

# THE SHEATH

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## November General Meeting

Date: November 23, 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: Preparing your orchids for our show

Meet in the Rose Room at 7:10pm

Speaker TBD.

## This Month's Program: Slippery Tales

Speaker: Mary Gerritsen

### Opportunity Table

Plants will be provided by  
Mary Gerritsen.

Slipper orchids (*Selenipedium*, *Cypripedium*, *Phragmipedium*, and *Paphiopedilum*) have been and continue to be some of the most prized orchid species. Over the past 15 years, Mary has traveled to many different countries to see orchids in the wild. Curiously, whenever there has been a slipper orchid involved, the trip has often involved some type of misadventure, so much so that Mary now calls it "The curse of the slipper orchid". Join Mary for a hilarious recap of her trials and tribulations involving this enchanting group of orchids.

Mary Gerritsen fell in love with orchids during her post-doctoral days in the late 70's in San Diego, and has grown them off and on ever since. She has worked in the biotechnology industry for many years, developing drugs for autoimmune disease, cardiovascular disease and cancer. Now semi-retired, she works as an independent biotechnology consultant and in her spare time, travels as much as she can to see orchids in habitat. In the past twelve years she has gone on orchid trips/treks to various parts of the US and Canada, as well as Mexico, Costa Rica, Panama, Colombia, Ecuador,

Peru, Venezuela, Brazil, Borneo, Western Australia, Thailand, Sulawesi, New Guinea, South Africa, Madagascar and southern and western China. She has also traveled to Germany, Crete, Rhodes, Mallorca, Sicily and Cyprus to photograph the terrestrial orchids. Mary enjoys writing about orchids, and is an author/co-author (with friend and well known photographer Ron Parsons) of four orchid books (Masdevallias, Gems of the Orchid World, A Compendium of Miniature Orchid Species, A Bay Area Guide to Orchids and their Culture and the about to be published American Orchid Society Guide to Orchids and their Culture). She has also written articles for orchid magazines including Orchids, Orchid Digest and the Orchid Review. She has a collection of mostly miniature, cool growing species. Mary is a past-president of the San Francisco Orchid Society and Peninsula Orchid Society and currently serves on the board of directors of The Orchid Digest and The Orchid Conservation Alliance.

### Dinner with the speaker!



Dinner with the speaker (no-host) will be held at California Pizza Kitchen in the Hillsdale Mall at 5:30 PM. This is less than 10 minutes from the garden center and they have many items on the menu other than pizza. Please let Chaunie know if you will be joining us so she can ask for the correct size table. [chaunie.langland@earthlink.net](mailto:chaunie.langland@earthlink.net)

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## Member News

### Space for rent?

Peninsula Orchid Society is looking for space of about 7' x 10' to store certain pieces of equipment needed for our annual orchid show. The POS Board of Directors has agreed to pay \$100/month to a POS member who can provide this space. In the past we have found members willing to store some of this equipment, perhaps in their garage. Access is normally required once or twice a year by prior arrangement. Please consider storing this equipment for POS. Contact Eric Levenson for more information ([eric\\_levenson@pacbell.net](mailto:eric_levenson@pacbell.net)).

### November Birthdays

Mimi Campbell, Sylvia Darr, Chaunie Langland, Elizabeth Lasensky, Ben Merfalen, Tom Pickford, Mike Rector, Frank Toyosaki, Jiann Sheng Toyosaki, Bill Weaver, Doris Yu, and Taik K. Yun

### New members

Tom Waugh

## 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

### **January 26-27, 2019**

Peninsula Orchid Society Show & Sale

Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Ave., Redwood City, CA

### **January 6- February 24, 2019**

Orchids: Grand and Glorious Filoli Estate & Gardens

86 Canada Road, Woodside, CA

[www.Filoli.org](http://www.Filoli.org)

### **February 22 - 24, 2019**

The Pacific Orchid Exposition

Gala Night February 21, 2019

Save the Date and start spreading the word! Stay tuned more information to follow.

[www.pacorhidexpo.org](http://www.pacorhidexpo.org)

### **March 15 - 17, 2019**

The Santa Barbara International Orchid Show 'Orchid Magic'

Fri thru Sun 9 AM - 5 PM

Earl Warren Showgrounds, Santa Barbara

For more information: [www.sborchidshow.com](http://www.sborchidshow.com)