

The Sheath

October Auction Meeting

Date: October 23, 2009

Time: 7:00 PM Annual Auction

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

**The 4th Friday, not the
last Friday!**

Volunteers please
arrive at **4:00 PM**

**Plant and item check-
in from 5:00 PM to
6:30 PM**

**Bidder registration
begins at: 5:00 PM**

**Auction begins at 7:00
PM**

Cash or checks only

Annual Auction!

The Society welcomes and greatly appreciates all donations - this event is our main source of income for paying our expenses through-out the year.

Auction Plants and Items will be accepted beginning at 5:00 PM. **Items must be presented for check-in by 6:30 PM - including pre-registered plants and items. No exceptions.**

Particulars about how many plants you can sell or donate, etc. are listed on page 2. Items should arrive for check-in already tagged with their auction code number (if pre-registered), orchid code, your name, and minimum bid (if any). If you don't pre-register, be sure to write your 4 digit auction code on your plant tag when you receive your numbers.

The list of pre-registered items can be found at <http://pos.orchidbuff.com/auction> and will be updated regularly. (Starting October 8 - before that you may only see test entries as we master the web page.) Everyone with an e-mail address on their membership forms will receive an e-mail inviting them to view photos submitted with plant entries, within the next week. These will be on a Picasa web page.

If you would like to donate plants to the auction, or have any questions, please contact Paul Reeve, Ken Jacobsen, or Mary Gerritsen. *The POS reserves the right to refuse any plant or supplies offered for auction.* Plants should be established and must be disease and insect free. Please bring only plants that you would bid on.

We are fortunate to have **Ken Jacobsen** as one of our auctioneers this year. The auctioneers will be assisted by a multitude of great volunteers - picking, running, recording, serving refreshments, as well as check-in and receiving payment. We will also have a wonderful **silent auction**.

You may want to bring a box or two with you, to take home all of your new found treasures.

Refreshments will be served - you are still welcome to bring goodies with you and they will be much appreciated!.

Pre-entry of plants:

By e-mail, please send your entries either in MS Excel or in Mac Numbers format, if at all possible.

You can also send photos if you wish - please use a description of the plant as the file name.

Send to The_Sheath_Editor@earthlink.net

By mail, please use a copy of the form attached to the newsletter. Please send to: Chaunie Langland, 878 Cashew Way, Fremont, CA 94536.

2009 Peninsula Orchid Society Auction

1) The total number of lots (single plants, box of plants, books, other related items, or collection of items) not to exceed 250.

2) Members may donate or sell (on consignment) up to a total of 20 plants/lots. The maximum number of plants/lot that any member can sell is 10; however, for example if a member wants to donate 15 lots and sell 5, that works too. Or donate 20 and sell 0! You can also combine two or more plants as a single "lot", Please consider donating plants, the proceeds support the POS. Plants are sold on consignment: 25% of the proceeds will go the POS and the owners will receive a 75% check by mail after the auction. All sales are subject to sales tax which will be collected by the POS.

3) If at all possible, members should pre-register the plants/lots they want to sell or donate by email to: the_sheath_editor@earthlink.net, using the form provided in this newsletter. If you don't have email you can mail the form to Chaunie Langland, 878 Cashew Way, Fremont, CA 94536.

4) Closing date for early submission of electronic or RECEIPT of snail mail lists is the MONDAY (October 19) before the auction.

5) There will still be the opportunity to bring plants or lots that have not been pre-registered until the maximum number of lots (250) has been reached. The advantage of pre-registering is to generate more interest in your plants as buyers have time to research them, and to be sure that your plants make it into the auction.

6) The POS will accept donations in excess of the 250 cap but will reserve the option to use the donations in opportunity tables at subsequent meetings

Plant tags are available on page 6 (snail mail) or page 8 (e-mail).

Thanks!

Thank you to Ken Jacobsen. Ken took all of the photos of the September POS meeting shown on the next two pages (e-mail edition) - all that plus running the meeting. And they are excellent photos - not easy to do under florescent lights.



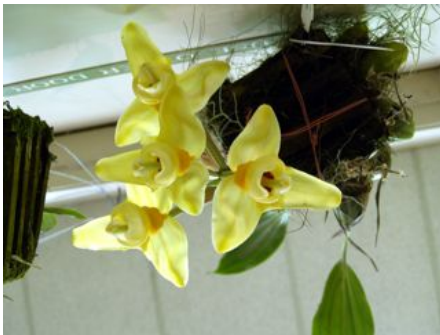
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Barry Zimmerman



Stan. benandezii
Dan Newman



Milt. clowessii
Tanya Lam



Stan. Zepher 'Stirling'
Barry Zimmerman



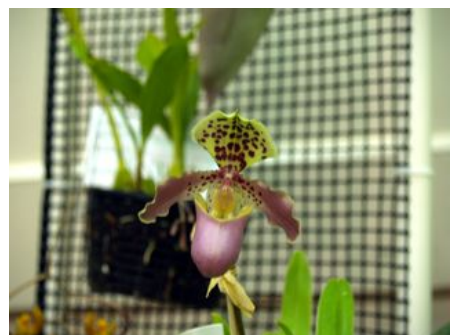
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Tanya Lam



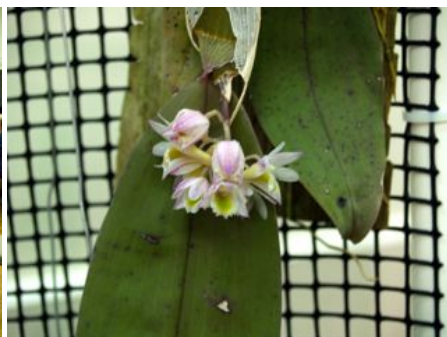
V. Rothschildiana
Tanya Lam



Epi. carchiense
Dan Newman



Paph. henryanum
Cordelia Wong



Den. aff. sulcatum



Phal. no name
Sharon deWit



Phal. bellina

Cordelia Wong



Angcm. Longiscott

Anna Chai



Onc. Aloha Iwanaga

Rich Copeland & Martha Skalak



Epi. englerianum

Mary Gerritsen



Bc. Little Mermaid

Mary Gerritsen



Paph. leucobilum

Fred Cox



V. Boschii

C. Todd Kennedy



Phal. hieroglyphica

Mary Gerritsen



Masd. princeps

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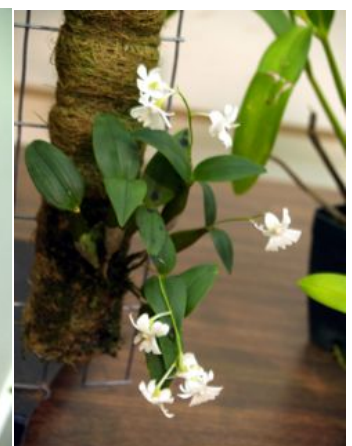
Cyc. Gene Monnier

J-M Irvin



Mcp. albopurea

C. Todd Kennedy



Den. Maiden Charlotte x

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Member News



A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO: Jim Baxter, Sharon deWit, Ruthie Stryker, Isabelle Block, Bill Borter, Pat Proctor, Esther Cummings, Valerie Gray, Jon-Michael Irvin, Echo Hsu, Gill Yee, Eva Basa, Cher Dinishak, Linda Hyde, Gary Jones, Fred Cox, and Anne M. Riegel.

Auction Orchid Code Conflicts

The following members share initials with another member, so the following replacement initials are suggested for their orchid code for items entered in the auction: (orchid code = 2 initials plus two numbers ex. - for Jim Baxter 1B-01, 1B-02, 1B-03, etc.)

Jim Baxter - 1B	Evelyn Jones - 1J
Mort Block - 2B	Melvin Jones - 2J
Margaret Boomer - 3B	Virginia Jensen - 3J
Amy Chung - AJ	Mangala Kishen - 1K
Ann Havey Cavender - 1C	Elizabeth Lee - 1L
Don Creevy - 2C	Sung Han Lee - 2L
Patrica Coney - 3C	Maureen Maher - 1M
Rich Copeland - 4C	Rose Marie Pfafenstiel - 1P
Sharon deWit - 1D	Anne Riegel - 1R
Ritsuko Furuya - 1F	Avery Rock - 2R
Mike Green - 1G	Janet Rector - 3R
Rita Giles - 2G	Johnathan Riley - 4R
Ronald Gonzalez - 3G	Ginette Sanchou - 1S
Deirdre Hegarty - 1H	Cordy Wong - 1W
Donna Horn - 2H	Neal Winslow - 2W
Susan Huff - 3H	

Nominees for the 2010 POS Board

Gang, it is that time again. We will be voting on a slate of officers at the November meeting. The new board begins service in January. We need new people for the following positions: President, Vice-President, Membership Chair, Recording Secretary

Description of duties of open board positions

The current board members are hoping that society members who have not previously been involved on the board will be willing to participate. New ideas are welcome and help give the club vitality. You do not need to be an advanced grower to serve on the board - only to have enthusiasm for the society. Any board member can count on other board members and other society members to assist them with their duties.

The board meets monthly. The date and time of the meetings are set by each year's board, at the first meeting in January, to be convenient for as many board members as possible. The 2008 board met on the second Wednesday of each month, rotating between board members homes and the garden center. The 2009 board meets immediately before each meeting at Fresh Choice in San Mateo.

President: Presides over the board meetings and the general meetings. Appoints members to non-board positions (librarian, hospitality, etc.), arranges for the Show & Tell table presenters and ensures that the club business runs smoothly.

Vice-President: Arranges for the speakers, skill session presenters and opportunity table plants for each meeting. Presides over the board meetings and general meetings in the absence of the President. Opens and closes the garden center for each meeting.

Recording Secretary: Records the minutes of each board meeting and the annual general meeting and files the minutes for future reference.

Membership Chairperson: Collects and records membership dues and member information. Works closely with the Treasurer and the editor of *The Sheath*. Maintains name badges. Is responsible for membership promotions, including at the annual show.

If you are interested in holding any of the board positions that are listed or are not listed here, please let Chaunie Langland, chairman of the nominating committee, know of your interest. The positions listed above must be filled for 2010. The other positions can also be filled by other society members, but the current board members are willing to continue for another year if needed.

The nominating committee will present a slate of officers at the November meeting for the annual election. Anyone may run for an office at that meeting, without being on the slate. However, there is usually no problem for any member interested in serving on the board to be placed on the slate. We are all grateful to anyone who volunteers to take on part of the work needed to keep the club going.

Call or e-mail me today! Chaunie - (510) 494-8850 or The_Sheath_Editor@earthlink.net

Upcoming Events

October 10 - Anna Chai will be holding an Open Greenhouse and Sale - 10AM - 4PM. 2508 Sherbourne Drive, Belmont. Plants also available from Pui Chin! This may well be a once in a lifetime opportunity to find divisions and plants from these two great growers, and shouldn't be missed!

October 10 & 11 - Hanging Gardens Open Greenhouse Sale - 11AM - 5PM - Shelldance Nursery site, Coast Highway, Pacifica - east side of the highway, 3/10 mile north of Reina Del Mar Avenue.

Take the Highway 1 Pacifica exit from Highway 280. Follow the long curve down the hill, then make a U-turn at Reina Del Mar Avenue, the first traffic light you come to on Highway 1. Turn right into the driveway marked by an orange sign saying "Orchids", and go up the hill to the unpaved parking lot. Park to the right of the fenced construction storage area. My greenhouse is the first one on the right side, just before you get to the parking lot. For more detailed directions, email hgardens@earthlink.net or call 415-305-8355. Come to shop or just to browse - everyone is welcome!

October 14-18 - American Orchid Society Fall Meeting - Huntington Library and Botanical Garden - San Marino, CA. For more information: <http://www.orchidshow.org>

October 17 & 18 - World of Orchids - Diablo View Orchid Society - sales open 9AM Saturday, show is from 10AM-5PM Sat. & Sun. Admission is \$2.00, children free. Pleasant Hill Community Center, 320 Civic Dr., Pleasant Hill.

October 23 - POS Annual Auction - Plant entry from 4PM to 6PM

November 7 & 8 - The Orchid Society of California Show and Sale - Lakeside Garden Center (Lake Merritt), 666 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland - 10AM to 5PM both days. For more information: www.OrchidSocietyofCalifornia.com

November 7 & 8 - 50th Annual Fall Santa Barbara Orchid Estate Open House - 8AM-5PM on Saturday, 9AM-4PM on Sunday. For more information call (800)553-3387 or <http://www.sborchid.com>

November 28 & 29 - Orchid Society of Santa Barbara Fall Show and Sale - "Orchids in Paradise" Saturday 10 AM to 5 PM and Sunday, 10 AM to 3 PM. Show free with museum admission. For more information visit <http://www.orchidsb.net>; Email randumland@cox.net; or call (805)962-6004.



Open Greenhouse

Who: Anna Chai
 When: October 10 from 10AM until 4 PM
 Where: 2508 Sherbourne Dr. Belmont

Many special plants and divisions
 Includes plants from Pui Chin
 Note that this is the first time Anna has ever held an open greenhouse!

Peninsula Orchid Society Auction Entry Form - October 23, 2009

Seller's Name and phone number: _____

Orchid code - two letters and a number, e.g. XX01, XX02 (the letters are usually your initials)

Orchid Code	Plant name or item	Minimum bid amount	Donation Y/N	Pot size

President's Corner

As orchid hobbyists, we're always looking for better or special plants, even if we profess to have no available space. One of the reasons clubs like ours spend so much time reviewing the show-and-tell table each month is so each of us can show off some of our special plants, but another reason is that it gives each of us exposure to plants we might be interested in trying to grow in the future.

I've always believed there are only two ways of getting new and special plants in a collection. The first is the seedling route – find a compost or flask of an interesting orchid species or hybrid, grow out a couple dozen plants, and hopefully there will be several plants very worthy of continued effort within these seedlings. Now, this method isn't for everyone as it requires chasing down a source for seedlings, it requires several years to grow the seedlings to maturity so the blooms can be evaluated, and then it requires the ability to discern which of the blooming seedlings are truly worthy of further effort, and which should find new homes. As I said, the seedling route isn't for everyone, but if it works for you, in the end you'll have unique plants, not meristems, and not divisions.

The second method of getting special plants for a collection is to obtain divisions of special plants from other people. In the Peninsula Orchid Society we have a plethora of very good growers with excellent plants, and one look at the monthly show-and-tell table should suggest several plants each of us would be happy to grow. On rare occasions pieces of these special plants become available at an open greenhouse, but the easiest place to find divisions of many special plants or seedlings with good potential is at our annual auction. The good news is that these plants are often proven to be good growers, good bloomers, and are in pieces large enough to bloom on the next growth.

The auction is coming up at the end of this month (Oct. 23). Although the auction itself starts at 7:00 PM, I would suggest everyone come a little early so there will be time to look over the plants that will be in the auction. We're going to have a web page again this year with as much early information on plants as possible, but seeing the actual plant in person is always recommended. It's likely that you'll find some very special plants that would simply not be available anywhere else, plus you might be tempted to try growing different genera.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone there!

Cheers,
Ken



Slc. Wendy's Valentine - bought at last year's auction by the editor for \$13

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Plant Name _____
Seller's Name _____
Minimum Bid _____
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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.

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