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Jody Cutajar | Dennis Olivas | Online Auction News

October 23rd Zoom Meeting

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

7:00 PM Dennis Olivas will give a surprise skill session. But we only watch him for his jokes anyway. The fact that he is a treasure trove of knowledge is just an added plus.

7:20 PM Announcements

7:30 PM Show & Tell

8:00 PM ish Jody Cutajar will speak to us from Australia about his Orchid Road Trip in Brazil

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.



Orchid Road Trip in Brazil

Jody Cutajar holds an Advanced Certificate in Horticulture gained from Melbourne University.

He is a well-known speaker and has presented numerous talks to orchid societies and clubs in Australia and Internationally. He is currently an active member of several orchid societies and is a past AOC (Australian Orchid Council) accredited judge.

Some of you may know him from his time at Royale Orchids where he was the nursery manager working under Kevin Hipkins. His role there included responsibility over the



October Birthdays

Happy Birthday to: Mary Jensen (missed her BD in September!), Carol Armendariz, Jim Baxter, Betty Chinn, Sergio Garcia, Mary Kunitake, Kathryn Parker, Nalini Prakash, David Shen, George Spangler, Olga Stakhovsky, Lynne Trulio, Abraham Wang, and Helena Wee.

Did You Know?

In the book *Botanical Latin* by William T. Stearn in the descriptive terminology section there are 50 terms for describing hair-covering of plants.

Plumosus (Feathery): consisting of long hairs, which are themselves hairy.

Velutinus (Velvety): covered with dense, rather rigid short hairs, dense enough so that the surface resembles velvet.

Lanatus (Wooly): covered with long, dense, curled and matted hairs, resembling wool.

Inermis (Unarmed): destitute of any kind of spines or prickles.

hybridizing program where many awarded *Cymbidiums* were created.

Jody started growing orchids when he was 16 years old. He has amassed some 35 years of orchid knowledge and has travelled the world attending orchid events.

He has approximately 5000 plants in his personal collection with a special focus on *Laelia purpurata* and *Laelia anceps*. Jody's general focus is on orchid species and Australian native dendrobiums.

Orchid drawing

We will hold a drawing for five 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. (At publication time Mike was still working on the source of our drawing plants as our speaker lives in Australia.)



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Sue Rose sent this photo in for the September Show & Tell. If you would like to see your S & T plants in the newsletter, please send me your photos within a week of the meeting - I can't go to the table and take my own photos now. chaunie@cluemail.com

Orchid Auction 2020 Style!

October 1 - 21 Plant entry and preview

October 17-24 Bidding

October 25 Plant pickup San Mateo Garden Center, 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo, CA

9 AM - 11:30 AM Plant intake

12:15 - 2:30 Plant pick-up

Auction website: <https://www.charityauctionstoday.com/auctions/Peninsula-Orchid-Society-Online-Orchid-Auction-14530>

Bidder information: <http://penorchidsoc.org/Auction/Bidder.pdf>

Seller and Donor information: <http://penorchidsoc.org/Auction/Sellers.pdf>

Link to October newsletter: <http://penorchidsoc.org/newsletters/2020-09.pdf>

Congratulations!

to our September opportunity
table winners

Kathy Barrett

Clarice Hemple

Judy & Steve Lipson (they just
joined POS that week!)

Steve Prochan

David Shen



November is POS election month!

Each year our November meeting includes our business meeting. The nominating committee, this year headed up by Chaunie Langland, ably assisted by Mike Drilling, Eric Levenson and Isis Trenchard, will present this proposed slate of officers at our October meeting. Any member in good standing may also be nominated by someone else, or nominate themselves, for any office prior to or at the October meeting. To make a nomination prior to the October meeting send a written nomination to our Recording Secretary, Mark Khoo, in time to be read at the October meeting.

Proposed Slate of Officers for 2021

President - Ken Jacobsen

Vice President - Chaunie Langland

Recording Secretary - Isis Trenchard

Correspondence Secretary - Helena Wee

Treasurer - Janusz Warszawski

Director of Membership - Olga Ostrovsky

Director of Way and Means - Mark Khoo

Director at Large - Mariko Nagashima

Director at Large - Mary Bui-Pham

Director at Large - Sue Rose

Past President will be Carol Zoltowski - this is an automatic position.

Ken Jacobsen posted some very nice photos on our Google Group





It's October! *Catasetinae* plant culture

By Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Orchids

As we can all tell the weather is changing and your *Catasetinae* should now be in their final stages of growth. This was an excellent year for *Catasetinae*; many growers from around the country reported a fantastic flowering season. The first signs of dormancy will soon be evident, with some areas of the country already see the start of the dormancy. Soon it will be time to stop fertilizing and begin to decrease irrigation frequency, in effect lengthening the dry period in-between watering, mimicking the end of the rainy season.

In nature the rainy season is nearing its end, the rains are less frequent, nights are cooler and day length is shortening. These are the environmental factors that start the dormancy process. With less rain fall fewer nutrients are moved to the root system (thus stop fertilizing) and the roots stay dryer longer (thus reduce irrigation frequency). This increasing dryness is an indicator to the plant to harden off their pseudobulbs in preparation for the 2-4 month winter dry period. Hardened off bulbs are better at storing water through dormancy. Humidity should be maintained at 40-60% however brief periods outside this range is not a problem. Maintain light levels and keep night temperatures at or above 55 degrees.

No re-potting at this time, the roots are well-developed and will resent being disturbed. If you were negligent (how could that be?) it is better to wait until next spring at this point. As soon the new growth begins in the spring, that's the time to re pot, as you can now see the best way to position your plant in its new pot. With *Catasetinae* the roots follow the new growth usually several weeks behind. In nature, the roots grow out and then the rains start. So, as I have said many times, "wait to water until the new growth has new roots 3-4" long." This gives the best results as large healthy root systems make for strong healthy bulbs and better yet, excellent flowering.

One of the great attributes of the *Catasetinae* is their deciduous nature, if you experienced leaf damage, don't worry, as those leaves are going to drop off and next spring/summer you will have a new set. How many orchids are that forgiving when the leaves are damaged?

When walking around the greenhouses these days it looks like almost everything is blooming! This is my favorite time of year as there are *Catasetums* in flower, the *Cycnoches* are blooming, and the first of the *Mormodes* are in spike! But there is still more to look forward to as the blooming season for *Clowesia rosea* hybrids begin flowering in December and January. These late season plants bloom on deciduous bulbs, with inflorescences cascading over the side of the pot with many fragrant flowers.

Here at SVO we had a remarkable growing season, the size of the 3" plants are the largest I have ever seen! Many plants are spiking now. This is a great time to order as the 3" pots will all be ready for 4" pots next spring.

A few of our auction entries - go to <https://www.charityauctionstoday.com/auctions/Peninsula-Orchid-Society-Online-Orchid-Auction-14530> to see them all! There are photos of the flowers and of the actual plants for each entry.



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