

The Sheath

October Auction Meeting

Date: October 22, 2010

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 4:30 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 4:30 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 orchid code, your name, and minimum bid (if any). If there is no minimum bid set, then the auctioneer will start your plant at a price they deem reasonable.

The list and example photos of pre-registered items can be found at <http://auction.penorchidsoc.org/auction/> and will be updated regularly.

If you are interested in donating plants or other items to the auction, but can't make it to the auction or would like someone to come and pick up your donations, please contact Mary Gerritsen at 650-348-6492 (before Oct 14, after that she is out of the country) or Mike Rector at 650-366-3401 (up until the day before the auction).

Plants should be established and must be disease and insect free. Please bring only plants that you would bid on. *The POS reserves the right to refuse any plant or supplies offered for auction.*

We have been working to ensure that the selection of plants at auction gets better and better each year ... and try to have bidding wind up at a reasonable hour. The plants being offered, that we know of to date, will be worth your making the journey to San Mateo!

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 to Dan Williamson enki_29205@yahoo.com or Fred Cox sailorfred@yahoo.com. You are encouraged to send photos if you have them - please use a description of the plant as the file name.

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

2010 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: Dan Williamson enki_29205@yahoo.com or Fred Cox sailorfred@yahoo.com, giving the information for each plant that is requested on the form 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 18) 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.

7) **DAY OF THE AUCTION:** Bring your plants with the plant tags already filled out and attached to the pots (or whatever works well for the non-potted plants) and a filled out copy of the auction entry form on page 3. Plants must be entered no later than 6:30PM. Sorry, NO EXCEPTIONS.

Plant tags are available on page 4.

The orchid code is two letters and two digits (no hyphen). Examples: CL01, CL02, CL10.

Peninsula Orchid Society Auction Entry Form - October 22, 2010

Seller's Name and phone number: _____

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

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

Orchid Code_____

Plant Name_____

Seller's Name _____

Minimum Bid _____

Comments_____

Orchid Code_____

Plant Name_____

Seller's Name _____

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Minimum Bid _____

Comments_____



Left: Masd.
Rosemary #1
Annie Green



Right: Paph.
Claire de Lune
Jackie Becker



Right: Odm.
Margarete Holm
Janusz Warszawski



Paph. Valerie Tonkin x Ice Castle
Pat & Zach Coney



Rich is GLAD that it's
Friday!



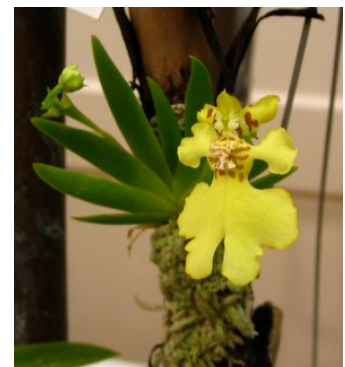
Stan. Midnight Ramble
Barry Zimmerman



Ron takes on the table all by
himself!



Mtssa. Dark Star "Darth Vader"
Janusz Warszawski



Psycmorchis/Erycina pusilla
Chaunie Langland



Rynchostele rossii
Mary Gerritsen



We even had a pumpkin pie!



L. pumila
Mary Gerritsen

\$7 DOLLAR ORCHID SALE!

BLOOMING SIZE PLANTS
FROM THE RICHARD (DICK) STONE COLLECTION
CATTLEYA ALLIANCE, ONCIDINAE, SPECIES ETC.
MANY HYBRIDS NOT AVAILABLE ELSEWHERE

ALL THESE PLANTS ARE \$7.00

ALSO AVAILABLE AT THIS SALE
SELECTED SOPHRONITIS COCCINEAS



ON SLABS AND IN POTS
THESE ARE PRICED DEPENDENT ON SIZE
AND QUALITY
ALL SOPHRONITIS PLANTS ARE MATURE

WHEN: OCTOBER 15, 16, 17

TIME: 10 A.M. TO 3 P.M.

WHERE: 737 PARMA WAY, LOS ALTOS

From El Camino, take left lane of El Monte to Springer Road and continue on past Cuesta. After pedestrian hump at Rosita turn right on Rosita, then proceed three short blocks to Parma Way. Turn left on Parma – it is the first house on the left hand side of the street.

Election time at POS as well as across the country!

It is time to select our slate of officers to be voted into office at the November POS meeting. Being a board member is fun as well as work - the society can't operate without the board members. If you are interested in running for any of the positions (no TV ads required), please let a member of the nominating committee know of your interest.

The nominating committee is comprised of Todd Kennedy (415-664-8851), Mary Gerritsen (650-348-6492), Janusz Warszawski (650-964-0560), and Judy Evans (650-593-8625).

Please give them a call and make their jobs easier! The board positions are listed on page 10.



Lc. Mini Purple X S. coccinea
Mary Gerritsen



Masd. trifurcata
Mary Gerritsen



Pths. amparoana
Mary Gerritsen



Den. Lucy Pink
Gloria Bygdnes



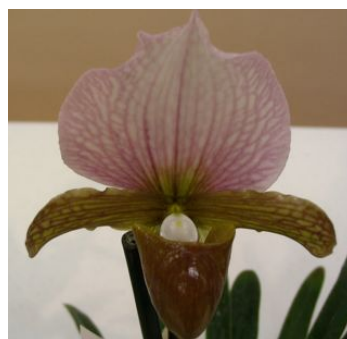
Anacheilium cochleatum
Jackie Becker



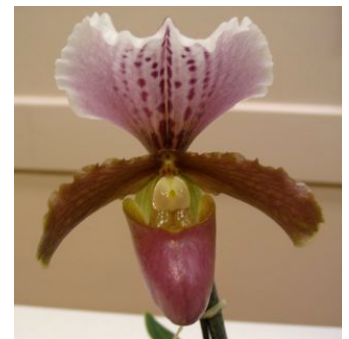
Mike, only moments before he stepped forward and saved The Show!



A rare sighting!



Paph. charlesworthii
Terry Boomer



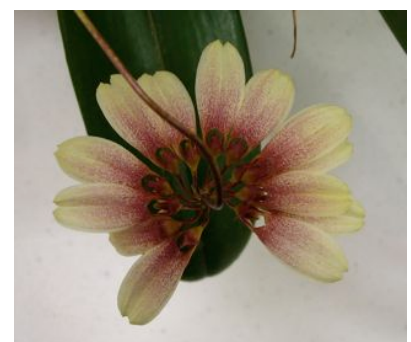
Paph. henryanum x charlesworthii
Terry Boomer



Ros. Grande
Zach & Pat Coney



Todd discusses the need for a 2011 Show Chairperson - a position now filled by Mike Drilling



Bulbophyllum (Cirrh.) lepidum
Jackie Becker

Upcoming Events

Oct. 15 - 17 Dick Stone Orchid Sale. Dick was President of Peninsula Orchid Society in 1960. He is moving to a smaller living space and decreasing the size of his collection. See the flyer in this issue for details.

Oct. 16 - Caring For Your Orchids, a 2 hour class being given at Brookside Orchids, followed by a tour of their greenhouses. Cost is \$30. For more information call 650-854-4711.

Oct. 16 & 17 Hanging Gardens Open Greenhouse Sale, 11AM-5PM both days. See flier in this newsletter for more details.

Nov. 6 & 7 The 52nd Annual Santa Barbara Orchid Estate Fall Open House. Sat. 8AM-5PM, Sun. 9AM-4PM. For more information call (800) 553-3387 or go to www.sborchid.com or ask Chaunie to forward the e-mail with details to you.

Nov. 27 & 28 Orchid Society of Santa Barbara Fall Show and Sale. Held at the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History. Museum admission charge includes the show. For more information go to www.orchidsb.net.

Hanging Gardens Open Greenhouse Sale

Saturday & Sunday, October 16 & 17

11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- Orchid species in and out of bloom, many rare and hard-to-find plants
- Cool to intermediate/warm growers
- Mature plants, seedlings, established and bare-root divisions
- Orchid companion plants and orchid growing supplies

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 or Highway 35. 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. 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!

Upcoming POS Meetings

Nov 26. Dennis Szeszko "Orchids of Mexico State" (photos and information on plants in situ).

Dec 17. Joint meeting with the Gold Coast Cymbidium Society. Ron Parsons "Cool Growing Orchid Species" (Cymbidiums and companion species)

Jan 21. No meeting. Set up and judging for the POS annual show (Jan 22-23), Community Activity Building,



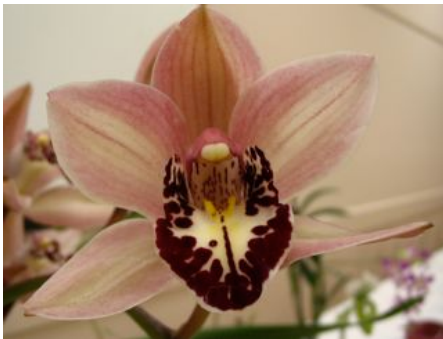
Patrick is pretty happy with the refreshment table!



Masd. Dennis Riphenburg
The Staals



Den. Hibiki
The Staals



Cym.
Weegie Caughlan



Clint and Judy enjoyed the meeting



C. loddigesii var. coerulea hybrid
Barry Zimmerman



Acianthera sonderana
Zach & Pat Coney



Neostylis Lou Sneary
Chaunie Langland



Gomesia species
The Staals

Member News



A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO: Jim Baxter, Rich Copeland, Mangala Kishen, Sharon de Wit, Ruthie Stryker, Isabelle Block, Pat Proctor, Jon-Michael Irvin, Julian Osinski, Fred Cox, Barry Zimmerman, and Anne M. Riegel.

A tale of Gomesias

Three *Gomesia crispas* were brought to our September meeting. At least, that is what they were labeled. Ron Parsons took a look at them as he presented the Show & Tell table and decided that they were all *Gomesia recurva*. Ron has seen more of these than most of us. One thing I often do when I am labeling the photo pages is to check the species against photos available on www.orchidspecies.com. Fortunately there are not that many Gomesias, because after looking at the photos for *crispa* and *recurva*, I decided that our flowers did not match that well and I went through all of the available photos on that site. In the end, I thought *Gomesia alpina* fit better. But I wouldn't bet \$10 on it! Ron did not like *alpina* designation though, as he has seen them and said they are white, not green.

It is not easy to determine the correct name of your orchids. The tag can easily be wrong. I bought what was said by the seller (at a commercial greenhouse) to be an Iwanagara Apple Blossom, found the label marked as "Apolo Blossom", and when it bloomed it did not resemble Apple Blossom. There is no "Apolo or Apollo Blossom", at least not on the internet.

It is a good thing to check your blooming plant against photos available on the internet and in books to see if the tag is likely to be correct. You need to allow for variations between plants though. When the results of your investigation are not clear, you need to track down an authority (often available at our regular meetings!) and make a decision on what you are going to go with. In the case of the Gomesias, I would relabel with Ron's identification.

With mis-marked hybrids you are often out of luck - they are just too hard to identify.



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