

THE SHEATH

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April General Meeting

Date: April 27, 2018
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 Hwy 92, turn South. The Garden Center is located between 26th and 28th Avenues.

April Skill Session: Water quality



Bring your water samples if you would like to have a TDS (total dissolved solids) reading done. Chaunie will talk about which orchids care about water

quality and which ones will be OK with tap water and how you should be watering. Our skill session will take place on the patio, so bring your coat just in case it is a bit cool or windy out. If it is raining we will meet in raffle ticket sales area of the main room.

Dinner with the speaker!

There will be a no-host dinner with the speaker, Ron Parsons, at the Hillsdale California Pizza Kitchen at 6:00 before the meeting. Anyone is welcome to attend, but please let Chaunie know at chaunie.langland@earthlink.net by noon that day so that she can request an appropriate size table.

This Month's Speaker: Ron Parsons Topic: Back to China

In 2013 I made my second trip to the province of Sichuan (known to most Americans as Szechwan) in China. In 2012 I went with my co-author, Mary Gerritsen on a tour led by the late slipper orchid specialist Holger Perner and his wife, Wenqing, to see various *Cypripedium* species (the temperate species of slipper orchids, found only in the northern hemisphere, and generally in colder climes) from June 09-23. I enjoyed that trip so immensely that I asked Holger if he could arrange the next tour in 2013 but visit at least a few new sites. He said he definitely could,

so we signed up again for the 2013 tour, this time from June 17- July 01! We saw a number of rare and beautiful orchids as well as numerous other amazing flowers and stunning scenery. This talk will feature the diversity of Sichuan, China seen on this trip.

About Ron Parsons



Ron 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 maga-

zines, 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.

You can see some of Ron's photographs on his website: <http://www.flowershots.net>



A very rare *Cypripedium* natural hybrid between *C. tibeticum* x *C. farreri*, the latter species itself being rare.

Member News

April Birthdays

Michelle Bautista, Steve Briscoombe, Greg Corrales, Don Creepy, Cassandra Gaunt, Mike Green, Pam Hoffman, Carl Jukkola, Mark Khoo, Japheth Ko, Jackie Krstulovich, Tanya Lam, Eric Langland, Elizabeth Lee, Diane Root, Pauline Wong

Membership Renewals:

Annual membership dues were due in January and are now past due. First reminder email was already sent. The dues can be paid by check, cash or credit card 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.



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Some plants from last month's show and tell table:



Blc. Next Century
grown by Amy and Ken Jacobsen



Pot. Twenty First Century 'New Generation'
CM/JOGA grown by Amy and Ken
Jacobsen



Blc Lady Wakasuzi x Pot Twenty First
Century grown by Amy and Ken Jacobsen



C. walkeriana var alba
grown by Amy and Ken Jacobsen



Sophronitis coccinea 'Anna'
grown by Anna Chai



Masd. Royal Monark 'Golden Star' AM/AOS
grown by Anna Chai



Odcdm. Tiger Crow 'Golden Girl'
HCC/AOS x Oda. Nichirei Sunrise 'Red
Delicious' HCC/AOS grown by Janusz



Bc Hippodamia
grown by Chaunie Langland

Upcoming Orchid Events

May 4-6, 2018

Gold Country Orchid's Spring Open House

390 Big Ben Road, Lincoln, Ca 95648

Friday & Saturday: 9am - 5pm

Sunday: 10am - 4pm

916-645-8600

www.goldcountryorchids.com

Paph Paradise will have a wide selection of slipper orchids for sale. New hybrids and species from their awarded breeding lines.

www.paphparadise.com

May 4-5, 2018

San Francisco Botanical Garden's Annual Plant Sale

SF County Fair Building Auditorium

1199 9th Ave, San Francisco, CA 94122-2370

Mark your calendar - with more than 2,500 types of plants available over two days, it's a great chance to indulge your passion for plants.

More info at: www.sfbotanicalgarden.org/plant-sales/annual-plant-sale.html

Volunteers are wanted to help prepare and staff the sale.

Email volunteer@sfbg.org if you'd like to help out!

May 12 - 13, 2018

Orchid Society of California "Mothers' Day Weekend Orchid Show & Sale 2018"

Lakeside Park Garden Center Nursery, 666 Bellevue Ave., Oakland, CA.

Judging is being held on May 12, 2018 at 9:00 AM

See *attached flyer*.

May 12, 2018

Greenhouse and Garden Moving Sale

Saturday 10:00am – 2:00pm

21050 Canyon Oak Way, Cupertino, CA

Over 200 orchids- hybrids and species, many specimen sized and almost all blooming size.

We've been growing many of these for more than 15 years and they are reliable bloomers in Cupertino. A few succulents and other plants for sale too. Clay pots, cork mounts and other supplies available. Garden tools must go as well. Cash or credit.

Email for a list and photos of many of the blooms: menakermitchell@comcast.net

July 13 - 15, 2018

Cal-Orchid's Summer Hummer Open House & Neofinitia Orchid Judging event

Fri - Sun 9 AM - 5 PM.

1251 Orchid Drive, Santa Barbara, CA.

Saturday will have an informal orchid judging based on the Japanese style

For more info: <http://www.calorchid.com>

July 13-15, 2018

Santa Barbara Orchid Estates Summer Open House

www.sborchid.com

July 21-22, 2018

SFOS Orchids in the Park Show & Sale

San Francisco County Fair Building (Hall of Flowers)

9th Avenue & Lincoln Way, San Francisco, CA



Member Profile: Elizabeth Lee

By Isis Trenchard



Janusz and Elizabeth looking at her orchid display just inside her front door.

Last month, Janusz and I paid a visit to one of our long time members, Elizabeth Lee, at her beautiful home in Portola Valley.

As we knocked on the door we noticed just inside was a vestibule covered with orchids – hanging on the walls and lined up on benches. The vestibule had a sun roof allowing very bright, filtered light making it an ideal and unique indoor growing space. Janusz and I were very excited to see such a neat use of a front entrance, but as Elizabeth let us in, she told us we hadn't seen the best part yet.

She led us through her house to her kitchen and as we stepped into the room, we first noticed the sweet scent of blooming cattleyas. Then as we looked further, we were simply blown away. Elizabeth's kitchen is fused with large sunroom lined wall to wall with blooming orchids. The sunroom looked out onto her gardens with views of the coastal range beyond.



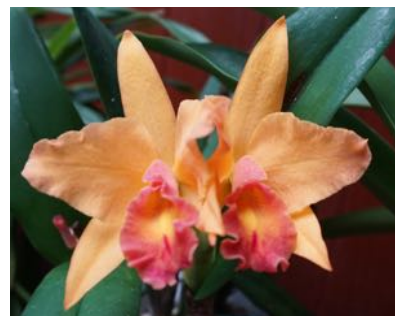
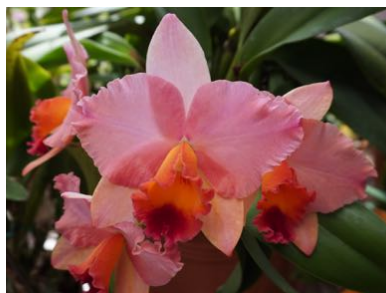
The view from Elizabeth's sunroom out onto her garden and the coastal range beyond.

Elizabeth is 92-years old and has been keeping orchids for many years. Her late husband was a surgeon at Stanford, and her collection started with an orchid gifted to him by a patient. As her interest in the hobby grew, her husband would always include visits to botanical gardens or orchid



grows wherever they travelled. Elizabeth's collects mostly cattleyas (both hybrids and species), but she also grows a variety of other genera. She has a many phalaenopsis hybrids blooming beautifully in one section of her sunroom. Elizabeth also has a greenhouse and rotates her blooming plants into the house. While her home is at higher elevation, it sits in a warm microclimate ideal for warm growing plants like cattleyas, but not great for some of the cooler growing species like masdevallias and some oncidiums. A piece of advice from Elizabeth – always add the year and where you got the plant on your plant tags.

Elizabeth is looking for advice on how to bloom her *C. walkeriana*. It grows and grows, but doesn't bloom. If you have a tips, please call her!



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

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Name(s) (1) _____ BirthMonth _____
(2) _____ BirthMonth _____

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Address: _____
_____ ZipCode _____

Phone: _____

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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

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

Membership Chair's area

Date paid _____ Check No. and amount _____
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