Jim Rose from Cal Orchids

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Cal-Orchids maintains an active breeding program and stud collection built upon decades of international travel. James is very well known for having a distinctively selective 'eye' for a new and unusual plant. Cal-Orchid's new and long time customers enjoy realizing the benefits.

The nursery's inventory features the cattleya, cymbidium, odontoglossum, epidendrum, lyceaste and paphiopedilum alliances as well as a good assortment of African species. James and Lauris have been recognized for their superior ‘Pacific’ line of seedling epidendrums, which have evolved over 12 years of selective breeding and have garnered awards around the world.

Jim attended the University of California at Santa Barbara as an anthropology major. In 1971 he began working at the Santa Barbara Orchid Estate. After 10 years there and becoming manager, he left to establish his own nursery with his wife, Lauris. In 1987 they purchased Orchids By Rowe, a two acre cymbidium nursery located two blocks from the Pacific Ocean. They rebuilt the former cymbidium cut flower range into an internationally known orchid nursery providing one of the largest varieties of orchid species and hybrids in the United States.

Jim has published in the AOS Orchids, Orchid Digest and CSA magazines. He is respected for his encyclopedia knowledge as well as his distinctive sense of humor. His lectures have been featured at orchid shows and conferences in North America, Japan, Europe and even in South Africa at the last World Orchid Conference.

Jim is a Cymbidium Society of America Judge, former member of the AOS Conservation Committee and active member of the Japan Grand Prix Organizing Committee where he judges every year at the world famous Tokyo Dome.

Plant Table will be provided by Jim Rose

Speaker’s Dinner before our next meeting is at 5:30 pm at China Lounge (Sichuan Fortune House), 41 Woodworth Lane, Pleasant Hill. Everyone is welcome to attend and meet our speaker before the meeting. If you can join us, please contact Yuner Peralta at rnmnper@yahoo.com to be included in the reservation. Find toll # in the roster.