42nd Annual Cymbidium Congress

Friday March 17, 2017
9 am to 1 pm
Implement registration packets at the entrance to the Santa Barbara International Orchid Show to gain entry to the show on Friday.

Saturday March 18, 2017 Morning
8:00 am
Breakfast
CSA Board Meeting

8:45 am - 9:15 am
CSA Business Meeting & Lucia Brandt Recognition Award

9:15 am - 10:00 am
Tim Culbertson - Paph Potpourri:
It Came From The Internet
In the past three years, there have been a tremendous number of discoveries of new paph species, creations of entire lines of new paph hybrids, and fantastic examples and forms of hybrids and species. Tim Culbertson will share with us some of the highlights of these in a whirlwind tour of new species, new forms, and advances in multi floral, complex, Parvisepalum, and Brachypetalum groups. Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and blogs share a wealth of information about this new material, and Tim has found it and collated it, so you don’t have to!

Tim is one of the youngest AOS judges, and began growing orchids 20 years ago. From the beginning, he has almost exclusively grown paphs, learning through internships and employment with Longwood Gardens, the Smithsonian Institution, and the U.S. National Arboretum. Tim currently maintains a collection of 3000 plants for breeding and historical merit. When he’s not in the greenhouse, he is a middle school science teacher.

10:00 am - 10:15 am
Q & A

10:15 am - 10:30 am
Coffee Break

10:30 am - 11:15 am
Kobsukh Kaenratana - Breeding Heat Tolerant Cymbidiums in Bangkok
Kobsukh Kaenratana has a keen interest in heat tolerant and warm tolerant cymbidiums. He studied what makes cymbidiums grow and bloom in the tropical climates, and started a breeding program 17 years ago. He utilizes the cymbidium gene pool occurring in Southeast Asia, and combines it with the advanced hybrids from the United States, Australia and the Netherlands. He is also a pioneer in developing and advancing the line of intergeneric Grammatocymbidium. With a unique genetic makeup largely different from the traditional cool-growing cymbidiums, Kobsukh’s hybrids have several special characteristics.

The owner of Pakkret Floriculture, an orchid nursery and tissue culture lab in Bangkok, he is a graduate of Engineering School at Chulalongkorn University, and the Business School at University of Denver. He has written a definitive guidebook for understanding heat tolerant cymbidiums.
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Saturday March 18, 2017  Afternoon

11:15 am - 11:30 am  Q & A

11:30 am - 12:30 pm  Buffet Lunch

12:45 pm - 1:30 pm  **THE VELARDI MEMORIAL SPEAKER**

**GEOFF BAILEY - THE AUSTRALIAN CYMBIDIUM SCENE AND THAT ELUSIVE FCC**

Geoff Bailey, the editor and creator of *The Cymbidium Scene*, a magazine devoted solely to cymbidiums, will describe the current state of the cymbidium industry within Australia. He will give us a snapshot of Australian orchid nurseries, wholesale and retail, and show how they cater to the hobbyist growers. He will also discuss the Australian orchid club/society scene and their defined groups of cymbidium growers, and explain what clubs must do to ensure the ongoing health of the industry, including how to engage and maintain the interest of younger generations.

Geoff will discuss the judging guidelines that are in use in Australia by the Australian Orchid Council (AOC), Orchid Societies Council of Victoria (OSCOV) and Cymbidium Orchid Society of Victoria (COSV), and make a comparison with the CSA. He will close with a description of the styles of flowers that Australian hybridizers are producing currently, and a summary of the most recent show-winning flowers in Australia.

1:30 pm - 1:45 pm  Q and A

1:45 pm - 2:00 pm  Coffee Break

2:00 pm - 2:45 pm  **THERESA HILL - PAPHIOPEDILUM PARVISEPALUM: SPECIES AND HYBRIDS**

Theresa Hill is a partner in Hillsview Gardens, growers of fine quality Paphiopedilums, Miltoniopsis, and Masdevallias. She has been breeding orchids for more than 25 years. Since that time she has received well over 100 American Orchid Society awards, including four FCC/AOS, a Gold Certificate, seven Awards of Quality and a Bronze Award at the 16th World Orchid Conference in Vancouver, BC. Her presentation today will focus on the charming and beautiful *Paph. parvisepalum*.

2:45 pm - 3:00 pm  Q & A

3:00 pm  Adjournment until 5:30 pm.
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Saturday March 18, 2017 Evening

5:30 pm - 6:30 pm  Reception and Auction Preview.
(Bring your own special beverage of choice)

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm  Auction
Bid on an exceptional, unusual, or awarded orchids and help raise money to support the Congress

7:30 pm - 8:30 pm  Dinner

8:15 pm - 9:15 pm  Randall Robinson: Questions from Ernest - His Challenge to Us All

It all started when Ernest Hetherington asked a question and proffered an answer: ‘How many Cymbidium species are there? I think there are 13.’ Ernest’s challenge to think more deeply about the genus Cymbidium sets the challenge to all lovers of these wonderful plants.

Dr Randall 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 1980’s. Since that time he has maintained an extensive collection of species and primary hybrids as well as selected historical hybrids, classic breeders, and some specialist lines. Randall is presently Director of Research in the College of Engineering and Science and leader of the Applied Ecology Group at Victoria University in Melbourne Australia. He lectures on a wide range of topics including Botany, Ecology, Conservation Genetics, and Environmental Management. An increasing part of his research involves the study of genetics and inheritance in cymbidiums.

9:15 pm - 9:30 pm  Q & A

9:30 pm  Adjournment