



NEWSLETTER

President's Message

Hi, Members. The SOS show is over and hopefully many of you won prizes! It's not too early to start preparing for next year's shows, both the SVCS early show and the SOS show later on. Two things you need to do right now is to fertilize your plants (I use Nutricote) and repot those plants that need repotting. If you wait until later in the year to re-pot, the plant probably will put all of its energy into growing rather than blooming. The sooner you fertilize, the more effective it will be on the plant's growth and blooms.

If you want to increase your collection, a good place to do that will be at our June 23 auction pot luck and auction. Some excellent plants will be auctioned off. We have at least two members that have bought plants at the auction that have won ribbons for them at the SOS show. You can donate some cymbidiums to our auction too; just make sure your plant has a name and a label. If you need help finding a name, let me know.

- Jim -



Dorothy Stockstill 6N 'New Horizon', Phar Lap x Miss Muffet.

Upcoming Events

- ★ Wednesday, Apr 27 7pm, (doors open: 6:30pm) • [SVCS Club Meeting](#) • Shepard Garden and Art Center
 - ★ Apr 30 11am - 3pm • Half Moon Bay Cymbidiums and Other Orchids • [Schickenberg Topiary Nursery](#) • 2351 North Cabrillo Hwy, Half Moon Bay, CA 94019 • audreyyoungtarter@yahoo.com
 - ★ Apr 30 - May 8 • Orchids Fiori D'Amore Open House • Daily 9am - 4pm, (except Mother's Day: 9am to 2pm) • www.orchidsfioridamore.com
 - ★ May 7-8 • Carmel Valley Garden Show • 9am - 4pm • Hidden Valley Music Seminars • 88 W. Carmel Valley Road, Carmel Valley Village. www.carmelorchidsociety.org winecow@gmail.com
 - ★ May 14-15 9am - 3pm • D & D Flowers Spring Open House • Half Moon Bay • (925) 969-1246
 - ★ May 20-21 Friday - Saturday • Gold Country Orchids Spring Open House. Education classes and 20-80% discounts on plants. www.goldcountryorchids.com
 - ★ June 3-5 • San Jose Orchid Exposition. Miraido Village Club House • 550 N. Sixth St., San Jose, CA 95112 • www.realorchidgrowers.com
- ★ If your last name starts with G, H, I or J, please bring refreshments such as cookies, cake or fruit. You'll receive a free raffle ticket.



APRIL MEETING

Fertilizing and Prolonging Flowering

Paul Chim and his wife Phyllis have been growing orchids for over 40 years and he is an accredited Cymbidium Society of America (CSA) judge, having served as head judge in the Pacific Central Judging area. He has served as president of the Orchid Society of California and in recent years, as chairperson of the San Francisco Society Fall orchid fest.

Paul will share his experience in how he fertilizes his Cymbidiums; When? How much? What type? What are the latest fertilizers to use? He will also demonstrate how to prolong multi-bulb Cymbidium plants' flowering period by pinching.

Paul will be providing the raffle table and plants for sale.

Remember, to become a better grower learn from the best. Often times the speaker's plant tables include one-in-the world type plants. Be a better grower and show your support of our Society's speaker program by attending the presentations.

There will be a speakers dinner at 5pm at the Shanghai Gardens Cafe, 800 Alhambra Boulevard before the meeting. Everyone is invited. The gourmet Chinese dinner will cost you about \$13.

MAY MEETING – SEEDLING CONTEST & ANNUAL REPOTTING CLASS

Shelly Numrych will present the 2011 Seedling Contest and plants for club members. The Society purchased George Hatfield's newest hybrid cross seedlings ready to be repotted into 5-6' pots.

We will tie the contest into our annual repotting class. The club will provide pots, potting mix, fertilizer and you, fellow club members, will repot your new seedlings that evening.

Rich Heisler will present a pictorial of the various shows the SCVS participated in this year and the Santa Barbara Int'l Orchid Show.

There will be a board meeting preceding the club meeting at the Shanghai Restaurant at 5:00pm, to which all members are welcome to attend.



MARCH MEETING NOTES

Jim Lothrop opened the meeting, speaking about the quality of the night's raffle table, which had two Lauren Bachman plants, some smaller seedlings from George Hatfield, a variety of mericlones and some fragrant Dendrobiums (which can be grown outside in much the same environmental conditions as Cymbidiums). Jim brought particular attention to a fine six-bulb plant that was the centerpiece of the evening. All in all, the table was worth approximately \$300.

The Sacramento Orchid Society donated enough tickets to their April Show that every member present was offered two.

Ellen Kraemer presented the Treasurer's Report. The Society is in good shape with a solid, positive bank balance.

Rich Heisler spoke about the recent Shepard Garden Arts Spring Plant Sale (held on March 26 - 27). With virtually no publicity this year (due in part to an inaccurate notice in the Bee), attendance was down from previous years – possibly by as much as a third. However, the plants that had been brought in sold well and we raised \$2,200. From now on publicity for future shows will be the job of all members. To that end, a new position, of Publicity Chairman, has been created, with Ruby Young agreeing to be the first incumbent.

Jim also announced that the John Steele is stepping down as Newsletter Editor. Jay Klock is to become your new Editor. Jay is the former editor of the Sacramento Orchid Forum newsletter, as well as its President

Schelly Numrych then took the stand and discussed details of the upcoming Seedling

Contest. This year the Society has brought in plants which are judged to be approximately one year away from opening, and selected about ten crosses. They are all at the point where they're ready to be potted up.

There will be a \$2 entrance fee to participate in this fun and educational contest, with the grand prize for best plant to be a grand cym worth in the region of \$100-\$200. Money collected will be used for the project prize. Each entrance will get one plant at the May meeting where they'll pot them up together. Every month thereafter there will be activities to gauge how well the plants are faring.

After some additional comments about the upcoming Sacramento Orchid Society Show and Sale on April 16-17, we were treated to a presentation of two Huell Howser videos from his [California Gold TV series, Orchids \(#813\)](#) and [The Orchid Trail \(#152\)](#), which featured the 2010 Santa Barbara International Orchid Show, complete with several mentions of Cymbidiums.





SVCS 2011 PROGRAM

- January 26—Showing Prize Winning Cymbidiums, Joyce & Jim Lothrop, Rich Heisler.
February 23—The Culture and Breeding of Slipper Orchid Primary Hybrids, Nick Burnett.
February 26—SVCS Show, Shepard Garden & Arts Center, Rich & Shelly.
March 5—Bloomin' Crazy, Sacramento Zoo, Ruby & Gage.
March 11-13—Santa Barbara International Orchid Show.
March 23—Orchid Trail, Huell Howser Road Trip film of the Orchids of Santa Barbara.
March 26 & 27—SG&A Spring Sale, Mark & Ruby.
March or April—Shadehouse Tour.
April 7-10—California State Home & Garden Show, Bob & Peg Wilson.
April 16 & 17—Sacramento Orchid Society Show, Rich & *volunteers needed*
April 27— Paul Chim - Fertilizing and Prolonging Flowering.
May 25— Seedling Contest & Annual Repotting Class.
June 22—Pot luck & auction, Carol (Potluck) and Shelly Berlant (Auction).
July 27—Break.
August 24—Break.
September 28—Ken Jacobsen, Cymbidium Seedling Surprises.
October 26—Pending.
November 16—Pending.



*Via Horizons "Simplicity" 1265
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BUSINESS NOTES

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Remember, we now have an SVCS website. If you haven't checked it out yet, go have a look and let Rich Heisler know what you think.

Cymbidium Information Officer (CIO)

At the monthly meetings, the CIO is available throughout the evening to help members with plant care problems and will answer any questions you have. If you have any plants in need of help, bring it to the meeting for advice. You'll be happy you did. If the plant appears to be diseased, put it in a clear plastic bag so that the disease (or bug) won't infect any other plants. It can be examined outside the meeting room if need be. You can bring paphs and phrags in also, for an evaluation by some of our other growers.

The CIO for the February meeting will be Bob Conaty.

Fertilizer and Potting Mix Wholesale

We still have Nutricote 13-13-13 slow release orchid fertilizer, with Micro Nutrients, at \$7 per bag. (\$8 for non-members.) Nutricote is manufactured in Japan and is used by major orchid growers throughout the world. With Nutricote, you only have to fertilize your cymbidiums once or twice a year. It works much better than other slow release fertilizers and won't burn roots. You can pick up packages at the meeting. Premixed coconut husk and perlite cymbidium potting medium is also available, in small quantities. Each bag holds enough potting mix for five to six 6" pot plants and is \$7 per bag. (\$8 for non-members.)

Members Needed!

Remember, each person joining the Branch and the Cymbidium Society of America will receive a high quality seedling cymbidium orchid that is no more than 1-2 years from blooming. If you have any questions, contact Bobette Delcambre or Bob Conaty (916) 791-9393, or talk to them at the next meeting.

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