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	<b>April General Meeting</b>
Date:	April 26, 2019
Time:	Doors open at 7:00PM No skill session this month.
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.

**Speaker: Alan Koch of Gold Country Orchids**

**Topic: Growing Orchids in the Home**

Whether you're growing orchids on a windowsill or under lights, many have had success growing in the home. However, growing indoors offers a different set of challenges than those faced in a greenhouse setting. Alan's presentation will cover the variety of ways plants can be grown indoors, which plants will be the most successful, and techniques to improve the health and vigor of your plants.

Alan Koch owns and operates Gold Country Orchids where he specializes in miniature and compact Cattleya's. Alan started growing orchids in 1969 with 3 Cymbidiums given to him by an aunt. While in college he became interested in other orchids and discovered many would grow outdoors in Southern California. He has moved five times as his orchid obsession has led to the need for more growing space. With the last move, he purchased 10 acres of land in Lincoln, California for his 250,000 orchids. He is recognized as an expert in the Brazilian Cattleya alliance and a trend setter in miniature compact and Cattleya breeding. Alan has been published in the Orchid Digest, the American Orchid Society magazine, as well as many International Publications. He has also been published in several proceedings of the World Orchid Conference. He is an internationally known speaker. He is a past member of the AOS Judging Committee, and the Research Committee, as well as an Accredited Judge and is Training Coordinator for the California Sierra Nevada Judging Center. Alan also served two terms on the Orchid Digest Executive Committee and 3 terms on the Board of Directors, as well as two terms as a Trustee for the AOS.

## Dinner with the speaker!



A no-host dinner with the speaker will take place at California Pizza in the Hillsdale Mall at 5:45 PM. (Haven't been to California Pizza? They serve many things besides pizza!) Please let Chen-Hao know if you plan to attend:

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## Member News

### San Mateo Garden Center Plant Sale

The San Mateo Garden Center has invited all member clubs to participate in a Plant Sale, open to the public, to be held at the Center from 11 am to 3 pm on Saturday, May 11. POS and other clubs will be given the use of up to 2 tables in the Main Hall or the Patio to sell plants. POS members who wish to take advantage of this opportunity to sell plants must sign up by emailing Eric Levenson indicating interest in selling plants at this sale

Space will limit the number of sellers and the number of plants that can be displayed on the tables by each seller. Initially, we will give preference to the first 10 non-commercial members to respond by email, with table space allocated evenly. Depending on member interest in this opportunity, we may be able to accommodate additional sellers or "commercial" members. Additional space may be available for sellers who will conduct skill session demonstrations during the sale. Each seller will be responsible for their own sales transactions as they are now conducted at POS meetings.

In addition to getting sellers we need to promote participation in San Mateo Garden Center event as a public relation for the Peninsula Orchid Society, and so volunteers are needed to represent POS as the local orchid hobby club. Please indicate your interest in participating in this sale as soon as possible by emailing Eric: [eric\\_levenson@pacbell.net](mailto:eric_levenson@pacbell.net)

### Card from Filoli

Jim Salyards, Head of Horticulture at Filoli, sent this thank you note to POS for our participation in the Filoli Show earlier this year (attached at the end of this newsletter). Jim took special note of Mike Rector, who managed the event for POS, and Ken and Amy Jacobsen, and other POS members who helped out.

### April Birthdays

Michelle Bautista, Steve Briscoombe, Greg Corrales, Don Creevy, Cassandra Gaunt, Lynne Gentry, Mike Green, Pam Hoffman, Carl Jukkola, Mark Khoo, Japheth Ko, Jackie Krstulovich, Tanya Lam, Eric Langland, Elizabeth Lee, Diane Root, and Pauline Wong. Happy birthday!



**Membership Renewals:**

Annual membership dues are due in January; they 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 2019 Membership Renewal form, attached to this Newsletter.

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).

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 2019 are eligible for the free pruners throughout the year.

**Meeting Refreshments**



Thank you to our members who brought treats to support the March meeting: Annie and Mike Green, Trudy Hadler, Chen-Hao Hsu, Mike Drilling, Isis Trenchard, Helena Wee and Janusz Warszawski,

If you bring refreshments for the April meeting, please put your name on the signup sheet provided. You will receive 5 free raffle tickets prior to the draw.

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. 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!**

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



## AOS Corner, April 2019

The **AOS 2019 Spring Members' Meeting** just wrapped up in San Diego, along with the gorgeous San Diego County Orchid Society Spring Show. Following are the highlights of the AOS Town Hall meeting, which provided members with an update on things at AOS, including the various committees who continue to work behind the scenes.

- AOS' fiscal health is good, with total assets currently at \$5,935,000. 2018 showed an increase in revenue from membership and publications.
- Membership is holding steady at 10,000; another membership drive will kick off in 2019.
- AOS Judging: 2302 AOS awards were given in 2018, with 54 FCCs (First Class Certificates, the highest award category), which will be published in the April issue of Orchids magazine, with beautiful color photos of each awarded Orchid.
- SITF: The Species Identification Task Force completed research to confirm 186 first-time awards for new species. (Certificates of Botanical Recognition, or CBRs). They report that the ongoing DNA testing by the scientific community, is nearly finished with the large nomenclature changes, though smaller changes will continue.
- This year's Fall Supplement will be on the Oncidinae. to be released in October, with 90 pages of photos, articles, and culture info.
- NEW BOOK! The AOS Guide to Orchids and Their Culture, written by Mary Gerritsen, and with stunning photos by Ron Parsons, is at the publisher now, and will be available very soon.
- The AOS website has been modernized. And AOS continues to enhance their FACEBOOK pages (one is an "official" page, and the other is for group interaction), and the INSTAGRAM site has hit a benchmark 10,000 followers. Check them out!

### FUTURE EVENTS:

- The Fall 2019 AOS Members Meeting will be at RF Orchids in Homestead, FL.
- Spring 2020 will be in Sacramento, dates to be announced.
- Spring 2021 will celebrate AOS' Centennial, with a huge celebration at the new Biltmore Hotel in Coral Gables, FL. Mark your calendars for April 8 & 9, 2021. Work is progressing on a centennial book, a historical record of AOS' first 100 years. A new seedling cross will be introduced to commemorate the centennial.

While in San Diego, Susan Anderson, Tom Pickford and I visited Andy's Orchids in Encinitas, and Sunset Valley Orchids (Fred Clarke) in Vista. Both were exceptional experiences, and of course we came home with some hard-to-find Orchids for our collections. What fun... we hope you will take the opportunity to participate in a future AOS meeting and the Orchid growers in the vicinity.

Your support of the American Orchid Society is important and appreciated. Don't forget to renew annually, to keep enjoying your Orchids magazines, and other benefits of AOS membership.

Let's Grow Together!

*Lynne Murrell*

AOS Representative

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## Upcoming Orchid Events

### **May 3-5, 2019**

Gold Country Orchids Open House

390 Big Ben Rd, Lincoln, CA

May 3 & 4: 9am-5pm

May 5: 10am-4pm

See *attached flyer*.

### **May 11, 2019**

Orchid Society of California "Mother's Day Weekend Orchid Show & Sale"

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

Judging is being held on May 11, 2019 at 9:00 AM.

### **July 12-14, 2019**

Cal-Orchid's Summer Hummer Open House

9am-5pm

This weekend is recognized around the world as a very special Open House opportunity at all Santa Barbara area orchid nurseries. Cal-Orchid loves a party, so we host a select number of vendors that are rarely found at any other orchid shows.

### **July 20 - 21, 2019**

Orchids in the Park

County Fair Building, "Hall of Flowers", Golden Gate Park website: <http://sforchidsinthepark.org/>

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Dear Eric, Mike, Ken, Amy and the members of the Peninsula Orchid Society -  
I would like, on behalf of Filoli, express our heart-felt appreciation for your enthusiastic participation in our very first Orchid Show. By all accounts, the show was a great success and a wonderful addition to the winter season at the garden. We look forward to continued collaboration and partnership opportunities with POS and AOS in the future, and hope that Filoli's show can be another opportunity to showcase orchids in the Bay Area and increase the audience for orchid shows locally and beyond.  
Many, many thanks,  
Jim Salyards



# Plants from the March Show and Tell Table







# **GOLD COUNTRY ORCHIDS SPRING OPEN HOUSE**

**OVER 100 AWARD QUALITY DIVISIONS AT 50% OFF!**

**Bring this flyer for a free plant with any \$15 purchase,  
or 30% off any purchase over \$100**

**MAY 3 & 4 9:00-5:00  
MAY 5 10:00-4:00  
390 BIG BEN ROAD  
LINCOLN, CA**

**CLASSES EVERY DAY  
LEARN TO GROW BETTER ORCHIDS!  
FRIDAY 12:30  
WHAT DO MY ORCHIDS LIKE TO EAT?  
SATURDAY 11:30:  
WHEN SHOULD I REPOT MY ORCHIDS?  
SUNDAY 12:30:  
HOW TO GET BETTER BLOOMS**

**Paph Paradise will have plants for sale,  
including new releases. We now have  
over 3000 plants at Gold Country!**