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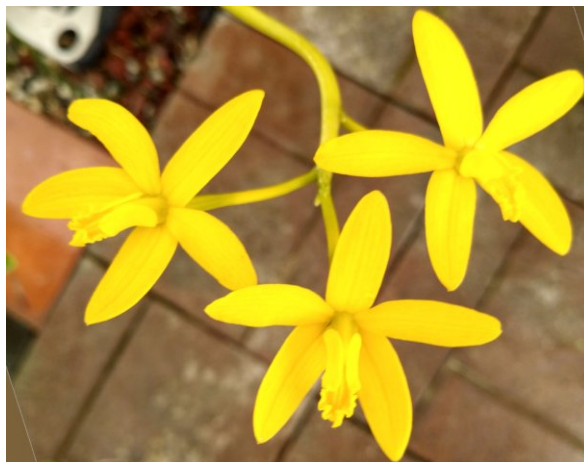
Brazilian Cattleyas and Laelias

When I was just a little boy, 7 or 8 years old, my father and I were suddenly hooked on orchids. At a home and garden show we saw a *Catasetum pileatum* and were shocked by its beauty. When we asked people where to buy that plant, we were pointed to the orchid booth of one of the most important and respected orchid growers in Brazil's orchid history - Mr. Heitor Gloeden. Soon after that initial contact, he took us under his wing and taught us about orchids.

As a native of São Paulo, I quickly learned about many orchid species. Those that I was first in touch with are still my favorites: *Cattleya*, *Laelia*, *Sophrontitis*, *Oncidium*, *Paphiopedilum* and *Vanda*. I love all orchids, but these are the ones that have continued to populate my daydreams, even when I was working on the options trading floor at the Pacific Stock Exchange!

My father and I learned about orchids together, so orchid growing became a partnership with him. Today my dad is 88 years old, and we still spend hours discussing possible

crossings, preferred cultivars and plants that we still "need" to add to our respective collections. Still living in Brazil, he cultivates beautiful orchids there, while I pursue my hobby here in Northern California. I love it here. I immigrated in 1989 to Ohio. After college, I moved to California where I put down roots, made friends, and began cultivating orchids



Cattleya gloedeniana from Brazil, blooming in John's greenhouse now

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In order to provide a selection of treats at our meetings, we are asking members with last names that start with the letter **G thru L** to **bring refreshments** to the next meeting.

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again.

Herman Piggors, the founder of Oak Hill Gardens, taught me how to reproduce orchids in vitro, in a laboratory. I went on to learn more not only in the lab, but also about planning hybrid crossings to produce amazing orchids that are improvements over their parents. Now at Olompali Orchids, my commercial operation, we dedicate ourselves to the improvement of species and creation of special hybrids. We produce orchids with the objective of creating show type plants, with potential for becoming the next award winners.

In parallel to our own production and breeding program, we partner with two multi-generational orchid businesses in Brazil - Wenzel Orchids and AWZ Orchids. These relationships are focused on making amazing orchids available to the American orchid world.

Olompali Orchids has its greenhouses in Marin County in Bolinas, California right beside the Pacific Ocean. We are located in beautiful West Marin County, not very far the city of San Francisco - under the great micro-climate provided by the proximity to the ocean, the Bay and under the amazing California sunshine.

Upcoming Events

March

3/2-3 Santa Cruz Orchid Society Show, Cabrillo College
Horticultural Center, Aptos

3/4 Monday, COS March Meeting

3/15-17 Sant Barbara International Orchid Show, Earl Warren
Showgrounds, 3400 Calle Real, Santa Barbara

3/20-24 AOS Spring Members Meeting, San Diego Orchid Show

A Contest...

As an incentive to go to either POE or the Santa Barbara show, we will award raffle tickets to bring back photos of the following:

- AOS award certificates. There should be half a dozen of these awarded at each show, bring pictures of the plant and certificate up to a maximum of 4 tickets.
- Best of category winners. POE awarded 43 “best of” category winners last year, so it shouldn’t be hard to find them. Maximum of ten.
- Your favorite and least favorite exhibit.

Bring the pictures, simple pictures taken with your phone are fine, to the March (for POE) or April (for Santa Barbara) meeting and show them to me (John OConnell) and I will award the tickets. Board members are not eligible.

NOTE: We are expanding this to Santa Cruz as well as POE and Santa Barbara.

Scenes from an “Enchanted Forest” (POE)

The theme at this years POE (Pacific Orchid Exposition) was “The Enchanted Forest”. Some exhibitors went all out, some did not, but there were a lot of nice flowers.

John



The San Francisco Orchid Society won the show trophy for this exhibit complete with a ten foot dragon fly and mushroom, there were also two or three other AOS awards given to plants in the display. What I want to know is who is going to store the mushroom and dragon fly for some future show?

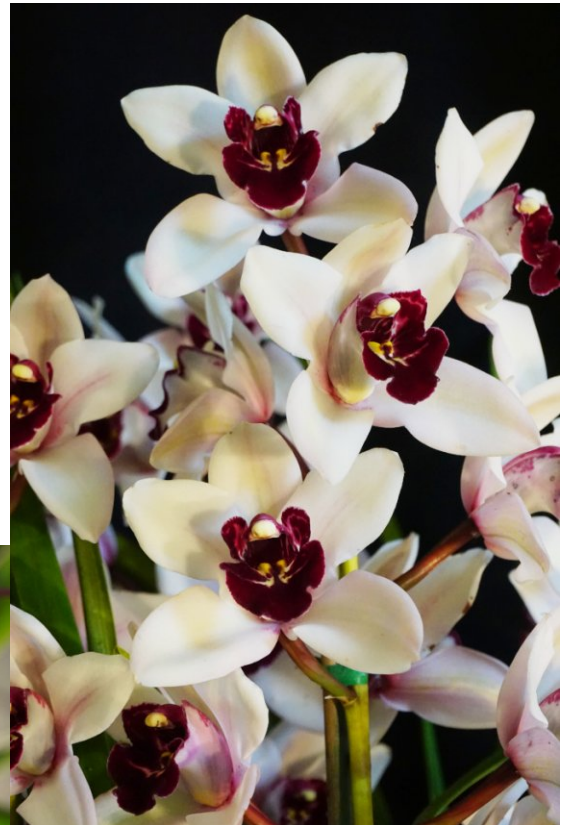
Orchids and Gardens (Susan Hamilton) won the award for **Best Interpretation of the Show Theme**, I think she won this last year too, the trees were made of some sort of paper, very cool.



Best of Show went to this **Cattleya** (Sophronitis) **coccinea** grown by Ken and Amy Jacobson, which also won **Best Species** and **Best Cattleya Alliance** and a **CCE** (Certificate of Cultural Excellence) from the AOS. A very nice plant!



Some vendors didn't even try.



(above) I think this one got the **Best Cymbidium** award



(above) A very nice Dracula in the allways incredible Bay Area Pleurothalid Alliance wardian case. (right) The dragon and ever present mist in the Bay Area Pleurothalid Alliance wardian case.



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For those of you that went to POE and went looking for the AOS awards, here are the ones I found:

AM - *Cymbidium* Whitney Houston 'Cavalier'

AM - *Cattleya* Po Hoon 'Mommy'

Show Trophy - San Francisco Orchid Society

CCE - *Cattleya coccinea* 'Grace' (Best of Show)

AM - *Dendrobium* (Den Blushing Vista X Den. Dunokayla) 'Ivory Queen'

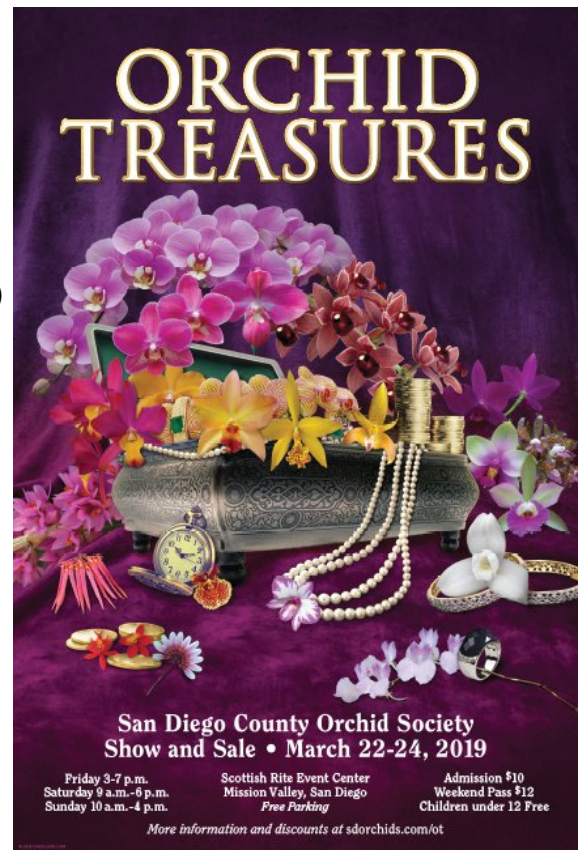
AM - *Dendrobium chrysopeterum* 'Alex Koomanoff'

AM - *Dendrobium* Silver King 'Buster'

AM - *Masdevallia* Bay Breeze

AM - *Masdevallia* Jaime Posada

HCC - *Masdevallia superbiens* 'Joe'



CARMEL ORCHID SOCIETY

2019 Membership Application

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Dendrobium Falling Embers

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Sat. Mar. 2 9am-5pm
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