



The Sheath

October General Meeting

Date: October 28, 2016

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

Skill Session at 7:00PM

**Meeting plus Show and Tell
Table - 7:45PM followed by:**

Speaker: Chaunie Langland

Title: AOS Highlights and Tips
for showing Orchids

Opportunity Table by: Dennis
Olivas - D&D Flowers



Speaker this Month:
Chaunie Langland

This month's meeting will feature one of our past presidents, Chaunie Langland, giving us highlights from the AOS Fall Member's Meeting, fresh from the week before our meeting, for the first half of half of her allotted time. In the second half of her presentation she will demonstrate tips on preparing your orchids for our January show. These tips have been gathered over the years from a variety of

successful exhibitors and will be passed off as her own. Practice them yourself and you in turn can amaze your friends and enemies with your techniques and your blue ribbons.

Chaunie was introduced to the idea of becoming an orchid hobbyist while attending a POS show with her mother-in-law and encountering Rene Biggs circulating around the vendor room with a tray of homemade toffee. At that point it became obvious that this was an excellent group to join. Orchids just followed as a matter of course.

Soon she found herself serving terms as newsletter editor, various board positions and 2 years of hard labor as show chair. She has been completely assimilated and is now a student judge in the AOS judging program. She normally gives her orchid related presentations to garden clubs and other horticultural groups but has decided to take a chance with a group that will have it's own opinions and not actually be stunned into submission by the beauty of the demonstration orchids.

The plant table will be provided by D & D Flowers (AKA Dennis Olivas), as there is no way Chaunie is parting with any of her plants. (For one thing, there would have to be repotting and dividing!!) Dennis doesn't like to part with his either, but he does it anyway. He has wonderful will power.



President's Corner

2016 POS Auction:

Congratulations to all POS members and auction participants! Our 2016 auction was the most successful in many years. Thanks to your efforts and generosity, we raised close to \$2,500 to support our society. By the numbers, the 2016 auction:

- Had the highest auction sales (\$7,509) in the past 11 years.
- Had the greatest number of bidders (71) in the past 16 years.
- Had the greatest number of buyers (59) in the past 11 years.
- Had the most items auctioned (370) in the past 6 years.
- Was the most fun auction that I can remember in many, many years!

None of this would have been possible without the hard work of our many volunteers. We all owe a huge debt of gratitude to:

- Our computer operators, troubleshooters, etc., Carol Basey, Rene Biggs, Mary Jensen
- Our plant check-in helpers, Chaunie Langeland, Judy Evans
- Our pre-auction plant runners, Clint Evans, George Spangler, Eric Levenson
- Our greeter and chalkboard transcriber, Anne Abramson
- Our in-auction plant runners, Janusz Warszawski, Olga Ostrovsky, Diane Reeve

- Our auctioneers, Jeff Trimble, Dennis Olivas, Tom Mudge
- Our pen and paper transcriber, Judy Evans
- Our master chef and head caterer, Rex Castell
- Our food and beverage layout and cleanup helpers, Abraham Wang, Kimmy Wang, Pauline Wong
- Our man about town and sign placer and hauler, Mike Rector
- Our cashiers, Sharon Langan, Trudy Hadler, Chaunie Langland
- Our promotions specialists, Joseph Kautz, Chaunie Langland, and the POS Board
- Our donated plant gatherer, Mike Drilling
- Our donated plant caretaker, Neal Winslow
- Our donation thank you note writer, Judy Evans
- Our book balancer and check writer, Sue Rose
- All those that donated plants, sold plants, bid on plants, and bought plants

This list is far from exhaustive. If you helped out and were not named above, thank you too!

While the auction was a general success, as with any endeavor, there were a couple of glitches. I know a few bids were missed by your auctioneers (particularly the president). I apologize for this, but when trying to move over 100 plants an hour, mistakes will sometimes happen. We will try to do a better job next time, but if you want to guarantee that your bid is never missed, please sit near the front, or closer to the center of the room, raise your paddle high, and maybe even shake it around a little. Again, I'm sorry if you missed out.

All in all, I hope you all enjoyed yourselves, and hopefully won a plant or two. Thanks again for making this year's auction a huge success!

Help wanted:

We could still use a newsletter editor and a treasurer. Remember, our society only stays vibrant if members step up and help out. Look again at all the volunteers above that helped out with the auction. If your name isn't on that list, perhaps you could do your part by becoming our next newsletter editor or treasurer. No experience required, and the social networking and resume padding benefits are substantial.

Other items:

The election is coming up fast! Not the US Presidential election, but the election of officers and directors for the POS. At the October meeting, you will have a chance to nominate someone (including yourself) for one of the open positions. So come on and join the party!

The POS 2017 Show is right around the corner. Saturday and Sunday, January 14 & 15. More details to follow.

See the president or any board member to find out more about these opportunities.

Remember, all those bringing in snacks are entitled to a free strip of raffle tickets. This month's raffle table looks very desirable, with Cattleyas available nowhere else. So bring a snack and boost your chances of winning big!

Member News

A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

Robert Anderson Jr. Carol Armendariz, James Baxter, Betty Chinn, Richard Copeland, Eduardo Finones, Alek Koss, Richard Mangan, George Spangler, Abraham Chim Wang, Helena Wee, and Barry Zimmerman.

We wish you all the best and many more years of good growing.

David Tatro joined the Society at the Auction. David is a returning member. Welcome back David! We have missed you.



Orchid Supplies!

Supplies for sale:

See Mike Drilling for information on “Purely Organic” fertilizer. Mike has repackaged the larger bags into smaller, easier to use bags.



The POS Board of Directors

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Diablo View Orchid Society is having an Annual Orchid Show and Sale on Saturday, October 15th from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM at the Willow Pass Recreation Center, 2748 E. Olivera Road in Concord

The Event Includes:
Orchid Show & Sale

Orchid 101 Workshops throughout the day
Re-Potting Service for \$5.00 up to a 5" pot

Raffle Prizes

Supplies for Sale

Free Orchid With New Member Sign Up

Admission is \$5.00 (or \$3.00 with postcard available to print

at www.dvos.org) -- Under 12 Free



D & D Flowers and Tiny Jungle is having their fall Openhouses at 169 First Avenue in Daly City on October 22 & 23, 2016 from 9 am to 3 pm. Food, fun and lots of orchids and other plants for sale.

Mahalo, Dennis

Elegant Orchids
2nd Annual International Orchid Show & Sale
At the Huntington Library
October 21 - 23, 2016
 Presented in conjunction with the
American Orchid Society Fall Members Meeting
1151 Oxford Rd, San Marino, CA 91108
www.huntington.org/OrchidShow

Massachusetts Orchid Society Orchid Show
World of Orchids
November 4 - 6, 2016
Mahoney's Garden Center
242 Cambridge St. Winchester, MA 01890
www.massorchid.org/show

Andy's Orchids Winter Open House
December 2 - 4, 2016, 10am to 4pm
734 Ocean View Ave. Encinitas, CA
www.andysorchids.com

BackBulb CARMEL ORCHID SOCIETY

Fall Orchid Festival

Presented by the Carmel Orchid Society

Friday & Saturday

Nov 11 & 12 9AM - 4PM

Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula
4590 Carmel Valley Road, Carmel, CA

Orchid Sales
Orchid Displays
Potting Demonstrations
Trinkets & Treasures Raffle
Local and Global Craft Sales

Carmel Orchid Society member plant sales

Orchid vendors: Asbell Orchids, D & D Flowers, Marcel's,
Orchids & Gardens, and Karamura's Orchids

Local craft artisans: Eileen Bezouska's hand painted scarves (profits go to
Alzheimer's research), and Kathy Smith's & Joanie Linares's beaded jewelry

Rising International global pop-up craft sales from Burkina
Faso, Thailand and more. Rising International is a local non-
profit dedicated to providing girls and women with the tools
to reduce their risk of childhood marriage, pregnancy and
slavery

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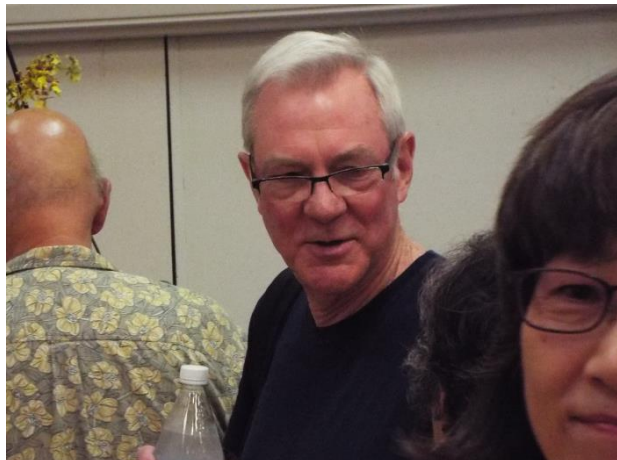


Sharon Langan provided Pictures
The Auction was Fantastic!



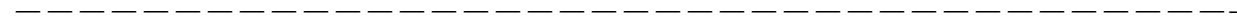
Hurray for Rex and the great food!











Draculas that we don't worry about...



AOS 2016 Dillon/Peterson Essay Prize

The AOS is now accepting entries for the 2016 Gordon W. Dillon/Richard C. Peterson Memorial Essay Contest. They should let their imaginations run wild and the winner will receive a cash prize and certificate suitable for framing.

This year's theme is: *Why I grow the orchids I grow*. Membership in the American Orchid Society is not necessary to enter the contest. The deadline is **November 30, 2016**. The winning entry, if any, will be published in the June issue of the following year.

Contest Rules:

- ◆ The essay must be an original, unpublished article.
- ◆ The contest is open to all persons except employees of the American Orchid Society and their immediate families.
- ◆ Submissions must be no more than 5,000 words in length.
- ◆ Manuscripts must be submitted in English, typewritten and double-spaced or submitted in Word or other compatible electronic format.
- ◆ Submissions will be judged without knowledge of the identity of the author. The decision of the judges is final. If no entries meet the expected criteria of excellence, the award will be withheld.
- ◆ Artwork is not necessary for entering this competition.
- ◆ Non-winning entries will be returned to the contestant if requested. Such entries are eligible for resubmission in subsequent contests. These non-winning entries will also be considered for publication by the editor of *Orchids* and may be used in *Orchids* or other AOS publications including the AOS website. Email all entries to Ron McHatton at rmchatton@aos.org. Paper submissions should be mailed to the Dillon/Peterson Memorial Essay Prize at AOS headquarters: Ron McHatton, American Orchid Society at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, 10901 Old Cutler Road, Coral Gables, Florida 33156.