

THE SHEATH

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE PENINSULA ORCHID SOCIETY

Friday, August 27

MODERN JAPANESE LYCASTE HYBRIDS

Tim Culbertson



Although I teach middle school kids for a living, one of my passions has always been plants. I began growing orchids as an offshoot from working at Longwood Gardens in Philadelphia just after college. From the very beginning it was all about Paphs, particularly awarded and select clones of historic importance, of which my collection numbers nearly 1000. While I love finding old, rare stepping stones in paph breeding, I also do a little hybridizing of my own, and growing up my own babies is a blast. I enjoy making my culture the best it can be, and I have had numerous experiences with professional growers in California and on the East Coast, which has helped tremendously.

I am an accredited judge with the American Orchid Society, and have served in various capacities with local orchid societies. I love meeting other people who like orchids too, and doing so often finds me traveling to shows, vendors, and peoples' greenhouses to see the latest and greatest in new hybrids and to get the best orchid gossip. I like to be involved in plants as much as possible: in addition to Longwood, I've worked at the Smithsonian Institution tending to their orchids, and for years for the United States National Arboretum, collecting rare plants and documenting cultivated species and hybrids for their herbarium.

For your meeting, I'll be sharing a presentation on recent advances in Lycaete breeding, culture, and growing. These plants are easy to grow and flower, are vigorous, and have low demands on culture, and as such are wonderful plants! Tremendous advancements in breeding Lycastes have been made recently, and I will share some of these with you, as well as help identify some of the important species in the backgrounds of historically important and modern Lycastes. By the end of this presentation, you will have a new appreciation of what goes into breeding trends for these types of plants, as well as an appreciation of their beautiful flowers and ease-of-growth. I will be providing a sales of the newest, modern, cutting-edge Lycaete breeding.

Meeting details

6:30pm Garden Center doors and Zoom opens
7:00pm Tim Culbertson
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

My column this month will be short, as many of us are still catching up on other tasks after our one-day show. The great news is that the show was an incredible success in all ways! Setup went very smoothly, we had more plants on display than any of us expected, and there was a large variety of plants and supplies available for purchase in the sales area.

When the show opened, the display area was relatively full, and the sales area was crowded. By noon, well more than half the items in the sales area were gone, and our cashiers were able to get a small break from the hectic morning activity. By 3 PM, some members only had one or two unsold plants left in the sales area. When 4 PM came, everyone was ready to breakdown and clean up, which was accomplished in a cool 35 minutes.

Highlights for this little 6-hour show include: 11 new members for POS, over \$6000 in gross revenue in the sales area, 3 AOS awards to plants owned by our members, and generally a good time by all who came and helped. I would call out all the individuals that helped make this show a success, but I would likely miss several of you, since there were so many who pitched in. Please know that even if I don't mention all your names, your efforts were important, and appreciated! I'll try to call out all the names at our next meeting on the 27th.

We did have quite a few members and visitors who requested that we do a summer show again next year. Although it's too early to make a definite commitment, I do think given the success of this show it's likely to happen. Of course, we'll learn from this year and make a few changes, so if there are suggestions from any of you, let the members of the board know.

It seems like this just took place, but it's also the time of year when we're assembling a nominating committee for next year's board. Chaunie has agreed to head the committee (I think this is her attempt to get someone else to fill her current board role next year), but would like help from one or two of the members who aren't on the current board. Also, if you would like to consider a board position, or know someone else who would be interested, let Chaunie know. We'll have more on this at the skill session this month.

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

Top: *C. Tigrina v. verde*, Amy and Ken Jacobsen

Middle: *Lycaste aromatica* '2-way', Amy and Ken Jacobsen

Bottom: *Lycaste Reina del Cisne*, Chaunie Langland

MEMBER NEWS

September Picnic Canceled

We had planned to have a picnic at California Orchid on the 11th, however Mary had to cancel as she realized that was just a week before her semi-annual open house. You are still welcome to visit her lovely nursery on September 18th when she will have many orchids for sale. Well worth the trip! And you can combine it with a visit to Pt. Reyes National Seashore, 20 miles north on Hwy. 1.

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.

August Opportunity Table - It's back to pre-pandemic

Everyone present at the SMGC can buy tickets for \$1 each. If you are attending by Zoom and want to participate you will want to have a friend at the meeting buy tickets for you and deliver your plants to you.

This month we will have plants from Tim Culbertson and from the estate of Dick Stone.

August Skill Session - Board member roles

Peninsula OS board members will each give a brief presentation of the duties of their positions. In September the hunt will be on for the 2022 board. Chaunie will head up the nomination committee. At least two of the committee members should be from the general membership. Anyone interested in serving on the board next year is urged to let Chaunie know of your interest.

FREE PLANTS (not orchids!)

Free plants are being offered to POS members at our next meeting. Your Ways and Means director, Mark Khoo, who has an interest in plant propagation, will bring some figs (*Violette de Bordeaux*: v. tasty variety), roses (*Tamora*: Austin English rose with myrrh fragrance and prolific bloomer), Korean dogwood seedlings (*Cornus kousa*: beautiful flowering tree w/ decorative fruit in fall). More info and images are readily available on the Internet. These are smaller than what went for sale to the public at our recent show.

He will also have 2 gallon pots for sale and fertilizer. Send any questions or requests to our email: Penorchidsoc@yahoo.com

Happy birthday!

August Birthdays

Kimmy Wang
Nathalie Yanze



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Remembering Richard Stone

submitted by Chaunie Langland

Dick Stone was president of Peninsula OS in 1960. He and his wife Isabelle were married for 73 years. She passed in 2016 and Dick passed recently. Dick was known for his hybridizing and registered many crosses, some named for members of his family. These hybrids included Cattleya Isabelle Stone (*C. sincorana* x *C. coccinea*), other Cattleya hybrids, several oncidium and intergeneric hybrids made with *Oncidium Tiger Butter*, and an *Oncostele*. I was able to find eleven hybrids as they were named for his family members. I'm sure there are many more. Frank Fordyce named Cattleya Richard Stone (*Bo's Gold* x *Golden Ransom*) for him in 2003. He had large greenhouses during his prime growing years and he maintained an intricate cloud forest container in his apartment in Palo Alto until the time of his passing. Some of the plants on our August opportunity table came from this collection, including a *Maxillaria acervata* (yellow form) that he collected himself in Costa Rica, pre-Cites.

Are YOU the 2022 Show Chairperson?

What does the show chair do? Most of the job is done long before the show. The show chair leads the show committee and keeps track of the schedule. In addition to the show chair, the show committee consists of four members who are responsible for advertising, vendors, judging, scheduling speakers, recruiting the remaining show chairs, selecting a show theme and special prizes, and organizing set-up. (Those four people are already in place.) The budget is planned with the help of the Peninsula OS board members. The show chair doesn't need to be an expert orchid grower. The show chair should be reasonably good at organization and at communicating with people. Past show chairs have not been perfect and you don't need to be either.

As this is written the dates for our January show have been set, 28th, 29th and 30th and the Community Activities Building in Redwood City has been reserved. Vendors have already been invited. Our application to the AOS for judging has been submitted. Soon it will be time for the show committee to start planning the show. Are YOU willing to put in some time to make this another great show? Please let Ken Jacobsen (kenneth.p.jacobsen@gmail.com) or Chaunie Langland (chaunie.langland@earthlink.net) know if you are willing to volunteer for this position!

Scuticaria hadwenii, Mike Rector



UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, September 1 - Santa Clara Valley OS annual auction, seller check-in 6:30 - 7:00 PM, Auction begins at 7:30 PM, Amercian Legion Willow Glen Post, 1504 Minnesota Ave, San Jose.

Sunday, September 5 - AOS judging California Sierra Nevada Judging Center will offer judging at Dueling Dogs Brewing Co. in Lincoln at 8:00 AM.

Saturday, September 18 - AOS judging Pacific Central Judging Center will offer judging at Filoli Historic House, 86 Canada Rd., Woodside. Plant entry 9:00 AM, judging 9:30 AM. Email Chaunie on Friday, September 17, for details on gaining entry to the judging area. No charge to enter Filoli for judging.

Friday, September 24 - Peninsula Orchid Society regular meeting. Jason Fischer will give a presentation on *Vanda* (aka *Neofinetia*) *falcata*, the fragrant Japanese Wind Orchid. Special meeting start time of 6:30 PM as Jason will join us from Minnesota. Doors open at 6:00 PM. Opportunity table from Orchids Limited.

SUMMER SHOW

PHOTOS BY AUDREY YOUNG TARTER



Top, Bill Weaver's display table
Clockwise: Bill Weaver, Audrey Young Tarter, Mark Khoo
RosSIGLOSSUM williamsianum (Chaunie Langland)
Encyclia adenocaula
C. Zip '1' (Amy and Ken Jacobsen)
C. Tigrina #14' (Amy and Ken Jacobsen)
Paph Lynleigh Koopowitz (Mary Bui Pham)
Bill Weaver with Phrag Norvin Olivas
Carole Armendariz and Florence Inerto
Dan Wilkinson, Ken Jacobsen and Ying Shi
Susan Tong, Helena Wee and Anna Chai