

# The Sheath

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**The next meeting of Peninsula Orchid Society is August 28, 2015 at the Garden Center, 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo, CA 94543. Doors open at 7:00 p.m.  
The meeting starts at 7:45.**

**Our Featured Speaker is none other that RON PARSONS**

**Ron Parsons has been growing orchids for going on 40 years and has been interested in and has grown species orchids for most of that time. He loves to photograph orchids and other flowers whenever he can, whether it be in collections or trips to see them in nature. Ron has approximately 40,000 digital images, most of which are orchids. He has a slide library of flower photographs that exceeds 100,000 images. He has about 2500 published photos that have appeared in magazines, periodicals, journals and books. Ron has co-authored three books, all with Mary Gerritsen. The first two are *Masdevallias, Gems of the Orchid World* and *Calochortus, Mariposa Lillies and their Relatives*. The third book, published in January of 2014, is a two-volume set called *A Compendium of Miniature Orchid Species*. This set has nearly 1200 pages, 1800 photographs, and features more than 500 species.**

**The talk description:**

**Ron visited Australia for a month in the Spring of 2012. Part of that trip entailed a visit to the state of Western Australia to speak at the National Orchid Conference in Perth. During breaks in the conference, he and friends went out on day trips to see native orchids and other flowers in the area. After the conference they took five days to explore the area between Perth on the west coast, down to Albany on the south coast to find more of this state's amazing flora.**

**The southwest corner of Australia has one of the world's few Mediterranean climates. Others are the Mediterranean region itself, most of California, Chile and the Southwest Cape of South Africa. Most of the orchids of this area are endemic, with a handful also being found in southeast Australia. All of the orchids in the southwest are terrestrial. The talk will feature some of the country's most incredible and bizare flora.**

**The Opportunity Table plants will be from Fred Shull's collection.**

**The SKILL SESSION this month will be American Orchid Society judging in the Rose Room. Plant entry begins at approximately 6:45 and judging will begin at approximately 7:15. Everyone is invited to watch and to enter plants for judging.**

## **Speakers' Day, August 1, 2015 Sacramento, CA by Chaunie Langland**

Speakers' Day was organized around an AOS judging demonstration, a talk from Glen Decker of Piping Rock Orchids (sold out of Phrags before I could make a decision, so I bought Paphs), an auction to benefit OCA and AOS, two talks from members of the Orchid Conservation Alliance, and five vendors.

The auction, of orchids donated by members of the California Sierra Nevada Judging Center and a few by members of the Sacramento Orchid society, raised \$4,400 in about 45 minutes. Alan Koch of Gold Country Orchids was the auctioneer and did a great job. The highlights of the auction were the bidding for a *Cattleya percivaliana*, AM/AOS, which sold for \$275, a *Paphiopedilum charlesworthii v alba*, which sold for \$225, and a *Phragmipedium richteri* 'Crystelle,' which sold for \$400. After the expenses for the event are deducted, half the proceeds will go to Orchid Conservation Alliance (OCA), and half will go to the American Orchid Society (AOS).

Thirteen orchids were submitted for AOS judging; eight were awarded by the three judging groups. Carol Zoltowski received a CCM of 81 points on her *Maxillaria arbuscula* 'Gilbert', and my *Pahalaenopsis speciosa v christiana* 'Jennifer Weseloh' received an HCC of 78 points.

### **Glen Decker's talk:**

Glen covered a lot of information on successfully growing Paphiopedilums from the different groups and on Phragmipediums. Now I understand why I have been successful in blooming some and not others. Glen had a lot of information in his talk, but I am only going to list the main tips from each group:

### **Paphiopedilum**

All Paphiopedilums need to be repotted at least once per year. Just do it. (And keep those roots covered!)

**Parvisepalum** (often referred to as Parvies): Examples are *ameriacum*, *delenatii*, etc. need cool temperatures. You can grow them outside in the Bay Area, but should bring them in when there might be frost.

**Brachypetalum** (often referred to as Brachies): Examples are *bellatulum*, *niveum*, etc., need to dry out between waterings and be grown in small pots. These have brittle leaves that crack rather than bend.

**Polyantha**, the multiflorals: Examples are *rothschildianum*, *sanderianum*, etc. need bright light. They are slow to mature (think 8 - 12 years) and become very large plants. They are expensive to buy at blooming size because they have spent many years being cared for by that point.

**Paphiopedilum**: Examples are *charlesworthii*, *druryi*, etc., MUST be repotted at least yearly, and need cooler temperatures and bright light.

**Complex hybrids - like lower temperatures.**

**Sigmatopetalum** are the *Maudiae* type. These require a lower light level than *Phalaenopsis* and need intermediate temperatures.

**Cochlopetalum** is the sequential blooming group. Examples are *primulinum*, *glauchophyllum*, etc. *Phalaenopsis* level light, intermediate temperatures. Ruffled leaf edges are typical in this group.

### **Phragmipediums**

Water them daily in summer, however the long petaled species (*caudatum*, *warszewiczianum*) prefer dryer conditions. They require low TDI count water - Reverse Osmosis or rain water. You will probably want to treat rain water with a little bit of hydrogen peroxide.

The hybrids want lots of water and can tolerate lower water purity.

Erwinia (rot) - remove rotted area(s) and spray with Listerine. Let plant dry out. Try some hydrogen peroxide in the water. About 1 part per 200 7% hydrogen peroxide. Adjust accordingly if you are using the 3% from the drug store.

Brown leaf tips indicate that you need to repot

### **General tips**

For mealy bugs and scale use Dr. Bonner's Magic Soap. 4 Tablespoons per quart spray bottle.

Fungal problems use SuffOil-X. Use on a cloudy day no more than once per week.

Potting media - Fine bark mixed with medium bark and mix in chipped oyster shell (buy at feed stores.) The oyster shell provides calcium and helps regulate the media pH. (I think there were one or two more ingredients in the media, but since I was only interested in the bark part that is all I noted.)

Tip from Alan Koch - water your *Oncidium Sharry Baby* with pure water only to prevent the black spots on the leaves.

### **Orchid Conservation Alliance talks:**

The afternoon talks were about the grants that the Orchid Conservation Alliance has made or is in the process of making in South America. Peninsula Orchid Society is a member of OCA and we give them a small donation each year. I feel if you were to hear these two talks you would be inclined to donate some money to OCA. So go ahead and do so on my recommendation! See POS member Eric Levenson for more information on how to make a donation. (San Francisco OS is very active in raising money for this group.)

**Orchid Conservation Alliance does not own or manage any property. They raise money and partner with groups in South America that are buying and managing areas of property that are rich in native orchids. The groups have to meet certain criteria and the land they are buying has to meet certain criteria before they qualify for funding from OCA. This assures that the investment is made for land that will remain a reserve in perpetuity and already is rich in orchid species.**

**Note from Chaunie - I have been looking at the Sharry Baby leaf spot issue for a while and there are many theories on this. Good Luck! Also, the above tips are from cryptic notes taken on my phone during the proceedings. If you want the complete information in Glen's talk, find out when Glen will be on the west coast again and make a point of going to his talk in person. I am responsible for any mistakes in this piece, but don't want to discuss them. Thank you for reading this article.**

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS! We salute you, whether you celebrate or not! Zachery Coney, Scott Dallas, Susan Hamilton, Oak Y Kim, David Kurzrock, Janet Rector, Jeff Trimble, Kimmy Wang.**

**THANKS TO THESE FOLKS FOR BRINGING REFRESHMENTS IN JULY!**

**Pauline Wong, Chih & Kimmy Wong, Patrick & Susan, Paul & Phyllis Chim, Susan Ai, Rex Castell, Judy & Clint Evans, Annie Green, Diane Reeve, Chaunie Langland.**

**SPECIAL THANKS TO SHARON AND ABRAHAM FOR THE FINE PHOTOS THIS MONTH!**

**POS - COMING ATTRACTIONS - Save these Dates**

**September 19<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) - POS annual Auction (see next article)**

**October 23<sup>rd</sup> - Gary Meyer - Draculas! Bwaha-ha-ha!**

**November 27<sup>th</sup> - Annual business meeting - Pierre Pujol (don't gripe if you don't come!)**

**December 18<sup>th</sup> - Potluck & Orchid Bingo**

**POS ANNUAL AUCTION - SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup> 1:30 - 5:00PM at the San Mateo Garden Center.**

**As usual, for the auction to be a success we will need volunteers to step up and help out. Help is needed in the following areas:**

**Plant Check-in (2 people) 10:45-1:00**

**Plant Set-up (2 people) Carry from check-in area to display area 10:45-1:00**

**Runners (6 people, 3 per shift) 1:30 - 3:00 & 3:15 - 5:00**

**White Board Writer (2 people one per shift) 1:30-3:00 & 3:15-5:00**

**Cashiers (2 people) 1:30 - 5:00**

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Refreshments (2 people) 12:30 - 5:00

Hospitality (2 people) answer questions & explain how it all works.

Please contact the Chairman Roey Shaviv [shaviv@sbcglobal.net](mailto:shaviv@sbcglobal.net) or 650-468-5507 to volunteer or to ask questions.

The Society welcomes and greatly appreciates all donations. This event is our main source of income for paying our expenses throughout the year. Auction Plants and items will be accepted beginning at 11:00 AM. Sellers must be POS members and each member may offer no more than 10 items for sale for his/her own account. Donations are unlimited. Please make sure your plants are virus and pest free. They will be checked and the Society reserves the right to reject sick plants.

**EDITORIAL NOTE:** Please remember, in order for the auction to succeed we must have buyers. Invite your friends and relatives. Add to their collections or get them started with Orchids. Why should you have all the fun??

**September is a busy month. School starts, fall activities begin and look what we can do!**

The weekend of September 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> D & D Fall Open House (see flyer attached) Also Fall Open House at Tiny Jungle will be at the same time, same location.

The following Saturday September 12<sup>th</sup> is the Fall Extravaganza at the San Mateo Garden Center (see flyer attached) Members will be allowed up to 10 plants to sell. Please contact Mike Drilling with questions or to participate.

Then, Saturday September 19<sup>th</sup> is the POS Auction.

POS will not have a regular meeting in September! Have a fun month, everyone.

Don't forget the AOS Fall Members Meeting, Show and Sale coming November 11-15 in Reno! For information e-mail [aos2015@nvos.org](mailto:aos2015@nvos.org)

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**September 5th & 6th , 2015**

**9:00 am to 3 pm**

## **D & D Flowers Fall Open-house**

**At the new location on**

**169 1st Avenue**

**Daly City, CA 94014**

**(D&D Flowers is not open to the public except during the spring and fall scheduled open houses)**

**Directions 280 South from San Francisco: Take the Eastmoore exit and veer to the right onto Sullivan Avenue. At the stop light, make a right onto Washington Street (service station on the right and Krispy Kream Donut at opposite corner). Go over the freeway, through Junipero Serra Blvd to San Pedro (Catholic Church at intersection). Make a left onto San Pedro and continue through Mission Street between Bank of America and Wendy's. At the stop sign, make a left onto 1st Avenue. Greenhouse is on the right hand side of the 3<sup>rd</sup> house with the red garage and a sign reading Demattei Nursery. Enter the gate of the chain link fence with red lattice on the left hand side of the red garage.**

**Directions 280 north of Hicky Blvd.: Take the Pacifica/Eastmoore Avenue exit and veer to the right to the Eastmoore Avenue exit. At the stop light, you would like to be on the 2nd lane to the left. Turn left onto Junipero Serra Blvd and at the stop light; make a right turn onto San Pedro Road. Then continue through Mission Street between Bank of America and Wendy's. At the stop sign, make a left onto 1st Avenue. Greenhouse is on the right hand side of the 3<sup>rd</sup> house with the red garage and a sign reading Demattei Nursery. Enter the gate of the chain link fence with red lattice on the left hand side of the red garage.**

**Please drive safely. Limited street parking so please car pool. Do not park within the chain link fence. Mahalo for your cooperation!!!!!!**

# SAN MATEO *Garden Center*

## *Fall Extravaganza*

*(Plant sale and demonstrations)*

*September 12, 2015*

10:00am - 3:00pm

**Peninsula Orchid Society  
Peninsula Quilters  
Peninsula Succulent Club  
San Mateo Rose Society**

**Sei Boku Bonsai Kai  
Sequoia Audubon Society  
Golden Gate Canvas  
San Mateo Fuchsia Society**

**Belmont Garden Club**

**All Welcome  
Free Admission**



**605 Parkside Way, San Mateo, CA 94403**

In Beresford Park

**Check us out on the web [www.sanmateogardencenter.org](http://www.sanmateogardencenter.org)**

**Some members' plants shared from July 2015:**



**Lack of attributions on this page means I did not have photos of tags. Nice plants!**





***Dendrobium tanii*** from Eric Levenson



***Angraecum* Joyce Stewart (cucullatum x scottianum)**  
From Roslie Dedo



***Stanhopea tigrina v nigroviolacea* Predator' FCC/AOS**  
from Phyllis and Paul Chim



***Stanhopea oculata*** from Paul Reeve



*Dendrobium lamuaiae* from Eric Levenson



anon. X by Amy and Ken J. from Rosalie Dedo



*Neofinitia (vanda) falcata* Nangokunomai



*Sobralia micrantha* (suspected hybrid) from Paul Reeve



***Odm. Royal Occasion 'Hamilton'* (Pumistor x *Ardentissimum*) from Anna Chai**



***Rc. Praetii* (*C. guttata* x *R. dygbiana*) from Isis Trenchard**



***Paphiopedilum Kevin Porter* a primary hybrid (*micranthum* x *bellatalum*) from Chaunie Langland**



***Cattleya Pacaia* (*C. purpurata* v *sanguinea flammea* x *C. tenebrosa*) from Isis Trenchard**



*Laelia purpurata v carnea* 'Vosie's Choice' from Bill Weaver *B/c American Heritage* from Bill Weaver



Absence of attribution means I didn't get a tag photo.

*Laelia lucasiana* from Sharon Langan



*Bulbohyllum phalaenopsis* from Bill Weaver (?)

*Sobralia aerata* (or *atropubescens*) sneaked in by Paul Reeve



*Calanthe ryukyu*, natural hybrid, from Asuka



*Cattleya* Hawaiian Variable from Chaunie Langland



***Ctra* Sacramento Splash from Neil Winslow**



***Pot* Hoku Gem from George Spangler**

**A nice sample from the monthly members' display table:**





*Promenaea sylvana* from Chanie Langland

Nice *Miltoniopsis*, but no tag pic.



Yup! It's nice, but I snapped no tag pic.

*Oncidium alosulca* Claire' from Neil Winslow





*Encyclia prismatocarpa* from Chaunie Langland



*Bulbophyllum mikoyanum* from George Spangler



*Bulbophyllum phalaenopsis*, probably brought by Bill Weaver