



The Sheath

July General Meeting

Date: August 26, 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



Speaker this Month: Scott Collins:
Lycaste, the talk follows the breeding progression from the species to the most recent hybrids. We will also discuss culture with regards to our geographical location.

Scott has been growing Orchids for over 30 years. His nursery, Echo Valley Orchids is in the rolling hills of north Monterey County. There, he grows mainly Odontoglossums, Lycastes, Phragmipediums and Paphiopedilums. His plants over the years have been granted over 80 AOS quality and culture awards. He had a successful Phalaenopsis breeding program in the 1990's where many of his hybrids garnered numerous AOS awards. Currently, his breeding efforts are with Odontoglossums and Lycastes.

Scott has been involved in the AOS judging system for 28 years and is currently a Senior Judge affiliated with the Pacific Central Judging Region of the AOS. He enjoys traveling throughout California to the shows and seeing the different orchids that are grown in all the regions.

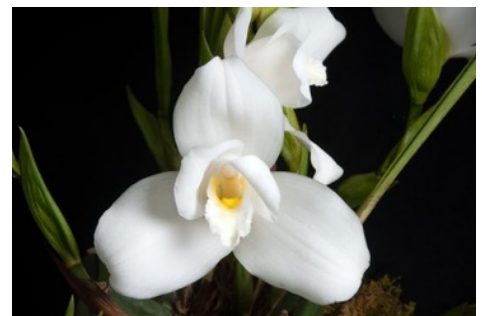
Skill Session at 7:00PM
Janusz will have a Q&A session helpful to an Orchid Beginner

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

Speaker: Scott Collins

Title: Lycastes

Opportunity Table by:
Scott Collins



Over the years Scott has given lectures to many local societies and at several large shows and events. Some of these include the Greater New York Orchid Show in Manhattan, the World Orchid Congress in Vancouver, BC, and the Phalaenopsis Alliance Show in Los Angeles.

When not involved in orchids, Scott enjoys rambling through the deserts of California with his son rock collecting.



July Speaker

Thank you to **Mary Gerritsen for her talk on miniature orchids.**

Mary had an amazing collection of pictures and dialog on the world of miniatures. These included orchids she and Ron came across in the wild. Who would have guessed the many variations and exotic nature of this type of orchid.

President's Corner

POS Annual Auction is on Saturday, September 17th. Set an alarm on your smart phone, and tell everyone that you are all booked up for that afternoon.

Auction Tips

It is crunch time! There are **only 22 days left** between our August meeting and the auction.

Check your email. You should have received an email from the POS with auction list and plant labels forms attached. If you would like hard copies instead, they will be available at the August meeting.

Fill out and submit your list of plants.

If you fill out your auction plant list on your computer, email it to Chaunie at the following email address: chaunie.langland@earthlink.net

If possible, send pictures of each plant in flower along with the list, but keep the picture sizes down to no more than 200 KB each.

If you will be filling out a pen and paper hard copy of your list, you can give it to Chaunie at our August meeting, or mail it to her the old fashioned way at the following address:

Chaunie Langland
878 Cashew Way
Fremont, CA 94536

The earlier you submit your lists and pictures, the more bidders you can attract, and more bidding means higher prices!

Save your money! Resist the temptations of outlet malls, the QVC network, pricey Starbucks coffee and fine dining for the next month or so. For a change of pace, try a thirty day free trial of Amazon.NO! As the savings pile up, instead of lighting cigars with hundred dollar bills, spend some of your hard earned at the POS auction.

If you enter highly desirable plants of your own to be auctioned off, you may be able to fully finance your auction bidding spree with the proceeds. Just think, an afternoon of auction fun and you go home with an armload of new orchids, and the net cost to you might be nothing!

Remember, this is all for a good cause. You like your orchid society. That is why you are reading this in the first place. Everyone wants to buy a quarter for a nickel, but remember that the auction and the show are the only two sources of funds to keep our society going. There is no crime in getting a bargain, but don't forget that you are helping your society with every bid you make, and the higher the bid, the more you help.

Get the word out. Tell friends, co-workers, neighbors and family members about the auction. If they cannot attend, perhaps they would like you to bid on something for them? There will be lots of blooming orchids up for bid. Any one of them might make a wonderful birthday, anniversary, thank you or housewarming gift.

Do one last grooming. Trim dead or yellowing leaves, wipe off hard water stains, stake wayward flower spikes, etc. Remember the old sayings, "if your orchids look stunning, bidders come running" and "if your orchids look like trash, don't expect to get much cash".



Other, non-auction items

Sheath Editor: We could still use a longer term Sheath editor. Mike Rector has been the man for quite a while now, and he could use a well-deserved break. Not sure if you want the job? Try it risk free for one month. If you don't like it, you can quit.

Treasurer: Sue Rose has been our treasurer for many years and would like to pass the baton to someone willing to help the society. A familiarity with accounting or even just QuickBooks would do the trick. Sue would show you the ropes, so the transition should be easy.

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:

Zach Coney, Scott Dallas, Susan Hamilton, Scott Kudo, David Kurzrock, Janet Rector, Jeff Trimble, and Kimmy Wang.

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

Refreshments:

Thank you to all that brought treats. Thank you very much! Anyone willing to take on the fun and helpful job of setting up the food table every month, perhaps job share with others on a month to month basis? Just send in your name and when you would like to do the setup.

Membership:

New member: Jessica Gadling, be sure to welcome her at the next meeting!



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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Tips By Chaunie:

How Often Do YOU Water?

This is the most common question asked of any speaker who presents a talk on a particular type of orchid. And it is not quite the right question.

How often someone else waters is not really of use to most people.

Unless you have the exact same conditions as the speaker - humidity, air movement, light, temperature - in your growing space, you will not find equal success by watering on the same schedule.

The question you are really trying ask is “How do you water?”. The speaker may or may not be able to answer this as it could easily be an entire 40 minute presentation on it’s own. In fact, several years ago we did have a 40 minute presentation on that very topic by Harry Phillips from Andy’s Orchids.

Roy Takunaga of H & R Orchids, one of the smartest orchid growers I know, has an excellent example. He was admiring a spectacular specimen orchid in a basket grown by one of his friends. (Sorry, I can’t remember the name of the orchid - ask Roy.) Roy was growing the same orchid, but was no where near as successful. He asked his friend “How often do you water that?” His friend replied once a day. So Roy started watering once a day, but still did not have anything like the specimen his friend had. Then Roy was at his friend’s greenhouse when his friend was watering. He discovered that once a day meant using a sprayer on the roots, holding it up into the middle of the plant and spraying from the inside for 5 minutes as well as watering the outer side of the orchid. Roy is pretty busy and doesn’t have time to apply this technique, but at least he knows why his orchid is not doing nearly as well.

I have heard many speakers talk about “flushing the fertilizer salt build-up out of the pot” by watering without fertilizer at least once per month. OK, great. But one time Alan Koch mentioned during a talk that when he does this, he runs his overhead watering system for an hour. This was pre-drought so he may have modified his technique, but really, would it ever occur to most of us that we needed to perform this flushing with more water than we normally use?

So, the next time you want to know how to improve your watering, ask “How do you water that?”

Happy growing! *Chaunie*

California Orchids Fall Sale! Saturday, September 17th 9am-4pm

*We are bringing out some things that we usually won't let go..
Phal. species, Odd Tillandsias, New ferns, Rhipsalis and more*

We also have a pre-sale order list

Order plants before the sale and we will have them ready for you to pick up at the sale.

Save 20% on pre-ordered plants!

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(415) 868-0203

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October 19-23, 2016

The Huntington Botanical Gardens 2nd Annual International Orchid Show and
American Orchid Society Members' Meeting

Theme: Elegant Orchids

Show Dates: October 21- 23, 2016

Show times 10:30am to 4:30pm (Friday: 12pm - 4:30pm).

Location:

The Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens

1151 Oxford Rd.

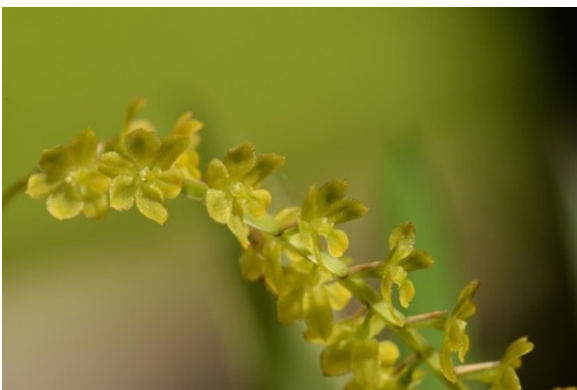
San Marino, CA 91108

Website: www.aosfall2016.com

November 5 & 6, 2016 58th Annual Santa Barbara Orchid Estate Fall Open House
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 www.sborchid.com

November 19 and 20, 2016 Orchid Society of Santa Barbara Fall Show and Sale
Saturday 10 AM to 5 PM; Sunday, 10 AM to 3:30 PM Fleischman Auditorium, Santa
Barbara Museum of Natural History (just north of the Old Mission) *Laelia anceps*
displayed at their peak diversity of color. Fall-blooming cymbidium and cattleya
species. AOS and CSA judging. Select vendors.
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The Orchid Conservation Alliance has been set up to be a recipient organization for the Amazon Smile program. Any purchases you make on Amazon through Amazon Smile yields a 0.5% donation to the OCA. Just go to <https://smile.amazon.com> and follow the links to have your purchases credit the OCA. There is no extra cost to you, and you will be helping The Orchid Conservation Alliance raise money to preserve orchid habitat in the Andes. Thank you!



Name this orchid! Test of skill? Can you guess what orchid this is?

