
The Sheath

A Close Look at Miniature Orchid Species Ron Parsons

Date: April 26th

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

Ron is a prolific photographer, writer, and lecturer on orchids and other plants, as well as a highly experienced grower. Ron is considered by many to be one of the finest flower photographers in the United States. His photography and encyclopedic knowledge of orchids are well known both nationally and internationally. He has been photographing orchids, wildflowers, and almost every other kind of plant for over 25 years, and has a slide collection that numbers well over 80,000 slides! He went "digital" just over a year ago, and in this short time has taken thousands of photos of orchids, wildflowers and other rare plants. See the orchid photogallery at his website <http://www.flowershots.net/> for some of his new digital photographs. Ron loves to travel, photograph orchids and wildflowers in situ, visit orchid and other plant enthusiasts' collections, and most of all, to take photographs of plants and flowers that he likes.

Not only does Ron photograph plants, but he has been growing orchids, cacti, and bromeliads for over thirty years, and carnivorous plants for ten. He grows an assortment of cool growing species under lights at his home in South San Francisco and a couple hundred more at an unheated greenhouse at his parents' home in Burlingame. His collection is beautifully grown, and often the plants featured in his talks are from his own collection. He willingly shares his knowledge about plant habitats and suggestions for culture with all who are interested.

Ron is a popular speaker, and gives talks frequently on variety of orchid-related topics, as well as on California wildflowers, cacti and succulents, carnivorous plants, gesneriads and bromeliads. Ron is often asked to present the "show and tell" plants at orchid meetings ...he

is always full of up to date taxonomic information, culture requirements, and other little known facts about the species and hybrids that members bring in.

Ron has published a variety of articles in Orchid Digest and other orchid journals, and has co-authored two books with POS member Mary Gerritsen. Ron and Mary are currently finishing up their third book, this one on miniature orchid species. They have been working on it for five years.

More information about Ron's photography, writings and background can be found at his website: <http://www.flowershots.net/>

The opportunity table will be provided by Mary Gerritsen!

Tanya's Coconut Husk Orchid Mix

Tanya Lam, last month's speaker was kind enough to send us her formula for her orchid mix:

2 parts 3/8" red lava rock, 1 part #3 perlite, 1 part small chip coconut husk

For cool growing cymbidiums:

1 part #3 perlite, 1 part small chip coconut husk

To prepare the coconut husk for use:

- 1) Throw block or section into bucket of tap water
- 2) Leave coconut to soak for at least 24hours
- 3) Move coconut chip to another bucket or drain the salty water completely. Do not keep any of the water.
- 4) Fill bucket again with fresh tap water.
- 5) Repeat soaking (steps 1-4) 3-4 times, until water is more clear.
- 6) Do not cover wet coconut chip to avoid mold. They can be left outside with sun and rain, ready for use.
- 7) Do not keep the soaked coconut in water for more than 2 days.

Board Meeting

Next board meeting at 6:15PM in the Rose Room on April 26th - just before the meeting.

President's Special Show & Tell Table

At this month's meeting the president will be handing out a strip of opportunity table tickets to anyone bringing a plant for the Show & Tell table who has not brought a plant for the Show & Tell table within the past 12 months.

The president will also hand out a strip of opportunity table tickets for each Dendrobium lichenastrum you bring for the Show & Tell table. No one is likely to bring one of these in to show off the flowers - they are pretty small, but the foliage is attractive and varies from plant to plant.

Yes, you could actually end up with two strips of tickets for one plant!

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 22 of this newsletter.

Fabulous Opportunities for Mother's Day Weekend Events

Peninsula Orchid Society will be participating in two events on Mother's Day Weekend!

What: **Filoli Flower Show (Silver Anniversary)**
When: **Thursday, May 9 through Sunday May 12 (Mother's Day)**
 Where: Filoli Mansion, 86 Old Canada Rd., Woodside (off Edgewood Road)
 We will: Provide a beautiful display of Orchids
 You: Need to bring your fabulous blooming orchids to the drop-off site on Wednesday May 8th (tba) or to Filoli Mansion on Thursday May 9th between 8am-noon.

We will again be providing a display at Filoli's biggest event. Our display was very well received last year (our first year there), and we have been moved from the Butler's Pantry into the much larger Kitchen area, thanks to the efforts of Jocelyn Jamias and Judy Evans. We will need many orchids of all kinds. Please clean the leaves and trim off the brown areas as you would for any show. We will arrange the return of your orchids/pots with you individually, depending on your schedule.

We also need volunteers to be with our display on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday (May 10-May 12 during the show hours from 10am-3:30pm). In return, you will receive an Exhibitor's badge which gives you free admission to the event on the day you work, and have an opportunity to tour the exhibits in the house and gardens. Snacks and beverages will also be provided to all exhibitors.

Details are still being worked out. Please call Jocelyn Jamias on her cell phone at 650-678-6575 if you can provide orchids or volunteer to work at this event. She will also have details at our next meeting.

What: **San Mateo Garden Center Plant Sale**
When: **Saturday, May 11 from 10AM to 4 PM**
 Where: 605 Parkside Dr., San Mateo, CA
 POS will: Have a table selling orchids and promoting our society to attract new members.
 You: Can bring up to 10 orchids for sale to drop off; can bring up to 20 orchids for sale if you work at the table for at least 3 hours.

This is a well-attended plant sale. The other plant societies that meet there will be selling plants and there will be additional vendors. POS will take 25% of your sale price for all plants sold, and POS will pay the sales tax out of this money.

You MUST contact Chaunie, (510) 494-8850, to pre-register for this sale or to volunteer to work at the table. If we don't have enough member sales we will be buying plants from Nurseryman's exchange to resell at this event. If you just show up at the event with plants for sale, your plants may not be accepted. We especially want orchids in bloom - people will be buying these as Mother's Day gifts and there will likely be limited interest in your newly divided darlings.

A Thank You from the POE

As the production year for the Pacific Orchid Exposition winds down, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all the members of your group that took the time to volunteer and enter plants. Thank you as well to those groups and individuals that installed such lovely displays. This show would be nothing were it not for the other societies that join with us for those five days of set-up, show and take-down.

The Pacific Orchid Exposition is clearly more than just the spring show and sale of the San Francisco Orchid Society. It is an opportunity for all of us who love orchids in the Bay Area to present ourselves to a larger audience than we could muster as an individual club.

There are around 10 of us who meet, plan and work all year on this. And there are almost 30 committee chairs and co-chairs who work for months. And there are contractors who provide the electricity, tables, chairs, dividers, and so on. But come set-up, it is several hundred volunteers who make it all come together and enable it to run smoothly. Without the combined efforts of those Bay Area Orchid Societies who participate, there would be no show.

The P.O.E. brings people from all over the country, and many international locations, and when I have the chance to interact with them I make it clear that this is an effort involving more than one club; and that a number of other clubs put in some of the nicest displays in the show.

I hope all of you who volunteered had a great time. Please be aware that your efforts enabled many thousands of attendees (we were down a bit in attendance, but still managed to bring in almost 12,000 people) to get excited about orchids! We would be honored if you choose to join us again next year.

Sincerely,
Dennis Westler
Chair, Pacific Orchid Exposition.

Meeting Photos



Masdevallia Thumbelina
Linda Tripp



Dendrobium kingianum
Pat Proctor



Dockrillia pugioniformis
Ginette Sanchou



Comparettia speciosa
Chaunie Langland



Cymbidium (One Tree Hill 'John's Quest' x Sarah Jean 'The Bride')
Pat Proctor - First Bloom Seedling



Laelia xfinckencana 'Andrea'
Janusz Warszawski



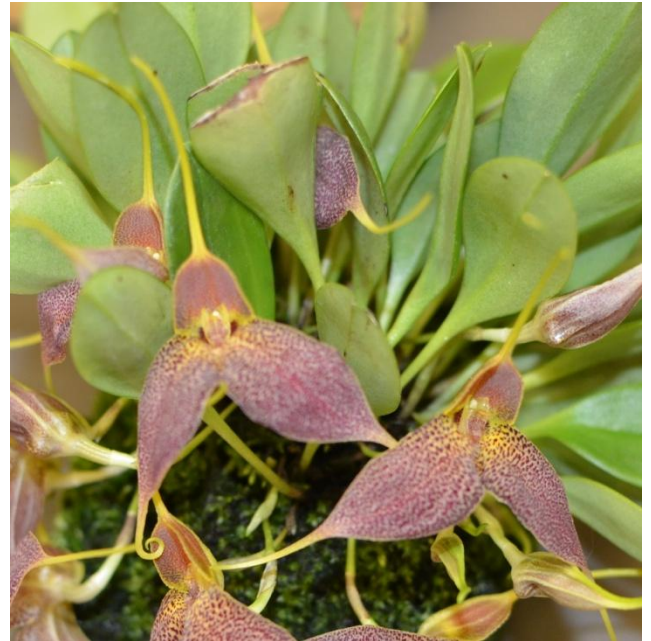
Rhyncholaeliocattleya Annie Zilius
Dan Williamson



Phalaenopsis Desert Dream AM/AOS
Janusz Warszawski



**Wilsonara Red Pacific 'Deep Shadows' HCC/AOS
Janusz Warszawski**



***Masdevallia decumana*
Linda Tripp**



**Oncidium San Francisco Silver
Anne Reigel**



***Paphiopedilum venustum*
Chaunie Langland**



**Cymbidium Lucky Shamrock "Green Glen" HCC/AOS
Chaunie Langland**



***Trichopilia marginata*
Linda Tripp**



**Oncidium Jacob's Coat 'ROC'
Chaunie Langland**



**Phalaenopsis Taiwan Glory
Dan Williamson**



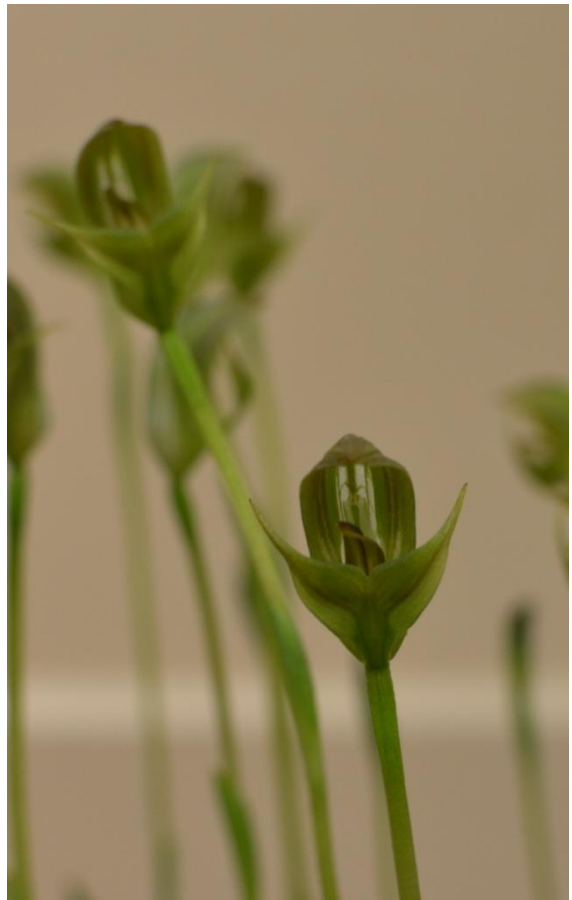
Neofinetia falcata (yellow variety)
Linda Tripp



Cattleya cernua
Dan Williamson



Oberonia setigera
Ginette Sanchou



Pterostylis curta 'Keun Hee' HCC/AOS
Anna Chai



Pleione compusa 'Golden Gate' HCC/AOS and *Pleione formosana*
Anna Chai



Brassia Rex 'Sakata'
Gloria Bygdnes



Cymbidium hookerianum 'Cinnabar'
Pierre Pujol



Cattlianthe Hazel Boyd 'Redstone'
Anne Riegel



Dendrocheilum wenzelii
Paul Simon



Cymbidium Lady Sarah 'Bridal Veil'
Pierre Pujol



Leptotes bicolor
Tanya Lam



**Ascofinetia Cherry Blossom
Tanya Lam**



**Stenosarcos Vanguard 'Fireball'
Joseph Kautz**



**Paphiopedilum (Pacific Shamrock 'Clover' x Stone
Lovely 'Green Angel')
Joseph Kautz**



**Psychopsis (papilio x versteegianum)
Tanya Lam**

I should also mention that Mary Gerritsen brought in about 30 wonderful miniature orchids; masdevallias, draculas and I don't even know what all. Unfortunately, I did not get any pictures. It certainly pays to get to the meeting early so one can take in all of the wonderful plants.



The opportunity table! Tanya brought a great selection of plants



Chris Mende brought a bunch of great plants to sell.

Member News

Condolences to Marlene and Del Beumer on the unexpected passing of their youngest daughter, Kimberley Louise Beumer, last December 20th. Kim was 47 at the time of her death. She is survived by her son Alex, her brother Jeff, and her sisters Judi and Jeanine.



A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO: Karen Bartholomew, Denise Berman, Greg Corrales, Don Creevy, Rosalie Dedo, Monica De Filippi, Cassandra Gaunt, Lynn Gentry, Mike Green, Jocelyn Jamias, Carl Jukkola, Mark Khoo, Japheth Ko, Tanya Lam, Eric Langland, Elizabeth Lee, Elaine Levenson, Melly Metcalf, Austin Rodriguez, Valerie Tonkin, and Ted Wuerthner!

Thank you to Janusz Warszawski, Gloria Bygdnes, Ginette Sanchou, Dennis Olivas, Tony Gee, Susan Tong, Paul Reeve and Diana Reeve for bringing in refreshments! They are always appreciated!

Classifieds

If you have any plants to sell or trade, this is a great place to list them. You can include a photo if you like and an email or phone number where you can be reached. Unfortunately, photos will only be included on the email version of the newsletter.

Upcoming Events

April 20th Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers Show

Woodside Road United Methodist Church, 2000 Woodside Road, Redwood City 10am-4pm, see flyer on page 15.

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 16.

May 4 Santa Clara Valley Orchid Society Annual Greenhouse Tour

See the flyer on page 17.

May 11 California Orchids Spring Open House

515 Aspen Road, Bolinas, 9am-4pm. Call 415-868-0203 or email info@californiaorchids.com for details and see the flyer on page 18.

May 18-19 D&D Flowers Spring Open House

9am-3pm Half Moon Bay 1/3 Mile East of Main Street off Hwy 92. See flyer on page 19.

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 20.

August 3 Palomar Orchid Society's Annual Orchid Auction

At the Pavilion at Lake San Marcos. 11am – 4pm. For more information contact posorchidsall4@gmail.com or see www.palomarorchid.org and the flyer on page 21.

**Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers
Orchid Show & Sale**



One Day Only!
Saturday, April 20, 2013
10 AM - 4 PM

Free Parking
Free Admission

Beautiful Orchid Displays
Blooming Orchids for Sale
AOS & Ribbon Judging
Growing & Potting Workshops
Raffle - Win an Orchid !

Woodside Road
United Methodist Church
2000 Woodside Road
Redwood City, CA 94061
(Corner of Alameda de las Pulgas)



Cym. Tower of Fire 'Sunset Flame' HCC/AOS © Ken Jacobsen

www.GoldCoastCymbidiumGrowers.com

650.255.9012



“In the Mood for Orchids”

**Sacramento Orchid Society's
66th Annual Orchid Show & Plant Sale**

April 20-21, 2013
Saturday, 10 am - 5 pm
Sunday, 10 am - 4 pm

Scottish Rite Temple
6151 H Street
Sacramento
CA 95819
Across from
Sacramento State University

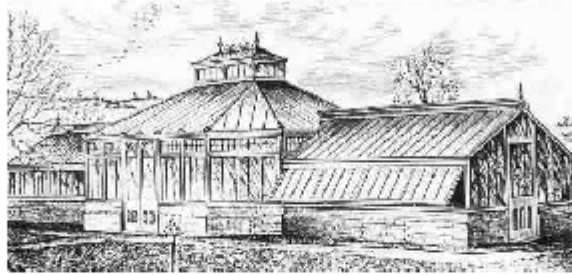
Admission \$7
(\$5 in advance)

FREE parking

Hourly Door Prizes
Demonstrations,
Classes, and
Vendors Galore

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 bulbphilums. 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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***California Orchids Spring Open
House!***

Saturday May 11th

9am-4pm

***Many varieties and sizes of Orchids
Supplies***

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Sound Advice

***Email or call to get our Pre Sale order list with over
100 plants***

515 Aspen Rd. Bolinas, Ca. 94924

(415) 868-0203

info@californiaorchids.com

***Sally Robertson's wonderful garden and studio will
be open on Saturday too! www.sallyrobertson.com***

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THE PALOMAR ORCHID SOCIETY
PRESENTS

2013 Orchid Auction



Saturday, August 3, 2013
Preview at 11:00 am
Auction starts at 12 Noon

The Pavilion at Lake San Marcos
1105 La Bonita Drive
San Marcos, CA 92078

FREE ADMISSION AND PARKING
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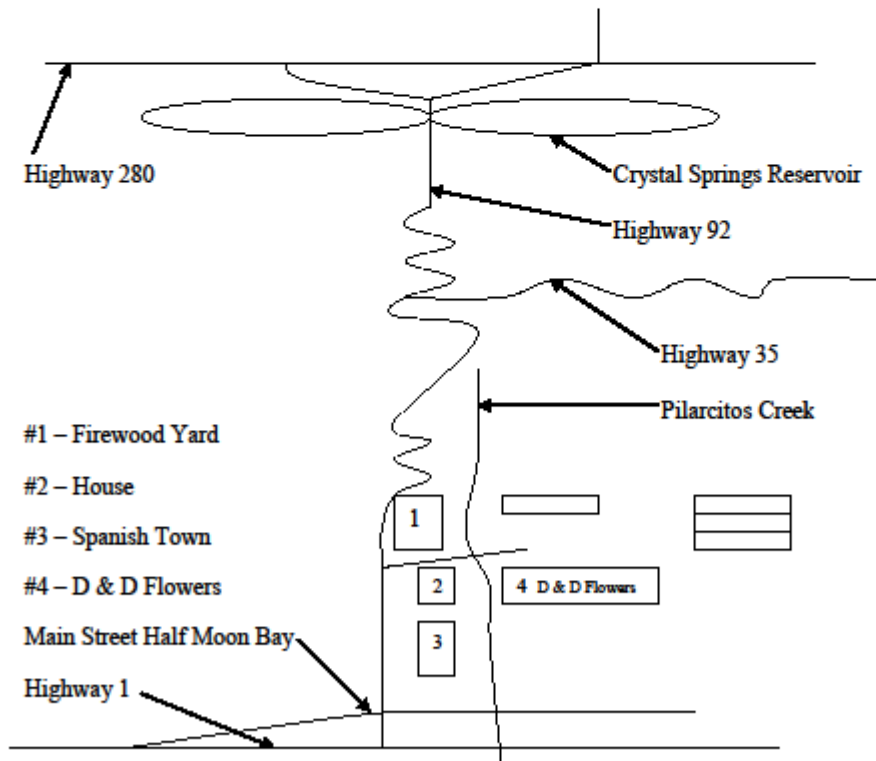
D & D Flowers

**Spring Open House
May 18th & 19th, 2013
9:00 AM to 3 PM**

(D & D Flowers is not open to the public except for our bi-annual open house events)

Really good deals... priced to sell. There is no list of plants available and divisions are sold on first come for serve. We will be having a \$7.00 sale on many cattleya, oncidium and cymbidium seedlings and back bulbs. We accept cash, checks, or credit cards.

Help your local orchid society. For every \$25 you spend, you may enter your local orchid society in a raffle for their monthly opportunity table. 30 healthy plants (some in bloom) will be award to the winning society. Winning society will be picked at the end of Sunday. The society must redeem their prize to D & D Flowers within 6 months of this sale.



Half Moon Bay 1/3 mile east of Main Street off Hwy 92.
Just east of Spanish Town on Hwy. 92 there is a house and firewood business. Turn onto the street between the house and firewood business and go over the bridge into the greenhouse complex.

2013 Peninsula Orchid Society
Membership Application or Renewal

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

Member Information (Please Print):

Name(s) (1) _____ BirthMonth _____
(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) _____
(2) _____

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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Date paid _____ Check No. and amount _____
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