

# THE SHEATH

TIKI EDITION

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**IT'S SHOWTIME !**



Our show, Orchid Tiki Lounge, will take place (for us) **Friday January 26 through Sunday January 28** at the Community Activities Building (the CAB), **1400 Roosevelt Ave., Redwood City.**

Also, if you have any Tiki related items you are willing to loan for decorating the show, please let me know. I can pick them up the day before the show if you aren't able to bring them over Friday afternoon.

**Plant Hotel Supplies:** As our show is coming up at the end of the month I would like to remind you to save suitable strong boxes and some newspaper for the Plant Hotel.

**Guest Form:** Attached is a form you may use to pay for your guests to come to the show. If you would like to have friends or family attend the show as your guest, but they need to arrive on a different schedule than yours, please give them this form with your name (legible) on it. You will be contacted after the show for payment of their admission fees.

**Volunteers:** If you are volunteering at the show of course you do not need to pay the admissions fee that day and lunch will be provided in the kitchen. If you are attending the show without volunteering you will need to pay the admission fee. Anyone who has volunteered during the show is welcome to attend the end of show dinner immediately following break-down. This is a fun time to chat with other members and vendors.

**To volunteer:** Please contact Chaunie at [510-494-8850](tel:510-494-8850) or email [chaunie.langland@earthlink.net](mailto:chaunie.langland@earthlink.net) or contact the show chair listed in the below. Most of you have not signed up yet and it gives me a very happy feeling if I know most of the shifts are covered prior to the show. You would be surprised how much I, and every show chair, worries before the show.

**To have a display:** If you or you and a group would like to enter your show plants as a display please let Chaunie know by January 16 and we will arrange to have a display table assigned to you.

Thank you all for your participation - we have the best society and the best show in the area because so many of you turn out to help at the show. We rely on revenue from the show (and the auction and membership and donations) to pay for our monthly meeting rental, our speakers fees, our plant table, our website and our supplies.

Sincerely,  
Chaunie Langland and Mike Rector, show co-chairs



Volunteers are needed for the following jobs:

Friday, January 26			
Task	Time	Contact	Contact's Email
<b>Set up</b>	11:00AM	Mike Drilling	<a href="mailto:mike.drilling@gmail.com">mike.drilling@gmail.com</a>
Place table covers and skirts on tables in the vendors area and show area plus one for admissions and one for membership.			
<b>Plant Placement</b>	2:30PM-7PM	Jung Here Ra	<a href="mailto:ajjyh@gmail.com">ajjyh@gmail.com</a>
Arrange plants entered in the show			
<b>Ribbon and Trophy judging</b>	7PM-8PM	Ken Jacobsen	<a href="mailto:kenneth.p.jacobsen@gmail.com">kenneth.p.jacobsen@gmail.com</a>
<b>Show award photographer's assistant</b>	8:30PM-10:30PM	Chaunie Langland	<a href="mailto:chaunie.langland@earthlink.net">chaunie.langland@earthlink.net</a>
Bring awarded plants in to the photographer from the judging groups and return to their place in the show after photography			

Saturday and Sunday (January 27 and 28)			
Task	Time	Contact	Contact's Email
<b>Admissions</b>	9:45AM-1PM 1PM-5PM	George Spangler	<a href="mailto:georges@iaspanglers.net">georges@iaspanglers.net</a>
<b>Raffle</b>	9:45AM-1PM 1PM-5PM	Olga Ostrovsky	<a href="mailto:oostrovsky@yahoo.com">oostrovsky@yahoo.com</a>
<b>Member Sales</b>	9:45AM-1PM 1PM-5PM	Sue Rose	<a href="mailto:ginger94022@gmail.com">ginger94022@gmail.com</a>
<b>Membership</b>	9:45AM-1PM 1PM-5PM	Janusz Warszawski	<a href="mailto:janwar@sbcglobal.net">janwar@sbcglobal.net</a>
<b>Plant Hotel</b>	9:45AM-1PM 1PM-5PM	Abraham and Kimmy	<a href="mailto:menicx@gmail.com">menicx@gmail.com</a>
<b>Security</b>	9:45AM-1PM 1PM-5PM	Mike Rector	<a href="mailto:mrector@verizon.net">mrector@verizon.net</a>
<b>Take down</b>	5PM-6:30PM	Mike Drilling	<a href="mailto:mike.drilling@gmail.com">mike.drilling@gmail.com</a>

If you would like to give one of the presentations for our guests, please contact Tom Mudge right away [tjmudge@yahoo.com](mailto:tjmudge@yahoo.com)



We will accept plants Friday January 26, 2017 between 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm and in the mornings on Saturday and Sunday. Friday come in through the front door and leave your plants near the sales room door until your plants are checked in. Saturday and Sunday come to the back sliding glass door. Bring your list in and let someone from plant sales come out and check your plants in.

Your plant list will be compared to actual plants on hand outside the members’ sales room. After the show opens, plants are to be checked by the back door weather permitting or just inside that door in case of inclement weather.

Each sale plant (or item) must have a 2-part tag attached with a unique reference number on both parts and be listed on the sale list organized by reference number. Donated items do not require a list but should have a tag noting Donation with a suggested price. No exceptions, **plants will not be taken without these tags with the correct information on each side of the tag.**

**We will be set up to sell member plants Friday through Sunday.**

In addition, these items will be checked: **-The seller must be a current member (2018 dues paid).** - Each member’s sales list contains a maximum of 50 plants or other items. -The plants are healthy looking and pest free. -The seller has signed up to work in the member sales area for at least one shift if they are selling 20 or more plants.

**-No filling out of lists and tags in the members’ sales area.** No exception without the prior approval by the Member Sales Person.

-If a sale item consists of multiple parts, they need to be securely packaged or taped together. Donations of the same grex are limited to 10.

Sunday we may need more plants, please check in with member sales late Saturday if you would like to bring more plants (over your limit) Sunday.

All unsold plants need to be pickup by 5:30 pm Sunday. Forgotten plants will be disposed of. (It’s not that we are mean, it is just that most of us have no room in our cars leaving the show so we can’t take your plants home. We are taking our own plants or show items home. Dang, it’s hard to throw good orchids into the trash. Please don’t make me do so. Really!)



*Reprinted from the Santa Cruz Orchid Society Newsletter:*

It is with great sadness that we report that Stella Roccaforte passed away on December 7. She was 91. She and her husband Mike were heavily involved in the society's inception and continued their support for many years. They lived in San Francisco and came to Santa Cruz every month for meetings. The magnitude of what Stella and Mike Roccaforte contributed to the Santa Cruz Orchid Society throughout their many years of service can't be fully understood, even by those of us who knew them the longest. They were members of nearly all of the Bay Area societies and contributed their time equally to all of them. They both served as President, Vice President, and directors of the Santa Cruz Orchid Society for multiple terms. They were incredibly generous with their time, knowledge and plants, particularly with novice orchid growers. Stella completely ran the sales for many of the local societies annual Show and Sales. This is a considerable undertaking even for one society! They were always first to any function and last to leave. Mike was the creator of the Wheel of Fortune that we played at the Holiday party earlier this month.



Linda Locatelli recalls that they had an amazing home with greenhouses integrated into part of their home on several levels. Mike was a creative plumber and devised a watering-drainage system for the multi-level greenhouse. They grew many classic species not readily available now. Linda still has many of them, bought when she first joined the society years ago. Stella and Mike will be greatly missed by the orchid community.



**January Birthdays**

Carol Basey, Terry Boomer, Jessica Chen, Michaela Fritz, Jennifer Kott, Jean Lee, Linda Locatelli, Rory Nakata, Angelic Nguyen, Robert Reimer, Sian Whily Stow, Wendy Wenderski, Magda Youssef

**Membership Renewals:**

Annual membership dues are due in January; they can be paid by check or cash at the Show, at our monthly meetings, on the website <http://penorchidsoc.org/membership.html> using Paypal, or mailed to the address provided in the 2018 Membership Renewal form, attached to this Newsletter. Please note the new fee scheduled for 2018. If paying by check, make it payable to POS.

Remember, if you refer a new member, your dues are half price, and if you refer two new members your dues are free for a year! New referrals must not be current members of the POS and must mention your (current member's) name for you to get your discount (or refund).

Please update your contact information, especially email addresses (If there are no changes to the contact information, there is no need to fill out the form).

Members interested in selling plants at the 2018 Show and Sale must renew their membership before or at the Show.

As an incentive to renew on time, POS is again providing free Garden Pruners to everyone who renews no later than the March meeting. All new members for 2018 are eligible for the free pruners throughout the year.

## EDITOR'S CORNER

Hi POS Members!

I wanted to introduce myself as your new newsletter editor. My name is Isis Trenchard, and I've been a member of POS since 2015. I'm a novice grower, and I am very happy to learn from all of the very experienced members of this group. I want to make the newsletter as useful as possible to growers of all levels, so please let me know what you would like to see included! Feel free to email me at [ijtrenchard@gmail.com](mailto:ijtrenchard@gmail.com) with any thoughts or ideas you have.

This month I have made our newsletter Tiki themed to get everyone in the spirit for our show! I have included an excellent article written by our very own Tom Mudge about orchids that are suitable for growing outdoors here in the Bay Area. Please use this article as a reference to help you pick plants to buy at our show on January 27 and 28!

Happy growing and I'll see you at the show!

Isis Trenchard




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**January 19, 2018**

Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers Auction  
Registration/Preview 6:30-7:00 PM; Auction begins  
at 7:00 PM

San Mateo Garden Center, 605 Parkside Way, San  
Mateo, CA 94403

Catalog & Photos Available after January 8, 2018  
at [www.GoldCoastCymbidiumGrowers.com](http://www.GoldCoastCymbidiumGrowers.com)

Email Questions to Richard Mangan (man-  
gasz@att.net) or call (209)-373-7852

See attached flyer.

**February 9 - 11, 2018**

Newport Harbor Orchid Show and Sale "Romancing the Orchid"

Westminster Mall, 1025 Westminster Mall, Westminster, CA

**February 22 - 25, 2018**

San Francisco Orchid Society's 66th Annual Pacific Orchid Exposition (POE)

"Curiouser and Curiouser, Orchids in Wonderland"

Gala Preview Night "Mad Hatter" Party - Thursday Feb 22nd - starts at 6pm

General Show and Sale - Friday-Sunday Feb 23rd - 25th

at Hall of Flowers (County Fair Building) in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park More information and  
advance tickets sales to come... [www.orchidsanfrancisco.org](http://www.orchidsanfrancisco.org)

See attached flyer.

**March 9-11, 2018**

73rd Santa Barbara International Orchid Show The World's Greatest Show - Orchids!"

9 AM - 5 PM

Earl Warren Showgrounds - Santa Barbara, CA.

AOS Spring Members' Meeting to be held in conjunction with the Show. For more information,  
check the website: <https://sborchidshow.com/>

**April 22-23, 2018**

Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers Show & Sale.

1400 Roosevelt Avenue, Redwood City, CA.

Set-Up and Plant entry Friday 10AM – 6PM; CSA and AOS judging at 7PM. Show and Sale open to  
the public Saturday and Sunday 10AM to 4PM.

For more information contact: Sylvia Darr, Show Chair - [syldarr@gmail.com](mailto:syldarr@gmail.com)



**Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers**  
**Cymbidium Orchid Auction**



**Friday, January 19, 2018**  
Auction 7:00 PM  
Registration, Preview 6:30 - 7:00 PM

Beautiful Cymbidiums and their Companions. Including Blooming, Unique, Rarely Come Up for Sale, & Show & Award Winners!

- 150 Plant Entries
- No Buyers Premium

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



Cym. Tower of Fire 'Sunset Flame'. Photo by Ken Jacobsen.

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66th Pacific Orchid Exposition  
Gala Preview Night "Mad Hatter Party" February 22  
Show and Sale February 23-25, 2018  
Hall of Flowers, Golden Gate Park  
San Francisco  
Information  
[www.orchidsanfrancisco.org](http://www.orchidsanfrancisco.org)  
Photos by Ron Parsons

# Outdoor Orchids for the San Francisco Bay Area

By Tom Mudge

Most people associate orchids with the tropics. While many species do originate from perpetually warm, humid locations around the globe, it may come as a surprise to learn that there are thousands of orchids that thrive in climates similar to those found in the Bay Area. Whether originally from high elevations nearer the equator, or in subtropical regions benefitting from the moderating effects of marine influence, there are vast arrays of orchids that can flourish in back yards and on balconies all around the bay. Below are descriptions of some excellent choices, along with general growing tips to maximize your outdoor orchid growing success.

## Dendrobium (Den-DRO-bee-um)

Native to Asia, Australia and some Pacific islands, Dendrobiums come from a wide variety of habitats. Some of the best suited to outdoor culture in the Bay Area come from Australia, the foothills of the Himalayas, Japan and higher elevations in China. Dendrobium kingianum is one of the easiest of all orchids to grow outdoors. Indifferent to all but the most extreme temperatures and tolerant of neglect, this is an ideal orchid for the beginner. Other good choices are Dendrobium moniliforme, Dendrobium speciosum, Dendrobium nobile and



*Dendrobium kingianum*. Photo by Ron Parsons.

Dendrobium jenkinsii. These last two prefer to remain quite dry in the winter months, actually blooming better if left unwatered between Thanksgiving and Valentine's Day.



*Laelia anceps*. Photo by Ron Parsons

## Laelia (lay-LEE-uh)

Originating in Mexico, most Laelias are adaptable to wide range of cultural conditions, tolerating extremes of both heat and cold. Many can survive temperatures down to the mid 20's without damage. Given sufficient light and watered regularly in summer and sparingly in winter, these orchids will produce multiple flowers on long inflorescences year after year. Some good choices include Laelia anceps, Laelia gouldiana, Laelia autumnalis and Laelia albida.



*Cymbidium insigne* "Lyi" (Photo by Ron Parsons), *Cymbidium Winter Fire* "Splash" (Photo by Angelic Nguyen)

### **Cymbidium (sym-BID-ee-um)**

Probably the most familiar orchid grown outdoors in the Bay Area, Cymbidiums come from Asia & Australia and are ideally suited to our moderate temperatures and cool evenings. Preferring bright light and to be kept evenly moist in the summer, most Cymbidiums can handle temperatures down into the mid 20's as long as they are kept on the dry side throughout the winter.



*Cattleya* (formerly *Laelia*) *purpurata* & *Cattleya intermedia*  
(Photos by Ron Parsons)

### **Cattleya (CAT-lee-ah)**

Cattleyas grow throughout much of South America, but the ideal outdoor growing candidates come from Brazil. Many can safely handle temperatures down to the mid to high 20's. Blessed with some of the most attractive flowers in the orchid world, Cattleyas come in a variety of sizes, so there are some to suit any growing space. *Cattleya* (formerly *Laelia*) *purpurata* has large, fragrant summer-blooming flowers. Other good choices include *Cattleya intermedia*, *Cattleya sincorana*, and for those with cooler summer conditions, *Cattleya coccinea*.



*Masdevallia coccinea xanthine & Masdevallia ignea*  
(Photos by Ron Parsons)

## Masdevallia (maz-deh-VAL-ee-uh)

Members of this South and Central American genus come mostly from high elevations and as a result, thrive where they can enjoy cool evenings year round. Generally better suited to San Francisco than San Jose, Masdevallias typically produce many colorful flowers and well grown plants can put on a dazzling show. While most suitable outdoor orchids need to be kept drier in winter, Masdevallias require no protection from winter rains (though reduced watering is fine when temps are cold).

Some of the many spectacular choices include *Masdevallia coccinea*, *Masdevallia ignea*, *Masdevallia veitchiana*, and *Masdevallia barleana*. Masdevallias tend to require lower light levels than many other orchids, and can be grown and bloomed on the beneficially cooler north side of a house as a result.

## Coelogyne (see-LODGE-eh-nee)

This mostly white flowered genus is found throughout Southern and Southeast Asia. The ideal outdoor growing candidates come from the foothills of the Himalayas and higher elevation areas of Vietnam and China. *Coelogyne mooreana* has large, crystalline white flowers that last for several weeks. Other fine choices include *Coelogyne cristata*, *Coelogyne corymbosa* and *Coelogyne nitida*. All benefit from greatly reduced watering in winter, and are quite cold tolerant as long as they are kept dry.



*Coelogyne mooreana* "Brockhurst" FCC-RHS (Photo by Ron Parsons)



*Zygopetalum crinitum* (Photo by Ron Parsons)

## Zygopetalum (zy-go-PET-a-lum)

Primarily from South America, Zygopetalums are a favorite of outdoor orchid growers due to their attractive flowers (typically with a purple lip), delightful scent and ease of culture. Requiring moderate light levels and regular watering throughout the year, they do best with excellent drainage and benefit from a shallow pot and a porous potting mix. *Zygopetalum crinitum*, *Zygopetalum mackayi*, and *Zygopetalum brachypetalum* can all handle temperatures down to the upper 20's and are excellent

candidates for outdoor growing.



*Vanda falcata* & *Sarcochilus hartmannii* (Photos by Ron Parsons)

### **Vanda (VAN-duh) alliance species**

While most Vanda and Phalaenopsis species cannot survive outdoors in coastal California, they have some close relatives that thrive under our conditions. Vanda (formerly Neofinetia) falcata, the “Samurai Orchid” is native to Japan and prized there for its diminutive beauty and sweet fragrance. Sarcochilus hartmannii originates in Australia and covers itself in white flowers with pink centers every spring. Vanda falcata does best under medium light levels, while Sarcochilus hartmannii prefers more shade. Both need to be kept drier in winter, with preferably little or no water ever touching their leaves during the coldest months. For the adventurous, Holcoglossum flavescens and Phalaenopsis wilsonii are two additional options that do quite well outdoors, but both require being grown on a mount.



*Gomesa flexuosa* (formerly *Oncidium flexuosum*) (Photo by Ron Parsons)

### **Oncidium (on-SID-dee-um) alliance species**

The Oncidium alliance is a vast group of species concentrated in Central & South America and the islands of the Caribbean. Those from higher elevations and/or higher northern or southern latitudes are the most favorably disposed towards our outdoor growing conditions. While some species have small flowers, many make up in quantity what they lack in individual size. Some such as Miltonia spectabilis require an absolutely dry winter rest. Others, like Gomesa flexuosa and Gomesa longipes are more forgiving.

# ORCHID TIKKI LOUNGE

**PENINSULA ORCHID SOCIETY  
SHOW AND SALE**

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY  
JANUARY 27 & 28, 2018  
10:00 AM TO 5:00 PM  
1400 ROOSEVELT AVE  
REDWOOD CITY, CA 94061**

**ADULTS \$7, CHILDREN 12 & UNDER, FREE**

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2018 Peninsula Orchid Society  
Membership Application or Renewal

Write checks payable to: POS  
Mail to: Janusz Warszawski – POS Membership  
1227 Monte Verde Ct., Los Altos, CA 94024

Member Information (Please Print):

Name(s) (1) \_\_\_\_\_ BirthMonth \_\_\_\_\_  
(2) \_\_\_\_\_ BirthMonth \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ ZipCode \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Note: We need your current e-mail address to save postage and printing for *The Sheath*. Also, you will receive last minute information about orchid related events if we have your e-mail address. Your contact information is never shared.**

E-mail: (1) \_\_\_\_\_  
(2) \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Membership:

- Individual \$20.00                       Additional Member same household \$10.00  
 Payments can be made by Paypal on POS website [penorchidsoc.org/membership.html](http://penorchidsoc.org/membership.html)

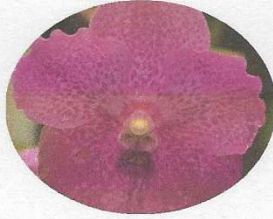
Our membership year runs from January 1 through December 31. Everyone is encouraged to renew before the end of February each year.

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Membership Chair's area

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**2018 PENINSULA ORCHID SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE**

**JANUARY 27<sup>TH</sup> AND 28<sup>TH</sup>**

**10:00 AM TO 5 PM**

**COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES BUILDING**

**1400 Roosevelt Ave., Redwood City, CA**

**ADMIT ONE**

**Attendee:**

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**Member:**

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