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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE PENINSULA ORCHID SOCIETY

## HABENARIA - BEST IN SHOW

**Sarah Hurdel**

**Friday, November 26, 7:00pm**

Learn about these often misunderstood, yet surprisingly easy to grow terrestrial orchids. They come in a variety of shapes and colors! Our speaker provides an introduction to Habenaria species, hybrids and expert advice on how to grow them. Greenhouse not required!

Sarah is a grower, exhibitor and accredited AOS Judge. She currently maintains a collection of over 600 orchids under lights in her basement and has received AOS award recognition for culture, flower quality, and exhibit design.

Her presentations combine her love of orchids, photography, and illustration with experienced advice - and a sense of humor. She also has a Facebook Blog Page: Something About Orchids - facebook.com/askmeaboutmyplants

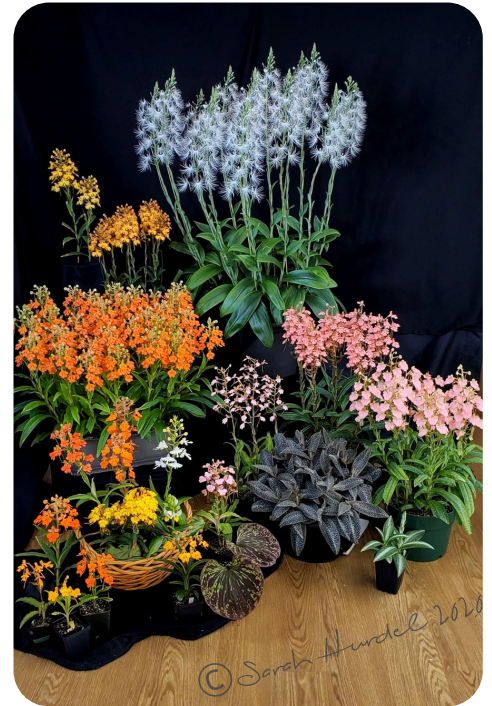
### November Opportunity Table

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. Not sure who lives near you? Ask on the POS Google Group. Don't belong to the GG? Contact Chaunie.

This month we will have bare root dormant Habenaria tubers from Sarah's collection!

### November Skill Session

Gerard Vurens, Helena's husband, recently updated the instruments in her greenhouse. Gerard will talk to us about designing your greenhouse control center(s).



All photos on this page by Sarah Hurdel

### Meeting details

- 6:30pm** Garden Center doors and Zoom opens
- 7:00pm** Sarah Hurdel
- 7:50pm** Announcements
- 8:00pm** Skill session - Gerard
- 8:30pm** 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.



Habenaria Pinkie



Habenaria rhodochela 'Nuanu'  
FCC/AOS



Habenaria Fornix

# MEMBER NEWS

## Show & Tell

Mark will be on vacation during our November and December meetings. If you have Show & Tell photos to share at those meetings please be prepared to share your screen on Zoom and tell us about your lovely orchids!

## Newsletter editor WANTED! No one has volunteered!

Isis Trenchard has edited the newsletter for several years. She has moved its production to Canva which allows multiple people to add content. The means that the VP puts in the speaker information each month as well as some other content so the editor only has to work on part of the content and is responsible for the style. Isis now has a toddler, serves on the POS board, has a full time job and really needs someone else to take on this role. Reply to chaunie.langland@earthlink.net if you are interested. This could easily be taken on by more than one person to make the time investment minimal. If no one is willing to do this, then our newsletter will change to a one page flyer with our meeting information after our February edition. Your choice!

## January 2022 Show and Sale

Things are looking good for our upcoming show. We still need someone(s) to chair the plant hotel, we need volunteers to work in the kitchen setting food out and we need someone strong to put our street signs out on Saturday morning around 9:30 and take them back down on Sunday shortly before the end of the show. There are many other volunteer positions of course, but those are the ones we would like to have set well before the show.

## 2022 Proposed Slate of Officers

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**Corresponding secretary - Isis Trenchard**

**Director at Large - Mariko Nagashima**

**Director at Large - Mary Bui-Pham**

**Director at Large - Leena Wang**

This is the slate we will vote on at this meeting. There will also be a short business meeting. If you have questions about how any part of the society works this is an excellent time to bring them up.

## Happy birthday!

### November Birthdays

Mimi Campbell  
Henry Chaplin  
Sylvia Darr  
Roma Dziembaj  
Lolia Kwan  
Chaunie Langland  
Ben Marfalen  
Tom Pickford  
Mike Rector  
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## POS Group Order From SVO

Many of us received the promotional email from Sunset Valley Orchids for 20% off of everything. This offer had a very short time frame. Fred had suggested putting together a group order as there is always a discount available depending on your order total and the discounts could be added together! I sent out an email to all of the POS members and eight other people joined me on our order. This was more participation than I had expected!

We ordered 53 orchids in all and we ended up with a 40% discount. Very nice. I placed our order on Friday (the final day of the sale) and received a very large box the next Wednesday. Fred had to substitute for two plants in our order, but when he does that he gives you two of the replacement plants. Everything was nicely packed and there were no mistakes in the order. Even the flowers and buds on Helena's *B. perrinii* arrived in good condition.

It was a lot of work to unpack the plants, unwrap the plants, check them off against the invoice and sort them by buyer. I had a lot of fun though handing over the orders and getting acquainted with some of our newer members. I met up with Diana, Helana and Leena's mom Hong at the Community Activities Building in Redwood City. This is where we have our January show. I finally had time to stand in the parking lot and enjoy the big trees around the building! Diana joined POS at the 2020 show and Leena joined us this year (thanks Anna Chai!) Other new members this year - DJ and Catherine, came by my house with their partners to pick up their orders. Mary B. came to my house and picked up her order and Janet's order as they live close to each other. Audrey picked hers up when she came to Fremont to visit her parents. We are all very happy with our new orchids!

Chaunie

### WiFi Issues at the SMGC

Our October meeting was our first meeting with our speaker at the garden center instead of joining us via Zoom. Unfortunately the WiFi chose this time to act up and we kept losing our Zoom connection on Ken's laptop. Dennis did a great job of holding it together as we kept telling him - stop, talk now, no stop again, quick, talk, stop! Finally we gave up and I held my phone up for people on Zoom to hear the talk, but of course they could not see the slides. I had brought my tripod but forgot my phone holder. And after I got home my husband, who had attended the meeting on Zoom, told me that the cell signal was not steady either. Zoom deals with this by making the image smaller. What a night!

If this happens again in November (please, no), our speaker will be attending on Zoom so the people at the garden center would be affected. In that case we will hope to set up a hotspot so we can still stream the talk over the laptop and the projector.

Our December meeting will feature Mary Gerritsen live at the garden center. Remember that the December meeting is on the 3rd Friday, not the 4th Friday.

Chaunie

Top: Box ready to sort

Middle: Sorting

Bottom: Ready for their new homes!



# Upcoming Events

**November 20- Pacific Central AOS Judging at Filoli**, indoors. 86 Canada Rd, Woodside. Masks required. Plant entry 9:00 am, judging begins at 9:30 am. Contact [chaunie.langland@earthlink.net](mailto:chaunie.langland@earthlink.net) for directions on entry into Filoli. There is no charge to attend judging, but you must purchase tickets well ahead of time if you wish to visit the home and gardens, always beautifully decorated for the holidays.

**December 7 - Pacific Central AOS Judging** at San Francisco County Fair Building, 1199 9th Ave., SF. Plant entry 6:30 pm, judging begins at 7:00 pm. Enjoy the speaker - Paul Bourbin, Caring for Disas. You must be fully vaccinated and bring a photo of your card, or your card, and ID.

**December 17 - Peninsula OS Meeting** Speaker Mary Gerritsen will share photos from her two trips to Madagascar to see orchids. She always has interesting adventures and makes me glad she was willing to go so I can visit via my armchair!

**December 18 - Pacific Central AOS Judging at Filoli**, indoors. 86 Canada Rd, Woodside. Masks required. Plant entry 9:00 am, judging begins at 9:30 am. Contact [chaunie.langland@earthlink.net](mailto:chaunie.langland@earthlink.net) for directions on entry into Filoli. There is no charge to attend judging, but you must purchase tickets well ahead of time if you wish to visit the home and gardens, always beautifully decorated for the holiday.

**January 28, Peninsula OS show set up**, plant entry, ribbon and trophy judging and AOS judging. Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Ave., Redwood City. Volunteers needed!

**January 29-30, Peninsula OS Show and Sale**, 10 am - 5 pm both days. Admissions \$10 except for volunteers. 1400 Roosevelt Ave., Redwood City. Volunteers needed!

**February 25 - 27, Pacific Orchid Exposition**, San Francisco County Fair Buildings, 1199 9th Ave., SF.

**April 9 - 10, Gold Coast Cymbidium Society Show and Sale**, Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Ave., Redwood City.