

The Sheath

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July General Meeting

Date: July 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: Pierre Pujol

Topic: Latest Observations on Plant Culture & Hybridizing (& More)

Pierre has been growing orchids for the last 9 years, mixing his scientific background, natural curiosity and perfectionism, to get the best out of his passion. He is always keen on sharing his observations with fellow orchid lovers. He will engage members in an open format presentation based on his recent years of plant culture and hybridizing. Topics will include how to optimize color expression, identify dominant traits in breeding, estimate the cost of growing a plant from flask to bloom and dealing with unexpected events.

Pierre, who hold degrees in Life Sciences (MSc. Agro ParisTech) and Business (MBA INSEAD), is a former Pharma/Biotech executive, a past competitive athlete and currently founder/advisor of several startups in the field of cleantech and biotech.



Dinner with the speaker

Dinner has been scheduled for July 26 at 5:45 pm at the California Pizza Kitchen in the Hillsdale Mall

RSVP to Chen-Hao Hsu (chinterpreter@hotmail.com) if attending dinner.

Meeting Refreshments

Bring Refreshments When it is Your Turn or any other time too:

If you read your newsletter carefully you will note that members are requested to bring refreshments based on the first letter of your last name. And of course, refreshments from members not on that months list are always welcome too. Everyone who brings refreshments should be sure to ask for their free raffle ticket. If you bring two refreshments then ask for two.

Thank you to those that brought refreshments to the June Meeting:

Weegie Caughlan, Annie and Mike Green, Trudy Hadler, Chen-Hao Hsu, Chaunie Langland, Eric Levenson, Charles Linsley, Jung Hee Ra, Audrey Young Tarter (guest), Kim Tada, Kimmy and Abraham Wang, Janusz Warszawski, Helena Wee, Pauline Wong

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



The POS Annual Auction is on Saturday, October 5, 2019

Do not forget! Stick a Post-it Note on your mirror, tie a string around your smart phone, whatever it takes. If someone invites you to another event, turn the tables on them and bring that person to the auction instead.

Tell everyone! Tell friends, family, co-workers, acquaintances, social media followers, enemies, frenemies, etc. about the auction! Where else can they get an orchid for a dollar? Plus studies show that social interaction is good for you, so in a sense, auction attendance is the key to a healthy life.

We will need volunteers, particularly to help with plant entry starting at 10:00 a.m. If you cannot come until later, we still need your help. No experience required.

Auction Tips

Aim high! Look at your best orchids and see which ones you could divide and sell at the auction. Quality, not quantity is key. This year, we are going to have fixed priced tables at the back of the auction room for orchids that members are willing to sell for just a few dollars (details to follow). This will allow the auction to focus on rarer, high interest plants.

Get moving. There are **only 71 days left** between our July meeting and the auction. Get busy dividing, repotting and grooming your orchids, and then prepare to cash in when the bidders go wild!

Take pictures. Many orchids do not bloom in sync with the auction. Take pictures of your blooming orchids, print them out, and attach them to your auction plants. Bidders like to see what the flowers will look like.

Check your email. You will soon receive an email from the POS with all the auction details, along with the auction list and plant labels forms attached. If you would like hard copies instead, they will be available at the July and August meetings.

Fill out and submit your list of plants. If you fill out your auction plant list on your computer, email it to Chaunie at the following email address: chaunie.langland@earthlink.net

If possible, send pictures of each plant in flower along with the list, but keep the picture sizes down to no more than 200 KB each. If you will be filling out a pen and paper hard copy of your list, you can give it to Chaunie at our August meeting, or mail it to her the old fashioned way at the following address:

Chaunie Langland
878 Cashew Way
Fremont, CA
94536

The earlier you submit your lists and pictures, the more bidders you can attract, and more bidding means higher prices!

Save your money! Oatmeal for breakfast, Ramen for lunch and dinner, and tap water to drink will make you a lean, mean bidding machine come auction time. Need coffee? Brew your own! With all the money you save, you will be able bid freely at the auction.

Alternatively, if you enter highly desirable plants of your own to be auctioned off, you may be able to fully finance your auction bidding spree with the proceeds. Just think, an afternoon of auction fun and you go home with an armload of new orchids, and the net cost to you might be nothing!

Remember, the auction helps our society.

You like the POS. That is why you are reading this in the first place. Remember that the auction and the show are two main sources of funds to keep our society going. Entering plants for sale helps the society, but donating plants helps even more. Plus there is no limit to the number of donation you can make!

Also, bidders, there is no crime in getting a bargain, but don't forget that you are helping your society with every bid you make, and the higher the bid, the more you help.


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Upcoming Orchid Events

July 27, 2019

CSNJC Speaker's Day

Odd Fellows Hall

1831 Howe Avenue, Sacramento, CA

See attached flyer for schedule and speakers.

October 5, 2019

Peninsula Orchid Society Annual Auction

San Mateo Garden Center

October 2 - 13, 2019

Central California Orchid Society "The Big Fresno Fair Orchid Show"

Fresno Fairgrounds, 1121 S Chance Avenue, Fresno, CA

October 18 - 20, 2019

The Huntington International Orchid Show

The Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA.

AOS Judging October 17, 2019 at 1:00 PM

website: Huntington.org



Presents

**California Sierra Nevada
Speaker's Day**

Saturday, July 27, 2019
9am to 5pm
Odd Fellows Building
1831 Howe Avenue at Alta Arden
Sacramento, CA

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS - Saturday, July 27, 2019

- 9:00 **AOS Judging, see how we judge**
- 10:30 **Miniatures, Honey I Shrunk the Orchids**
 Kristen Uthus, New World Orchids
- 11:45 **Lunch Break**
- 12:30 **Auction**
- 1:45 **How to Grow without a Greenhouse**
 Dr. Yin-Tung Wang, Taisuco Orchids, Texas A&M
- 2:45 **Boosting Flower Production**
 Roy Tokunaga, H&R
- 3:45 **Questions and answers**
 Moderated by Alan Koch

Plant sales will close at 4pm

**\$10 advance for Sponsoring Societies or AOS members
\$35 general admission**

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All talks subject to change