto Rico, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam. She loves to travel and dreams to visit many more orchid habitats in the world.

Tanya grows many species and hybrids in San Jose, California with a collection of over 2,000 plants and over 50 genera. Her special interests are psychopsis, dendrobium, epidendrum, paphiopedilum, encyclia, cattleya, vandaceous, and a few challenging angraecoids. She has recently explored many other orchid genera as well. Her most favorite orchids are Psychopsis and Neofinetia (vanda) hybrids, both are almost always in bloom. Tanya likes “showy” orchids and is always searching for long and/or frequent blooming orchids. She also likes to grow plants into specimen size.

For most of her orchid growing years, her job required extensive travel, requiring her to have good planning and orchid mixes that stay moist exactly 7 days or 14 days. Tanya created her own mixes to fit her weekly watering schedule and conditions. She always looks for ways to improve her greenhouse operations and growing conditions to produce the healthiest root systems and best flowering.

Tanya gives many orchid talks to local orchid societies in the San Francisco Bay area and many cities where she conducts her Human Resources System consulting businesses. She is an active member of many orchid societies in California and has held many board positions, including past Vice President and past President of the Malihini Orchid Society.

Tanya has earned a few AOS awards and is most proud to have two orchids named after her.



Cat. Tanya Lam 'Bud Segraves' HCC/AOS



Paph. Tanya Lam (P. Maudiae x P. tigrinum)

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## Upcoming Events

**May 4:** Santa Cruz Orchid Society General Meeting. Tanya Lam will speak on 'Growing orchids under adverse conditions.'

**May 4-6:** Gold County Orchids Open House, 390 Big Ben Road, Lincoln, 916-645-8600

**May 4-5:** San Francisco Botanical Garden's Annual Plant Sale, SF County Fair Building

Auditorium

(Hall of Flowers, Golden Gate Park), 1199 9th St, San Francisco.

**June:** Santa Cruz Orchid Society special event TBA.

**July 13-15:** Cal-Orchid's Summer Hummer Open House, Santa Barbara, CA

**July 14:** SCOS Greenhouse Tour. Tiny Jungle and D&D Orchids. Details to follow. Everyone welcome.

**July 28:** California Sierra Nevada Judging Center (CSNJC) Speaker's Day, Sacramento.

**July 26-30:** 2018 Native Orchid Conference, Smithsonian Environmental Research Center (SERC)

near Annapolis, Maryland. For more info contact: <mailto:ncorchid@yahoo.com> or (336) 996-2324

**August:** Santa Cruz Orchid Society Annual Barbeque and Silent Auction. Details to be announced. Members and their guests only.

### **Orchid Conservation Alliance (OCA)**

*Orchids in the Wild® trips for 2018:* In 2018 OCA will have trips to Northwest Yunnan, China (May-June), and to Colombia (November). There may still be space on the Yunnan and Colombia trips. The Yunnan trip targets Chinese Cypripediums and the Colombian trip will focus on the spectacular orchids of the northern Andes, several nurseries, and a visit to a new OCA sponsored reserve. Reservations are being accepted now; a \$500 deposit, payable to OCA holds your space on any of these trips.

## **Orchid Education**

This month's article is "[Secrets of a Great Grower](#)" by Sue Bottom/Terry Bottom. There are some great tips in here. Just click the link to view the article. (used by permission of AOS)

## **AOS corner**

Visit this link to view prerecorded webinars available to everyone (including nonmembers) at [Webinars](#).

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## **Show and Tell Photo Gallery**





**Dend. aggregatum**



**Paph. Sautana**



**Epi. coralliferum**



**Phrag. Jerry Lee Fischer**





**Lyc. Pearl Line x Chita Dream 'Echo Valley' HCC/AO**



**Dend. Hawaii Spectacular**





**Dendrobium 'Nobile' Oriental Smile 'Fantasy'**



**Sarcochilus Purple Pearls**









Our speaker Chaunie Langland



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