

The Sheath

A Journey to Yumartan with Steve Beckendorf

Date: April 25

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, turn South. The Garden Center is located between 26th and 28th Avenues.

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Indoor and Outdoor Growing in the Bay Area

Pierre Pujol

Pierre grows a large number of plants in a variety of genera both indoors and outdoors at his home in Redwood City

Speaker

Steve started growing orchids in the early 1980s and quickly became fascinated by Odontoglossums and their close relatives because of their beauty and variety. They had a glamorous past as the most sought after plants in the orchid frenzy that gripped Europe in the 19th century. In addition, excellent hybrids were available from growers and hybridizers on the West Coast.

He soon realized that few of the species in this group were readily available and began collecting them for propagation and use in hybridizing. His attempt to find unusual or lost species has led to many trips to the cloud forests of Mexico & South America.

As a geneticist and developmental biologist at the University of California, Berkeley, Steve has worked on the mechanisms that define tissues and organs in early animal embryos. Because of this background, he has been interested in several of the scientific aspects of orchids, including molecular taxonomy and deceptive pollination strategies.

Steve is passionately involved in orchid conservation and is a director of the Orchid Conservation Alliance (OCA) and a member of the Conservation Committee of American Orchid Society.

Steve sent us this about this talk: In early 2013 the Orchid Conservation Alliance (OCA) received an application for money to purchase and protect an orchid reserve at the southern end of Colombia, near the Sibundoy Valley and the Putumayo River. It sounded very interesting - a forty hectare plot with lots of primary forest and lots of orchids - but we didn't want to make a commitment to fund it without seeing the property. We had a promising report about the applicant, Camilo Barrera, from one of our directors, Rosario Braga from Brazil, so Peter Tobias and I decided to go to Sibundoy to meet Camilo and walk to the reserve. This talk is about that trip - the people we met, the cultural heritage of the area, and above all the orchids and the wonderful reserve we found.

Members are invited to join us for a light, no-host dinner with the speaker at the California Pizza Kitchen (Hillsdale Mall). We will depart from the Garden Center at 5:30pm sharp for dinner at 5:45pm.

The opportunity table will be provided by Steve Beckendorf.

Bus Trip

Sign up now to join the 2014 Greenhouse Bus Tour. We will combine with the Santa Clara Valley Orchid Society on Saturday, June 7th to get out there and buy some orchids. The cost is \$39 per person and that includes lunch. (Thanks Judy!!!) The bus will depart from the light rail parking lot at the corner of Curtner and Canoas Garden in San Jose at 8:35 AM **SHARP**. We will visit Matsui Orchid Nursery, Bay Breeze Orchid Nursery, Valley Orchids and South Pacific Orchids. We expect to be back around 4:30 PM. We are using the same bus company and bus size as we did for last year's trip. Yes, there is air conditioning and a restroom. Anyone is welcome to join the trip - society members, your neighbors, friends, co-workers, relatives.

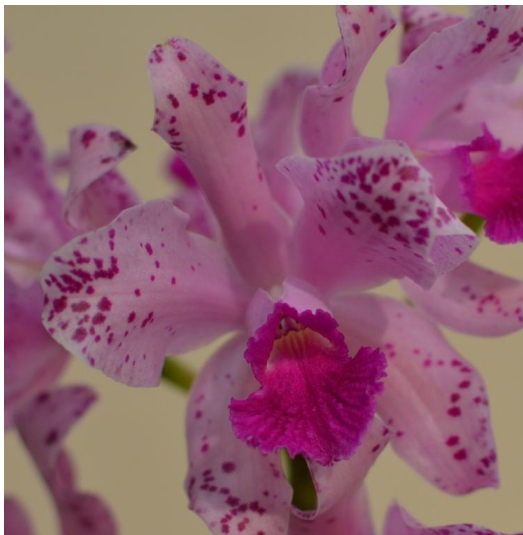
To sign up e-mail Chaunie Langland at chaunie.langland@earthlink.net, or send her your check, (made out to Santa Clara Valley Orchid Society) at 878 Cashew Way, Fremont 94536, or call her at (510) 494-8850 or sign up at the April or May meetings. (If you are signing up at the May meeting, please let Chaunie know ahead of time as we need a certain number of people to break even on this trip.)

A big thanks to Kristina Bell, president of SCVOS for organizing the trip and to Judy Evans for offering to handle the food for lunch.

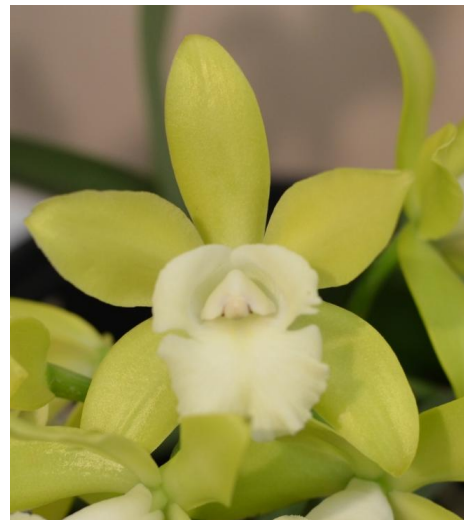
Come along and spend a whole day talking about orchids!

Meeting Photos

Those of you who were at the meeting will remember the huge number of outstanding plants on the display table. I was unable to photograph all of the beautiful flowers, so here are sample. (Photos by Dan Williamson)



Cattleya amethystoglossa
Amy & Ken Jacobsen



Cattleychea Siam Jade
The Boomers



Pleurothallis asaroides
The Boomers



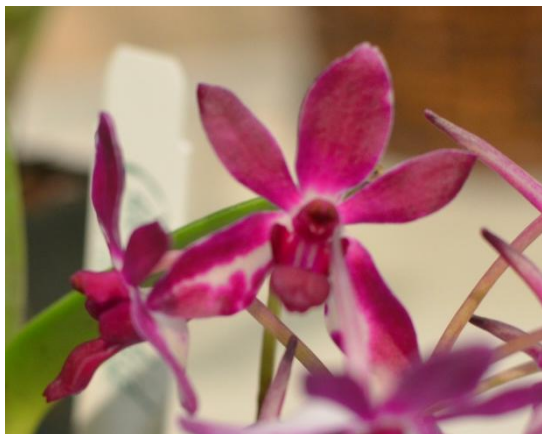
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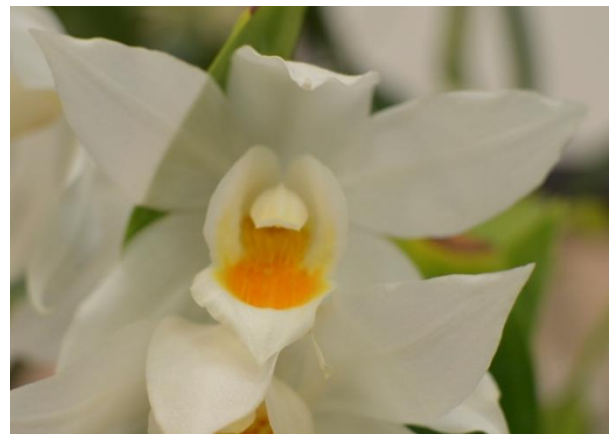
Dendrobium rigidum
The Boomers



Ansellia africana ("Big Brother" x "Vienna Dark")
Steve Kirby



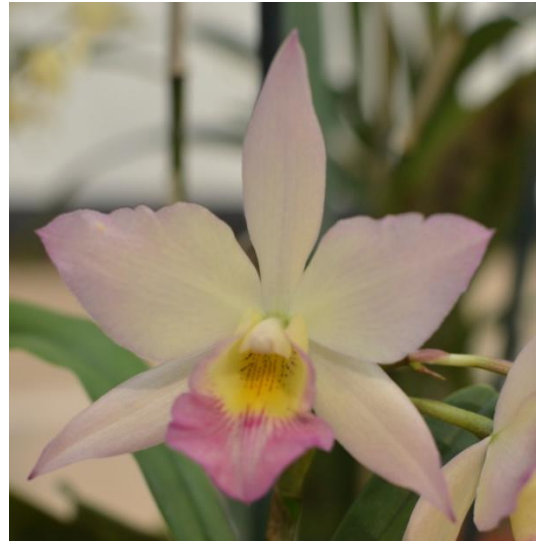
Vandachostylis Pinky "Dark Purple"
The Boomers



Coelogyne mooreana "Brockhurst" FCC/AOS
Eric Levenson



Cymbidium dayanum "Loyola"
Gloria Bygdnes



Jackfowlieara Appleblossom
Rex Castell



Phragmipedium besseae var. *flavum* ("Golden
Heritage" x "Citron")
Janusz Warszawski



Laeliocattleya Santa Barbara Sunset "Showtime"
HCC/AOS
Janusz Warszawski



Masdevallia Ziegler's Love "Jung Hee" AM/AOS
Anna Chai



Masdevallia Fandango "AA"
The Boomers



Coelogyne cristata var. *hololeuca*
Todd Kennedy



Epidendrum marmoratum
Mike Drilling



Cattleya jongheana var. *alba*
Fred Shull



Masdevallia Copper Angel?
Mike Drilling



Cypripedium tibeticum
Pierre Pujol



Cymbidium Hot Devon "Bird of Paradise"
Pierre Pujol



Paphiopedilum Double Deception "Wellz No Doubt" AM/AOS
Pierre Pujol



Dendrobium farmeri
Tom Mudge



Lycaste (Shoalhaven x Always Kool)
Sharon Langan



Cymbidium Procol Harum "Afterglow"
Jeff Trimble







Odontoglossum alliance plants brought in by Neal Winslow

Member News



A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO Dan Alvear, Karen Bartholomew, Denise Berman, Don Creevy, Rosalie Dedo, Cassandra Gaunt, Mike Green, Jocelyn Jamias, Carl Jukkola, Mark Khoo, Japheth Ko, Tanya Lam, Eric Langland, Elizabeth Lee, Elaine Levenson, Melly Metcalf, Austin Rodriguez, Greg Corrales, and Julie Barney!

Thank you to Melly Metcalf, Susan Tong, Trudy Hadler, Judy Evans, Dan Alvear, Diane Reeve, Gloria Bygdnes, and Annie Green for bringing in refreshments! They are always appreciated!

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Susan Tong and her family after the passing of her mother on April 10th.

Renewals

If you have not renewed your membership, it is not too late! Please renew online on the POS website at penorchidsoc.org/membership.html or mail your renewal to:

Janusz Warszawski
 POS Membership Renewal
 1227 Monte Verde Ct.
 Los Altos, CA 94024

Library

Anna Chai has donated a copy of her limited edition (personal) book My Life With Orchids to our library. She brought a copy in one time a few years ago and we all tried to get a good look at it, but were thwarted by the number of people interested and the limited amount of time. Now you have the opportunity to take it home with you for a month. Anna put this book together to inspire others to aspire to improve their orchid culture, their understanding of what makes an orchid high quality, and to document her years of orchid growing.

Anna's book includes photos of most of her AOS awarded orchids, copies of news articles about her and her orchids, and other interesting items. Most of the pages are devoted to her awarded orchids and include a photo, the award, and the description of the orchid as written by the AOS judges. If you pay close attention and think about what you are looking at, you may gain a stronger direction in your own orchid growing.

Normally you would visit our librarian to check out this book. We do not have a librarian right now since Rex Castell has retired from his years of service to the society. Therefore, Chaunie has taken charge of loaning out and keeping track of Anna's book. Please contact her prior to the meeting if you would like to borrow the book. (510) 494-8850 or chaunie.langland@earthlink.net. If needed, you will be placed on the waiting list.

Please contact Todd if you are interested in the librarian position!

Corrections

Todd Kennedy reports this correction, for the historic record: Roccaforteara Stella was a cross made by Mike Roccaforte, not by Gerardus Staal PhD as reported in an earlier Sheath. But it seems likely that the nothogenus is invalid, at least for some of our readers.

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.

6-ft Light Rail 3.5 System (L5408), All Season 400 Watt HID Light System (L5445) and 2 replacement HPS 250w bulbs

Sue Rose has a light rail, a brand new motor never opened, the light and 2 replacement bulbs. I did use them, but not new motor and new light bulbs. Best Offer.

http://www.charleysgreenhouse.com/index.cfm?page=_search&s=lights&PageNum_newsearchQuery=3&varShowPer_custom=12&varOrderby_custom=ProductId&varSorting=ASC&varColumns=3&mtype=3

Water Filter and two replacement filters

Sue Rose has a water filter that goes on a water line and two replacement filters. Best Offer Interested parties, for either item, can contact Sue at 650-209-5161. Buyers will need to pick up items in Los Altos.

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

Upcoming Events

May 30-June 1 9th Annual San Jose Orchid Exposition

Winchester Mystery House, San Jose. Friday 5:30-9:30pm \$10, Saturday 9am-6pm \$5, Sunday 10-5pm \$5. See www.realorchidgrowers.com or flyer on page X.

June 7th POS and SCVOS Bus Trip

\$39 per person, includes lunch. Depart from the light rail parking lot at the corner of Curtner and Canoas Garden in San Jose at 8:35 AM **SHARP**. We will visit Matsui Orchid Nursery, Bay Breeze Orchid Nursery, Valley Orchids and South Pacific Orchids. Return around 4:30 PM. To sign up e-mail Chaunie Langland at chaunie.langland@earthlink.net, or send her your check, (made out to Santa Clara Valley Orchid Society) at 878 Cashew Way, Fremont 94536, or call her at (510) 494-8850 or sign up at the April or May meetings.



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