# The Sheath

### February General Meeting

Date: February 29, 2009 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

Time to pay dues - Thanks!

Tell Table - 7:45 PM followed by Speakers: Paul & Mary Storm Schomburgkias & Myrmecophila Opportunity table by **Anna Chai** 

### The Wonderful World of Schomburgkias and Myrmecophila

### **Speakers: Paul and Mary Storm**

Paul and Mary were both born in the north where they never saw an orchid - probably because it was too cold there in the middle ages. But then, they met - fell in love - and married in Miami - where again they never saw an orchid - even though they lived near some of the most famous orchid nurseries in the world.

However, after they finally settled in Sarasota, Paul attended a plant sale and purchased a division of S. tibicinis – and the rest is history! (well, ok, maybe just minor history) from that point on Schoms and Schom hybrids became an obsession to the storms and they realized that they were born to convert the world to 'Schombo-love'!!

Together Paul and Mary (as Meke Aloha Orchids) have traveled extensively seeking the finest examples of Schom species and hybrids, and eventually began making their own hybrids. Their love of people and orchids, and their mission of trying to convert all orchid lovers to 'Schombo-love' have brought them

invitations to many societies around the country and introductions to many new life-long friends. In fact, many orchid society members in Hawaii, Arizona, California, North Carolina, Texas, Washington DC, Florida and the Bahamas are now growing Schomburgkias and Schom hybrids with new enthusiasm and affection.

Paul's 'Schombo-hero', Dr. Carl Withner, donated his personal Schom collection to the Storms, and some outstanding nurseries and hybridizers have named Schom hybrids in honor of Paul and Mary because of their 'Schombo-mission'. Paul is the botanical author of Myrmechea as well as of several future Nothogenera, and he is actively involved in hybridizing several genera with Schoms, which have never been combined before.

Recent changes in Schomburgkia and Myrmecophila nomenclature have necessitated a major revision of their program. Therefore, with the assistance of Julian Shaw, Sr. registrar of the RHS and Dr. German Carnevali, author of the new Myrmecophila genera and the leading world authority on Myrmecophila, their program will reflect the most current information available. (cont. next page)

Skill Session at 7:00PM

**Tom Mudge** Winterizing your

orchids Meeting plus Show and (Speaker information cont. from page I) Last year the program chair of the Gold Coast (North Miami) society praised this program as "one of the best they have ever hosted", and this summer the western North Carolina orchid society program chair summarized their program as "a hit and a hoot" (but Paul and Mary are still not sure if that is a compliment or not)!? Their forthcoming tour of the California Bay Area societies will be the most extensive program tour ever undertaken by them or the Bay Area societies, thanks to organizer and coordinator extraordinaire, Dennis Olivas. Following this tour they will be one of the featured presenters in Ohio at the Mid-America winter orchid congress in late March.

Paul and Mary are looking forward to presenting their program in the bay area and introducing many new orchid lovers to 'Schombolove', and they invite members with Schom species or hybrids which they wish to sell or trade to contact them in advance at: <u>mekealoha@comcast.net</u>. In the meantime, the Storms invite society members to prepare to be swept away by 'Schombo-love" and they promise that members will never look at Schoms, Mcps., and their hybrids in the same way ever again.

### **President's Corner**

We all need to congratulate and thank each other in our club for once again starting an orchid show season successfully. Our show on January 16-18 was wonderful in many ways, from the fantastic variety of well-bloomed and well-groomed plants, to the excellent plants available for sale in the vendor area, and especially because of all the members who pitched in to help make this show a success. Remembering the 2008 show, perhaps a small thank you to the weatherman is in order as well!

Of course, this is just the start of the orchid show season. Over the next three months, is seems there are shows on nearly every weekend, and sometimes it just seems there are too many shows. What we sometimes forget is that different genera of orchids tend to bloom at different specific times. I've heard people comment at our show that they see this plant or that plant nearly every year. Well, the reason is that that particular plant blooms well in January, where other plants may not yet be in bloom.

By going and visiting shows put on by other societies, you'll see other plants and other genera in bloom, and some of these other genera might be very interesting to you. You'll also see that in different regions, people might use different cultural methods. Sometimes you can learn great lessons just by looking at how well a plant is growing, and observing how the owner has cared for the plant.

Unfortunately, even with the large number of shows, some genera bloom in the summer and are seldom seen in show settings. Some of these genera can be quite striking – a large well-bloomed Laelia purpurata can almost be a show in itself, but these plants bloom in June when there are no local shows. This happens to be an excellent reason to make friends with people in the club who grow different genera, so you can go an visit them when some of these genera are in their blooming season.

So make a point of attending all the local shows you can, just to see more variety in orchids. If you go on a trip, check to see if an orchid show is taking place at your destination. The more orchids you see, the more you'll enjoy your own.

Cheers, Ken

### Editor's corner

We had a great show - things ran well, everyone had a great time, we had lots of fabulous plants on display in the show room and plenty of yummy plants for sale in the vendor and member sales areas, and last but certainly not least, the show was profitable. Thanks to all of our membership who made this very successful show possible.

We had plenty of drama this year. Two vendors had to withdraw shortly before the show. Rene managed to find two excellent vendors to replace them. Then Rene was unable to come on set-up day due to a family emergency - though she was able to direct things from afar, thanks to her many years of experience and the experience of the set-up team.

The member who was to take photos for the award trophies had to cancel at the last minute. Mary Gerritsen stepped up to the plate and took all of the photos Saturday - which is a pretty big job, and had them printed, as well as printing out the label for each award. Tom Parks and Susan Tong came to the rescue also, putting photos and labels together and putting the finished product into the frames Mary had bought.

Sunday, after the close of show dinner, Judy Clint discovered that her purse was missing from the plant hotel. We all started searching the building, which was not locked. The purse was not to be found, and Judy was becoming very concerned. Just then Sue Rose, our show chairperson, called Mike Rector. Sue left for home just as we started our excellent after show dinner, prepared by Carol Zoltowski, anxious to get started on the accounting end of the show to see how we had done. In her hurry she had scooped up Judy's purse. She reported that her purse was missing - with all of the show receipts. However, that turned up in her heap of show stuff in another couple of minutes, so all ended well.

Our show is one of the two fund raisers we have each year (the other is our auction) to support the costs of renting the San Mateo Garden Center, pay our insurance, cover costs of printing and mailing *The Sheath*, and allowing us to offer events such as the potting clinic, greenhouse tour, and opportunity table that often times cost a little more money than they bring in. Again, thanks to everyone for their part in this big undertaking, and a special thanks to Rene for sharing her previous experience with all who needed it. (Especially in the Plant Hotel!!!)

I spent many years organizing horse shows. Having been an organizer, I now truly enjoy how pleasant it is to be a spoke on the wheel instead of the hub. Thanks again to Sue Rose, ably assisted by Ginette Sanchou, for organizing our show. And a big thank you to all of you past show organizers too!

For those of you with a little time and the inclination, the SF Orchid Society show in March needs far more volunteers than our show. If you can give them a hand, they will certainly appreciate it and you will get free entry on the day you work - for opportunities please go to their show volunteer web page at <a href="http://www.orchidsanfrancisco.org/volunteer.html">http://www.orchidsanfrancisco.org/volunteer.html</a> or call (415) 665-2468.

My thoughts on Schomburgkias: They are difficult to spell - but not difficult to grow! I have one -Schomburgkia undulata - given to me by a co-worker a little over a year ago. He grows his plants outdoors. This plant would spike every year, then the buds would fall off. He thought with more heat it might bloom - and it did! Ken and Amy brought several fabulous Schomburgkia hybrids to our show. I am really excited about the talk this month. I think that novice growers and experienced growers will find this talk very interesting and useful. You may find that you want a Schomburgkia or two in your collection.

### Member News



A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO: Philip Chang, Carmencita De la Cruz, Buck Engel, Helen Frevel, Rita Giles, Brian Gleeson, Barbara Gustafon, Donna Horn, Henry Hsu, Terry Jarvi, Tom Mudge, Florian Skomski, Terry Boomer, and Linda Tripp.

### A Special Welcome to our New Members: Maureen Maher,

### Charlotte Thunen, and Anna Radcliffe.

**Our thoughts and good wishes are with Dan Newman and his mother.** His mother suffered a sudden serious illness, requiring Dan to travel to her home in January. We hope she is recovering quickly.

**Condolences go out to Mary Jensen**, who's father-in-law passed away unexpectedly in January. Mary is our past President of 2006 and Rene's sister.

**Congratulations to** David Banks and his wife Louanne, who live in Australia now. They have a new baby boy, and daughters Rebekah and Rachael now have a brother - Andrew Graeme Paul Banks, born Monday, 5th January 2009.

**President's Day** is this month. We would like to recognize our past presidents and thank them for all of the hard work they did and responsibility they took on. The president truly sets the tone for the club.

#### Peninsula Orchid Society Past Presidents

### **Upcoming Events**

February 20-22 - Santa Clara Orchid Society Show and Sale - Westgate Mall, 1600 Saratoga Ave., San Jose - Sale only 9 AM - 9 PM Friday, Sale Saturday 9 AM - 8 PM, Show noon to 8 PM, Show and Sale Sunday 9 AM to 5 PM. Free admission. For more information call (408) 229-2747.

March 6-8 - Pacific Orchid Exposition - Fort Mason Center, Festival Pavilion, San Francisco -Friday 10 AM - 6 PM, Saturday 9 AM - 6 PM, Sunday 10 AM - 5 PM.

March 14-15 - Golden Gate Cymbidium Society - Lakeside Garden Center (Lake Merritt), 666 Bellevue Ave., Oakland - 9 AM to 5 PM both days - Free admission - call (510) 276-2851 or go to www.ggcymbidiums.com for more information.

March 20-22 - Santa Barbara International Orchid Show - Earl Warren Showgrounds - Hwy. 101 & Las Positas Rd. 9 AM - 5 PM. For more information call (805) 969-5746 or www.sborchidshow.org

May 30-31 - Express Orchid Exhibition - Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites, 1350 N. Fourth St., San Jose - 9AM - 5 PM



SUNDAY 10 AM - 5 PM

FORT MASON CENTER, FESTIVAL PAVILION, SAN FRANCISCO For tickets and information plea

WWW.ORCHIDSANFRANCISCO.ORG or call 415-665-2468

### Thank you and congratulations on a job (or jobs!) well done

Show committee - this group planned the show and worked at the show: Sue Rose - Show Chair Ginette Sanchou - Show co-Chair Gloria Bygdnes - Admissions Chair Jackie Becker - Advertising/Publicity Chair Mary Gerritsen - Show Flyer Chair Mary Gerritsen - Awards/Trophies Chair Su McMurtry - Speakers Chair Paul Reeve - Display Chair Carol Zoltowski - Hospitality Chair Todd Kennedy - Judging Chair Amy & Ken Jacobsen and Anna Chai - Member sales co-Chairs Ginette Sanchou and Sue Rose - Membership/Raffle co-Chairs Gerardus Staal and Katie Walden - Plant Entry co-Chairs Chaunie Langland and Susan Tong - Plant Hotel co-Chairs Rene Biggs - Set-up Chair Mike Rector - Security Chair Rene Biggs - Vendor Sales Chair

### Show days help included :

Del Beumer, Marlene Beumer, Rex Castell, Fred Cox, Carey Drilling, Mike Drilling, Clint Evans, Judy Evans, Nancy Francis, Annie Green, Michael Green, Rebecca Grubbs, Diana Gross, Trudy Hadler, Patrick Hoe, Nick Hughs, Jocelyn Jamias, Evelyn Jones, Carl Jukkola, Japheth Ko, Mark Khoo, Sharon Langan, Gwen Layritz, Vicki Marchinko, Linda Merrifield, Kreg Martin, Olga Ostrovsky, Tom Parks, June Powell, Janet Rector, Diane Reeve, Anne Riegel, Jerry Rodder, Jill Rodder, Fred Shull, Dee St. Clair, Ann Stuart, Patrick Tong, Janusz Warszawski, Dan Williamson, Judy Wilson, Weldon Wilson, Cordellia Wong, Taik Yun, Barry Zimmerman. And others!

Speakers: (Saturday) Paul Simon, Dennis Olivas, Terry Boomer, and Debra Atwood; (Sunday) Paul Chim, Mary Gerritsen, Weegie Caughlin, and Tom Perlite.

### Peninsula Orchid Society Show 2009 Division and Trophy Winners

Best of each Division	Category	Winner	Grower
Cattleya	Novice	Sophrolaeliocattleya (Seagull's Aprico x Tangerine Jewel)	t Chaunie Langland
	Intermediate	Dinema polybulbon	Mary Gerritsen
	Advanced	Laelia Lucy Ingram	Jerry Rodder
	Open	Schombolaelia Summit 'Tomiko'	Paul and Phyllis Chim
Cymbidium	Intermediate	<i>Cymbidium</i> Sophie's Choice 'Mio Tesoro'	Christine Kradjian
	Advanced	<i>Cymbidium</i> Streethawk 'Red Light District'	Jeff Trimble
	Open	Cymbidium Isle 'Flamingo'	Paul and Phyllis Chim
Dendrobium	Novice	Dockrilla rigida	Chaunie Langland
	Intermediate	<i>Dendrobium</i> Roy Tokunaga x Wonder Nishii	Sue Rose
	Advanced	Dendrobium Florence Bousquet	Tanya Lam
	Open	Dendrobium bracteosum var. tannii	Golden Gate Orchids
Odontoglossum. Alliance	Novice	<i>Tolumnia</i> hybrid	Brad Cotten
Alliance	Intermediate	Brassia Datacosa 'Coos Bay'	Sung Han Lee
	Advanced	Oncidium (Miltonoides) oviedo-motae	Kreg Martin
	Open	Odontocidium St. Anthony of Egypt	Golden Gate Orchids
Paphiopedilum	Novice	<i>Phragmipedium</i> (Hanna Popow 'Snow White' x Lutz Rolke 'Emily' AM/AOS)	Chaunie Langland
	Intermediate	Paphiopedilum Fanaticum	Sue Rose
	Advanced	Phragmipedium (kovachii x besseae)	Jerry Rodder
	Open	Paphiopedilum venustum	Golden Gate Orchids

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Best of each Division	Category	Winner	Grower
Phalaenopsis	Novice	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> (Brother Fancy x Brother Supersonic) X Sierra Serenade	Cordelia Wong
	Intermediate	Phalaenopsis Everspring 'Prince Orchids'	Greg Corrales
Vandaceous Alliance	Advanced	Ascocentrum pusillum	Tom Mudge
Allance	Open	Rhynchostylis gigantea	Golden Gate
Alliance Inte	Novice	Masdevallia floribunda	Brad Cotten
	Intermediate	Masdevallia Geneva Spots	Sue Rose
	Advanced	<i>Masdevallia</i> Mem. Sang-Sub Lee (Masd. Joy Edstrom x Masd. veitchiana)	Ken and Amy Jacobsen
	Open	Masdevallia ignea #4	Golden Gate Orchids
Miscellaneous	Novice	Maxillaria variabilis	Paul Reeve
	Intermediate	Dendrochilum tenellum	Sue Rose
	Advanced	Dendrochilum glumaceum	Cynthia Hill
	Open	Arpophyllum giganteum	Golden Gate Orchids

### **Special Awards**

Best Plant or Flower Grown Indoors with or without Auxiliary Light	Phalaenopsis hybrid	Jackie Becker
Best First Bloom Seedling	<i>Phragmipedium</i> (Hanna Popow 'Snow White' x Lutz Chaunie Langland Rolke 'Emily' AM/AOS)	
Best Specimen	Cyrtochilum McBeanianum	Golden Gate Orchids

Special THANKS to Mary Gerritsen for typing up ALL of the show results (pages 7-9)



Mary also assembled all of her photos of the winning orchids onto pages with corresponding text. We are working on adding that to our web page.

### **Perpetual Trophies**

Barbara Todd Kennedy Trophy	Best Flower in Show	Doritaenopsis. Ever Spring Prince 'Orchis-2' (Phal. Golden Peoker x Dtps. Taiusco Beauty	Greg Corrales
POS Perpetual Trophy	Judge's Choice	Cymbidium Isle 'Flamingo'	Paul Chim
Katherine Jason Trophy	Best Species	Dendrochilum glumaceum	Cynthia Hill
Vallemar Gardens Trophy	Best Flower in Show	Cymbidium Sophie's Choice 'Mio Tesoro'	Christine Kradjian
Lil Severin Trophy	Best Miniature Species	Hymenorchis javanica	Tom Mudge
Clar Hancock Memorial Trophy	Best Culture for an Orchid Plant	Masdevallia floribunda	Brad Cotten
Kay Rinamin Trophy	Best Cypripedium Alliance in Show	Paphiopedilum venustum	Golden Gate Orchids
Exhibit Award			

AOS Bronze Medal	Outstanding Orchid Exhibit	Golden Gate Orchids

### **Best in Show**

Cattleya	Dinema polybulbon	Mary Gerritsen
Cymbidium	Cymbidium Sophie's Choice 'Mio Tesoro'	Christine Kradjian
Odontoglossum Alliance	Odontocidium St. Anthony of Egypt	Golden Gate Orchids
Paphiopedilum	Paphiopedilum venustum	Golden Gate Orchids
Pleurothallid Alliance	Masdevallia floribunda	Brad Cotten
Dendrobium Alliance	Dendrobium bracteosum	Golden Gate Orchids
Entry from the Miscellaneous Division	Arpophyllum giganteum	Golden Gate Orchids

Also, THANKS to Carl Jukkola for double checking the plant names!

### **AOS** Awards

Cymbidium Sophie's Choice 'Mio Tesoro', (Cym. pumilum x Cym. Mimi) CCM 85 Exhibited by **Christine Kradjian** 

Dendrobium glomeratum 'Giant', HCC 75 Exhibited by Japheth Ko

Dendrochilum glumaceum 'Vistamont', CCE 93 Exhibited by Cynthia Hill

Lycaste unregistered hybrid 'Great White Hope' (Lyc. Chita Sunset x Lyc. Sunray), AM 81 Exhibited by Cal Orchid

Odcdm. Saint Anthony of Egypt 'Jake', (Odcdm. Tiger Night x Odcdm. Tiger Barb) HCC 79 Exhibited by **Golden Gate Orchids** 

Phalaenopsis unregistered hybrid 'x', (Phal. Brother Love Hero x Phal. Sierra Serenade) HCC 76 Exhibited by **Cordelia Wong** 

Potinara Annie Zilius 'Ming-Feng' (Blc. Bryce Canyon x Pot. Bobby Brown), AM 82 Exhibited by **Japheth Ko** 

### 2009 Show Statistics - compiled by Rene Biggs

There were 10 Novice participants with a total of 26 plants entered There were 12 Intermediate participants with a total of 73 plants entered There were 14 Advanced participants with a total of 123 plants entered and There were (only) 5 Open participants with a total of 55 plants entered. This makes a total of 41 participants with a grand total of 277 plants entered.

There were:

12 Blue, 5 red and 1 white ribbons awarded to Novice participants
20 Blue, 19 red and 5 white ribbons awarded to Intermediate participants
46 Blue, 29 red and 17 white ribbons awarded to Advanced participants
32 Blue, 12 red and 6 white ribbons awarded to Open participants
Total of 110 Blue, 65 red and 29 white ribbons awarded.

#### Unclassifieds

Members may advertise orchid related items. The ad is free. E-mail your ad to <u>the\_sheath\_editor@earthlink.net</u> or mail to 878 Cashew Way, Fremont, CA 94536. Be sure to include your name and phone number. Ads must be received by the 1st of the month to be included that month's newsletter.

#### **February Board Meeting**

The February Board meeting will be held on Friday, February 29, at Silver House Restaurant, 2224 S El Camino Real in San Mateo (650) 571-1298. The meeting will begin at 5:00PM, our speakers will arrive at 6:00 PM and dinner (\$12 per person) will be served at 6:00. Beverages, other than hot tea, will be extra and need to be paid for when served.

The 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.

**<u>Free</u>** Opportunity Table Tickets: Changed - You will receive 2 strips of tickets for bringing refreshments to the meetings. You will also receive 2 strips of opportunity table tickets if you change from snail mail to e-mail for the newsletter.

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### 2009 Peninsula Orchid Society Membership Application or Renewal

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### Look for Chaunie at the back table at the February meeting if you would like to renew your membership at the meeting.

-<u>Please be sure to include the e-mail address to which you would like to have your copy of The</u> <u>Sheath sent</u>. Please write "None" if you do not have an e-mail address. Your e-mail address will not be sold or given out.

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## Time to renew your membership for 2009

### Show results inside

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