

# The Sheath

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## August General Meeting

Date: August 23, 2019  
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:** Nitrogen Forms with Chaunie Langland

Meet in the Rose Room at 7:00pm.

### **Speaker:** Peter Lin

**Topic:** Spectacular Orchids: a portrait of the most beautiful and spectacular orchids from around the world.

Peter T. Lin will be presenting a fast paced PowerPoint talk, and will take you on a journey of some of the world's exciting orchid species and hybrids. Some of these are well known and grown in cultivation, others are somewhat rare and little seen in this country. This will be an entertaining yet educational review of the diversity of plants and flowers in the orchid family.

Peter started growing orchids over 25 years ago, but then stopped due to school and starting a career. It wasn't until about 7 years ago that the orchid "bug" came back and he is now heavily involved once again. He is an accredited judge with the American Orchid Society and a hybridizer of mini-catts. He enjoys meeting with other orchid enthusiasts, and can often be found at various orchid shows and societies around the country. He also has hundreds of photos of his orchids that he



maintains on Flickr. You can view them by typing this address into the internet: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/minicatt/collections/>

Due to limited growing space, Peter likes to specialize in miniature orchids, both species and hybrids, and has received numerous AOS awards. His other interests in orchids include Dendrobiums, Angraecoids, and Neofinetias. He maintains a collection of a thousand or more orchids at his home in Southern California in 3 small greenhouses, as well as in the house under fluorescent lights.

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## Member News

### August Birthdays

Dina Chen, Zachary Coney, Scott Dallas, Susan Hamilton, Edmond Hon, Scott Kudo, David Kurzrock, David Ma, Lynne Murrell, Mike O'Meara, Janet Rector, Jeff Trimble, Kimmy Wang. Happy Birthday!!

### Member Survey

Chaunie will be sending out a survey about our meeting time and show scheduling. Check your email!

## 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 July Meeting:

Trudy Hadler, Clarice Hampel, Chen- Hao Hsu, Hai and Ben Merfalen, Mariko Nagashima, Olga Ostrovsky, Kim Tada, Jane Toyosaki, Kimmy Wang, Janusz Warszawski, Helena Wee, Pauline Wong and guest from GCCG Audrey Young-Tarter.

## 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](mailto: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

### **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](http://Huntington.org)