



# San Fernando Valley Orchid Society Newsletter

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## The Great Orchid Sale Continues...

Wednesday, May 4, 2016

7:00pm – 9:00pm

Sepulveda Garden Center

Part one of the Great Orchid Sale was held on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at the Sepulveda Garden Center. It was a rainy day, which may have kept some of our members and buyers at home. In spite of the weather, we had a fairly good turnout. However, not all the plants were sold that day, and we still have in our possession some very special orchids. So, we have decided to set aside a portion of our next regular meeting to continue The Great Orchid Sale. Most of the plants will be discounted, so this is your chance to pick up some beautiful plants (some still in bloom) and help your society at the same time. Bring your friends, neighbors and your wallets, and bring a box or two to take home your beautiful plants!



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*the  
Orchid  
Wrangler*

**Orchid Secrets Made Simple:** To kick off our May meeting we will start with a special educational program featuring David Stanley, who is known all over the world as the Orchid Wrangler. In this one hour video, Mr. Stanley explains which orchid is which, what is proper light, how to water and feed your plants, when to repot, where to cut to encourage re-blooming, and much, much more. He pays special attention to the most common orchids that are grown in the home, such as Phalaenopsis, Oncidium, Dendrobium, Cattleya and Paphiopedilum. Come early to select your plants from the Great Orchid Sale and place them in the Plant Hotel while you enjoy this program. After this program, our Orchid Sale will take center stage.

SFVOS TREASURER'S REPORT		
Third Quarter 2015-2016		
<b>Income</b>		
Membership	\$817.50	
POT	\$766.00	
Bingo	\$257.00	
Fundraiser Income	\$28.00	
Country Store	\$8.00	
Donations	\$483.50	
Badge Sale	\$6.00	
Equipment Sale	\$265.00	
Total Income		\$2,631.00
<b>Expenses</b>		
Rent	\$750.00	
Speaker's Fees	\$684.00	
POT Plants	\$320.00	
Printing	\$145.94	
Fundraiser Expenses	\$624.76	
Dues/Subscriptions	\$167.00	
Badge Cost	\$317.94	
Postage	\$62.36	
Misc	\$230.89	
Total		\$3,302.89
Net Profit or (Loss)		(\$671.89)

Here is the SFVOS Treasurer's Report for the third quarter of our fiscal year. Our fiscal year runs from July 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>, so the third quarter period is January 1 through March 31, 2016. If you have any questions about finances and/or wish to have a copy of the month by month financial report to the Board of Directors please feel free to contact me.

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## 2016 Orchid Calendar of Events

April 30	Palomar Orchid Society Orchid Sale and Auction	9:30 Preview 11am Auction	<a href="#"><u>The Pavilion at Lake San Marcos</u></a>
May 4	San Fernando Valley Orchid Society - Orchid Sale & Educational Program	7pm - 9 pm	<a href="#"><u>The Sepulveda Garden Center</u></a>
May 14	AOS Pacific South Regional Judging	10am	<a href="#"><u>The Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens, San Marino</u></a>
May 19	San Gabriel Valley Orchid Hobbyists Orchid Auction	6pm Preview 7:00 Auction	<a href="#"><u>LA Arboretum</u></a>
May 20	Orchid Odyssey	10am.- 2pm	<a href="#"><u>San Diego Zoo</u></a>
June 1	San Fernando Valley Orchid Society Regular Meeting	7:00 pm - 9pm	<a href="#"><u>The Sepulveda Garden Center</u></a>

### *Refreshments*

Refreshments for our May meeting will be provided by members Marcia Melcombe, Myra Miller, Evelyn Mitarai, Betty Mirashiro, Marchelle & John Noster and Lee and Gloria Norris. Of course, all members are encouraged to bring snacks to every meeting. Homemade goodies are especially welcome. Thank you for supporting the SFVOS.

### Plant Forum Show & Tell

**There will be NO Plant Forum at the May SFVOS meeting due to the Great Orchid Sale. However, you can bring your blooming orchids to our Plant Forum at the June regular meeting. Everyone enjoys seeing what you are growing. You may enter more than one plant at a time and you will receive a free POT ticket for each plant that you bring in to share with the group. Don't forget your cameras too!**



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## AOS: Monthly Checklist for May and June



( Above Left: *Cattleya purpurata*, formerly in the genus *Laelia*, is one of the most stately orchids to bloom in this season. © G. Allikas)

**Cattleya:** The last of the spring-flowering types -- those that flower from a ripened hard pseudobulb -- will be finishing, while the first summer-blooming types will be showing buds on their rapidly growing, soft pseudobulbs. Both may need potting, as signaled by deteriorating mix, this month. The spring bloomers present no problems, as you will be dealing with fully ripe, well-hardened pseudobulbs. They will be ready to root on the mature front pseudobulb and will establish quickly. The summer bloomers, will be brittle and may be in bud. Nonetheless, experienced growers know that unless potted now, they may not root later, as this type tends to be seasonal in its rooting behavior. Stake the lead growth to avoid breakage. May can still present some changing light conditions that can lead to burning of the foliage if the plants have not been properly acclimatized. Allow them to build up their tolerance to higher light gradually. Changing light and temperatures can also be the source of some frustration when trying to determine when plants need watering. While cattleyas will be entering into a period of rapid growth starting this month, they have still not built up sufficient momentum to be significantly slowed by your missing a day or two of watering owing to dark weather. As always, it is safer to err on the dry side than on the wet. It is important, though, especially to the summer bloomers. Too much shade will cause rapidly developing inflorescences to droop unattractively.

**Paphiopedilum:** The *Paphiopedilum Maudiae* types will be well into their season now, so a careful eye should be used toward staking. Do not be too anxious to stake, however. Many of this type, if staked too soon, will develop nodding flowers that do not face the observer. It is better to allow the flowers to ripen naturally, then support the spike right below the ovary for best display. This is especially common in *Paphiopedilum fairrieianum*-derived hybrids. If you have to do something when you first see the emerging spikes, just put the stake in the pot next to the spiking growth. Not only will this help you, but you will be able to see where the spikes are, so you can continue to pay attention to their development. The multifloral types will be entering their most active growth phase, so lots of light, water and fertilizer are called for to mature their large growths. Many will be spiking in the next couple of months, so be on the lookout for the emerging inflorescences. These may benefit from earlier staking than most, as the inflorescences grow so quickly in some cases that they can be quite soft. Again, best support is right below the ovary of the first flower. This will allow the most natural presentation of the blooms.





**Phalaenopsis:** Except for the latest-spiking plants, all phalaenopsis should be ready for potting or already potted. Because phalaenopsis are tropical plants, they tend to be seasonal in their rooting behavior. The critical point for potting is when new roots emerge from the base of the plant. This is absolutely the best time to repot a phalaenopsis. The summer-flowering types, based on Doritis background, have ideally already been potted and are becoming freshly established, ready to support their soon-to-emerge spikes for the summer season. Phalaenopsis potted at the right point in their growth cycle will reestablish almost immediately, with fresh roots growing into the new medium nearly uninterrupted. As soon as the flush of new root growth is seen, begin regular watering and fertilizing to make maximum use of the major growing season. Do not get over-exuberant with your watering, though, allowing water to splash between plants. This can be a source of infection for both water-borne pathogens and viral contamination. Phalaenopsis are much more susceptible to virus than was previously thought. Take extra care to keep your collection free of bacterial and viral problems, which you can accomplish by maintaining a clean growing area. *The AOS thanks Ned Nash and James Rose for this essay.*



**ORCHID AUCTION**  
May 19, 2016  
Preview—6 PM  
Auction Begins—7 PM  
Free Admission & Parking



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THE PALOMAR ORCHID SOCIETY  
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**2016 Orchid  
Sales &  
Auction**

**Saturday,  
April 30, 2016**

**Sales & Preview at 9:30 am  
Auction starts at 11:00 am**

The Pavilion at Lake San Marcos  
1105 La Bonita Drive  
San Marcos, CA 92078

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## The Country Store

Donations are always accepted in our Country Store. If you have extra fruit, bag them in small quantities so we can sell each bag for a dollar. Bring in any unwanted plants or garden related items. Anything brought in is considered a donation to our program, the purpose of these sales is to raise funds for our society. The funds we raise helps to pay for our speakers, insurance, the rent and the plants for our POT. Please be sure the plants are in good condition and are identified.

### Advertise with the SFVOS

In an effort to raise funds for our society we are offering advertising space in our SFVOS monthly newsletter. If you have any questions or are ready to place a business card sized ad in our publication, please contact our Newsletter Editor, Pam Aitchison by sending an email with your artwork to [pam@aitchison.org](mailto:pam@aitchison.org). The cost is only \$25.00 per month. Discounts available for yearly ads.

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