



Speaker's Choice :

Paphiopedilum venustum var album Grown
by Don Goss

The INFLORESCENCE

"Orchids for Amateurs"

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**Our May 16, 2025
Meeting will be a
dividing, repotting, &
mounting class.**

This month's meeting will be focusing on how to divide oversized plants, and either mounting or repotting the divisions. A hands-on demonstration of how to divide a large cattleya will be done by Braulio. Art will demonstrate his proven methods of mounting orchids on a stick or cork board to get them to root, survive, thrive, and bloom. Larry will demonstrate how to repot the division.

The main difference between a mounted and potted orchid is that mounted orchids will need to be watered more frequently, however it's very difficult to overwater a mounted orchid or one in a wooden basket. Whether you mount it, hang it in a basket, or repot it, the orchids will thank you.

Benefits of potting an orchid are: less frequency in watering. The price of bark is lower than the price of sphagnum moss for the planting media. It is easier to display your plant at shows. Potted plants will usually allow for more plants in an area in contrast to mounted plants. Finally, not everyone has an area to support hanging mounts, but benches or tables are easily available to hold pots.

Benefits on mounting orchids: no frequent time consuming & messy repotting needed. Orchids will live for many years mounted, roots love it and you save money on repotting supplies.

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More space for orchids – you can hang your mounted orchid and gain that much needed bench or windowsill space. The best time to mount an orchid is when new roots are just emerging to grow (usually springtime). The new roots will adapt and attach faster to the mount at this stage.

Selecting a mount that lasts is a must, the following types of wood are highly recommended: Cork Bark, Manzanita, Cedar, Redwood, Dogwood, Mesquite, Oak, Grapevine, and driftwood (must be washed to remove salts). Avoid wood that is treated, painted, or comes from fruit trees with stone pits.

Materials needed for mounting: your choice of wood, sphagnum moss, zip ties or monofilament (fishing) line, tie wire, ridged wire for hanging, and tools (snips, wire cutters, pliers, etc.) and a plant name tag. Recommended orchids for mounting are: Oncidiums, Brassavola, Dendrobium, Vanda, Angraecum, Cattleya, Tolumnia, Epidendrums, Phalaenopsis, Maxillaria and others.

Materials needed for repotting an orchid: pot, sponge rock, charcoal, bark, sphagnum moss, plant name tag, a tub or bin to mix your materials in.

The society will provide the plant divisions from the cattleya that Braulio divides, mounting wood or plant pot, media and hanging wire. Please bring your own tools and gloves and /or your own plant if you prefer. The cost will be \$20.00 per person. The signup form to participate is here [online signup form](https://volunteersignup.org/CEPXK) go to: <https://volunteersignup.org/CEPXK>, **please sign up by May 9**, so we know how many plants and the quantity of supplies to bring to the May meeting.

LOST & FOUND

FOUND - A Zojirushi pink metal water bottle was left at our last meeting. We will bring it to the May meeting for you to claim.

LOST – Elenita Catamisan purchased a cymbidium at the last meeting, but it went home with somebody else. If this plant accidentally got mixed with your plants and went home with you, please return it.

Greeting to all orchid enthusiasts. I would like to extend my gratitude to Carlos Lopez for his remarkable presentation on Catasetinae at our April meeting. It was very interesting and informative. I found it extremely interesting to see the results of the crosses coming from Sunset Valley Orchids. I purchased an FDK After Dark 'SVO' in 2018. It is a deep burgundy color. I would like to purchase an After Dark 'Black Pearl'. What an amazing color it is. I was able to speak to Carlos following the meeting. He explained to me that to encourage new growth, the plants need both light and humidity. I followed his suggestion and put my plants on a tray with pebbles and water. I'm excited to say I now have new growths showing.

As we recover from our spring show we progress into a very exciting time for orchids. We should be seeing new growths. We need to decide if we need to stake the new growths or repot. In addition, this is a good time to begin checking for bugs on your plants. Thrips, slugs, snails, aphids and others bugs love to snack on the new growths, so we need to provide some deterrents to these pests. Be sure to read the AOS guide for May and June orchid care tips by clicking on the link in this newsletter.

As your cymbidiums finish their blooming cycle, you need to clean up the plants. This involves removing the old flower spikes and dead leaf growth. If you use a time release fertilizer, you probably need to replace the previous material with new.

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Charles Brown as he moves to Beverly Hills. Charlie joined the society in 1992. He served as President in 1995 & 1996. For the last ten or more years, Charlie has judged the plants at our monthly meetings. He has also helped to coordinate the volunteers for our orchid shows. We appreciate all the time and work he put in for our society. We wish him the best in the future and look forward to him visiting our future shows.

Our next meeting will be focusing on the proper steps to successfully divide, mount or repot your orchids. Please come prepared to get hands on experience! This is a very exciting time of year for orchid enthusiasts. Enjoy your plants and get them ready to impress at our Fall show in September.

April 2025 RIBBON JUDGING RESULTS

Speaker's Choice: Paphiopedilum venustum V. album
(‘Green Zone’ X Candor Wintergreen) Don Goss

Cattleya

1st Cattleya intermedia X Cattleya skinneri Braulio Mena
2nd Blc. Mem. Grant Eichler ‘Lennette’ HCC/AOS Olga Amaral
3rd Blc. Guess What ‘SVO’ AM/AOS X
Slc. Angel’s Fantasy ‘Solar flare’ FCC/AOS Braulio Mena

Dendrobium

1st Dendrobium Bridal Red ‘Celebration’ Viria walls
2nd Dendrobium – lituiflorum Leny Catamisan
3rd Dendrobium Oriental Smile ‘Butterfly’ Ksenia Kulakova

Paphiopedilums

1st Paphiopedilum Ho Chi Minh
(delenatii album x vietnamense) Ksenia Kulakova
2nd Paphiopedilum venustum v. album
(‘Green Zone’ x ‘Candor Wintergreen’) Don Goss
3rd Paphiopedilum Red Illusion “JCA’ AM/AOS X
Paphiopedilum Macabre ‘From Oz’ Larry Bergen

Phalaenopsis

1st Phalaenopsis King Car Pink Kitty
(Phal. Sogo Kitty X Phal. KS Amar Dott) Stéphane Lorouche
2nd Phalaenopsis NO ID Stéphane Lorouche

Other Genera

1st Zygopetalum (Zga. Happy Bay ‘Lime Ripple’ X
Zga. Freestyle Meadows ‘Ruby Lips’) Viria Walls
2nd Prosthechea cochleata Don Goss
3rd Amitostigma keiskei Braulio Mena



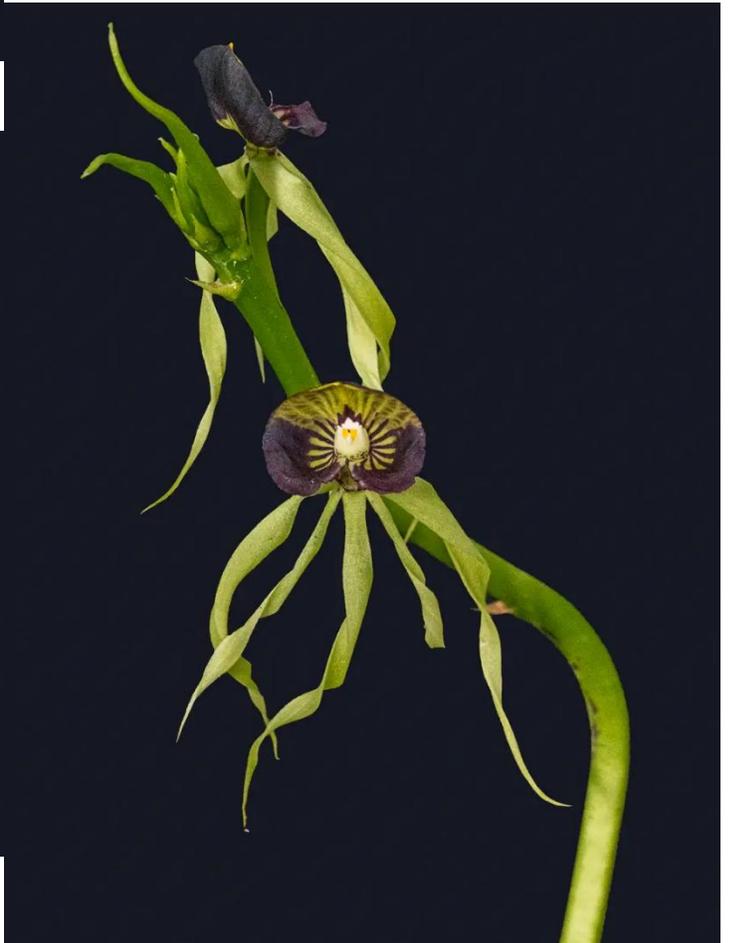
Paph. Red Illusion x Macare Exh by: Larry Bergen



Ami. Keiskie Exh by: Bralio Mena



Epi. Wallent Valley Fireball x Pacific Riviera
Exh by: Don Goss



Psh. Cocheata Exh by: Don Goss



Zyg. Happy Bay x Freestyle Meadow Exh by: Viria Walls



Den. Bridal Red Exh by: Viria Walls



Pcv. Key Lime Exh by: Braulio Mena



Blc. Guess What x Slc. Angel's Flare
Exh by: Braulio Mena



Blc. Mem. Grant Eicheler
Exh by: Olga Amaral

**FREE GREENHOUSE
Special Opportunity!**

Charles Brown will be moving soon and is offering his greenhouse free of charge. The greenhouse dimensions are 8 ft wide X 14 ft long X 7.5 ft tall. Anyone who is interested should contact Charlie **as soon as possible** (310-377-7083). You would be responsible for dismantling the greenhouse (unbolting) and transporting it to your location. It must be moved by June 30, 2025.



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Webinars:

May 8, 2025 Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q & A with Ron McHatton Find answers to questions you did not even know you had. **Wednesday 5:30 PM OPEN to everyone**
Please send your questions to Sandra Svoboda at greenhousechat@aos.org by May 5, 2025

Register at: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/3911111738403965525>

May 15, 2025 Calming Your Fears About Repotting Your Orchids with Janeil Payne
Thursday 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

Janeil on the best media and techniques to use when repotting your orchids. **Members Only**

Register at: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/209677312701290334>

May 18, 2025 AOS 7th Culture Day Orchids – From Seeds to Success
Sunday 8AM – 12:30 PM OPEN to everyone Price \$40

Adam Karremans, Keith and Dina Emig, Allen Black, and Manny Aybar

Register at: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/1428216572404014937>

American Orchid Society Monthly Checklist for May and June

Written by Ned Nash and James Rose

<https://www.aos.org/orchid-care/seasonal-orchid-care/monthly-checklist-for-may-and-june>

Our future membership meetings are held at the Palos Verdes Art Center

- May 16, 2025
- June 20, 2025
- July 18, 2025

◇ General Meetings start 6:30 PM

The next board meeting will be May 20, 2025 7:00PM

Call 310-326-5405 for more Information



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Upcoming Orchid Events

June 14, 2025 Orchid Society of Southern California Annual Auction

12 PM Door opens 1-4 PM Auction Meeting Hall First Christian Church
221 S 6th Street, Burbank info: <https://www.orchidssc.org>

June 28 – 29, 2025 Five Cities Orchid Society Orchid Fest 2025

Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM
Nipomo High School, 525 N Thompson Ave., Nipomo info: <https://www.fcos.org>

July 18 – 20, 2025 Cal-Orchid Summer Hummer

Friday and Saturday 9 AM - 4 PM, Sunday 9 AM – 3 PM
1251 Orchid Dr., Santa Barbara info: <https://www.calorchid.com>

September 20-21, 2025 South Bay Orchid Society Fall Show and Sale

September 26 – 28, 2025 Fascination of Orchids International Festival of Orchids & Exotic Plants 10 AM – 4 PM Santa Ana Zoo 1801 E. Chestnut, Santa Ana
Info: <https://fascinationoforchids.com>

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