

The Sheath

June General Meeting

Date: June 22, 2012

Time: Doors open at 7:00PM

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

**No Skill Session - doors
open at 7:00 PM**

7:30 PM Special AOS
judging/seminar

Enter plants for judging
by 7:15PM

Followed by
presentation of the
Show & Tell table

Opportunity Table will be
provided by **Anna Chai**

AOS Judging at POS

I'm sure we've all had the experience of going to an orchid show and seeing blue ribbons on the showiest plants, and then seeing a plant right next to the showy plant with no ribbon at all, but an AOS award. Well, we'll have the chance to learn about different types of judging and understand how this occurs.

Of course, orchid judges for the AOS look for something different when judging flowers than do the ribbon judges for a society show, and this month we'll be able to see AOS judging in action. There will be two or three AOS judging teams set up to judge and score plants, and the local AOS judging chairman, Todd Kennedy, will explain the overall process. As judging starts, members will gather around the individual judging groups to see the process in detail.

Because AOS judging is supposed to be an anonymous process, there are a couple things we'll need to do for this meeting that are different than usual. First, please bring in plants for the show-and-tell table as usual, especially if you think the flowers are exceptional for that particular type of orchid, but please don't stop to tell any of the judges about your plant as you do this. If a judge knows that a particular

plant belongs to a specific person, they must excuse themselves from judging that plant.

The meeting will commence at 7:30 this month, and after announcements, we'll start the judging process immediately. Any plants where judging has been specifically requested will be judged – forms will be at the meeting for requesting judging. Also, the show-and-tell table will be viewed by the judges to see if there are additional plants they feel worthy of a closer look. Once judging is finished, we'll have a short break, introduce the awarded plants and the show-and-tell table.

If the judges award your plant, then that's wonderful. If you don't get an award, that doesn't mean your plant isn't exceptional, only that the judges are looking at attributes of a plant and flower which may be different than you see when you look at the flower. Especially with orchids, beauty is very much in the eye of the beholder.

We urge you to take advantage of this opportunity to get plants AOS judged without having to go to San Francisco or Oakland. Hopefully, we'll all learn more about AOS judging, see some special plants, and have fun in the process!

Opportunity table provided by Anna Chai.



Ron presented the entire Show & Tell table



Masdevallia Bella Donna 'Cow Hollow', HCC/AOS Anna Chai



Masdevallia hybrid Mary Gerritsen



Cattleya mossiae Fred Shull



Laelia tenebrosa Fred Shull



Laelia tenebrosa 'Waterfield Copper Queen', HCC/AOS Fred Shull



Laeliocattleya Opapeo Fred Shull



Masdevallia notosiberica 'Golden Gate' Anna Chai

Right: *Masdevallia patula*

Mary Gerritsen



Epidendrum hybrid Janusz Warszawski



Phragmipedium nitidissimum Chaunie Langland



Paphiopedilum Cutie (macabre hybrid) Trudy Hadler

Member News



A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY: John Benet, Rene Biggs, Ginger Creevy, Mike Drilling, Julie Dull, Joe Enos, Patrick Hoe, Olga Ostrovsky, Ron Parsons, Paul Simon, Jill Rodder, Jenny Teng, and Tina Truong.

Refreshments: THANK YOU to Gloria Bygdnes, Anna Chai, Judy Evans, Annie Green, Chaunie Langland, Pingyu Liu, Dennis Olivas, Mike Rector, Ginette Sanchou, Susan Tong, Janusz Warszawski, and Carol Zoltowski.

Editor's Corner

Great news! Dan Williamson has stepped up to become the next newsletter editor. It would be great if you would show your support for him by writing articles to go in the newsletter, or letting him know when you see a good item on the internet so he can contact the author and get permission to print it in the newsletter.

Now that I will have some free time, and because I have some ideas on small changes that might be useful for the show, I have volunteered for the position of show chairperson. I am busy rounding up chairpersons for the various areas right now. If you are interested in taking on the responsibility for an area please let me know right away. Our show will take place January 25-27 at the Community Activities Building in Redwood City - our traditional location.

Joseph Kautz has taken on the important job of advertising for the show. Last year we had a great show - beautiful entries, excellent speakers, great vendors, wonderful food for the volunteers, but low attendance. Advertising is not a simple job - there are so many different places to try to reach people now, a newspaper ad is often not the effective tool it once was. Several people in the hallways at work said they would have come if only they had known - I was carrying in plants I had bought for my co-workers. Joseph is working on ideas to get the word out. If you would be interested in getting involved with his committee, now is the time. Please contact him if you would attend a meeting for brainstorming on this crucial aspect of show preparation.

Unlike prior years, we were short on set-up help last year. I hope that some of you will plan to take a vacation day from work and sign up to come over to help set-up. We are also going to need a few special people for the Friday night judging in addition to our usual crew of judges, ribbon judges, and judging clerks. More about that later, but I am hoping that some of you will be willing to give up your Friday evening to help with the administration part of awards.

Well, here I am, already excited about the show, and we haven't even gotten to the auction yet! That will take place on the afternoon of Saturday, September 29th. Dan will be telling you about that.

Happy Summer! Chaunie



Epipactus gigantea (aka Stream Orchid)
Terry Boomer



Cypripedium reginae 'Lion's Den'
Leo Kusber



Paphiopedilum hanaldianum
Chris Mende



Cattleya Ruth Gee 'Diamond Jubilee', FCC/AOS
JungHee Ra



Masdevallia Dennis Riphenburg
'Sunrise Gold' Miki White



Bulbophyllum
longissimum
Ginette Sanchou



Maxillaria tenuifolia
Ginette Sanchou



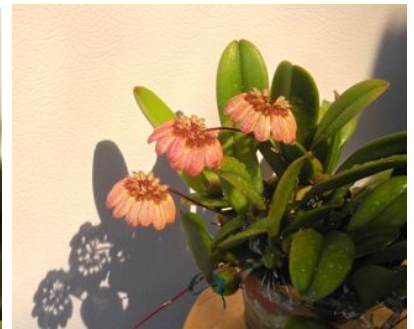
Dendrobium rhodostictum
Gerardus Staal



Dendrobium linguiforme
Chris Mende



Phalaenopsis javanica
Chaunie Langland



Bulbophyllum auratum
Chaunie Langland

Upcoming Events

June 23 Peninsula Orchid Society Greenhouse Bus Tour. Join us for a visit to Napa Valley Orchids and California Orchids. See article in this newsletter for more details.

July 13 - 15 Santa Barbara Orchid Estate International Orchid Fair Fri - Sat 9 AM- 5 PM, Sun 10 AM - 4 PM. Earl Warren Showgrounds, 3400 Calle Real, Santa Barbara, CA. Highway 101 at Las Positas Road. Click on their Website: <http://orchidfair.com>, or email to sboe@sborchid.com or call 1-800-553-3387.

July 27 Peninsula Orchid Society meeting, Bruce Rogers will talk about his new book *The Orchid Whisperer*, as well as talking about new Sobralia hybrids. Bruce will supply the opportunity table also! And I believe he will also bring copies of his book as well as some Sobralias to sell.

July 27 Golden Gate Cymbidium Society Auction & Potluck Dinner Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland, 7 PM. Bring a plant for donation and a potluck dish. Call for information at (510) 276-2851- or visit: www.ggcymbidiums.com

August 4 The California Sierra Nevada Judging Center's 4th Annual Speaker's Day Odd Fellows Hall, 1831 Howe Ave at Alta Arden, Sacramento, CA 95838. 9AM to 5PM. Speakers: Roy Takunaga, H&R Nurseries and Ron McHatton, Director of Education for AOS. Cost is \$10.00 in advance, \$20.00 at the door for AOS members and affiliated societies members (yes, POS is an affiliated society) and \$25.00 at the door for the general public. More information <http://www.facebook.com/pages/California-Sierra-Nevada-Judging-Center/104769679585467>. You can also contact Chaunie for the mailing address to pay for tickets in advance.

August 24 Peninsula Orchid Society meeting, Mary Gerritsen will speak about her trek to Venezuela and climbing Mt. Roraima to see the unusual carnivorous plants and orchids on top of the tallest, and one of the largest, tepuis. What is a tepuis? Guess we will find out in August.

September 29 Peninsula Orchid Society Annual Auction.

January 25-27, 2013 Peninsula Orchid Society Show & Sale.

Facebook and Web Site Update

Some of you have been visiting the Peninsula Orchid Society Facebook page. You will find early postings of details about the upcoming meeting, photos, and other information. You are now able to add your own photos and orchid related news items to the page. As long as we don't have any inappropriate postings, we will leave the page open for anyone to post to.

Our new website is expected to be up and running around the first of July. Joseph Kautz has been working very hard on it and I believe you will be very pleased with the new look. It will be evolving over time, but this is another place to look for meeting and event information.

Wanted! Do you know how to make an Orchid Corsage? If so, we would love to have you present a Skill Session at the July, August, October or November meeting. Contact Chaunie Langland at 510-494-8850. You do not need to be a POS member!! (The only "pay" skill session presenters' receive is our gratitude.)

Greenhouse Bus Tour Goes North!

Dan Williamson has arranged a wonderful itinerary for us.

The first stop will be at **Napa Valley Orchids**, owned by Debra Atwood. She always has a great selection of plants. (<http://www.napavalleyorchids.com/>). We will have the opportunity to tour Debra's brand new greenhouse and visit with Marni Turkel also, as she will be there to assist Debra with plant sales.

We will then head over to **California Orchids** (<http://www.californiaorchids.com/>) in Bolinas where we will also have our lunch. Mary Nesbitt owns California Orchids and she has planted some of her orchids on large logs to simulate their native growth habits. This was featured in a past *Orchids* magazine article. Mary's orchids won many awards at POE this year, so you may well find a very special orchid to take home from her selection.

When: Saturday, June 23rd

Board the bus: 8:10 AM, bus leaves at 8:30 AM **ON THE DOT**

Greenhouses: Napa Valley Orchids and California Orchids. (There is a potential stop at a succulent nursery, but that has not been confirmed at press time.)

Return to the Garden Center: Approx. 5:00 PM (Depends on traffic, of course.)

Cost: \$55

Lunch: Included

Guests, other orchid societies members, and visitors are also welcome to sign up and come along! Please remember to park on the street, not in the Garden Center parking lot. There may be a paid event at the Garden Center that day, such as a wedding.

To sign up or for more information, please contact Dan Williamson at 650-963-9403 or enki_29205@yahoo.com

We still have plenty of seats on the air conditioned bus which also has a bathroom. We had to cancel our trip to Hanging Gardens as the bus company suffered damage to a bus recently from a low hanging branch while taking the Santa Clara Valley Orchid Society on their bus tour. The bus company will not take their buses there for now. I am very sad to miss a trip to Dan Newman's in Pacifica, but any of us can go there simply by calling him and arranging a time to meet him there. Also, there is a chance he will have his greenhouse open for us mid-July.

If you would still like to sign up, please do so right away as we need to bring enough lunch for everyone!

Hope to see you there,
Chaunie

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Ron McHatton

Operating Officer, Director of Education for AOS

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Roy Tokunaga, H & R Nursery

Dennis Olivas, D & D Flowers

Alan Koch, Gold Country Orchids

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Vendors

Golden Gate Orchids

Odontoglossums and their intergenerics, plus other fantastic plants.

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Gold Country Orchids

Mini-cattleyas that bloom 2-3 times a year.

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Dennis will have whatever the others don't.

\$10 advance
\$20 at the door for Sponsoring Societies & AOS members
\$25 general admission

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Joe Parker, our May speaker, brought in two spectacular and unusual examples of Draculas.

Left: *Dracula ubangina*, photo by Julie Dull

Above: *Dracula hirtzii* v. *xanthina*

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*Bring your best orchid for AOS
judging!*

*Remember, our meeting is the 4th
Friday of the month, not the last
Friday!*

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