

# *The Sheath*

Peninsula Orchid Society    San Mateo, CA    Vol. 6 of 2015

Next Meeting of Peninsula Orchid Society is June 26, 2015 at the Garden Center, 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo, CA 94403. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. **The meeting starts at 7:30.**

## **WE HAVE FIVE FEATURED EXPERTS for the June meeting!**

This month we will have five groups arranged to cover five topics, each group lead by an expert! You may sit with one group the entire time, or you may move from group to group as you wish. We have this type of meeting once each year, and I always wish I could spend the whole time in each group. This is your chance to ask all of the questions you want in an informal setting. Remember the only silly question is the one no one asks!

**Orchid Photography** will be lead by well-known photographer and author Ron Parsons. You have often seen Ron photographing plants on our Show & Tell table and also presenting the Show & Tell table plants, able to pull up information from his encyclopedia brain to amaze and inform us with cultural tips and background information. Ron will answer your questions about basic orchid photography - composing your photos, focusing, whatever you are interested in.

**Growing Miniatures** will be hosted by Mary Gerritsen. Mary is a past President of POS and of SFOS. (I won't go into more detail - it is assumed that if someone is a past president they have also worn many other hats in the orchid society.) Mary has authored several impressive books with Ron - you can find them on Amazon. This is your chance to ask about cultural conditions needed to grow miniatures, and to find out which ones are suited to your growing environment.

**Growing under Lights** will be explained by our current, and many times past President Mike Drilling. Mike has a very nice windowless basement growing space. He

successfully grows a wide variety of orchids, safely away from the animals that go after his outdoor orchids. Learn how to set up your lights and learn about the types of lights you will *need*.

**Pests and Diseases** will be covered by Tom Mudge. Tom is well known for his species Phalaenopsis. Many pests are especially attracted to Phals, so Tom has had plenty of experience and success in the war to keep his orchids in the pink of health.

**Deflasking** will be discussed (and perhaps demonstrated) by Ken Jacobsen, past President of POS, AOS judge and well known cymbidium grower. Ken will discuss how to find flasks to buy, what to do once the flask reaches your house, and may even have some flasks with him.

Our Opportunity Table this month will be supplied by Mary Gerritsen. We may also have a few of Fred Shull's orchids on the table.

Due to the nature of our meeting, we will not have a skill session in the Rose Room and the meeting will start early this month - at 7:30 instead of 7:45. Doors open at 7:00.

**BIRTHDAYS!** We salute you whether you celebrate or not!

Anne Abramson, Rene Biggs, Jan Bridgham, Ginger Creevy, Mike Drilling, Joe Enos, Patrick Hoe, Carol Karwatt, Sung Lee, Olga Ostrovsky, Ron Parsons, Jill Rodder, Paul Simon and Tina Trong

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

Patrick Hoe & Susan Tong, Pauline Wong, Jiann & Frank Toyosaki, Neal Wilson, Eric Levenson, Rex Castell, Carole Zoltowski, Janusz Warszawski, Diane Reeve. Kimmy & Chih Wang.

**SPECIAL THANKS TO ABRAHAM FOR THE FINE PHOTOS HE PROVIDED FOR THIS NEWSLETTER!!!!**

## **POS - COMING ATTRACTIONS:**

July 24th - Ivan Portillo from Ecuagenera in Ecuador will be our speaker. He will be here for Orchids in the Park. You should get your pre-orders in right away.

Skill session: AOS judging will take place in the Rose Room. Entries from 7:00 to 7:30 PM, judging starts at 7:30. You are welcome to observe.

August 28th - Ron Parsons

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September 19th (Saturday) - POS annual auction! (Start looking through your greenhouse for "extras")

October 23rd - Gary Meyer - Draculas! Bwaha-ha-ha-ha.

November 27th - Annual business meeting, Pierre Pujol

December 18th - Potluck and Orchid Bingo!

## **SUMMER SHOWS, SALES AND EVENTS**

**July 10 -12, 2015:** 35th Annual Summer Santa Barbara Orchid Estate Open House. Friday & Saturday 8 AM to 5 PM; Sunday 9 AM to 4 PM. Held at Santa Barbara Orchid Estate, 1250 Orchid Drive, Santa Barbara, CA. 93111. Visiting Guest Author: Dr. Ken Cameron, author of "Vanilla Orchids: Natural History and Cultivation". Frequent potting and mounting demonstrations. And of course, the \$7.50 specials of seedlings, bare-roots, and Wayne's special annual pick of sprouted cymbidium back bulbs, select and awarded, species and hybrids, standard and miniatures. Call (800) 553-3387, e-mail [sboe@sborchid.com](mailto:sboe@sborchid.com) , or visit [www.sborchid.com](http://www.sborchid.com)

**July 25-26, 2015:** Orchids in the Park San Francisco Orchid Society show and sale. San Francisco County Fair Building, Golden Gate Park. 10am-5pm. E-mail [orchidsanfrancisco.org](http://orchidsanfrancisco.org)

**August 1, 2015:** Speakers Day. 9am - 5pm Odd Fellows Hall 1831 Howe Ave Sacramento, CA 95825 This event features a number of internationally well known cultivators of orchids in a lecture setting along with vendors from across the country. More details will be shared once they have been announced. This event supports the

California Sierra Nevada Judging Center. Advanced tickets are very reasonable. The highlight of the day is participating in the auction.

**November 11-15, 2015:** AOS Fall Members Meeting, Show and Sale. Hosted by the Northern Nevada Orchid Society at the Atlantis Casino Resort & Spa - Reno, Nevada. International speakers, exceptional vendors, local nurseries, eye-catching displays and four star hospitality; you will experience "The biggest little orchid party in the biggest little city in the world" . Registration open by May 15<sup>th</sup>. For more information e-mail aos2015@nnvos.org

**Other Orchid Society Meetings in our area (Just in case you need something to do in your "spare time.")**

**First Tuesday:** San Francisco Orchid Society, San Francisco County Fair Building, Golden Gate Park, 9th Avenue and Lincoln Way.  
[www.orchidsanfrancisco.org](http://www.orchidsanfrancisco.org)

**Second Tuesday:** Sonoma County Orchid Society, Veterans Building, 1351 Maple Ave., Santa Rosa. [www.sonomaorchids.com](http://www.sonomaorchids.com)

**Second Friday:** Napa Valley Orchid Society, 7 pm, Napa Senior Center, 1500 Jefferson St., Napa

**Third Monday:** Orchid Society of California, Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave., Oakland, [www.orchidsocietyofcalifornia.com](http://www.orchidsocietyofcalifornia.com)

**Third Thursday:** Diablo Valley Orchid Society, Pleasant Hill Community Center, 320 Civic Drive, Pleasant Hill, 7:30 pm. [www.diabloviewos.org](http://www.diabloviewos.org)

**Third Friday:** Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers, San Mateo Garden Center, 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo; [www.goldcoastcymbidiumgrowers.com](http://www.goldcoastcymbidiumgrowers.com)  
(no meetings in June, July, August)

**Fourth Tuesday:** Marin Orchid Society, 6:30 pm, San Rafael Corporate Center, San Rafael

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## **HELP NEEDED - Permanent Photographer for the Sheath!**

NOTE FROM YOUR EDITORS: we are happy to take a few photos when we attend meetings, but that we are not present at every meeting, and sometimes are present with only our phone cameras. So, make us work, make us compose those pages of pictures of our members' splendid plants, our members and speakers! **Please Remember to photograph the tags. We really can't identify every plant or every proud grower.** We cannot print what we do not receive. If any member receives an AOS or other award or trophy at any show this season please send the information to us. Also please tell us about shows, open houses, greenhouse tours or anything else of interest to our members. [peninsulaorcidssociety@yahoo.com](mailto:peninsulaorcidssociety@yahoo.com) or Diane dcharlotter@yahoo.com or Paul m2aestro@yahoo.com. Thanks!

















Handwritten text on a small white label, likely a plant identification tag. The text is partially obscured but appears to include a name and a date.

















We wish that we could have provided captioning for species or hybrids and owners' names, but we didn't have the data.

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