

The Sheath

May General Meeting

Date: May 23, 2008

Time: 7:45 PM General Meeting

Place: San Mateo Garden Center

605 Parkside Way, San Mateo, CA

Take the Alameda de las Pulgas exit off of Hwy. 92.
The Garden Center is located between 26th and 28th
Avenues

Mailing address: P.O. Box 6894, San Mateo, CA 94403-6894

Skill Session at 7:00PM

Tom Mudge

Winter orchid care

Meeting plus Show and

Tell Table - 7:45 PM
followed by

Speaker: **Dan
Newman of Hanging
Gardens - Miniature
Orchids**

Opportunity table by
Hanging Gardens

Miniature Orchids

Dan Newman

Everyone who gets hooked on orchids eventually runs out of space! There are more fascinating species in the world than any of us can hope to accommodate, but by adding some smaller-growing plants to our collections, we can fit more variety into the space available. The aim of this talk will be to show the charm and the range of variation that miniature orchids can provide, and to discuss their needs in cultivation.

Dan Newman started growing orchids in 1982. His first successful plant was a Dendrobium hybrid bought as a tiny seedling at a lei stand in the Honolulu Airport. By 1996 he had 350 orchids in a one-bedroom apartment. That year he moved his collection into a commercial greenhouse space. He took over the large species collection of his friend and "orchid mentor", Walter Teague of San Francisco, and his

hobby evolved into his nursery, Hanging Gardens. Dan started growing orchids full-time in 2000, and moved to a larger greenhouse in Pacifica a few years later. He currently has 10,000 to 12,000 plants, mostly cool to intermediate growers.

Skill Session by Tom Mudge

This month's skill session will cover a topic requested by one of our members (send your requests to Mike Rector). Tom Mudge will discuss winter watering and the over-wintering of orchids. He will also be happy to answer your questions.

Opportunity Table

The May Opportunity Table will be provided by Hanging Gardens.

President's Corner

May is a great month for orchids. As I look out over my collection, I see lots of old friends coming back into bloom, spikes everywhere and lots of new, exuberant growth. It is a good time to repot many of your orchids, and this month the Peninsula Orchid Society is hosting a repotting work shop at the greenhouse of Dennis Olivas, in Half Moon Bay. This is a great opportunity to learn the tricks of the pros and how to handle some daunting repotting challenges, such as that giant cymbidium that has been in the same pot for years! Sunday, May 18, beginning at 10 am. Directions and more information in the upcoming events section of the newsletter. Our election was a success, with unanimous approval of the revised by-laws and articles of incorporation of the society. Next steps are filing with the state, and our thanks go to Todd Kennedy and Sue Rose for all the hard work that will go into the final components of applying for 501 (c) 3 status

Mary Gerritsen
President, POS.

Member News

A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO: Christine Kradjian, Margaret Boomer, Monica Ruiz, Patricia Coney, Midaë Tanihana, Alan Wilmunder, Gloria Bygdnes, Stephen Kirby, Rex Castell, Annie Green, Pat Kajikawa, Ken Jacobsen, Greg Kemist, Susan Tong, Marlene Beumer, and Marybeth George!

Meeting Refreshments

Earn a free strip of Opportunity Table Tickets by bringing refreshments to any of the meetings! Your fellow members love all kinds of goodies. Please see either Olga Ostrovsky or Rebecca Grubbs for your "thank you" strip of opportunity tickets!

The Inside Scoop

Have you had problems with paying your dues, but not having your check cashed? I have learned that our fiscal year begins February 1. POS is already in 2009! (Don't ask me to explain various fiscal years - I don't get it.) While everyone and their brother would like you to pay them early, Sue Rose, our very able treasurer, would like you to wait until January or February each year - she deposits your checks after February 1, no matter when you pay. This keeps the accounting and budgeting sane and manageable.

Upcoming Events

May 17 and 18 - D&D Flowers Spring Open House and Sale - 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM - Half Moon Bay. The greenhouse is not open to the public except for the spring and fall open house events. Great prices on original divisions of Cattleyas, Oncidiums, Cymbidiums, Paphiopedilums, Phragmipediums and many more genera. Really good deals... priced to sell. We accept cash or checks but no credit cards. There is no list of plants available and divisions are sold on first come first served.

We are located in Half Moon Bay 1/3 mile east of Main Street off Hwy. 92.

Just east of Spanish Town on Hwy. 92 there is a house and firewood business. Turn onto the street between the house and firewood business and go over the bridge into the greenhouse complex. D & D Flowers is the first greenhouse on the right. If you go beyond the large dinosaur statues in front of the house and Spanish Town and you are at Main Street, you've gone too far.

Mahalo! Dennis Olivas

May 18 - POS annual potting workshop will take place at Dennis Olivas' greenhouse in Half Moon Bay - 10AM to noon. (This coincides with the D&D Flowers orchid sale. Dennis is one of the Ds. Please find directions above.) This is your chance to repot one of your pesky - but pest and disease free - orchids with expert help. If you don't have an orchid to repot, you can wander on into Dennis's greenhouse and probably find one to buy that could use the repotting. (Just a guess on my part - ed.) POS will supply potting mix, razor blades, gloves, and pots.

May 17 and 18 - Petite Plaisance closing sale. Please see details on the next page.

May 30 - 31, Hatfield Orchids 2008 End of Spring Orchid Sale, 9 AM - 4 PM, 3793 Dufau Road, Oxnard, CA 93033. Phone: 805-901-0340; FAX: 805-659-0746. Phone or send email message to george@hatfieldorchids.com to request plant list and directions to the greenhouse. Free shipping to anywhere in the continental US for those who cannot attend.

May 31-June 1 - Santa Clara Valley Orchid Society Show & Sale - Express Orchid Exhibition. 9AM-5PM both days and free admission - Holiday Inn Express, 1350 N. 4th, San Jose. For information, call 800-731-9995.

June 13, 7:30, Malihini Orchid Society Auction - Hewlett Packard Oak Room, 19091 Pruneridge Avenue, Cupertino. For more information, contact Mike Bautista via email at smb@batnet.com or by phone at 650-556-9599.

July 11 - 13, 28th Annual Santa Barbara Orchid Estate International Orchid Fair - Earl Warren Showgrounds, 3400 Calle Real, Santa Barbara. (Highway 101 at Las Positas Road). For more information, visit the website: <http://orchidfair.com/>, email to sboe@sborchid.com or call 1-800-553-3387.

August 16 - POS Greenhouse Bus Tour! Set aside this Saturday in August for a fun day of looking at and buying orchids and orchid supplies. There were many great bargains last year, the bus was extremely comfortable and a fabulous time was had by all. This year we will be heading out to Bay Area greenhouses - more details in the next Sheath. There is a small chance that the tour will take place on August 23rd - Brett is working out the details right now.

MEMORIES FROM THE JANUARY 2008 POS SHOW



Closing Business - Big Sale: Plants & Equipment

May 17th & 18th, Saturday from 9 am to 4 pm and on Sunday from 10 am to 4pm.



Petite Plaisance Orchid Collection
Intermediate & Cool Growing Orchids
1177 Valley Ford-Freestone Rd, Sonoma County (Directions below)

Jim Hamilton and Ron Ehlers have had their orchid nursery, Petite Plaisance, since 1981. They are well known for their unusual orchids, primarily species, and their wonderful exhibits at shows throughout the area. With the sudden death of Ron Ehlers, Jim has decided that it is too much for him to maintain on his own. Everything is being sold.

The nursery will open for the big sale at 9 am on Saturday May 17th & at 10 am on Sunday May 18th. It will not be open until that time. Sorry, we are not taking orders in advance nor do we have a list of plants. If you have questions, we request that you direct them to Marni Turkel (email marniturkel@gmail.com or call 707 579-9511). We will have some packing materials on hand, but we encourage you to bring boxes/bags if you can.

There will be lots of great plants and lots of great deals. The greenhouses experienced a power failure this winter and some of the plants suffered during the outage. Plants will be priced to take this into account (pricing starts at \$1). Besides the orchids, supplies and greenhouse equipment will be for sale, including small heaters, large heaters, fans, electric tank sprayer and more.

Petite Plaisance is located an hour north of the Golden Gate Bridge in the rolling hills of west Sonoma County on the fringes of the California Wine Country.

Parking on the property is limited, but directly across the street there is an area for parking. There is a short hill to climb so wear walking shoes. There is no cell phone coverage on the property so you will not be able to reach us during the sale.

Getting There:

>From Petaluma, on 101 take the East Washington exit in Petaluma. Turn left at the signal. Stay on this road. It will take you through Petaluma, out the other side, and into Valley Ford. The road will change its name several times, but stay the course. Go through Valley Ford and take the first right out of town. This is Valley Ford-Freestone Rd. We are about one mile down this road on the left. 1177 is on the fence.

>From Santa Rosa, on 101 take Hwy 12 West through Sebastopol beyond the Freestone turnoff. Continue until you can turn left. This is Valley Ford-Freestone Rd. We are about one mile down this road on the right. 1177 is on the fence.

MEMORIES FROM THE JANUARY 2008 POS SHOW AND MISC.



Car Pool Corner

Have more fun! Talk about your orchids all the way to the meeting! Carpool with other members. You can advertise for a ride or offer a ride to and/or from the meeting. It's up to you whether you want to share gas costs, trade driving, whatever. Send your car pool ad to the_sheath_editor@earthlink.net by the 5th of the month.

Unclassifieds

Members may advertise orchid related items. The ad is free. E-mail your ad to the_sheath_editor@earthlink.net or mail to 878 Cashew Way, Fremont, CA 94536. Be sure to include your name and phone number. Ads must be received by the 5th of the month to be included that month's newsletter.

June Board Meeting

The June Board meeting will be held on Wednesday the 11th at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Sue Rose, 1007 Forest Court, Palo Alto. Board meetings are open to all members and we'd like to encourage you to attend. If you have any issue that you'd like brought to the board, but cannot attend, you can call any board member and they will present your issue for you.

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*Thank you all
for supporting the society
by taking time to vote on the
changes needed to qualify for
510(c)(3) status!*

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