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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE PENINSULA ORCHID SOCIETY



FRIDAY, MARCH 26

LATOURIA DENDROBIUMS

JURAHAME LEYVA

Jurahame started growing orchids 21 years ago when his mom brought home a Cattleya Mini Purple 'Carmela'. He grows most of the orchids he sells from seed from his own plants. He is an AOS Associate Judge with the Hawaii Judging Center.

Almost every plant in the nursery is produced by seed from Jurahame's personal collection- these represent the very best examples of that species or hybrid.

The Orchid Fix nursery is located in Kurtistown on the East side of Hawaii Island (often referred to as "The Big Island") at approximately 300 meters elevation. The nursery is ideally suited to grow a variety of orchids from a wide range of growing conditions.

SKILL SESSION

Virtual tour of Ken's big greenhouse near Half Moon Bay.

MEETING DETAILS

6:45pm Meeting sign in opens
7:00pm Latouria Dendrobiums
8:00pm Announcements
8:10pm Skill Session
8:30pm Show and Tell
8:50pm Plant giveaway

Check your email for the Zoom link.

REMINDER

Our general meetings are the **fourth Friday** of every month, expect for December when it's the third Friday.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

KEN JACOBSEN

I hope everyone enjoyed the greenhouse virtual tours that Chaunie arranged for February. We still have some of these in reserve, and will use them for skill sessions in the coming months. Based on the feedback we've had so far, this seems to have been a success, so we're also looking at producing other virtual skill sessions for the upcoming months. If there is a special topic you'd like to be covered in one of these sessions, please let Chaunie know, and we'll try to put that topic on the list.

As I mentioned last month, don't forget that if you've renewed your POS membership for 2021, we have a membership gift plant for you (one per membership regardless of membership type). These are at my greenhouse growing area in Half Moon Bay - please feel free to make arrangements to pick up your plant. Some of these seedlings are already in bloom. If you send me an email requesting a preview, I can send back some photos of those in bloom, and can put one aside for you. Don't wait too long, as by May we'll might decide to use the remaining plants on raffles tables.

Exciting news! We've just booked the San Mateo Garden Center for Sunday, August 8, to have a one-day show. It's not too early to start thinking about plants you have that will be blooming then and starting to take special care so they will be blooming at their best. We won't have traditional ribbon judging, as that just isn't possible for a one-day show, but we will have some other type of society judging to select the top few plants, and we might have AOS judging. We will have member sales, so plants, supplies and other goodies should be available. If you have plants or other items you'd like to sell in members sales, we'll have instructions on how to prepare a while before the show.

Please take the time to review the POS Bylaws included later in this newsletter. These are the rules we use to run the society, so it's important that they make sense, and be self-consistent. There's been a lot of effort spent bringing these Bylaws up to date, and we'll be voting on the current revision during our April meeting. If you have questions, please bring them up during the announcements at the March meeting.

Remember, this is your club. The board members are here to help things go smoothly, and to ensure the club functions the way you want it to function. If you have ideas or comments, please, send them to us.

Happy growing,
Ken

Top: Den. Yukidaruma 'King' AM/JOS, Zach Coney
Middle: Cymbidium Beverly Cobb 'Evelyn paley', Mark Khoo
Bottom: Dendrobium spectacle, Zach Coney



MEMBER NEWS

RAFFLE WINNERS AT FEBRUARY MEETING

Congratulations to the plant raffle winners at our February meeting: Steven Proschan, Susan Tong, Roey Shaviv, James Baxter, Ginger Creevy, Javier Perez Sanchez, Marianne Mollenauer, Eric Levenson

BY-LAWS UPDATE

The POS board recently updated our Peninsula Orchid Society bylaws as they had not been reviewed in a number of years. Any questions, comments or concerns are welcome. Please send to mklkhoo@gmail.com. We plan to have the membership vote and approve the bylaws at our general membership meeting in April.”

Reminder: when that meeting occurs, any business such as voting by the members should be recorded and the minutes filed. Our board should also vote and approve the revised bylaws at some point and document in the minutes.

Lastly, thanks to Ken for recognizing the need and facilitating this update. A well run organization understands and follows its bylaws and keeps them current.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- April speaker: Bill Thoms talk to us from Florida from a topic to be determined - but it will include *Bulbophyllums* which he is very famous for. Check out his website at bulbophyllums.com

Happy birthday

Frank Blomquist
Clarice Hampel
Evelyn Jones
C. Todd Kennedy
Margery Mayer
Su McMurtry
Jyotsna Prakash
Anna Margarita Quiroz
Roey Shaviv
Isis Trenchard
Carol Zoltowski

2021 Board of Directors

President - Ken Jacobsen
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Director at Large - Mariko Nagashima
Director at Large - Mary Bui-Pham
Director at Large - Sue Rose
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Ascda. Motes Hot Chestnut (Ascda. Bigness x *V. merrillii*), Zach Coney



Phrag. Eric Young X Phrag Kovachii, Eric Levenson

IN MEMORY OF LINDA TRIPP



Our long time member Linda Tripp passed away recently. Linda loved all the orchids she ever came in contact with, especially her Masdevallias. She excelled in growing orchids and other plants in her yard and home in Tiburon where she lived for about twenty-four years. A few months ago she relocated to Laguna Hills. She enjoyed her new home with her beloved cat, Razzle. Quite a few years ago Linda put on a raffle for the San Francisco Orchid Society at POE and called it “Razzle Dazzle”. That is how Razzle got his name. Linda travelled out of state to get Razzle, a Rag Doll cat. She loved this cat dearly and he adored Linda. They were a team.

Linda attended UCLA and graduated from there. She was employed at I. Magnins and The White House stores in San Francisco. She was an interior designer and had so many other talents. For a few years she lived in Mexico and conducted a business from there. She was fluent in Spanish and enjoyed Huevos Rancheros.

Linda lived in Santa Barbara for a time while helping her Dad downsize his home. She enjoyed the weather and close proximity to all the orchid growers there.

In growing her orchids, Linda utilized a calendar which she followed religiously. In it she noted down every time she watered and what fertilizer she used. Every week it was a different fertilizer, and of course at one-fourth strength. She watered every four days or so. Her growing area in Tiburon was perfect for Masdevallias.

Linda had memberships in at least four Orchid Societies: Marin, Sonoma County, San Francisco and the Peninsula Orchid Society. She actively participated in all of them.

She really enjoyed going to the Peninsula’s Auction every year. She said there were so many orchids for sale it was a joy being there.

Linda was very active in the San Francisco Orchid Society, participating in POE for many years when it was held at Fort Mason. She helped in the organization of POE, members’ sales of orchids, and one year went around collecting the monies and taking it to the bank. This was a big task. She was a very trustworthy person. She was so good at growing; she could divide her plants and sell them at different meetings. All her plants were of excellent quality, and won her many awards at POE.

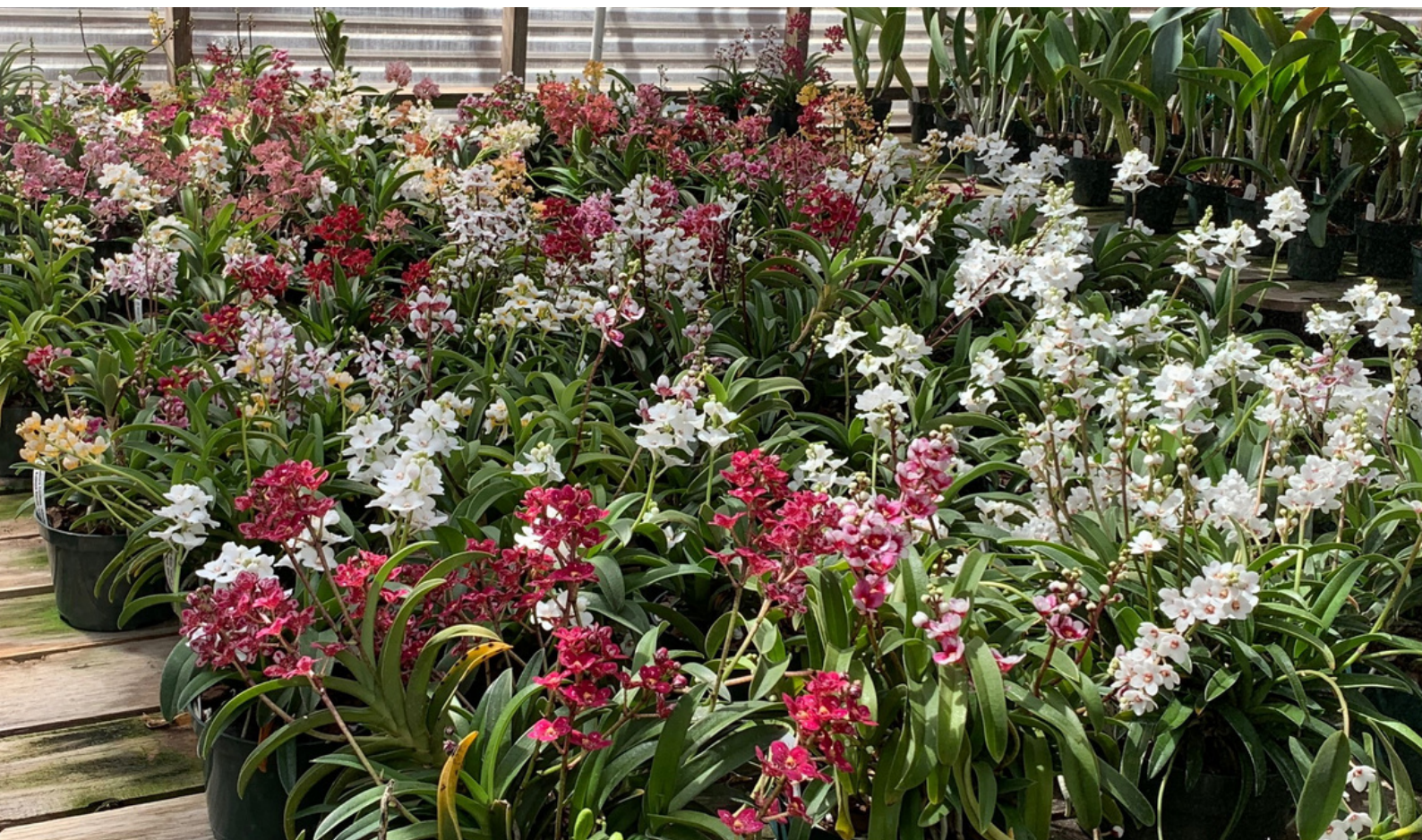
Another of Linda’s avocations was sailing. In the late 1970’s Linda was the first female to become a member of the San Francisco Yacht Club in Belvedere. She enjoyed sailing very much and continued this for years. She made many friends.

We will miss Linda and her expert knowledge of orchids which she was willing to share with everyone.

Top: Slc. Pink Charmer from Petite Plaisance, Zach Coney

Middle: Colmanara Masai Red (syn. Oncostele Midnight Miracles), Eric Levenson

Bottom: Vanda Pachara Delight, Eric Levenson



GROWING SARCOCHILUS

KEN JACOBSEN

We're very fortunate in coastal California that there are so many genera we can grow, and grow well. One genus that works very well with the old standards of Cymbidium, Australian Dendrobium, and some of the Masdevallias and other Pleurothallids, is the Australian genus of Sarcochilus. While in the past, the colors of available Sarcochilus were very limited, today, the variety is nearly endless.

This is a pictorial essay on Sarcochilus where the photos and the captions for those photos tell the story. I know most of our members have already tried a few of these, but if you haven't, I'm hoping this will inspire you to try the modern hybrids in this genus. By the end of this month and into April, these small but mighty plants will explode into colorful bloom.

Happy growing!
Ken



Top: Peak blooming of our selected Sarcochilus plants in 2020.

Left: An example of harlequin-like blotching can be seen in Sarcochilus (Kulnura Ballerina x Kulnura Gifted). (Photo by Scott Barrie).



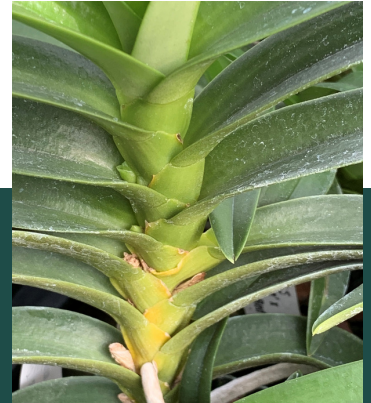
The medium used for these plants is kiln dried *Pinus radiata* bark from New Zealand, with about 5% perlite and 5% charcoal (when available) added. For pots of less than 20 cm in diameter, the particle diameter averages a little more than 1 cm, and for pots of 20 cm diameter and larger, the particle diameter is closer to 2 cm.



A *Sarcocilus* seedling showing the root system. This plant was grown in an 8 cm square pot for one year, and is now going into a 15 cm azalea pot. If repotted every two years or less, the medium releases easily from the roots.



Spikes starting in early January. Note the stubs lower on the growth left from the previous year's blooming.



Another example of spike development in early January. Depending on temperatures, these spikes will mature to blooming in two to three months.



Trays of *Sarcocilus* seedlings in 6.5 cm square pots. These plants are about six months out of flask.



These same plants again, but now about ten months after being potted into 6.5 cm square pots.



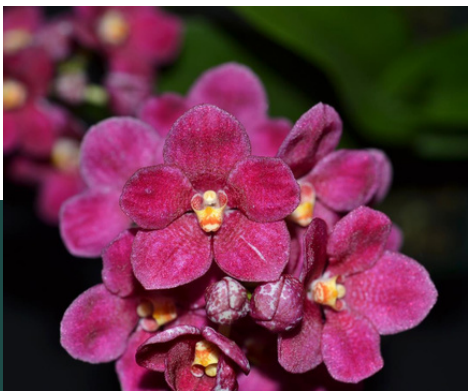
Another view of these same plants, with a spray bottle added for scale. Many of these plants were starting to show spikes at the time of this photo, at about 18 months



A *Sarcocilus fitzgeraldii* happily growing in a 20 cm diameter tapered round basket. Note the growths are starting to hang outside the basket, even though this plant has been in the basket for only about six months.



Another plant growing in a 20 cm round tapered round basket. This plant has been in the basket for almost 10 months, and root action can be seen at the top of the medium and from near the bottom of the basket. Note that this photo was taken in mid-January, and the root tips are obviously in active growth.



Top: Spotting and blotching can also now be seen in the same flowers, such as in this *Sarcochilus Kulnura Passion 'Wild'*. (Photo by Scott Barrie).

Middle: Yellows have traditionally been a difficult color for *Sarcochilus* hybrids. Here we see the result of an atypical breeding in *Sarcochilus Evening Star*.

Bottom: *Sarcochilus Kulnura Firemist 'Bentley'* displays the excellent form now possible in modern high-color *Sarcochilus*. Note the diamond dust texture of the flower, which adds to the charm. This plant received an HCC in May, 2019.



Top: *Sarcochilus* can be very floriferous, even on a first bloom seedling such as this *Sarcochilus (Kulnura Need x Kulnura Lady)*. 18 months out of flask in a 6.5cm pot.

Bottom: For those who like something a little different, *Sarcochilus* can also be found in peloric forms. This *Sarcochilus Kulnura Famous* seedling was the only plant to show peloricism when a selection of seedlings from this cross was viewed in 2018.



Bottom: This *Sarcochilus Kulnura Glow* demonstrates that peloric plants can be found in other than just the typical white *Sarcochilus*.



This *Sarcochilus fitzgeraldii* demonstrates that species are still very worthwhile, and can put on a great display. The flowers aren't as full as modern hybrids, but they do have charm.



Improvements continue quickly in all color forms, such as this *Sarcochilus Kulnura Lemon*, which has improved on the shape of the awarded poached egg form of *Sarcochilus Coolendel*.



Current breeding is pushing from the yellows and attempting to create uniformly colored oranges. Here in *Sarcochilus Kulnura Mission* is an example of the progress.



Sarcophilus hartmannii 'Fred Shull' in a 20 cm bulb pan. There are about 40 inflorescences with well more than 600 flowers on this plant that has never been shown.



Peak blooming of our selected *Sarcophilus* plants in 2019.

Peninsula Orchid Society, Inc. Bylaws Revised March 2021

(Proposed)

Article I. Members.

Section 1. Qualification. Membership is open to all persons interested in the culture of orchids, subject to the provisions herein. Individuals shall not be discriminated against due to race, color, ethnicity, national origin, religion, gender, sexual orientation, disability or age. All activities of the Society are conducted in accordance with the principles of nondiscrimination and mutual respect. Further, the Society shall not condone conduct not in accord with these stated principles, and inconsistent conduct by a member may be grounds for termination of membership.

Section 2. Categories. There are several categories of membership in the Society:

- a. Individual Membership. One person.
- b. Family Membership. Entire family living at one address.
- c. Individual membership for spouse of life member.
- d. Honorary Life Membership. Past Presidents of the Society who served before 2000, and, by action of the Board, other persons for reason of unusually outstanding contributions to the Society.

Section 3. Admission. Any member of the public, upon application to the Director of Membership and payment of the prescribed dues, may be admitted to Classes a through c enumerated above.

Section 4. Dues. The dues shall be assessed annually at the rates established from time to time by the Board of Directors. Dues for renewal of membership are payable on 1 January of each year. Any member who shall fail to renew by payment of dues by 1 April shall cease to receive the benefits of membership.

- a. Renewing members shall pay the entirety of annual dues for any year, regardless of date of renewal.
- b. New members joining before 1 September shall pay the entirety of annual dues for that year.
- c. New members joining after 1 September shall also pay the entirety of annual dues for that year, but shall receive membership for the following year at no extra charge.
- d. No refund of dues shall be paid to any resigning member.

Section 5. Rights and Privileges. The rights and privileges of the several categories of membership shall be established from time to time by the Board of Directors. Each member shall enjoy the rights and privileges in effect at the commencement of the member's current year of membership. In all matters placed before the membership for determination, each member shall have one vote. A member may attend any meeting of the Board of Directors, with advance notice to the Board, but may not speak unless recognized by its Chair.

Article II. Board of Directors.

Section 1. Number. Eleven members serve on the Board of Directors. The seven elected officers are the President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Correspondence Secretary, Treasurer, a Director of Membership, and a Director of Ways and Means. There are 3 elected directors at large. The ex officio president is an automatic position. All members of the Board of Directors serve as volunteers and without compensation.

Section 2. Duties. The Board of Directors shall have the power to conduct, manage, and control the affairs of the Society, to advise the membership and its officers, and to make rules consistent with these By-Laws and the laws of the State of California. Routine business shall be conducted by the Board of Directors and not by the membership at its regular meetings. It is the duty of the Board of Directors to see to the timely preparation and filing of any tax returns required of the Society should the Treasurer fail to do so.

Section 3. Quorum. Seven members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for purposes of conducting business.

Section 4. Meetings. The Board shall meet at least 4 times per year at times to be determined by the board, and from time to time at the call of the President, at a time and place determined by the President, or at a date, time and place determined by written request of three members of the Board. The membership of the Society shall be informed of the meeting times and places (if applicable) no less than 14 calendar days prior to the date of said meetings.

Section 5. Election. Only members in good standing are eligible for nomination to serve on the Board of Directors. The members of the Board of Directors shall be proposed by the Nominating Committee to the membership at its Annual Meeting. The proposed slate for the board shall be communicated to the memberships at least 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting. Further nominations may be submitted by members in good standing to the nominating chair and voted on at the November meeting with the winner placed on the formal slate to be elected at the annual meeting. A majority of all votes cast at the Annual Meeting shall be necessary to constitute election.

Section 6. Term. The term of each member of the Board shall be one year, commencing on 1 January following election.

Section 7. Removal. Any member of the Board of Directors may be removed by majority vote at any meeting of the Board if, either by illness, neglect, lack of interest, absence at meetings, or other cause, that member shall have not attended to duties of a member of the Board.

Section 8. Vacancies. Vacancies on the Board shall be filled by action of the Board at their next meeting after such vacancy shall have occurred, to fill the unexpired term of the vacancy. In event of inaction to fill such vacancy or vacancies at that next meeting, the members at their next regular meeting, may by motion seconded and approved, act to fill the vacancy or vacancies.

Section 9. Actions by the Board of Directors. Except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, all decisions requiring action of the Board of Directors will be decided by affirmative vote or consent of six members of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may act with or without a meeting, and any member of the Board of Directors may participate in any meeting by any means of communication reasonable under the circumstances. In any instance in which approval of the Board of Directors is required under these Bylaws, such approval may be obtained in any manner permitted by California law.

Article III. Officers.

Section 1. Number. The seven officers of the Society shall be elected by the membership: President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Correspondence Secretary, Treasurer, Director of Membership, and Director of Ways and Means. All officers serve as volunteers and without compensation.

Section 2. Election. Only members in good standing are eligible for nomination to serve as officers. The officers together with those others nominated for the Board of Directors shall be proposed by the Nominating Committee to the membership at its Annual Meeting. The proposed slate of officers shall be communicated to the memberships at least 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting. Further nominations may be submitted by members in good standing to the nominating chair and voted on at the November meeting with the winner placed on the formal slate to be elected at the annual meeting. A majority of all votes cast at the Annual Meeting shall be necessary to constitute election.

Section 3. Term. The term of each officer shall be one year, commencing on 1 January following election.

Section 4. Qualification. Only members in good standing are eligible for nomination to serve as officers. No officer, with the exception of the President, is eligible to be elected to more than five consecutive terms in the same office, but may continue to serve until a successor is elected. The President shall not be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms in that office, but may continue to serve until a successor is elected.

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Article IV. Duties of Officers.

Section 1. President. The President shall when present preside over all meetings of the Board of Directors and meetings of members, shall exercise general supervision over the affairs and activities of the Society, shall execute all instruments on behalf of the Society, and shall serve ex-officio upon all committees created by the Society, except the Nominating Committee.

Section 2. Vice-President. The Vice-President shall execute the duties of the President during his or her absence, obtain and confirm all speakers for the various regular meetings of members, for any skill sessions, any plants required for opportunity tables, and is in charge of hospitality for guest speakers.

Section 3. Recording Secretary. The Recording Secretary shall issue notices to the general membership of meetings, receive and publish proposals for amendments to the Articles of Incorporation and these Bylaws, nominations of officers and board members, shall keep a written and true record of all meetings of the Board and Annual Meetings, shall be custodian of the Society's records and shall execute any and all documents required of the Society by government authority. Other members of the Board may assist in these duties.

Section 4. Corresponding Secretary. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct all correspondence of the Society and keep copies of the same.

Section 5. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall receive and deposit the funds of the Society in the name of the Society in such bank or banks as may be designated from time to time by the Board of Directors. Such funds shall be paid out only on the check of the Society signed by the President or Vice-President, Treasurer or Recording Secretary. The Treasurer may be required to be bonded by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall make timely payment of all insurances, rents, taxes (including sales, state and federal taxes if applicable), and filing of all tax returns required of the Society. At any reasonable time, books of account shall be open to inspection and copying by any member of the Board of Directors and their designated Auditor.

An audited Treasurer's report for the preceding fiscal year shall be presented to the Board of Directors at their meeting no later than the end of the first quarter succeeding the end of the fiscal year for which the report was to be prepared. The report shall be available for inspection of members of good standing.

The proposed budget for the current year shall be presented for approval of the Board of Directors at their first meeting of each year and shall be available for inspection of members of good standing after Board approval.

Section 6. Ways and Means. The Director of Ways and Means shall plan and direct the fund-raising activities of the Society.

Section 7. Membership. The Director of Membership shall solicit and accept new memberships, collect dues, and maintain a current roster of the membership of the Society.

Section 8. Directors at Large. The remaining members of the Board of Directors are chosen to assist whenever possible in the affairs and activities of the Society.

V. Committees.

Section 1. Nominating Committee. A committee of no less than 3 members in good standing shall form the nominating committee, no more than two being members of the Board. The committee shall be dissolved upon election of officers and Board members at the Annual Meeting.

Section 2. Other committees. Additional committees may be created, and their members appointed, as the Board of Directors shall from time to time require.

Article VI. Meetings.

Section 1. Monthly Meetings and Shows. Regular meetings of members shall take place, typically monthly, circumstances permitting or as determined by the Board. These

meetings serve to bring together persons having interest in culture and preservation of the species of plants in the orchid family and their hybrids. Programs shall involve the Society membership with knowledgeable and renowned individuals and organizations; additional events shall promote or participate in public and private exhibitions and disseminate information and instructions by publication, advertisement or demonstration.

Section 2. Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting shall be held at the end of the year, typically on the fourth Friday of each November, circumstances permitting or as determined by the Board.

Section 3. Conduct. Annual meetings, Society business conducted at regular monthly meetings of members, and meetings of the Board of Directors shall be conducted in conformity with Robert's Rules of Order, latest edition.

Section 4. Quorum. For all business conducted at Annual Meetings, for any business conducted by mail ballot, and at any regular monthly meeting, presence of or response by one-third of the members in good standing shall constitute satisfactory quorum. Business may continue to be conducted at any meeting though the one-third quorum not be maintained.

All members in good standing are invited to the annual meeting. Affirmative action is established by majority vote of members present.

Article VII. Fiscal Year.

The Society's fiscal year shall commence 1 January and end 31 December.

Article VIII. Dissolution.

The Society shall wind up its affairs, satisfy its debts and dissolve upon written motion signed by no fewer than ten percent of the members in good standing, and presented to the Recording Secretary, who shall publish the motion to the membership and the motion shall be read to the members present at their regular monthly meeting next before an Annual Meeting. The motion shall then be considered at the Annual Meeting following, or by mail ballot, in the manner described in Article Five of the Articles of Incorporation of the Society.

Article IX. Amendment.

These Bylaws may be amended as circumstances require. The proposed Bylaws will be submitted to the Board and membership (all members in good standing) for review, comment and revision as needed. Once finalized, the Bylaws will need to be approved by the Board and submitted to the membership at a general meeting for a vote. Majority vote of members in attendance will be sufficient for approval.