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Fred Clarke | Tanya Lam | Online Auction News

September 25th Zoom Meeting

6:45 PM Start logging into the meeting (link sent to members in an email).

7:00 PM Tanya Lam will give a presentation on How to Start an Orchid Collection

7:20 PM Announcements

7:30 PM Show & Tell

8:00 PM ish Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Orchids will talk to us about Australian Dendrobiums

Do you need help using Zoom?

If you haven't used Zoom yet, or you have questions about how to use some of the features, please contact Chaunie at chaunie.langland@earthlink.net. We can have a practice session.



Aussie Dendrobiums and their Cultivation

Our friends down under have been breeding their native Dendrobiums and creating some fantastic flowers; the word is out! Aussie Dens are easy to grow, tolerant of heat and cold, have fragrant flowers, and re-bloom from the old bulbs!!!

They grow well in a wide variety of conditions, they are perfect plants for summering in the shade house and then bring indoors once night are in the low 40's, or stay outside year-round in frost free areas. In conclusion we



September Birthdays

Happy Birthday to: Susan Burrill, Sandra Charles, Phyllis Chim, Mary Gerritsen, Amy Jacobsen, Dennis Olivas, Jim Puzar, Daniel Shea, Al Testa, Todd Wenderski and Marilyn Krieger.

Did You Know?

Genus *Earina* is named from the Greek for springtime (*earinos*) referring to the flowering season of the type species.

Yet the type species is:

Generitype: *Earina autumnalis*

From Compendium of Orchid Genera by Peggy Aldrich and Wesley

It seems like there must be more to this story.

cover the 'best growing practices' for cultivating these remarkable plants.

The presenter will be Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Orchids in Vista, California. Fred has been growing orchids for 42 years and has been hybridizing for 38 of those years. With over 34 years as a professional grower and manager in the horticultural industry, Fred applies these skills at his orchid nursery; Sunset Valley Orchids, located near San Diego, California. He is a passionate orchid grower whose curiosity in orchids is broad and varied. Although developing *Cattleya* hybrids has been his sustaining interest, he is also actively creating new *Paphiopedilum* and Aussie *Dendrobium* hybrids plus some others to be named if they work out!

His pioneering work in *Catasetum* intergeneric hybrids led to the development of several notable hybrids, most recently the grex, *Fredclarkeara After Dark*, which produced "the blackest flower ever witnessed". This grex has received over 100 awards worldwide with nine FCC's and thirty AM's from the AOS judges!

Fred is an Accredited Judge in the Pacific South Judging Region. His plants have received hundreds of quality awards from the American Orchid Society.

Sunset Valley Orchids ZOOM Meeting Discount

Sunset Valley Orchids offers a 20% discount on all plant orders from your club members. The special voucher code is **ZOOM**. When you check out, type **ZOOM** into the voucher code box on the shopping cart page and click 'RECALCULATE' to apply the discount. This special discount is additive to the existing discount schedule, making for an excellent opportunity.

Orchid drawing

We will hold a drawing for five orchids from Sunset Valley Orchids at the end of our meeting. To be eligible to win one of these orchids you must be a current POS member and you must still be in the Zoom meeting at the time of the drawing. Mike Rector will contact winners to arrange plant delivery.

Orchid Auction 2020 Style!

Overview Summary

October 1 - 21 Plant entry

October 17-24 Bidding

October 25 Plant pickup

9 AM - 11:30 AM Plant intake

12:15 - 2:30 Plant pick-up

Maximum number of plants offered - 200

THE DETAILS

Peninsula Orchid Society will hold an online auction in October. Our goal is to provide a way for members with orchids to sell to connect with people who would like to have new orchids.

Bidders will not have a chance to inspect the plants in person prior to bidding. Therefore photos and descriptions will be needed from sellers and donors.

The auction committee will begin posting the orchid entries on the auction site beginning October 1. Bidders will be able to preview during that time. This gives you a great chance to research the plants your are interested in prior to bidding. Bidding will open on October 17. Bidders will receive a text or email (or no notification, as desired) when they have been outbid. They then have the option to increase their bid.

The auction will end at 3:00 PM on Saturday, October 24. If a new high bid is placed on an item in the last five minutes of the auction, the bidding time will remain open another five minutes on that item. This will continue until there has been no bidding on that item for five minutes at which time the bidding will close.

Entries may continue to be added during the auction if the limit of 200 plants has not been reached before the start of the auction.

We want to set this up for minimal contact. We will have one day (Sunday, October 25) for plant intake (morning) and pickup (afternoon). You can have a friend deliver or pick up your plants for you - you must email Chaunie at chaunie@cluemail.com to arrange this.

Sellers and volunteers will be required to wear masks and gloves at all times at the SMGC and remain at least 6 feet apart on October 25. Volunteers will pack the sold orchids into boxes for pickup and place them in the vehicle for the buyers. Buyers will remain in their vehicles during this process except to open a trunk if needed. Buyers must wear a mask while talking to volunteers or if outside opening their trunk.

There are a lot of rules and instructions following. (You thought you had seen the worst of it already?) Please read the section(s) appropriate for your role.

Sellers and donors

Must be a current POS member

Plant entry information

Plant entries (orchids only) will open on October 1, 2020. Entries should be emailed to chaunie@cluemail.com. Do you have other related items to sell? Send your information to the POS email address peninsulaorchid@yahoo.com and we will put an ad in the newsletter.

How many orchids can you sell or donate?

Maximum number of plants per seller or donor is twelve (12) until October 19.

- If there are still open slots they may be filled.
- Entries can be added until end of day October 21 if slots are still available.
- Entries are on a first come first served basis.

Photos

Each plant entry must include at least one photo, up to five photos, of the actual plant being sold. Keep in mind that the more photos you provide the more confident the bidder will feel about the quality of your plant.

Please include a ruler in one of your photos, or measurements of width and height without plant container or mounting substrate.

If you don't have a photo you have taken of your particular plant in bloom, the auction committee will try to provide a link to a flower online, in the plant description.

If you don't know the genus and grex of your plant you must provide a photo of it in flower.

Written descriptions

Sellers and donors must include a written description of the plant, including the plant name (genus and grex) and clonal name, if any.

Descriptions might include:

- division, seedling, awarded, awarded, rare
- blooms multiple times per year, fragrant,

- ready to be divided so you are getting two plants for the price of one, ready to repot, virus tested on date x
- outdoor grower, cool grower, warm grower, hot grower, great windowsill plant, water often
- grows best mounted, grows best in a basket, grows best in a pot,
- dormant in winter, blooms in winter (spring, summer or fall),
- prefers bright shade, prefers lots of light but not direct sunlight,
- compact, large, tall, in a 4 inch pot

If you have marketing skills please feel free to use them in your description. It doesn't have to be dry as dust.

Money #1

You may set a minimum bid on your plant. All plants entered will have some type of minimum bid.

This is also true for donated plants. Because POS will not be in possession of your plant, you may set a minimum bid price so that you will be happy with what the plant brought for the society. If your plant does not sell, you will keep your plant.

How the plants get transferred

Sellers and donors must deliver their plants to the SMGC, 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo, CA between 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM on Sunday, October 25, 2020. You must wear a mask and gloves while outside your vehicle and remain 6 feet from others.

Each plant must be clearly marked with the auction ID number which will be sent to you.

Any plants deemed unsuitable due to pest infestation, bacterial infection seen on leaves, lack of establishment or general poor condition will be returned to sellers or donors immediately. Sellers and donors must remain on site until their plants have been checked in. The ruling of the two intake volunteers is final.

Bidders are welcome to inspect and virus test any plants they purchase and return them immediately. If your plant is returned we will contact you to arrange disposition of the plant.

Money #2

Sellers will receive 70% of the selling price of the plant. Peninsula Orchid Society will retain 30% of the selling price. POS will pay the auction fees to the auction site from this money.

Donors will receive a donation form for their taxes.

POS will collect and pay the sales tax.

Your check will be mailed to you by November 7, 2020.

Bidders

Do not need to be POS members, but do need to live close enough to pick up their plants in San Mateo, CA. We will NOT ship any plants.

How does the auction work?

Register online at <https://www.charityauctionstoday.com/auctions/Peninsula-Orchid-Society-Online-Orchid-Auction-14530>, your credit card information will be required to bid, but you can register and see the offerings without entering your credit card information. Your card information is not held by POS or Charity Auctions Online but by Stripe, the credit card processing company.

You will have the option to receive text messages or an email when you have been outbid. You may also check the bidding progress online.

At the close of the auction your credit card will automatically be billed for the plants you have won. You will receive an invoice, which will include the list of plants you are purchasing, via email.

How do you get your orchids?

You must be able to pick up your plants at the San Mateo Garden Center, 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo, Ca. between 12:15 PM and 2:30 PM on Sunday, October 25, 2020.

You will be given a 20 minute time slot to arrive pick up your plants, yes you will have a choice of which time slot you receive.

Contact information for arranging your time slot will be listed on your invoice. We will NOT ship any plants.

Please either bring a copy of your invoice or be prepared to show it on your phone.

Your plants will be delivered to your vehicle by volunteers wearing masks and gloves. We ask that you stay in your car while we put your plants in. If you need to talk to volunteers you will need to wear a mask. Or you can text Chaunie from your car. Mobile # information will be on your invoice.

You may drive a short distance away to inspect your plants and check your plants against your invoice. You are welcome to virus test your plants during your inspection. You will have 20 minutes to return should you find any issues. We will do our darnedest to make sure there aren't any.

We are using a website called Charity Auctions Today. They do not charge for using their website to set up our auction. They charge 5% of the sales price per item sold. There are additional fees for payment processing. In all the cost is a bit less than 10% per item sold.

Exciting Member News!!

Saturday, September 12, our real newsletter editor, Isis Trenchard and her husband Alex Grant, welcomed Reed Michael Grant into their family. Reed arrived at a very respectable 7 lbs. 4 oz. Everyone is doing fine and Isis hopes to return to her role as newsletter editor sometime next year.



ORDER VIRUS KITS BEFORE SEPT 30!

Members of Gold Coast Cymbidium Society and Peninsula Orchid Society who wish to purchase Agitest virus kits (test for CymMV & ORSV) need to submit their order to Carol Armendariz by September 30, 9 PM. Members must include in their order:

Name
Orchid Society Affiliation
Email Address
Phone number
Number of kits

Each kit has 50 tests. Each kit will cost \$150. There will be no partial orders. If members would like to order partial kits, they must find someone to share the cost, privately. There will be no additional kits ordered until September 2021.

Carol's email: CarolArmendariz@comcast.net

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POS Google Group

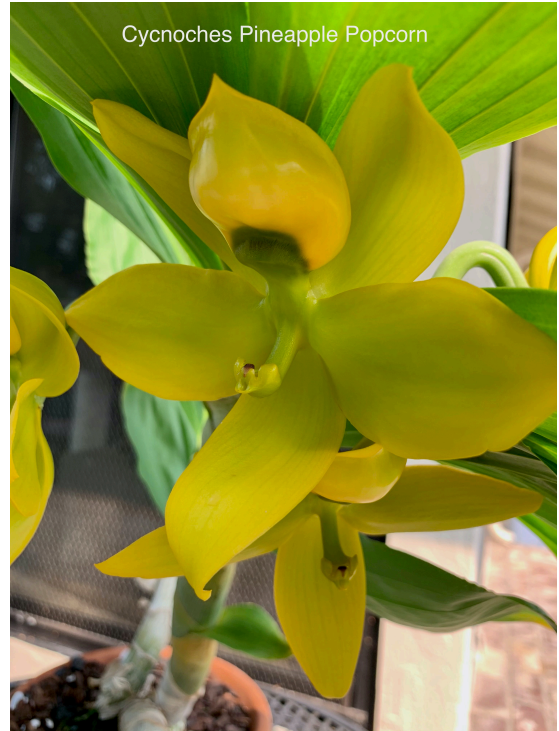
Did you know there is a POS Members Google Group. Let Chaunie know if you want to join. You can post photos of your orchids there, see photos of other members orchids, ask questions, share growing tips, share buying tips. Keep in touch!

Recent posts on the POS Members Google Group



Ken Jacobsen posted *Cattleia loddegesii* 'Streeter's Choice' - the real one not a mericlone.

Chaunie Langland shared *Cycnoches* Pineapple Popcorn (*Cyc warszewiczii* 'SVO' AM/AOS x *Cyc Kevin Clarke* 'SVO' FCC/AOS) 13cm natural spread



Barbara Marcum shared a photo of her *Cattleia* C323, purchased at Rod McClellan's more than 30 years ago. Helena Wee posted this beautiful *Promenea stapeloides* that she grows outdoors.

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