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**Regular Meeting Schedule**  
Doors open at 6:30 pm  
Table/chair setup, plants in place  
Ribbon judging starts 7:00 pm  
Culture session  
Speaker starts 7:30 pm  
Opportunity drawing  
Table/chair teardown  
Doors close at 9:30 pm

# South Coast Orchid Society

Newsletter

Founded in 1950

February 2011

## Gin Gan

"Orchids of South East Asia"

**Monday, February 28, 2011**

**Culture Class: Growing Orchids Outdoors After A Cold, Wet Winter**  
**Espie Quinn**

Mr. Gan was born on Java Island, Indonesia, eight miles from a dense tropical forest where he spent his younger days observing the fauna and flora in the foothills of a live volcano.

After graduating from high school, his lifelong interest in wildlife, especially orchids, led him to join the biological faculty of the local university. There he studied botany and zoology for two years. Mr. Gan later moved to Germany where he studied mechanical engineering. In 1969, he immigrated to the U. S. and was employed in the aerospace and defense industry, retiring in 2002.

In the states, he pursued his interest in growing orchids and now in his retirement years he is able to dedicate more time to orchids and travel to observe orchids in their native habitat. He has won several AOS awards (all for species orchids) and recently was honored by having a new species named after him, *Lepanthes gin-ganii*.

In this presentation he will cover the orchids of Southeast Asia based on his experiences and observations of the region.

### Refreshments

Last names starting with **A through H** please bring refreshments.

## President's Message

**Speaker:** Gin Gan is an avid orchid grower, who has traveled to observe orchids in situ in South East Asia. Don't miss this opportunity to hear one of our members speak from personal observation!

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**SCOS Display at Newport Show:** The SCOS entered a display in the Newport Harbor Orchid Society's show and sale, featuring orchids from SCOS members' collections. SCOS was once again successful in producing an award-winning display. See the article below.

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**Membership:** Please renew your membership for 2011. We will soon publish another roster for this year, and we do not want to miss your name. Download the membership form from our website ([www.southcoastorchidsociety.com](http://www.southcoastorchidsociety.com)), or you can obtain one from our membership secretary, Mary Bell.

Russ Nichols

## South Coast Orchid Society Ribbon Judging Results

January 25, 2010

### Cattleya (Laeliinae Subtribe)

First	Lc Ballet Folklorio	Michael Gregory
Second	Lc Meadow Gold (L anceps x C aurantiaca)	Khyati Bhatt
Third	C leopoldii "SW" x L milleri "SW"	Doris & Larry Arakakis
Culture	Sunset BC Glory (BC Richard Mueller x L Purpurata flamea)	Doris & Larry Arakakis

### Dendrobium (Dendrobiinae Subtribe)

First	Den Aussie Treat	Espie Quinn
Second	Den Sweet Dawn	Espie Quinn
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### Oncidium (Oncidiinae Subtribe)

First	Burr Molly Isler "Swiss Beauty"	Don Goss
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### Paph & Phrag (Cyprpedioideae Subfamily)

First	Paph Jenna Marie x Paph Pandemonium	John Reyes
Second	Paph Golden Acres "Stately" x Paph Diablo Rojo "Cerritos"	John Reyes
Third	Paph Fair Yerba	Espie Quinn
Cultural	Paph Wendbourn	John Reyes

### Other Genera

First	Dendrochilum wenzelii	Espie Quinn
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### Cymbidium

First	Cym Quasar x Cym Ruby Eyes "Red Barron"	John Reyes
Second	Cym Via Fiesta Verde "Green Fantasy"	Doris & Larry Arakakis
Third	Cym Peepers "Santa Barbara"	Espie Quinn

## SCOS Display Garners Awards

Members of the SCOS, along with those from other nearby societies, gathered in the Westminster Mall on the last Thursday of January to set up a display for the Newport Harbor Orchid Society (NHOS) Orchid Show and Sale to be held Friday through Sunday. Late in the morning, I drove down to the Westminster Mall. There I found John Reyes, Janell Schuck, Espie Quinn, Maria Van Kooy, Whitney France, Sam Hale, and Jim Hoyle busily engaged in setting up the SCOS display. Not only was most of the work done, but, having no idea what was needed, I could do little except to watch with interest. The NHOS or the mall supplied tables and black cloth for the base of the display. John brought a stand that he had built and painted gold that morning to elevate some plants. John and Espie brought empty pots to give plants different elevations. Jim brought his hanging plants and plant stands. Butch Arciaga had earlier left his plants, which graced the right side of the display. There were lots of Cymbidiums and Paphiopedalums. Sam brought ferns and small palms to provide background to the orchids. Janell brought her award-winning Paph. to serve as the display centerpiece. Everyone fussed over the display until the arrangement was beyond perfection. John wrote orchid names on tags, which were inserted into each plant with a plant label stake. Espie took charge of putting on the final touches, positioning the plants to best show the flowers. With a last spritz of water to counter the dehydrating effects of air conditioning, the display was ready for judging the next morning.

On the way out I paused to look at the vendor displays. Andy's Orchids, Paphanatics, SBOE, Sunset Valley, Ecuagenera, Rowlands, Cal-Orchids, LICO and others were busy setting up their wares. On Friday, I attended two of the show lectures. Nico Goossens from LICO Orchids discussed Designing and Building Shade Structures in your back yard; his presentation included pictures of backyard growing areas of nearby orchid society members, including some we know well (Roberta Fox and Peter Lin among them). His talk was comprehensive and well organized. Later, Paul Gripp treated the subject of Growing Orchids Outdoors by describing the habitat of different species and its affect on their ability to grow outdoors in Southern California, illustrating his subject with plants from his collection. As always, Mr. Gripp was upbeat and entertaining, delivering his unique perspective based on his travels around the globe. Below: Our SCOS display won the Orchid Digest Trophy award and third place trophy for a Society Display.



### Upcoming Events

Pacific Orchid Exhibition, Fort Mason Center, San Francisco, March 3-6

South Bay Orchid Society Show and Sale, Torrance, March 5-6

66<sup>th</sup> Santa Barbara International Orchid Show, Earl Warren Showgrounds, March 11-13

Long Beach Amateurs Auction, Long Beach, March 14

San Diego County Orchid Show and Sale, San Diego Mission Valley, March 25-27

**Our March 2011 monthly meeting date is March 28**

South Coast Orchid Society  
 5728 Madrid Lane  
 Long Beach, California 90814

Meeting: Monday, February 28, 2011  
 Whaley Park Clubhouse  
 Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

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