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## Orchids in South East Asia

*Gin Gan*

Gin Gan was born in Java Island, Indonesia, eight miles from a dense tropical rainforest at the foothills of a live volcano where he spent his younger days observing the Fauna and Flora of the rain forest.

After graduating from high school he entered the Biological Faculty of the local University and studied Botany and Zoology since he was always interested in the wildlife of the rainforest, especially orchids.

Gin then moved to Germany where he



**Vanda testacea**



**Phalaenopsis cornu-cervi var. rubescens**

studied Mechanical Engineering. In 1969 he immigrated to the USA and was employed in the aerospace and defense industry, retiring in 2002.

In the States he pursues his interest in growing orchids and now in his retirement years is able to dedicate more time in growing species orchids and traveling to observe orchids in their native habitats.

He has won several AOS awards and lately was honored by having a new species named after him, *Lepanthes gin-ganii*.

## SPACE BETWEEN THE SHADE CLOTH AND THE TOP OF THE GREENHOUSE

*Nick Braemer*

Everyone knows that one must leave ample space between the uppermost shade cloth and the top layer of the greenhouse. This allows air circulation, helps prevent the buildup of heat and keeps the thing from overheating in the extreme summer heat. The only debate is whether 1 1/2' is good enough or if you need 2'. To have the 2 too close together invites disaster and leads to plants being cooked in a cauldron similar to the center of the sun.

I built my greenhouse 2' away from the main house. The wise and honorable city fathers of Lakewood informed me that this is too close as some of the more corpulent firefighters could not squeeze through that space in an emergency, 4' is the minimum the regulations call for. I made plans to rebuild it and discovered that if I attached it to the house that was OK. 2' is unacceptable but 0' is no problem. The wondrous workings of the bureaucratic mind never cease to amaze me. It was explained to me that the regulations refer to a space. Even 3" is a space and the rules kick in. If the GH is attached to the house, there is no space and the 'minimum required space rules' don't come into play. Go figure!

This idiocy however got me thinking and I wondered if the same concept applies to the space between the top 2 layers of a greenhouse. If there is no space that can over heat and needs to be ventilated, do the rules of the game change. Laying the shade cloth right on the top layer of the GH would eliminate the space which one is concerned about. I ran that concept past a major grower and found to my surprise that they had their shade cloth right on the top layer of the GH without problem for years.

Of course I'm not going to use conventional shade cloth which really dates you, Aluminet is much superior and most modern growers use that instead of the old black stuff. It has 2 major advantages. It repels heat, the black plastic accumulates heat. The light is diffused and the amount of blockage stays exactly the same as the sun moves from east to west. The black cloth blocks more and more light as the sun is low on the horizon and only works at 63%, for example. during the middle portion of the day increasingly blocking more as the sun either rises or sets.

Summing it up, if Aluminet is used, there is no need to leave a space under it, lay it right on top of the Lexan or what ever it is you are using for the GH wall. Easier to construct and gives more space inside. Don't really know if the same applies to the black plastic.



An enjoyable afternoon at Barbara Olson's

### From the Members Corner

One of our guests at Barbara's house became a member: Daniel Geiger and he loves miniatures! Hey, hey another one of us. Sharon Benson, a guest of Susan Scheffler's unfortunately, didn't leave us any information. Please add the following new members to your roster: Jan Anderson, 8015 SW Iowa Hill Rd, Cornelius, OR 97113, [janw@ocprobatelaw.com](mailto:janw@ocprobatelaw.com); Daniel Geiger, 2559 Puesta del Sol, Santa Barbara, CA 93105, [dgeiger@sbnature2.org](mailto:dgeiger@sbnature2.org); Ginger Leininger, 1961 Horseshoe Cir, Placentia, CA 92870, [ginger-leininger@yahoo.com](mailto:ginger-leininger@yahoo.com).

Board members, there will be a Board meeting after the regular meeting, please plan to be there. Start thinking about your divisions for the October auction!!!

*Eddie Gulrich, Membership Secretary*

## President's Message

Hello Everyone:

What a fun time we had at the last meeting. The weather was better than the weatherman predicted, we were supposed to have showers but it was clear and a few clouds. It made for a pleasant time sitting outside. We missed those who could not come and it would be fun to do it again. THANK ALL OF YOU WHO CAME. It was a great time. Thanks for the goodies that you brought and the plants also for show and tell. WOW really special and beautiful Thanks, again. and so many, great!!!!!!

We already have next years home to visit on Mother's Day and it should be a special time.

Do you think this is a late spring ? or is it on the way? or did we just miss it.? A lot of the plants seem to show that they are expecting it as they are showing new buds and new roots .Can you imagine how they will look when the weather warms and then stays steady for a few days, fabulous, hopefully soon.

The project in process will soon have a new shade cloth ( Aluminet Reflective Shade Cloth) and poles to hold it

up it's going to be great and larger, exciting times. Thanks to the help of Edie Gulrich working out the amounts and getting the pipe man, it will be a nice area. Looking forward to it.

Remember start getting your plants ready for the auction, as that time is moving faster than we think. It seems a long time until then, but time flies when we're having fun especially working with the orchids.

See you at the meeting and as always bring a friend!

*Barbara Olson, President*

**Board members note: There will be a board meeting after the general meeting. We will be starting to prepare for the fall auction, so it is very important for all board members to attend and participate.**



Show and Tell tables at May meeting



Some of Barb's growing area

## Editor's Potting Bench

I totally enjoyed our visit to Barbara's home and yard for the May meeting. A visit to see where things actually grow is a sort of a super-show-and-tell. I always pick up subtle ideas when I see other people's growing areas. I can pick up a sense of the range of parameters that work for a plant—a little more sun or a little more shade than mine, wider temperature range. Those of us who grow outdoors push the edges of what is "supposed" to grow—or not.

The "May Gray—June Gloom" weather pattern is really perfect for the orchids. Nights are now warm enough to put pretty much anything except the really warm-growers outside. I have shifted my sprinkler schedule to water very early, since I'm not concerned about plants being wet when it is cold. It's also OK to water in the late afternoon or early eve-

ning for the same reason. It is still cool enough during the day, with moderate humidity, so that the plants don't dry



**Dendrobium prenticei**

out too fast; I'm still watering every two or three days. Once days start to dawn bright and warm, I'll increase the frequency.

I find it exciting to see all those little green root tips appearing. (OK, I am easily amused...) That makes a walk through my growing area slow... I find a plant that has reached the perfect time to

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE NINTH ORCHID DIGEST SPEAKER'S DAY!! "ONCIDIINAE"

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## Calendar of Events

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- **Orchid Society of Southern California Annual Auction**  
Saturday, June 11 at 2 PM (doors open at 1 PM)  
Meeting Hall, First Christian Church, 221 South Sixth Street, Burbank  
Information: [www.orchidssc.org](http://www.orchidssc.org) or (323) 223-6089
  - **Orchid Digest Speaker's Day**  
Saturday, June 18 (See Ad on Page 4)
  - **Santa Barbara Orchid Estate International Orchid Fair \***  
July 8-10, Friday and Saturday 9-5 and Sunday 10-4  
Earl Warren Showgrounds, Santa Barbara  
Information: [www.orchidfair.com](http://www.orchidfair.com) or (800) 553-3387
    - **Open House at Santa Barbara Orchid Estate**  
1250 Orchid Dr, Santa Barbara  
Information: [www.sborchids.com](http://www.sborchids.com)
    - **Open House at Cal Orchid**  
Friday, Saturday and Sunday 8-5  
1252 Orchid Dr, Santa Barbara  
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- BBQ Lunch!  
Guest vendors!  
Wonderful plants, including lots of easy-to grow, prolific Sobralias!

repot, so I pick it up and repot it, then find another and another. I'm also making a point of looking for the developing blooms on the little plants, especially



Laelia lobata alba

since the big ones are starting to capture my attention. I don't want to miss the neat miniatures just because the Laelia lobata is putting on a grand show!.

*Roberta Fox, Editor*



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