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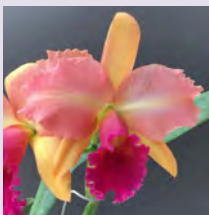
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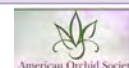


David Haelterman is a Belgian agronomist and environmental advisor, mainly interested in agroecology and permaculture.

He worked in Belgium on developing urban agriculture projects with schools as well as adults in the city of Brussels, sensitizing students on the relationships between food production, environment, and health, as well as rescuing local agricultural and wild biodiversity through ecologically productive small-scale parcels.

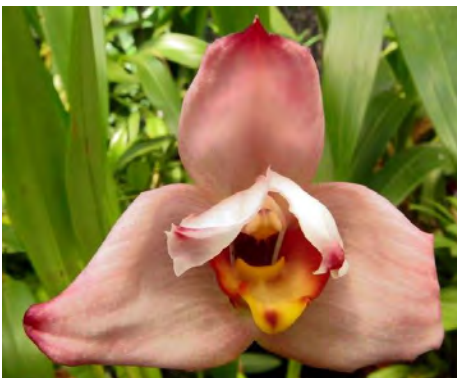
In parallel to these professional activities, he has been a passionate orchid grower for more than 25 years, growing many genera such as *cattleya*, *masdevallia*, *restrepia*, *odontoglossum*, *kefersteinia*, *pescatoria*, *eriopsis*, *stanhopea*, and allied genera. He specializes particularly in *maxillaria*.

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Maxillaria fractiflexa



Maxillaria roseola

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David especially focuses on orchid taxonomy, their biogeography, and their conservation in the wild.

After travelling extensively in Latin America for around 20 years (from Mexico and Guatemala to Costa Rica, Venezuela, Brazil, and Ecuador) to study orchids in the wild and better understand their ecology, he has settled in Cali, Colombia, for 6 years.

There he explores many ecosystems in search of naturalist observations and wild orchid registrations, working as a nature tourism guide specialized in botanical tours, particularly focusing on the Orchidaceae family, of course.

Apart from this, he gives workshops and talks on orchids of Colombia in their native habitats, and orchid conservation as well as on some genera such as Stanhopea and Maxillaria. He just published a book about the Orchids of the Farallones de Cali National Park (located next to where he lives); it also describes new orchid species he discovered in that region.



Maxillaria luteograndiflora

See more photos on David's Flickr page at <https://www.flickr.com/photos/58798926@N07/?fbclid=IwAR3E6r8o9JoOB9dIC3-ByKCw6CtuwDaYfURJSWKf6WxCM8Z5aIFZLUHK7Gw>

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**Ribbon Judging Results
December 2020 via Email**

Anne-Line Anderson and Tim Roby

Vandacious

- 1st Place..... Jim Wheeler
- 2nd Place Jim Wheeler

Standard Cymbidium

No entries

Laelia Tribe (Large)

- 1st Place..... Jim Wheeler
- 2nd Place Jim Wheeler
- 3rd Place Jim Wheeler

Oncidium

- 1st Place..... Jim Wheeler

Paphiopedilum

- 1st Place.....Janet & Kevin Wilson
- 2nd PlaceJanet & Kevin Wilson

Laelia Tribe (Small)

- 1st Place..... Jim Wheeler
- 2nd Place Jim Wheeler
- 3rd Place Jim Wheeler

Botanical

- 1st Place.....Anne-Line Anderson
- 2nd Place Jim Wheeler

Phalaenopsis

- 1st Place.....Anne-Line Anderson

Dendrobium

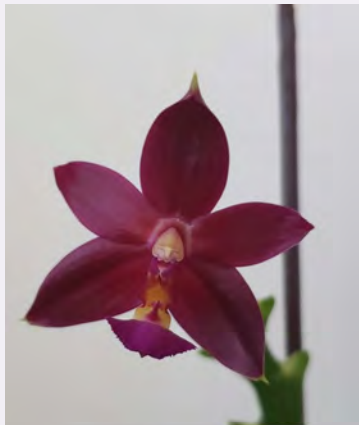
- 1st Place..... Jim Wheeler
- 2nd PlaceJanet & Kevin Wilson

Novelty Cymbidium

No entires

Species

- 1st Place.....Jan Hennessey
- 2nd Place Candy Jester



Surprise Hail Does Damage

Janet Wilson

I've lived in the flat lands of Orange County more years that I'd like to admit. And there's been hail before, but nothing like what came to our corner of the county on December 28.

We had the blinds open to let in some light on an overcast day. But rather than sight, the sound first alerted us: an odd, quickening of a roar that turned out to be thousands of hail balls the size of small peas. And they kept on coming for something like 5 to 10 minutes.

Alas—a few orchids were out on the patio table, and took quite a beating. Perhaps if I'd gone out and brushed the ice off the leaves immediately after the storm, it would have spared these cattleyas the ugly spots. They look like sunburn, so I assume this is ice burn.



What surprised me was that the hail had so savaged the flowers on this one cymbidium. You can just barely see the one at the upper right that is missing all its petals and sepals.

Most other plants seemed to have survived unscathed. The hail-cloaked lavender in the photo above did not miss a beat. The ice had melted by the next morning, like it had all been an odd dream.



Orchids from Meetings Past



Pot. Love Avenue 'Serenade', January 2016
Dan Warren



Phal. equestris 'Surra Firewings',
January 2018 – Dean Somerby



Paphiopedilum Unknown, January 2018
Una Yeh



Cymbidium No Name, January 2019
Y.S. Farn



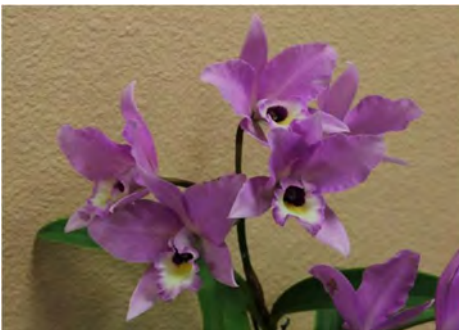
Cym. Dosido 'Freckleface', January 2018
Candy & Walt Jester



Phal. No Name, January 2019
Jeff & Nicole Young



Cattleya Unnamed, January 2016
Janet Roberson



Lc. Angel Love x *C. skinneri*,
January 2018 – Anne-Line Anderson



Bulbophyllum medusa, January 2019
Richard Hess

Correction



In the November 2020 issue, *The Ranger* misidentified this orchid. Phyllis Adams says this is "*Blc.* Hawaiian Passion 'Carmela'. Jim Wheeler remembers I bought it from him November of 2019."

January in OC Orchid Growing

Janet Wilson



I start thinking of cymbidiums at this time of year. But it took a few years for me to have traction in reblooming any of them. And along the way I think I've killed a third to a half of all we've ever owned.

One plant that's done well came from the Opportunity Table; it was a division from one of our experienced growers. It struggled for a year or two, but has flowered now for the second winter. I had to move it around the backyard, looking for a spot where it would get more light. It likes the edge of the bench, where it gets a sliver of full sun during the middle of the day.

This plant came in a tall pot, which I've since learned is ideal for cymbidiums. It's sturdy, too, which is good because I think this plant is trying mightily to split the pot. So taking those hints (which are

elementary to experienced growers) I've repotted other cym into tighter pots, and they are improving. I also used a mix from Mariposa Gardens, along with their advice to pack the plant as tight as possible without breaking roots. That also seems to have helped.

For me, January is a time for watchfulness—we're projected to higher temps in the 80s and 90s this week, so increased watering might be in order, if the weather people are correct. And after that, who knows, we might have another hail storm.

Now is also a time to prepare—there's time to review your available pots (and plants you might want to repot) as spring gets underway. It's a good time to check your supply of potting mix, stakes, and clips. With the variable weather we've been having, spring might creep up on us.

SPECIAL EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT - MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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- ❖ **THOSE PESKY BUGS 1:00—1:45 p.m. Ron McHatton, AOS CHIEF SCIENCE OFFICER**
- ❖ **GROWING HEALTHY PAPHS 2:00-2:45 p.m. Dave Sorokowsky from PAPH PARADISE**
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Upcoming Events Calendar

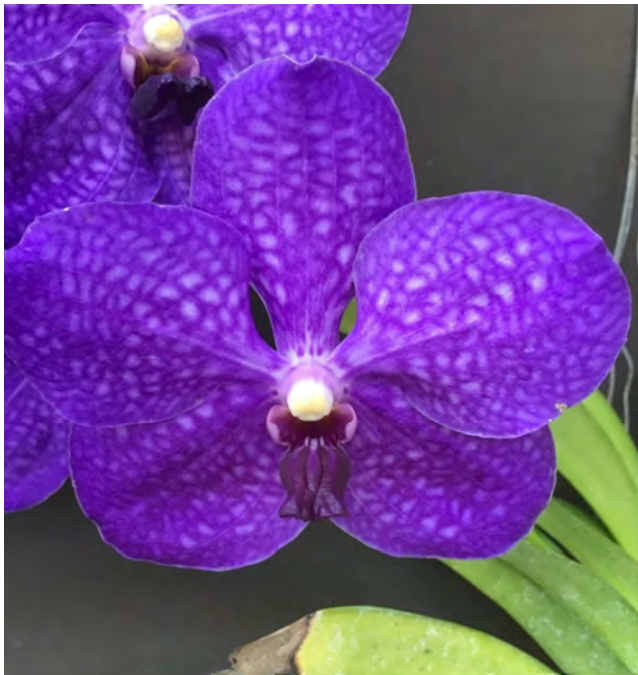
January 20, 2021	Orange County Orchid Society - Monthly Meeting (No auction this year; sigh!)
February 1	Orange County Orchid Society – Board Meeting , members welcome. Check with any board member for information.
February 17	Orange County Orchid Society - Monthly Meeting
March 17	Orange County Orchid Society - Monthly Meeting



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Plant Judging for December 2020

Photography by the growers



Vanda – First Place
Vanda Pachara Delight 'Black' – Jim Wheeler



Vanda – Second Place
Ascda. Kulwande Fragrance No. 27 – Jim Wheeler



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Photography by the growers



Large Laelia – First Place
B/c. Nobile's Ambar – Jim Wheeler



Large Laelia – Second Place
Lc. Tristar Bouquet 'Hawaii' – Jim Wheeler



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Large Laelia – Third Place
Lc. Helen Christie – Jim Wheeler



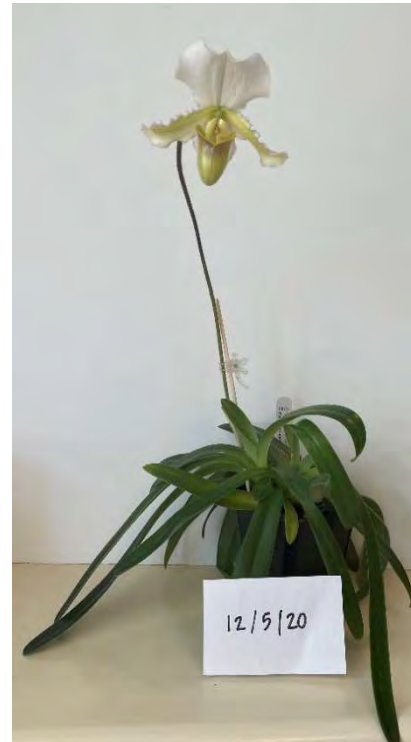
Oncidium – First Place
Onc. Nanboh Waltz – Jim Wheeler



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Paphiopedilum – First Place

Paph. (Coconut Candy × *barbigenum v. album*)
'Snow Cap' × *Paph. fairrienum* 'Little White Fairy'
Janet & Kevin Wilson

Paphiopedilum – Second Place

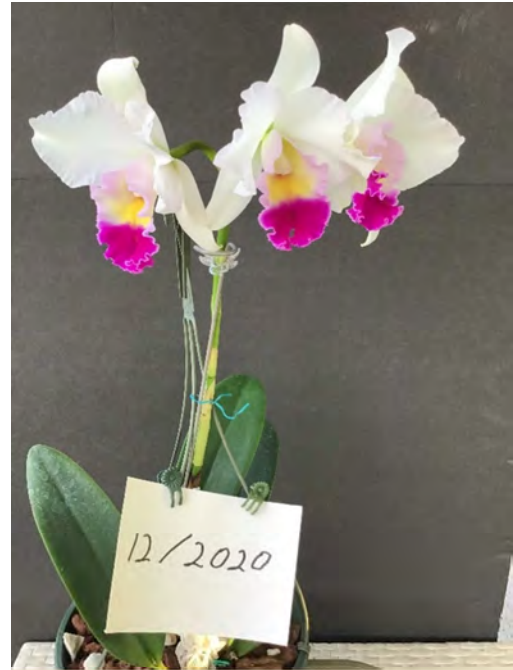
Paph. (Coconut Candy × *barbigenum v. album*)
'Snow Cap' × *Paph. fairrienum* 'Little White Fairy'
Janet & Kevin Wilson



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Small Laelia – First Place
S/c. Long Life Angel 'Paradise' – Jim Wheeler

Small Laelia – Second Place
Lc. Bonanza Queen 'Panamint' × *Lc.* Liptonii
Jim Wheeler



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Small Laelia – Second Place
S/c. India Rose 'Kiilani' – Jim Wheeler



Botanical – First Place
Stenoglottis Venus 'Jamboree'
Anne-Line Anderson



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Botanical – Second Place
Fdk. 'After Dark' FCC/AOS – Jim Wheeler



Phalaenopsis– First Place
Phal. bellini – Anne-Line Anderson



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Dendrobium – First Place
Den. Hawaiian Punch – Jim Wheeler



Dendrobium – Second Place
Den. Lai Kiang – Janet & Kevin Wilson



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Photography by the growers



Species – First Place
Paph. insigne – Jan Hennessey



Species – Second Place
Den. moniliforme 'Gekko' – Candy Jester