**Topic:**

**Mini-Catts: Delightful Cattleyas in Miniature**

Peter T. Lin will be presenting a talk on one of his favorite topics: Mini-Catts, also known as miniature Cattleyas. Peter will be sharing a fast-paced Powerpoint presentation on these charming orchids. The journey will begin with a review of the miniature species, early hybrids, and then to some of the relevant hybrids of today. He will also review how to grow these wonderful plants.

Peter started growing orchids over 30 years ago, but then stopped due to school and starting a career. It wasn't until about 14 years ago that the orchid "bug" came back and he is now heavily involved once again. He is an accredited judge with the American Orchid Society and a hybridizer of mini-catts. He enjoys meeting with other orchid enthusiasts, and can often be found at various orchid shows and societies around the country. He also has thousands of photos of his orchids that he maintains on Flickr. You can view them by typing this address into the internet: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/minicatt/collections/>

His website: [www.diamondorchids.com](http://www.diamondorchids.com)

Due to limited growing space, Peter likes to specialize in miniature orchids, both species and hybrids, and has received numerous AOS awards. His other interests in orchids include Dendrobiums, Angraecoids, and Neofinetias. He maintains a collection of a thousand or more orchids at his home in Southern California in 3 small greenhouses, as well as in the house under fluorescent lights.

(optional)

Peter will be providing the plants for this month's opportunity table. There will be a nice selection of orchids, so be sure to buy your tickets!

Peter will be taking pre-orders for plants that he will bring to the meeting. There will be a 10% discount for pre-orders. Members can view his catalog on his website: [www.diamondorchids.com](http://www.diamondorchids.com) and can order by phone: 909-573-6751 or email: lin.peterT@yahoo.com