

THE SHEATH

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE PENINSULA ORCHID SOCIETY

FRIDAY, JULY 23 (THIS IS THE FOURTH FRIDAY)

HOW I BECAME AN ORCHID JUDGE

Mary Bui-Pham



Over the years, I've thought of entering the judging program, but the thought of investing 6-10 years of my life in this endeavor seemed so daunting that I always put it away. It's like doing another Ph.D., while I'm working on my Ph.D.! Years passed, grad school is long done, but life continues to be hectic with twin girls and demanding jobs. The orchid judging dream continued to be put on the back burner.

Then last July (2019), I saw an announcement from the Pacific Central Judging Center (while lurking on Facebook) about their July monthly judging session at the Filoli Historic House and Garden. I thought it would be fun to observe the judging and also visit Filoli, so I went.

That morning I checked on my greenhouse before leaving for Filoli and saw that one of my *Coryanthes macrantha* had just opened and decided to bring it in for judging. The rest is history.

There was no way I could take photos of the show and tell table at our last meeting. Too bad as we had a spectacular table! This issue of *The Sheath* features photos from a visit I made to Tom Pickford's greenhouse space that he leases at California Orchids in Bolinas. I was on vacation, gang, so I did not take photos of all of the plant tags. However, Tom is a POS member and you may contact him by email if you want to know the name of a particular orchid. Just contact me and I will send you his email address.

Chaunie

MEETING DETAILS

6:30pm Garden Center doors and Zoom opens

7:00pm Mary Bui-Pham

7:40pm Announcements

7:50pm Skill session

8:10pm Show & Tell

End of meeting - plant drawing

REMINDER

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



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

KEN JACOBSEN

It's almost here! The summer one-day show is only a few weeks away, and I hope all our members are getting excited about being able to go to a real orchid show again. Hopefully, you've all started looking over your plants to find those that will be in perfect blooming condition for the show, or you're doing last clean-up on plants you want to sell at the members sale area.

For those of you who wish to display plants, we'll be able to take in your plants as early as about 8:00 AM, although I won't promise we'll be completely organized by then. We hope to wind down the entry process by 9:30 so there will be some time to do the last-minute organization within the show hall. It will be a relatively simple process as there will be no ribbon judging, just a viewers favorite type of judging. The top vote receivers of the viewers favorites will receive an awesome stemless wine glass commemorating the AOS centennial – reason enough all by itself to bring in those special plants. There will also be AOS judging starting at 10:00 AM, so if you have a blooming plant you deem award worthy, be sure to bring it in.

Admission to the show will be free, and it will be open to the public. The doors will open for entry at 10:00 AM. We're asking that those coming to the show observe a one-way traffic pattern, entering the show through the kitchen door of the San Mateo Garden Center main hall, observing the display plants in the main hall, then going to the member sales area in the courtyard. No one will be allowed to carry plants with them into the main hall, or from the main hall into the sales area. If you wish to go back and see the display plants again in the main hall, please re-enter through the kitchen. There will be no plant hotel, so if you've purchased plants, just place them in your car before reentering. Also, we do ask that everyone wear face covering while inside the main hall.

This is very much an experiment for us, as we haven't done a one-day summer show before. We'll definitely be looking for feedback, both positive and negative, and based on that we'll decide whether we should do this type of one-day show again. An advantage of this format is that we can do this type of event whenever we want, allowing our members to see different types of plants in a show format than we see at our normal show.

Please, it's time to start telling your friends about the show, mentioning it on social media, and generally getting the word out. This is one way we can all help making this a success.

We did hold our first hybrid meeting last month, and it seems those of us who joined on Zoom were relatively pleased with the result. I think there are a few things we'll need to adjust a little for those who attended in person, but we're learning how to do this well. Let us know if there's a problem either virtually or physically, and we'll try to adjust on the spot.

As always, 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, send them to us.

Happy growing,
Ken

AUGUST 8 SUMMER SHOW

7:00 - 8:00 AM Set-up show tables, member sales and entry area.

8:00 AM - 9:45 AM Show plant entry - fill out entry card with plant name, your name and the next available number (place number in class box, top left), attach to plant, put plant(s) on a show table. You may also fill out an AOS judging entry form. Plants entered in the show are considered to have been “judged” by the AOS and may not be submitted again on the same inflorescence(s) unless marked “No AOS Judging” on your plant entry card. Chaunie will be in charge of show plant entry. Plants must be picked up between 4:00 and 4:30 pm.

Please remember **we need your blooming orchids or orchids with beautiful foliage in the show room** to make this a successful show. Judging for the show will be done by the public, putting the number of their favorite plant into the ballot box. Top 4 vote getters win a stemless AOS Centennial wine glass!

Please bring your own pen. And if your plant needs help to stand up or needs to be hung for display you need to bring your own supplies.

8:00 AM - 9:45 AM - Sales plants entry - bring a list of all of the plants you are selling, attach a two part plant tag securely on each of your plants, check your plants in with Ken. Put your 5 digit code on each plant. You will receive 75% of your sales price, POS will receive 25% of your sales price, POS will collect and submit the sales tax. Only current (2021 dues have been paid) and life members of POS may sell plants. Donations welcome too! Forms are attached to end of the newsletter. Pick up unsold plants between 4 PM and 4:30 PM.

9:30 AM AOS judging plant entry - fill out a form and give your plant to the AOS clerk if you are not entering your plant in the show. Your plant will probably be available to go home around noon. You need not be a POS member to enter your orchid for AOS judging.

10:00 AM to approx. noon — AOS judging. You are more than welcome to observe the judging. Please save questions and comments until after a plant has either been screened or judged. Questions about AOS judging? Please contact Ken or Chaunie.

10:00 AM - plant sales begin - no plant sales prior to 10:00 AM.

Volunteers needed - 7 to 8 AM for set-up. This involves moving tables around.

9:45 AM to 4:10 PM - Volunteers needed to “man” the doors: from the parking lot into the kitchen (no plants coming through there after the show starts); from the show area to the patio (one way only).

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM - Volunteers needed to work at the membership table and in the plant sales area.

Please be aware that POS will not be able to provide food or drink for our volunteers this time. We will have a volunteer relaxation area in a corner of the garden where you are welcome to consume your own provisions. Also, water will be available from the tap in the kitchen.

For more information or to sign up to volunteer please contact Ken Jacobsen (kenneth.p.jacobsen@gmail.com) or Chaunie Langland (chaunie.langland@earthlink.net)



Top: Tom in his greenhouse
Bottom: Orchid growing on shoe, Stanhopea, Orchid growing on tennis racket

MEMBER NEWS

September Picnic!

Saturday, September 11 we will have a picnic at California Orchids in Bolinas. This could be a pot luck or you could each bring your own food. Let Chaunie know what you prefer (chaunie.langland@earthlink.net). Mary Nisbet has a lovely space in her greenhouse for society picnics with the added bonus that there will be plants for sale. We visited Mary Nisbet's place on our June 2012 greenhouse bus tour. It is a really lovely set of greenhouses!

Show & Tell - as with last month, if you are not attending the meeting in person, please send up to 3 photos to Mark Khoo mklkhoo@gmail.com and be prepared to talk about your plants when your photos are shown.

JULY RAFFLE - IT'S COMPLICATED (so pay attention)

We will have SVO Cattleya seedlings. Five plants will be part of the free drawing - members on Zoom will have their names put into a bag and any members at the SMGC can put their name in the free drawing bag. We will also be selling raffle tickets - \$1 each - for the remaining plants. You must be present at the SMGC to buy raffle tickets. This will be our final month with free raffle plants.

In Memory of Nancy Francis

by Chaunie Langland

Long time member Nancy Francis passed away July 8, 2020. I hadn't had a reply to my emails for quite a while and finally searched online recently.

Nancy and her husband Art were active members of POS for many years. I bought several nice orchids from them at our annual auctions over the years. When Nancy decided it was time to move into senior living she generously allowed us to hold a sale of her orchids at her greenhouse in her backyard and donated the proceeds to POS.

Nancy had a very interesting life, most of which I learned about from her online obituary. She was related to one of the famous three sisters of China. Unfortunately I have lost the email where she explained the relationship to me. This is the link to the story of her life as related by her son:

<https://www.almanacnews.com/obituaries/memorials/nancy-tang-francis?o=6365>.

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Happy birthday!

Anna Chai
Trudy Hadler
Amanda Kass
Lisa Pace
Deadra St. Claire
Neal Winslow



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PHOTOS FROM CALIFORNIA ORCHIDS



UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, July 31 - Orchid Digest International Speakers Day online 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM PDT. \$30 - <https://www.orchiddigest.org/events/> Recordings available to registrants on demand later.

Sunday, August 8 - Peninsula Orchid Society One Day Show and Sale at the San Mateo Garden Center (where we normally hold our meetings), 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo, CA. 10 AM - 4 PM. Free admission! Set up 7 AM. Plant entry 8:00 AM - 9:45 AM. Member sales plant entry 8:00 AM - 9:50 AM. Show and sales -10:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Clean-up 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM. Tell your friends!

Saturday, August 14 - Diablo View Orchid Society Auction in Concord, 9:00 AM, Contra Costa Water District parking lot, 1331 Concord Ave. I hear they will have a list of plants available online ahead of time.

Saturday, August 21 - AOS judging at Filoli Historic House, 86 Canada Rd., Woodside. Plant entry 9:00 AM, judging 9:30 AM. Email Chaunie on Friday, August 20, for details on gaining entry to the judging area. No charge to enter Filoli for judging.

Friday, August 27 - Peninsula Orchid Society regular meeting. Tim Culbertson will talk about Modern Japanese Lycaste Hybrids via Zoom. He will be sending out a plant list to order from and we will have your orders available at the meeting.



Diablo View Orchid Society Late Summer Auction

Saturday August 14, 2021
9:00 AM
Contra Costa Water District
parking lot
1331 Concord Ave
Concord, CA 94520

Please join us for our auction. Many beautiful plants on offer. We accept cash, check or credit card as payment. Bring your own chair.

Catalog available August 7, 2021. Visit our website for more information <https://dvos.org/>



Peninsula Orchid Society Summer Show & Sale



Peninsula OS Show & Sale
San Mateo Garden Center
605 Parkside Way, San Mateo, CA
Sunday, August 8th 2021 10am-4pm

Free admission! Vote for your favorite entry in the show.
Hundreds of orchids for sale by Peninsula OS members. Rare orchids, easy orchids, outdoor orchids, windowsill orchids.

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DON'T MISS the Orchid Digest SPEAKERS DAY!

COMING SOON

**WHEN: July 31, 2021, 12:30-5:30 PM EDT
BUSY THAT DAY OR IN PARTS OF THE WORLD
WHERE YOU ARE STILL ASLEEP??**

**NO WORRIES! Register and you will receive
a link to the recording the next day!**

This is A Virtual Experience

Speakers Live & Q&A After Each Presentation

Registration Fee: \$30

Register [here](#) to join us!

***Don't miss the chance to hear these
GREAT speakers!***



Betty Kelepecz: *The Orchids of the Western Highlands of Papua New Guinea*

Ron Kaufmann: *Cattleya eldorado—Searching for Gold in the Brazilian Amazon*

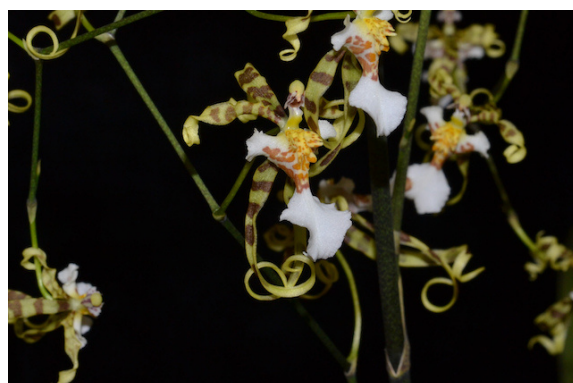
Brenda Oviatt: *Angraecoids: Conservation & Culture*

Ron Parsons: *The Genus Dendrobium*

Filoli June 19 and July 17 PCJC judging results. Details on the Pacific Central Judging Center website www.paccentraljc.org



Top 3 photos by Chaunie Langland, June 19



Above 6 photos by Ken Jacobsen, July 17

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