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March 6th Meeting

This month's speaker is Mary Gerritsen. She will be sharing her experiences from her recent trip to Thailand to photograph orchids in their native environment and experience some Thai culture. See page 2 for more information.

Dinner with the Speaker:

Dinner will be at Sabieng Thai Cuisine, 1218 Mission St., Santa Cruz at 5:30. Please contact Vicky Smith by Thursday, March. 5 if you plan to attend at 831-336-2688 or orchids@cruzio.com. Please put "Dinner with the Speaker" as the subject.

The **Opportunity table** will be provided by Mary Gerritsen.

Refreshments for this month to be provided by: Maria Legallet, Bridget Binko, Nancy Cappellmann, Fred Valentine, Mike Derrigan. Thank you!

Election For 2015 Board Members

Elections for the Board of Directors will be held this month. Positions opening on the Board are President and Director. The current slate for these positions are:

President: Open

Director: Bruce Hill

Additional nominees for these positions are welcome and may be proposed to the Board any time prior to or at the February meeting.

2015 Membership fees

Membership fees are due NOW. An individual membership will be \$20/year and a household membership \$25/year. The membership year starts in January so please send in your dues by the end of December 2014. A membership form is attached. You can mail in the form with your check to the address given on the form or give it to Lillian Taft or another Board member at an upcoming meeting.

Meeting Information

WHEN: First Friday of the month

TIME: 7:30 pm

PLACE: Live Oak Grange Hall
1900 17th Ave
Santa Cruz, CA

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Orchids of Thailand

Mary visited Thailand in March of 2014, and this talk highlights some of the wonderful orchids of the tour. Travel with Mary to northern and northeastern Thailand and enjoy the orchids of the seasonal dry forests, wet evergreen forests, and rocky outcrops. You can't go to Thailand without visiting a temple or two and there are highlights from a few of these as well. This is a great opportunity to get a better understanding of Thai orchids, and a feel for how these species grow in the native habitats.

Speaker Bio

Mary Gerritsen, Ph.D. is an independent biotechnology consultant who has been growing orchids (mostly species) on and off for more than 30 years. After moving to the San Francisco Bay area in 1997, she got serious! She has a large collection of small cool growing miniature species such as Masdevallias, Porroglossums, Lepanthes and other assorted tiny gems, and in a second intermediate greenhouse, larger species such as Angraecoids, Dendrobiums, Oncidiums, Laelias, Phalaenopsis and Bulbophyllums. She loves to see orchids growing in situ, and has made it her mission over the last few years to see as many as possible, with trips to see and photograph orchids (and other flora as well) in Canada, various states in the USA, Mexico, Costa Rica, Panama, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Venezuela, Brazil, France, Luxemborg, Germany, Mallorca, Rhodes and Crete, Western China, Borneo, Thailand and Australia. She is the co-author (with friend and well known photographer, Ron Parsons) of several botanical books: Masdevallias, Gems of the Orchid World, the two volume Compendium of Miniature Orchid Species, and Calorchortus: Mariposa Lilies and their Relatives. Mary is a past president of the Peninsula Orchid Society (San Mateo), and the San Francisco Orchid Society. Mary is also a director of the Orchid Conservation Alliance.

[February Meeting Highlights](#) (Cheri Wagner)

The January meeting was cancelled due to the weather conditions impacting Mary's ability (and other members) to make it to the meeting. Fortunately, Vicky and Mary were able to rearrange schedules so that she can speak at the March meeting.

Upcoming Events

March 7, 2015: Vicky Smith is giving a cultural talk "Orchids Demystified" at Probuild on River Street, 10-12 noon. Free.

March 7, 2015 Mariposa Gardens Spring Festival Saturday 9am - 3pm. 6664 South Street, Lakewood, CA 90713. Some releases available at this show only, Special Show Pricing, Come early for best Selection! Call Tony Velardi or Ron Hill at (562) 920-5588-, or see <http://www.mariposagarden.com/>.

March 7, 2015 The 7th Annual Sacramento Valley Cymbidium Society Annual Show & Sale Sat 9 am- 4 pm. Shepard Garden and Art Center, McKinley Park, 3330 McKinley Blvd., Sacramento, CA. Plant Entries are welcome on Friday, March 1 from 1-6:00pm and March 2 from 8 - 9:00am. You do not have to be a member of the Cymbidium Society to enter your cymbidiums - all are welcome. The entries will qualify for audience judging. There will be education classes throughout the day and repotting for a fee will be available. Free parking. Free admission. Free advice. Email Jay Klock for more info, at jklock@pacbell.net or see <http://www.sacramentocymbidiums.org/>.

March 6 - 8, 2015 Golden Gate Cymbidium Society Show & Sale Sat- Sun 10 AM - 5 PM. Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland. Free Admission! Easy access to freeways. Some of the most beautiful cymbidiums on display in the Bay Area. Call (510) 276-2851-, or see their website at <http://www.goldengatecymbidiumociety.com/>.

March 14, 2015 40th Annual Cymbidium Society of America Congress Saturday 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM. International Speakers on cymbidium & paphiopedilum subjects! Fee includes access to the Show all 3 days, lectures, breakfast, lunch, special cocktail party, special plant auction, gala banquet, a free plant, and more. Adams Elementary School Auditorium, 2701 Las Positas Roas, Santa Barbara, CA 93105, right down the road from the SBIOS. Print Registration form, or see their awesome website, <http://www.cymbidium.org/cymbidium-congress>.

March 13 - 15, 2015 Cal-Orchids Spring Open House Fri - Sun 9 AM - 5 PM. 1251 Orchid Drive, Santa Barbara, CA. Call 805 967-1312-, e-mail at calorchid@cox.net, or see their website at <http://www.calorchid.com>.

March 13 - 15, 2015 Hatfield Orchid Open House Fri -Sun 9 AM - 4 PM. 3793 Dufau Road, Oxnard, CA 93033. Rain or Shine! Hope you can join us, but if you can't, we can ship to you for free (weather permitting)! Call George at (805) 901 0340-, email him at George@HatfieldOrchids.com, or check our the website at <http://www.hatfieldorchids.com/>.

March 14 - 15: Napa Valley Orchid Society 22nd Annual Show & Sale. Sat - Sun 9 AM - 4 PM. Senior Activity Center, 1500 Jefferson Street, Napa. Free Admission. See their NEW (really awesome) website at <http://www.NV-OS.org>.

Upcoming Events (cont.)

March 13 – 15, 2015: Annual Spring Santa Barbara Orchid Estate Open House. Sat 8 AM - 5 PM, Sun 9 AM - 4 PM. 1250 Orchid Drive, Santa Barbara, CA. For more information, call 800-553-3387-, or check <http://www.sborchid.com/events.php>.

March 21, 2015: California Orchids in Bolinas is having a sale from 9 – 4.
<http://www.californiaorchids.com>

March 28 - 29, 2015: Sonoma Orchid Society Show & Sale "A Symphony of Orchids" Saturday 10AM - 5PM, Sun 10AM - 3PM, Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Building, 1351 Maple Ave., Santa Rosa. Admission \$8. Cultivation, Skill Sessions. Website <http://www.sonomaorchids.com/>.

April 18-19m 2015: Sacramento Orchid Society Show and Sale "Orchid Mystique", Scottish Rite Center, Sacramento

April 18, 2015: Annual Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers Show and Sale! Saturday Public Show & Sale 10 am 4pm. Redwood City Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Avenue, Redwood City, CA. FREE Parking, \$3 Admission. The MOST Beautiful Cymbidiums & Extensive Orchid Displays that can be seen in Northern California in April ! Fantastic Buys on Orchids! Super Raffles! Learn how to repot your overgrown cymbidium orchid! http://www.goldcoastcymbidiumgrowers.com/orchid_show_sale

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