The Sheath

Spotted and Splashed Cattleyas and Their Culture

Date: October 25th

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 Hwy. 92. The Garden Center

is located between 26th and 28th Avenues

Mailing address: P.O. Box 6894, San Mateo, CA 94403-6894

Trudy Hadler will present a skill session on staking cymbidiums for their best presentation.

The annual show is getting closer, now is the time to think about staking developing spikes.

Don't forget to bring your plants for the show and tell table!

Fred Clarke

Our speaker this month is Fred Clarke from Sunset Valley Orchids. Fred has been growing orchids for since 1977 and has been hybridizing for 32 of those years. With over 29 years as a professional grower and manager in the horticultural industry, Fred applies these skills at his orchid nursery; Sunset Valley Orchids, located in San Diego, California.

He is a passionate orchid grower whose curiosity in orchids is broad and varied. Although developing Cattleya hybrids has been his sustaining interest, he is also actively creating new Catasetinae, Paphiopedilum and Australian Dendrobium hybrids.

His pioneering work in Catasetum intergeneric breeding has led to the development of several notable hybrids, most recently the grex, Fredclarkeara After Dark, which produced "the blackest flower ever witnessed". This grex has received eight FCC's, six AM's and the coveted 'Award of Distinction' on the first flowers shown for judging!

Fred is an internationally acclaimed speaker and travels extensively within USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. He is an accredited American Orchid Society Judge in the Pacific South region. His plants have received hundreds of quality awards from the American Orchid Society.

Opportunity Table will be provided by Sunset Valley Orchids

Annual Auction!

Thank you to our volunteers Susan Tong, Patrick Hoe, Judy Evans, Clint Evans, Mike Drilling, Dennis Olivas, Tom Mudge, Janusz Warszawski, Olga Ostrovsky, Carol Karwatt,

Carol Basey, Rene Biggs, Trudy Hadler, Sharon Langan, Joseph Kautz, Dan Williamson, and Chaunie Langland. They made the auction run smoothly, it would not have been possible without their help.

2014 Board Members

Currently, the slate of board members proposed for 2014 stands as follows. If you are interested in joining the board please contact Mike Drilling, Joseph Kautz, or Janusz Warszawski. It is lots of fun and it is a great way to get more involved in the orchid society in Northern California.

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Annual Show

Co-chair(s) for the show committee wanted! Chaunie will chair the upcoming 2014 show, but someone new will take on the 2015 show. The best way to prepare to be the chairperson for the 2015 show is to be co-chair for the 2014 show.

Meeting Photos

I use the International Orchid Register available on the Royal Horticultural Society's website at http://apps.rhs.org.uk/horticulturaldatabase/orchidregister/ and Internet Orchid Species Photo Encyclopedia at http://www.orchidspecies.com/ (IOSPE) to verify the genus and species names and spelling. Both of these sites are extremely useful.

All photos by Dan Williamson.



Cattleya pumila var. delicata Sharon Langan



Cattlyea pumila 'Sanbar Stunner'
Rosalie Dedo



Masdevallia decumana Mary Gerritsen



Arengis luteoalba Sung Lee



Cattleya Mini Purple Sharon Langan



Cycnoches Jean E. Monnier Dan Williamson



Cattleya Mini Purple 'Lee' AM/AOS Sharon Langan



Dendrobium bracteosum Janusz Warszawski



Rhyncholaeliocattleya George King Sharon Langan



Oncidium Sunlight 'Pacific Punch' Gloria Bygdnes



Brassia Eternal Wind Gloria Bygdnes



Brassanthe Maikai 'Mayumi' HCC/AOS Eric Levenson



Angraecum sesquipedale Eric Levenson



Oncidicum (Saint Wood 'Calico' x Angel Island 'Purple Profession') Pierre Pujol



Cattleya (Princesse Clémentine x Katherine Clarkson) Pierre Pujol



Cattlyea labiata var labiata Barry Zimmerman



Coelogyne Carolyn Sue "Loma Canyon'
Barry Zimmerman



Pleurothallis sonderiana Mary Gerritsen



Dendrobium Little Green Apples Pierre Pujol



Masdevallia Circus Lights Mary Gerritsen



Christensonella paranaensis Mary Gerritsen



Masdevallia ventricularia Mary Gerritsen

Member News

A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO Robert Anderson Jr, Sharon deWit, Mangala Kishen, Pat Proctor, Anne Rigel, David Shen, Dan Williamson, and Barry Zimmerman!

Thank you to Gloria Bygdnes, Trudy Hadler, Judy Evans, Susan Tong, Rosalie Dedo, Annie Green, Paul and Diane Reeve, and Roey

Shaviv for bringing in refreshments! They are always appreciated!

Classifieds

If you have any plants or orchid related items to sell, donate, 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. Photos will only be included on the email version of the newsletter.

Classifieds can also be placed on our Facebook page and our website.

Upcoming Events

October 22 Marin Orchid Society Annual Auction

San Rafel Corporate Center. Silent Auction begins at 6:30pm Alan Koch of Gold Country Orchids will be the Auctioneer! See http://www.marinorchidsociety.com/ for more details.

November 1-3 Santa Cruz Show and Sale

Soquel High School, 401 Old San Jose Road, Soquel CA Plant entry 6-8pm Friday, 9-5 Saturday, 10-4 Sunday, Free. See flyer on page 10.

November 2-3 Annual Fall Santa Barbara Orchid Estate Open House

1250 Orchid Drive, Santa Barbara, CA. See http://www.sborchid.com/events.php for details.

November 1-3 Annual Fall Cal-Orchid Open House

9am - 4pm each day 1251 Orchid Drive Santa Barbara, CA. See http://www.calorchid.com/ for additional details.

November 2-3 Hatfield Orchids Fall Open House

Fri - Sun 9AM - 4PM. 3793 Dufau Road, Oxnard, CA 93033. Rain or Shine! A list of new seedlings is available on the website at www.hatfieldorchids.com

November 9 Carmel Orchid Society Fall Orchid Festival

Carmel Orchid Society, Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula, 4590 Carmel Valley Rd. Carmel, CA 9am to 4pm. Also, see flyer on page 11.

January 25-26, 2014 Peninsula Orchid Society Annual Show and Sale!

Update your calendars and get those plants ready for Society, AOS and CSA judging!





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Our meeting is October 25th!

Don't forget the November meeting is November 22nd, not the day after Thanksgiving!

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