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*Peninsula Orchid Society
Auction*

Saturday, October 5, 2019

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

San Mateo Garden Center

605 Parkside Way

San Mateo, CA 94543

The auction is open to everyone! There will be hundreds of orchids available, often at bargain prices. Lots of awarded or award quality plants will be offered. Many orchids will be in bud or bloom. Rare species, exotic hybrids, and old favorites will all be up for bid. There will be plants for every budget, all growing conditions and all skill levels.

Auction Information

We will also have some "Buy it Now" tables at the back of the auction room with low fixed priced orchids available for immediate purchase.

Auction Timetable

10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Plant entry (Get there early!)
11:00 a.m. onward	Bidder registration and fixed-priced table sales
12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Auction preview
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Auction

(or until all the plants are gone)

Plant entry starts at 10:00 a.m. and runs through 12:30 p.m. in the courtyard of the San Mateo Garden Center. Get there early!

In order to improve the quality of our auction offerings, plants and items submitted this year will be screened by POS volunteers. Those deemed unlikely to receive a bid of \$5 or higher will be excluded from the auction. Members are welcome to donate these lower value plants or items to the POS, where they will be placed on fixed price "Buy it Now" tables in the back of the auction room.

Plants or items that will not be accepted in the auction are unnamed orchids (unless in bloom), and any printed material (books, magazines, etc.)

POS members may bring up to 10 plants to enter into the auction for themselves. The society keeps 25% of the auction sales price and takes care of paying the sales tax. Members and non-members may also donate as many plants as they wish, with the society receiving 100% of the sales price. Your donations are appreciated and tax deductible since POS is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

At 11:00 a.m., bidder registration begins. The registration desk is toward the side of the room near the windows. Write your name (and email address if not a POS member) on the sign-up sheet on the desk and the person working there will give you a bidding paddle. Pretty simple!

Everyone, members, your neighbors, your friends, your co-workers or people just passing by are welcome to participate in bidding. Please tell everyone about the auction!

Fixed price table sales will begin at 11:00 a.m. or as soon as any lower valued POS donations arrive. While the official preview time begins at 12:30 p.m., you are welcome to check out the auction entries as soon as you have finished registering. Each plant will have an auction code of two letters and two numbers, which the auctioneers will be using to ID the plant. You may want to make list of plants you are interested in bidding on, or just see what you like as the auction progresses.

Plant entry ends at 12:30 p.m. and the auction will begin at 1:00 p.m. with our entertaining group of auctioneers giving you some quick information about each plant as they hold it up for bidding.

The auction moves at a fast pace. The auctioneers will ask you to hold up your paddle, with the number facing them of course, on any plant you are interested in. They will call out increasing dollar amounts and you pull your paddle down when you wish to stop bidding. If yours is the last paddle up, you win the plant! If you win, please hold your paddle up

until an auction runner hands you your plant. That will give the auction team time to record your win.

You may come in at any time during the auction and register to bid, and you may leave whenever you wish. If you have won some plants, just return to the registration desk, turn in your paddle and ask for your bill. Check to make sure that all of the plants you won are on the list, and then take your bill to the cashier at the back corner of the room. We will be accepting cash, checks and credit cards. You will want to bring a box(s) to help carry your winnings.

The Society will provide refreshments at the back of the room as usual. Please feel free to bring anything you would like to share.

*****The fine print: All plants are auctioned "as is" with no warranty as to their health or proper labeling. All auction bids are final, with no returns accepted for any reason.**

Instructions for entering plants for sale at the auction:

1. You must be a current member of Peninsula Orchid Society. You may join the day of the auction.
2. Plant entry begins at 10:00 am. and runs until 12:30 p.m. at the tables in the courtyard of the Garden Center.
3. You are entitled to enter up to 10 orchids for your own account. Donations are unlimited. (Donors do not need to be POS members.)
4. Orchids must be pest free and appear to be in good health to be accepted for the auction.
5. Please fill out plant tags and an auction list of your plants in advance. (email forms have been sent to members, hard copies will be available at the July and August meetings, or if necessary, at the auction). Please write legibly. Attach a tag to each entry. If possible, attach a picture as well of the flowers for any orchid not currently in bloom.

Those of you that have submitted lists in advance, please bring a copy of your list to the auction for plant entry. The advance lists are for promotional purposes and the official entry needs to be submitted at the auction.

- a. You must choose a two letter and two number code for each plant. (e.g. CL01, CL02, CL03...) Most members use their initials, but any two letters will work provided they have not already been claimed by another member.
 - b. You will need to supply the auction list of your entries to someone at the plant entry table in the courtyard. This information will be used to enter your plant information into the auction database.
 - c. On both your list and on your plant tags you need to note your minimum bid if you require one. It may be none, or it may be any dollar amount you like. High minimums may discourage some bidders.
 - d. You may also want a copy of your list for yourself. This will allow you to keep track of the amount your entries sell for. We strive to enter everything correctly in the database, but mistakes can happen!
6. You will receive a check for your plant sales, less 25% which goes to POS, typically within a month of the auction

Thanks for participating and helping your society!!

Member News



September Birthdays

Marilyn Krieger, Susanne Burrill, Sandra Charles, Phyllis Chim, Mary Gerritsen, Chen-Hao Hsu, Amy Jacobsen, Mary Jensen, Dennis Olivas, Jim Puzar, Ann Stuart, Al Testa, Todd Wenderski, Ann Aine, Ashley Langston, Joanne Volponi.

Getting a Return on Your Giving

The time is here for each of you to consider whether you are willing to serve your society members in a leadership role. You should realize there is no need to have experience as a leader to become a leader. Very few people are born leaders - most of us have to learn how to perform new roles. Volunteering is the easiest way to gain new skills you can use in other parts of your life, at work or as a family member.

If you show up for a job interview and you don't have a particular skill you may well be passed over, even if you have already demonstrated that you have acquired similar skills. If you show up as a volunteer and agree you are willing to try to do something you have never tried before, you will be told "Let me give you some training" and off you go, gaining new skills.

Very soon a nominating committee will be formed to find people to serve on the 2020 board. You could serve on the board. Or you could serve on the nominating committee. That was how I started out - and I didn't really know anyone in the society. Let someone currently serving on the board know that you are willing to help, and in what capacity.

Some societies go along year after year with the same people running the society. Then, when those people move away to their dream retirement community the society falls apart because no one else knows how to do the jobs that were being done for years by a few people. If many people rotate through the board jobs the society is much healthier. Some times you may find that you don't like the job you took on. Well, it is only for a year and then you can move to something else or go back to just coming to the meetings.

What do you get when you serve as a board member or as the show chair or as a chair for an area of the show? You gain more experience in how to face new challenges. You spend extra social time with other society members and form worthwhile friendships. After 20 years at this society, some as a once per year participant, some heavily involved, I have acquired friends who mean a lot to me. And I am always meeting new people I like.

Don't say "I don't have the skills to do this". Say "I'm going to give it a try. Nothing ventured, nothing gained."

Please consider volunteering to serve on the board, be a member of the nominating committee, be the 2020 show chair, take on one of the other chair positions for the show, or offer to assist the Ways and Means Chair by organizing one of the society functions, take on the refreshment chairperson role, what ever you can do and want to find out if you enjoy. You do not need to be an advanced level grower to do any of these roles.


Many hands make light work.

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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

October 25- 27, 2019

Gold Country Orchids & Paph Paradise Open House
390 Big Ben Road, Lincoln, CA
9:00am-5:00pm Oct 25 & 26
10:00am-4:00pm Oct 27

November 2-3, 2019

Santa Barbara Orchid Estate Open house
1250 Orchid Drive, Santa Barbara, CA

February 21 – 23, 2020

Pacific Orchid Expo – "Orchids in Focus"
County Fair Building 'Hall of Flowers", 9th Ave. at Lincoln Way, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco
10:00am-5:00pm

March 13-15, 2020

Santa Barbara Orchid Show – "A world of adventure"
Earl Warren Showgrounds, Santa Barbara, CA
9:00am-5:00pm

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