



Santa Cruz Orchid Society Newsletter

January 2019

Next Meeting - Jan. 11, 7:00 pm

Please Note: Starting in January we will be moving our meetings to the second Friday of the month! The meetings will still be at the Live Oak Grange.

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January Program

Andy Cameron will be our guest speaker. The title of his talk is "How Do Genes Make An Orchid Flower?"

Horticulturist breed plants to make new and interesting hybrids all the time. This is a practice as old as the domestication of plants. Indeed plant breeding was used to illustrate the principles of genetics by Gregor Mendel. Orchidists came to this practice as soon as exotic plants came to the greenhouses of Europe. In the last 30 years plant scientists have learned how genes influence flower formation. The story became even more interesting as the studies moved into new groups of plants such as orchids. We will explore how a basic set of genes tell flowers their fates and how this knowledge was elaborated in the exotic flowers of orchids.

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 by Thursday, January 10, if you plan to attend. Please put "Dinner with the Speaker" as the subject or just show up at the restaurant.

Refreshments

Refreshments this month will be provided by Terry and Kathleen Whettam, Frank Baptista, Audrey Young-Tarter, Kathy Wood, Marnie Goodfriend. Thank you and don't forget to get your free raffle ticket!

Opportunity Table

Andy will provide 1/2 the plant table (cymbidiums) and the society the other half.

Elections

Elections for new Board officers will be held at this meeting. A slate of members willing to serve on the Board is presented below. Other nominees for any position are still welcome up until the election takes place. Also, although Newsletter Editor and Webmaster are not elected positions, if anyone has an interest in learning to do either of these, please let Cheri know.

Board Position	Status	Nominee
President	Open	
Vice President	Open	Vicky Smith
Director	Open	John Kramarz
Director	Open	Fred Valentine

Show and Sale

We have finally worked out the details of the show and sale with Cabrillo College and all systems are go! The dates are March 2 -3 with March 1st being setup. Please reserve the dates if you haven't already. We are very excited about the event this year because we plan to have vendors in addition to member sales. We will need volunteers and will be actively recruiting. We missed last year and we really need the funds from this event to support our programs, which includes our holiday party, greenhouse tours, and summer barbecue. The Board cannot do this without help from the membership so please support the society and volunteer. Click [here](#) to see a description of all the volunteer duties.

Speaker Bio



R. Andrew Cameron is a semi-retired member of the research faculty at the California Institute of Technology. He studies how the genomes of marine creatures like sea urchins and sea stars dictate the form of these animals. He is past president of the San Gabriel Valley Branch of the Cymbidium Society of America, the Vice President of the CSA Board and an Associate Judge for the CSA. He writes the Duffer's Corner column for the CSA Journal. He also tries to convince cymbidiums and other cool-growing orchids that Elkhorn is a good place to live. One of his major goals is to introduce orchid hobbyists to the wonderful body of biological information that underlies their pursuits.

Upcoming Events

January 12, 2019. Starting Jan. 12, the AOS Pac Central Judging will be held at Filoli the 2nd Saturday of the month starting at 9 a.m. 86 Cañada Rd., Woodside, CA. Click [here](#) for more info.

January 12, 2019. Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers Annual Collector's Auction. Preview Sat. 12:30PM – 1:00PM. Auction starts at 1:00PM. San Mateo Garden Center, 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo, CA. For info contact: Richard Copeland at <mailto:mangasz@att.net>

January 26-27, 2019: Peninsula Orchid Society Show & Sale. Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Ave., Redwood City, CA

February 4, 2019: Carmel Orchid Society Meeting. 7 PM at the Community Church of Monterey Peninsula, 4590 Carmel Valley Rd. Scott Collins will be presenting: "Parvisepalum Paphiopedilums: An Interesting Group From Southern China And Vietnam"

February 9, 2019. AOS Pac Central Judging at Filoli. 9 a.m. 86 Cañada Rd., Woodside,

CA. Click [here](#) for more info.

February 21 - 24, 2019: "Orchids of The Enchanted Forest". The Pacific Orchid Exposition. Gala Night - February 21; Show - February 22-24. San Francisco County Fair Building, Golden Gate Park. www.pacorchidexpo.org

March 2 - 3, 2019: Santa Cruz Orchid Society Show and Sale. Cabrillo College Horticultural Center, Aptos California.

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March 15 - 17, 2019: "Orchid Magic". The Santa Barbara International Orchid Show. 9 AM - 5 PM. Adults: \$14.00; Seniors & Students \$12.00, Under 12 Free; 3-Day Pass \$22.00. Earl Warren Showgrounds, Santa Barbara. For more information: www.sborchidshow.com

April 13-14, 2019: Sacramento Orchid Society Show and Sale, Scottish Rite Temple, Sacramento.

March 29-31, 2019: Five Cities Orchid Society Show and Sale. More info to follow.

**The American Orchid Society
Pac Central Judging Center
Is Judging at Filoli!!**

When: 9:00 a.m.
Saturday 12 January 2019
Saturday 9 February 2019
Saturday 9 March 2019

Where: [Filoli](#)
86 Cañada Rd
Woodside, CA 94062
www.filoli.org

Bring a plant to have judged.
Observe judging.
Stay for the educational presentation following judging.

Questions: Contact Jim Heilig, heiligj@msu.edu
www.paccentraljco.org/

There is no cost to attend judging.
Standard entrance fees apply to visit [Filoli](#).



Laelia anceps 'Anastasia' HCC/AOS
Exhibitor: Lynne Murrell
Photographer: Ramon de los Santos

Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers
Cymbidium Orchid Auction

Saturday, January 12, 2019
Auction 1:00 PM
Registration, Preview 12:30-1 PM

Beautiful Cymbidiums and their Companions. Including Blooming, Unique, Rarely Come Up for Sale, Show & Award Winners!

- 150 Plant Entries
- No Buyers Premium

San Mateo Garden Center
605 Parkside Way
San Mateo, CA 94403

Cym. Tower of Fire 'Sunset Flame'. Photo by Ken Jacobsen.

Catalog & Photos Available in Early January 2019 at
www.GoldCoastCymbidiumGrowers.com
Email Questions to Richard at gccgphotos@gmail.com



[Orchid Education](#)

Here are some good tips from Thomas Mirenda. [Monthly Checklist for January.](#)

AOS corner

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

Photo Gallery - December Holiday Party

Photos by Cheri Wagner





Ascosenda (Jiraprapa x Butterfly)



Paph. Tonsum



Paph. Don Egger 'Lily' x Luther Pass 'Sensation'



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