

The Sheath

How to Grow Orchids in Coconut Mixes

Tanya Lam

Date: March 22nd

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.

You may still bring any plants you need help with and one of the experts at the meeting will help you. If you suspect bugs or virus, please bring the plant isolated in a plastic bag.

Dues are due! See page 2 for details.

Speaker

Tanya Lam has been growing orchids since 1996. Since then she listened, experimented, and was creative in adjusting her growing methods to provide her orchids with their healthiest root systems, and in turn she enjoys their best performances in flowering. During the first few years of growing orchids, her job required extensive travel, which required her to have good planning and orchid mixes that stay moist exactly 7 days. Tanya created her own mixes to fit her weekly watering schedule and conditions. Her orchid mixes turned out to be outstanding, and she will be sharing her successes using coconut mixes with us. Orchids have become Tanya's obsession and second profession. Tanya enjoys volunteering at orchid events and meeting orchid friends when she travels.

Tanya grows many species and hybrids in San Jose, California. Her special interests are both species and hybrids of psychopsis, dendrobium, epidendrum, paphiopedilum, encyclia, cattleya, vandaceous, angraecoids, and she is currently exploring many other orchid genera. Tanya likes "showy" orchids and long or frequent blooming orchids. She has always 'wowed' the orchid society members with her beautiful and well-grown plants.

Tanya uses 99% rain water, she collects over 4000 gallons of rain water each year, and despite her busy work and travel schedule, she manages to keep her 2000 orchids virus free, pest free, and healthy in 2 greenhouses and a shade house.

Tanya belongs to 6 orchid societies in the San Francisco bay area, was the Vice President and is currently the President of Malihini Orchid Society. Wherever she travels, she visits the local orchid society and learns how orchids are grown in different parts of the country. She traveled to see orchids in Northeast Thailand, and wished to travel to see more orchids in different parts of the world.

Membership renewals

Annual membership dues are now due in January, they can be paid by check or cash at the meeting or on the website using Paypal at: <http://penorchidsoc.org/membership.html>. The membership form is on page 15 of this newsletter.

AOS Corner

What's going on at AOS Headquarters?

If you have had an occasion to speak with anyone at AOS Headquarters, you may find some new additions (or changes of duties) for the staff. With the addition of Gladys Garcia-Greenberg last summer, a realignment of some of the duties over the past few months has occurred. As a way of introduction, the current staffing at AOS is:

Ron McHatton, Chief Operating Officer (rmchatton@aos.org)

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If you have any questions that do not fit into any category listed above, you may always send them to theaos@aos.org. The main phone number at headquarters is 305-740-2010. Each Committee also has its own email address. The various committees and contact information may be found in the front of Orchids, as well as on the AOS website.

Hopefully by now you have checked out the digital version of our monthly magazine, Orchids. It can be downloaded and read on your computer, tablet or whatever portable device you may have. It has been very well received, especially for those recipients outside the United States. It is usually available before the first of each month.

Time is running out for the purchase of the 2013 Conservation Calendar. I understand that supplies are becoming limited. Contact headquarters for special bulk ordering or to just order one! Remember \$2 of each purchase price funds the AOS conservation initiatives.

Lynn Fuller, Chair
AOS Affiliated Society

Meeting Photos



Cattleya loddigesii
Fred Shull



***Laelia anceps var veitchiana* 'Elizabeth Eyes'**
AM/AOS Fred Shull



Laelia (anceps x albide)
Jung Hee Ra



***Masdevallia Machu Pichu* 'Crownpoint'** AM/AOS
Jung Hee Ra



Unknown Cymbidium
Janusz Warszawski



***Cattlianthe Hazel Boyd* 'Elizabeth'**
Janusz Warszawski



**Unknown Cymbidium 'Mimi'
Janusz Warszawski**



**Aliceara Pacific Nova 'Pacific Heights'
Pierre Pujol**



**Zygoneria (Adelaide Meadows x Dynamite)
Pierre Pujol**



**Laelia anceps 'Pink Beauty' HCC/AOS
Pierre Pujol**



**Oncidium Jungle Monarch
Gloria Bygdnes**



**Cymbidium Yowie Rose 'Ruby'
Gloria Bygdnes**



**Unknown Lycaste
Sharon Langan**



***Restrepia trichoglossa*
Ginette Sanchou**



***Dendrobium violaceum*
Ginette Sanchou**



***Laeliocattleya Frosty Pink 'H&R'*
Chaunie Langland**



***Miltoniopsis Gladys Fumiko Yokoyama*
Chaunie Langland**



***Neostylis Pinkie 'Starry Night'*
Chaunie Langland**



(Tolumnia Elfin Gem 'Kultana' x Oncidium Golden Sunset 'Waiomao')
Chauie Langland



Pahpiopedilum (Hsinying Majakun x Hsinying Citron)
Annie Green



Oncidium Twinkle
Chauie Langland



Barry and Pierre both had beautiful plants for sale in the members sales area.



Holger and Wenqing Perner brought some of their plants for sale and provided the opportunity table.



Pierre won two trophies at the annual show in January and here he is accepting his trophies and making a brief speech. Congratulations Pierre!



The show table was a little sparse, but the flowers were outstanding!



After the presentation, Holger Perner was kind enough to find some extra photos for my son.

Member News



A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO: Frank Bloomquist, James Evenson, Nancy Francis, Ritsuko Furuya, Evelyn Jones, C. Todd Kennedy, Jasen Liu, Cat MacDonell, Margery Mayer, Jacquet McConville, Su McMurtry, Anna Margarita Quiroz, Paul Reeve, Greg Scown, Roey Shaviv, Nancy Shine, and Carole Zoltowski.

Refreshments: Tony Gee, Doug Cunning, Diana Reeve, Barry Zimmerman, Judy Evans, Gloria Bygdnes, Annie Green, Janusz Warszawski, Ginette Sanchou, Susan Tong, Fred Shull, Dan Williamson and Donna Horn all brought treats! Thank you!

Upcoming Events

March 22-24 Santa Clara Valley Orchid Society Show

Westgate Mall, 1600 Saratoga Ave. San Jose. Friday 10am-9pm, Saturday 10am-8pm, Sunday 11am-5pm. Details see flyer on page 9.

March 30 & 31 Sonoma County Orchid Society Show and Sale

Santa Rosa Veterans Building, 1351 Maple, Santa Rosa. Sat. - 10 AM - 5 PM, Sun. 10AM - 4PM. Admission \$8. For more information go to www.sonomaorchids.com or see the flyer on page 10.

April 6 & 7 Central Coast Orchid Show and Sale

South County Regional Center, 800 W. Branch ST., Arroyo Grande. Sat 9-5, Sun 10-5, \$5 Children 12 or under free. For more information see www.fcos.org and see flyer on page 11.

April 20 & 21 Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers Show

Woodside Road United Methodist Church, 2000 Woodside Road, Redwood City 10am-4pm

April 20 & 21 Sacramento Orchid Society Show

Scottish Rite Temple 6151 H Street, Sacramento \$7 admission Saturday 10am-5pm, Sunday 10am-4pm. See www.SacramentoOrchids.org for details or see the flyer on page 12.

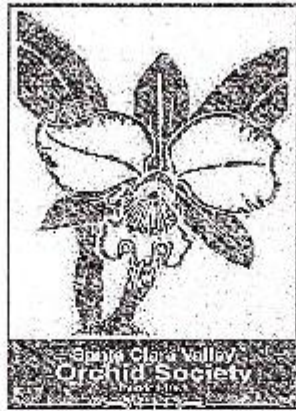
May 4 Santa Clara Valley Orchid Society Annual Greenhouse Tour

See the flyer on page 13.

May 31 – June 2 San Jose Orchid Expo

Winchester Mystery House, San Jose Friday Preview Night Gala 5:30 to 9:30pm, Saturday 9am -6pm, Sunday 10am-4pm. For more information go to www.realorchidgrowers.com and see the flyer on page 14.

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Sunday, 10 am - 4 pm

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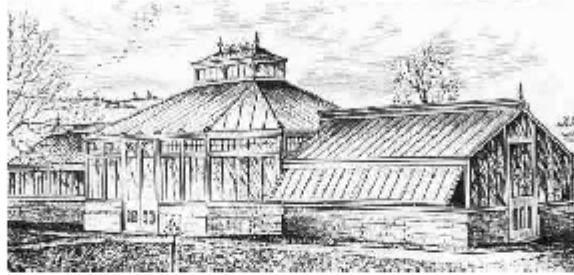
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(\$5 in advance)

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www.SacramentoOrchids.org
Information (916) 489-3263

Santa Clara Valley Orchid Society
Annual Greenhouse Tour
 Saturday May 4th, 2013



SCVOS Green House Tour this year includes the greenhouses of 7 superb orchid growers in the area, visit as many as you like during the hours indicated. Call for directions if needed.

Tanya Lam: Grows a large variety of orchids, dendrobiums, vandas among others. Will have orchids for sale. 2096 Mandalay Place, S.J. 408-599-9903 Hours: 9 am to 5 pm.

Barry Zimmerman: Grows cymbidiums, cattleyas and botanicals. Will have orchids for sale. 685 Stirling Dr. Milpitas. 408-515-0968. Hours: 10 am to 4 pm.

Mike Warfield: Grows cattleyas, phals, phargs and bulbphiliums. Will have divisions for sale. 3291 Meadowlands Ln. S.J. 408-274-7661 Hours 9 am to 4 pm

Dave Smitt: Grows cyms, paphs, phrags, epis among others. Will have orchids for sale. 3814 Ainsley Ct. Campbell. 408-866-0956 Hours: 9 am to 2 pm

Ed Nazzal: Grows paphs, species and outdoor orchids. Will have orchids for sale. 1487 Montelegre Dr. S.J. 408-268-3573 Hours: 9 am to 2 pm

Al Testa: grows a variety of orchids. Will have orchids for sale. 3257 Fowler Ave. Santa Clara. 408-243-7788 Hours 9 am to 2 pm

Eanghak Quach: Grows cymbidiums, other orchids and tropical fruit trees. Will have orchids and fruit trees for sale. 459 Savstrom Way, S.J. 408-316-4320 Hrs 9am to 5pm

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Mail to: Janusz Warszawski - Membership
1227 Monte Verde Ct., Los Altos, CA 94024

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(2) _____ BirthMonth _____

Address: _____
_____ ZipCode _____

Phone: _____

Please Note: We really need your current e-mail address to save postage and printing for *The Sheath*. Also, you will receive last minute information about orchid related events if we have your e-mail address. Your contact information is never sold! Thanks.

E-mail: (1) _____
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Type of Membership:

- Individual \$20.00
- Senior (55 and over) \$14.00
- Payments can be made by Paypal on POS website penorchidsoc.org/membership.html
- Additional Member same household \$10.00
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Our membership year runs from January 1 through December 31. Everyone is encouraged to renew before the end of February each year; it results in significantly less labor for the volunteers who handle membership duties.

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*Remember, membership is due!
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