

**CYMBIDIUM SOCIETY OF AMERICA, INC.**  
**AN INTERNATIONAL ORCHID SOCIETY**

35<sup>th</sup> Annual Cymbidium Congress

**Friday, March 12, 2010**  
**Earl Warren Show Grounds**

9:00am - 12noon Registration packets available at the entrance to the Santa Barbara International Orchid Show

**Saturday, March 13, 2010**  
**Adams Elementary School Auditorium**

8:00am - 8:30am Registration and complimentary continental breakfast

8:30am - 8:35am Welcome, Lucia Brandt, Congress Chair

8:35am - 9:00am Business meeting, Jeff Trimble, CSA President

9:00am – 9:15am Coffee Break

9:15am –10:00am **Bob Harris** of Orchidpeople in Hawaii will speak on “*Growing Cymbidiums in Hawaii: A Unique opportunity to Grow both Warm Tolerant and Cool growing Varieties.*” Mr. Harris began growing cattleyas at age eight, but met his first cymbidium as a masters student of Don Wimber, specializing in plant morphogenesis. He grew cymbidiums as a hobbyist for 30 years in California before moving to Hawaii and growing commercially.

10:00am - 10:45am **Theresa Hill**, partner in Hillsvie Gardens, growers of paphiopedilums, miltoniopsis and masdevallias for over 25 years, will speak on “*Complex Paphiopedilum Breeding at Hillsvie Gardens.*” Hillsvie Gardens has received hundreds of awards from the AOS, plus a Gold Certificate, five awards of quality and a Bronze Award at the 16th World Orchid Conference. Ms. Hill will reveal some of the exciting developments in the breeding program at Hillsvie Gardens.

10:45am – 11:00am Coffee break

11:00am - 11:45am **Bert Klein**, horticulturist in charge of the orchid collection at the Munich Botanical Garden, will speak on “*Around the World with Cymbidiums-The Cymbidium Collection at the Botanical Garden of Munich, Germany.*” He will share perspectives on cymbidiums from his early days at Kew and influences from international collections in England, the Netherlands, Japan and Singapore. In

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addition, he will share details on cultural practices at the Botanical Garden and discuss plans for the future

11:45pm – 12:45pm Lunch

12:45pm – 1:30pm **Dr. Randall W. Robinson** of Victoria University in Australia will be speaking on *“The Influence of Species and Historical Hybrids on Modern Cymbidium Hybrids.”* Dr. Robinson developed his life-long interest in cymbidium species and primary hybrids during his time as the Eric Young Orchid Scholar at the Royal Horticultural Society in the early 1980s. He will illustrate how the characteristics of species and historical hybrids can create an exciting diversity as they find their way back into modern cymbidium breeding.

1:30pm - 2:15pm **Dr. Masahiro Saitoh, MD.** from Japan will speak on line breeding with *Paphiopedilum godefroyae* and *Paphiopedilum bellatulum*. Dr. Saitoh is highly respected for his breeding of *Paphiopedilum godefroyae*, *Paphiopedilum leucochilum* and *Paphiopedilum bellatulum*; his plants have received numerous awards, including First Class Certificates. Dr. Saitoh is the first person in over twenty years to win Grand Champion for two consecutive years at the Japan Grand Prix International Orchid Festival

2:15pm – 2:30pm Coffee break

2:30pm – 3:15pm **Nick Tannaci** of Nick Tannaci Orchids in California will speak on “Five Generations of *Brachypetalum* and *Parvisepalum* Species”. Mr. Tannaci has been a wholesale supplier of *paphiopedilum* species and hybrids from sections *Parvisepalum* and *Brachypetalum* since 1973. He uses no fungicides or bactericides in his nursery, with the result that he has been breeding and selecting for disease-resistance in his *paphiopedilums* for over 35 years.

3:15pm – 4:15 pm **Discussion**  
We will round out a wonderful orchid event with a panel of our speakers joined by Dr. Ken Bruland of Santa Cruz, Loren Batchman of Solana Beach, and Dr. Ken Jacobsen of San Carlos. This is a never-to-be-repeated opportunity to ask questions on literally any aspect of orchid growing, breeding, and future trends.

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6:00pm No host cocktails

6:30pm Auction

7:30pm Banquet

**Parry Gripp** President of the Santa Barbara International Orchid Show - Awards Presentation

8:30pm **Ernest Hetherington** – “Reflections from 35 years ago from our Cymbidium Congress Founder,

**“Jewels in the Himalayas”**

**Mohan Pradhan** will take us on a journey into the Himalayas to discover the jewels of Sikkim as did Sir J.D. Hooker (1850's). These cymbidium species fascinated the Royal Family and sparked an interest in cymbidiums that has gone on for centuries. These cymbidium species share the same habitat with many paphiopedilum species and we will see them in this precious ecosystem..Their conservation efforts to repopulate Cym whiteae involves students from Sikkim and Europe and is truly exciting. Mohan Pradhan is a third generation plantsman with an inherited involvement in orchid conservation. His grandfather encouraged him and he was caring for orchids since he was twelve years old. He is an EYOF scholar having studied at the RHS garden at Wisley. He serves as secretary to the Indian Subcontinent Regional Orchid Specialist Group and the Species Survival Commission and World Conservation Union. He is a life member of the AOS and Indian Orchid Society.