

THE SHEATH

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July General Meeting

Date: July 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.



Skill Session: Growing Cypripediums with Leo Kusber Meet in the Rose Room at 7:10pm

Leo Kusber will give our July skill session on growing Cypripediums. Though native to the US, they need special handling to grow and bloom in the Bay Area. Leo often brings his spectacular slippers to our meetings when they are in bloom. This is your chance to nail down the technique for growing these beauties!

This Month's Program: Alba (White) Paphiopedilums

Speaker: Dave Sorokowsky

After receiving his degree in biochemistry from the University of Toronto, Dave opted to step outside his chosen field and operated a tropical fish import business for eight years. Upon returning to school, Dave received a degree in enology and viticulture from Brock University in St. Catharines, Ontario. While attending Brock, Dave began acquiring orchids one 2" pot at a time and before he graduated, Dave had over 100 orchids. Wine-making and a passion for orchids prompted Dave to

Opportunity Table

Dave will bring our opportunity table, plants for sale, Orchiata Classic grade (1/4 - 3/8 inches) for \$25/bag, AND he will have Speaker's Day tickets for \$10 (\$30 if you buy them at the door). Speaker's Day is the next morning following our meeting! You can have a real orchid weekend!

seek a warmer climate in California about one year later. Dave has been growing paphiopedilums for about 12 years and seriously hybridizing for the past 8 years. His paphiopedilums have received 75 awards to date from the American Orchid Society, with many of those awarded plants playing important roles in his breeding program.

Dinner with the speaker!



There will be a no-host dinner with the speaker at the Hillsdale California Pizza at 5:30 PM. Please let Chaunie know (chaunie.langland@earthlink.net or 510-364-2274) if you plan to come so she can ask for a large enough table. If you haven't been to California Pizza, their menu has mainly things other than pizza! And it is less than a 10 minute drive from the SMGC.

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. The final reminder email was sent on July 9th 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

Anna Chai, Paul Chim, Trudy Hadler, Joseph Kautz, Lisa Pace, Jung Hee Ra, Deadra St. Clair, and Neal Winslow



In memory of Mary Staal

Mary Staal, the wife of the late Gerardus Staal passed away on April 15 of this year after a brief illness. Gerardus was the orchid hybridizer known to many of us at the Peninsula Orchid Society (and several others) for years, and Mary was always there with her love and support; as a matter of fact I cannot think of a closer relationship. Mary was a remarkable lady to those who knew and cared for her, and she was very dear to me, someone I loved very much. After Gerardus passed in February of 2014 I would continue to visit her, trying to see her every month or two. We would go out for meals or just stay home chatting. I knew a bit about her from her amazing stories, but I recently learned more that I want to share.

Mary was born in Oosterhout in the Netherlands on October 24, 1929. She married Gerardus in 1957, and they were married for 57 years. As I mentioned, the two shared so much love and support for each other, and for their close family, that is was inspiring. Unknown to most, Mary was a policewoman for five years in Arhem City in the Netherlands, and was one of the first woman officers in that city. She also worked as a teacher at a Jewish community center here for 25 years. Mary is survived by her son Rein, her daughter Cynthia, her grandchildren Avalon, Rose and Mario, her sister Christine (Tine, pronounced Tina), and brother Henk.

I apologize for the late news but I did not learn of Mary's passing for roughly a month after she was gone, and it took a while longer to learn of some details I wanted to share. I know I am among many who loved her and I am already missing her greatly.

Ron Parsons

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





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Upcoming Orchid Events

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)

September 15, 2018

Peninsula Orchid Society Auction

San Mateo Garden Center

605 Parkside Way, San Mateo, CA

September 29 - 30, 2018

Fascination of Orchids International Show and Sale

South Coast Plaza Village

1621 West Sunflower, Santa Ana (across from South Coast Plaza)

10 AM - 5 PM both days

www.ocorchid.com

October 19–21, 2018

Huntington International Orchid Show and Sale Huntington Botanical Garden

1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA

10 AM – 5 PM

Celebrate the amazing diversity of orchids—a vast family of more than 22,000 species in 880 genera—as hundreds of exotic blooms compete for honors at The Huntington's 4th annual International Orchid Show and Sale. In addition, vendors will have a wide range of orchid plants and related merchandise for sale. Entry to the event is included with general admission to The Huntington. Brody Botanical Center, The Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens.

www.huntington.org

8TH ANNUAL
CATTLEYA 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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more details at www.odoms.com • 772-267-9459

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

2018 Peninsula Orchid Society
Membership Application or Renewal
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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 _____
