

THE SHEATH

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June General Meeting

Date: June 22, 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.

This Month's Program:

An American Orchid Society judging demonstration
by the Pacific Central Judging Center



American Orchid Society
Education. Conservation. Research.

Our Friday, June 22nd meeting will feature a demonstration of American Orchid Society judging by the Pacific Central Judging Center. Bring your best orchids to see if they can win an award. Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting and bring plants for AOS judging, just as they are to bring plants to any AOS judging event.

We will hold the judging demonstration first, followed by the show & tell table presentation. This will allow us to preserve the anonymity of the owner of any plants we end up judging. **Members should fill out their usual tags, but place them upside down under their plants on the show & tell table.**

AOS judging is very different from ribbon judging. Both evaluate flower quality, however in AOS judging orchids are judged against other previously awarded clones of the same orchid or against their parents (hybrids only) rather than against a class made up of a variety of somewhat similar orchids.

Judges take into account parentage characteristics as well as the general impression of the orchid in question. Not only are awards given for flower quality but they can also be given to the owner of the orchid for spectacular growth (cultural awards).

Do judges know everything there is about orchids? Absolutely not. Do judges disagree with each other? Certainly. Come and see what happens during a typical judging session.

There is another part of judging we will not be demonstrating and that is the administrative side. For plants that are awarded there are forms to complete-lots of paperwork that has measurements, descriptions and photographs that are taken and submitted for incorporation into the national database. That is not the most interesting aspect of judging so we will do that behind the scenes for this program. Anyone who wants to know more about that aspect of it is welcome to observe after the program.

If you have a plant you would like to have judged, don't be shy, go ahead and fill out an entry form at the meeting to make sure that your plant is carefully examined. Awardable plants do not always jump out at the judges from the show and tell or the show tables. Sometimes research is needed. If you fill out an entry form (no cost) then that research will be done. If you win an award, then there will be a nominal fee to be paid to the AOS - they will contact you later.

We are always looking for people interested in becoming AOS judges. You don't have to be a Ron Parsons level orchid expert to join the program. You do need to be willing to put in the time and effort needed to learn the judging system, develop an eye and commit to continuous learning. The PCJC welcomes interested orchid aficionados at any of our judgments. If you let us know you would like to consider becoming a part of the judging group you will find plenty of judges willing to answer your questions about the process of becoming a judge or what is expected of a judge.

Member News

Time to renew your 2018 membership. See the renewal information below and check your individual reminder email.

Annual membership dues were due in January and are now way past due. **Third reminder email was sent on June 4th to those who did not renew, please check your email.**

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.

Happy Birthday



June Birthdays:

Anne Abramson, Jean Agpoon, Robert Agpoon, Ellis Bigelow, Rene Biggs, Ginger Creevy, Mike Drilling, Joe Enos, Neal Krug, Sung H. Lee, Olga Ostrovsky, Ron Parsons, James Rooney, Paul Satara Bever, Paul Simon, and Horst Wend. Happy Birthday!

Meeting Refreshments



We appreciate and want to thank anyone who brings snacks to our POS meetings. However, all POS members are also expected to help out with refreshments, setup and cleanup at monthly meetings based upon the first letter of your last name.

Check the calendar below for the monthly meeting corresponding to your last name.

For **EXAMPLE:**

Members whose last name starts with the letter range A - B would bring snacks to the meeting in **January**.

Please bring snacks such as baked goods, nuts, fruit or veggie sticks, crackers & cheese for the next meeting. A jar/can of nuts, a pound or two of fruit (dried or fresh) or cheese, a dozen cookies, or a box or two of crackers is an appropriate amount.

And everyone who brings snacks should remember to ask the folks at the opportunity table for an extra opportunity table ticket, regardless of your last name!

2018 Refreshment Calendar:

Jan: A - B

Feb: C

Mar: D - G

Apr: H - J

May: K

Jun: L

Jul: M - Q

Aug: P - Q

Sep: R

Oct: S - V

Nov: W - Z

Dec Potluck: Everyone

Jan 2019: A - B



Message from the Peninsula Orchid Society President

In order to keep our orchid-growing society interesting, fun, and of value to our members, I'm sure you'll agree it's important that POS members are aware of the issues the POS Board is dealing with. To that end, I'd like to report, briefly, on the activities of the Board which just met at the end of May.

Budget and Finances: The Board discussed how POS is progressing against our 2018 spending budget and we see no budget issues that are of concern. Our finances are in pretty good shape, largely due to our very successful January Show and Sale.

Speakers and Skill Sessions: Satisfactory finances and budgeting mean, of course, that we are able to attract interesting speakers for our monthly meetings. Chaunie has been able to line up a nearly complete set of speakers for the rest of this year and is working on 2019 scheduling. In addition, skill sessions have been scheduled.

Storage Facility: The Board also discussed the feasibility of finding an alternative storage site for the miscellaneous items POS needs to run our meetings, orchid shows and auction. Our current storage site is jam-packed and inconvenient to access. A number of alternatives were discussed and Board members are looking into several possibilities.

San Mateo Garden Center: The SMGC has recently asked each of the organizations that use the Garden Center to have a representative sit on their Board of Directors, and we will do so. It's important for us that SMGC operates effectively and efficiently, and with our help, so that we continue to have access to their excellent facility.

Book Library: The POS book library is seldom, if ever, used by our members, but the space required is a cost and maintenance item for us. The Board discussed this issue and will offer these books to our members either at no-cost, or very low-cost, at an up-coming meeting in order to dispose of the library.

Membership: POS operates on a very slim operating budget, and maintaining and increasing active participation is vital to our existence. The Board discussed various ideas for attracting new members and encouraging member participation. In addition to asking current members for ideas to attract new members, we will also try to organize a day when members are willing to receive visitors to their growing areas. We think this may be of interest to us all and particularly attractive to new and prospective members.

Finally, I know the Board would like to thank those of you who are active participants, who share the workload of running POS, often without acknowledgement, and who help keep POS a vibrant orchid-growing organization.

Eric Levenson

Update on The Filoli Flower Show

Again this year your orchid society participated in the Filoli gardens Flower Show. As before we were able to utilize the large kitchen area in the mansion, even though it was shared with the Ikebana and miniature flower arrangements.

Visitors were excited to see the fantastic display and take in the exotic fragrance in the room. We certainly attracted a lot of attention. The Flower Show committee gave us profuse thanks for setting up such a great display.

A great big thank you to:

Helpers:

Mark Khoo, Mike Drilling (who also gave a talk on Orchids), Janusz Warszawski, George Spangler, Janet Rector

These people stayed with the display to answer questions and keep people from touching.

Orchids displayed:

Anna Chai, Asuka Masaki, Bill Weaver, Chaunie and Eric Langland, Janusz Warszawski, Ken and Amy Jacobsen (Amy did an amazing job of setting up the display!), Leo Kusper, Brookside Orchids - provided a display of some large orchids.




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Upcoming Orchid Events

July 10 - 13, 2018

City College of San Francisco

Ocean Campus

50 Phelan Ave. San Francisco, CA

City College is offering an Orchid Class this summer. It is a 3 day class from 10am - 2:30pm taught by Steven Brown, the director of the Floristry and Environmental Horticulture Department. Tom Per-lite of Golden Gate Orchids may also assist in the class.

<https://www.ccsf.edu/Schedule/Summer>

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

Celebrating the exotic and fragrant beauties of summer: The large owered Cattleyas (Laelias) of Brazil, the Stanhopeas and Encyclias of Central and South America, and many other genera. Frequent potting and mounting demonstrations. And of course, they will have their \$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.

July 20 - 21, 2018

The International Phalaenopsis Alliance

The IPA will be holding its 24th Annual Phalaenopsis Symposium at the Huntington Botanical Garden in San Marino, CA <http://www.phal.org/symposium.htm>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/856618421185108/about/>

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

www.sforchidsinthepark.org

(See attached flyer)

July 28, 2018

CSNJC Speakers Day

9am - 5pm

Odd Fellows Building, 1831 Howe Ave at Alta Arden, Sacramento, CA

A full day that includes: AOS judging, plant sales from selected vendors, and distinguished speakers from around the country.

<http://www.csnjc.org>

August 3 - 4, 2018

2018 8th Annual Cattleya Symposium

2199 South Rock Road, Ft. Pierce, FL. 34945

Sponsored by Odom's Orchids and The University of Florida

IFAS lecture hall: Indian River Research and Education Center

For more info: <http://www.odoms.com/categories/events.html>

(See attached flyer)



Orchids In The Park
July 21 & 22, 2018 • 10 am - 5 pm
San Francisco County Fair Building
Tickets available at:
www.orchidsanfrancisco.org

The poster features three distinct orchid specimens against a black background. On the left is a cluster of small, light-colored flowers with a yellow and red patterned base. In the center is a single, elongated orchid with a dark, patterned lip. On the right is a large, vibrant pink orchid with a dark center.



8TH ANNUAL
CATTELEYA SYMPOSIUM
August 2nd, 3rd and 4th 2018
Thursday through Saturday
Featuring two days of presentations from
world-famous Cattleya experts
• Pre-Registration Required •
Thursday Night Pizza Get-Together Friday Night Cattleya Auction



Lc. Louise Odom
'Odom's Orchids'

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Indian River Research and Education Center
2199 South Rock Road • Fort Pierce, Florida 34945

The poster has a light purple background. It features a large, detailed image of a white Cattleya orchid with a prominent dark red and yellow center. The text is arranged in a clear, hierarchical layout, providing all necessary event details.

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



Cyp. reginae 'Lion's Den'
Leo Kusber



Phal corningiana
Tom Mudge



Dendrobium parkinsonianum
Helena Wee



Phal mannii v. *mahogany*
Chaunie Langland



S. Kirrawee 'Pink Harlequin' x *S. Cherry*
'Red Rebecca'
Bill Weaver



Masd. Red Shin
Asuka



Renanthera hybrid
Chaunie Langland



Cym. tigrinum
Helena Wee

2018 Peninsula Orchid Society
Membership Application or Renewal
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

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 _____

Receipt No. _____ Cash Amount _____

Paypal date _____ Amount _____
