

# THE SHEATH

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE PENINSULA ORCHID SOCIETY

*January Show and Sale Canceled!*

January Online Auction January 21 - 29

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 28**

## *GROWING UNDER LIGHTS*

Speaker: Kelly McCracken

Kelly McCracken, owner of High Desert Orchids, started as an avid hobbyist, and like many of you, couldn't stop buying plants. Quickly one greenhouse became two, and now she grows plants in a unique 3,000 sq ft high-bay industrial warehouse space, all under artificial lights. Kelly specializes in miniature plants, with a particular affection for miniature Cattleyas, Angraecoids, Jewel Orchids, and Dendrobiums.

Kelly has authored articles for Orchids magazine. Her approach to growing under lights has resulted from in-depth research into what types of lights work best for orchids, why your light meter may not give you the information you need, why some currently popular lights are likely to give you disappointing results and why it is important to understand the shape of your light.

I heard this presentation given to Santa Clara Valley OS. I don't grow under lights nor do I plan to, but I still learned a lot of valuable information that will improve my orchid culture.



### MEETING DETAILS

6:30PM ZOOM OPENS  
7:00PM KELLY MCCRACKEN  
8:00PM ANNOUNCEMENTS  
8:10PM SHOW & TELL  
END OF MEETING - OPPORTUNITY  
TABLE DRAWING - JOHN LEATHERS  
SUPPLYING PLANTS

### REMINDER

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

**Be kind to Olga and renew now!** Send in this form or renew online at  
<http://penorchidsoc.org/membership.html>

2022 Peninsula Orchid Society  
Membership Application or Renewal

Write checks payable to: POS

Mail to: Steve Proschan – POS Membership  
326 El Paseo, Millbrae CA 94030

*(Membership chairperson for 2022 is Olga Ostrovsky - checks are being mailed directly to the treasurer)*

Member Information (Please Print):

Name(s) (1) \_\_\_\_\_ BirthMonth \_\_\_\_\_

(2) \_\_\_\_\_ BirthMonth \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

ZipCode \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Note: We need your current e-mail address to send you *The Sheath*. Also, you will receive last minute information about orchid related events if we have your e-mail address. Your contact information is never shared except in an annual directory sent only to current POS members.**

**E-mail:** (1) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Membership:

- Individual \$20.00                       Household membership additional \$10.00  
 Payments can be made by Paypal on POS website [penorchidsoc.org/membership.html](http://penorchidsoc.org/membership.html)

Our membership year runs from January 1 through December 31. Everyone is encouraged to renew before the end of January each year.

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Membership Chair's area

Date paid \_\_\_\_\_ Check No. and amount \_\_\_\_\_

Receipt No. \_\_\_\_\_ Cash Amount \_\_\_\_\_



# *PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE*

KEN JACOBSEN

Another year is already upon us, and I hope all our members have started the year healthy and safe. Although I also said this last year, I'm very much hoping as this year progresses, we'll start to live our lives as normal once again. I sincerely welcome you back to another year as a member of the Peninsula Orchid Society, whatever this coming year may hold.

Many thanks to last year's board for their efforts during a second very trying and difficult year in a row. They did an amazing job in keeping us together, made the most they could of the situation they were handed, and were able to invite guest speakers from anywhere on the globe. We'll be continuing to use the virtual tools we've become accustomed to in conjunction with in-person meetings for the foreseeable future, to enable speakers to join us from far locales, and to enable members to enjoy the meeting when they otherwise may not be able to attend.

Although we had to cancel this year's January show because of the spread of the Omicron variant of COVID, our fantastic VP was able to book a speaker to replace the show with a virtual meeting. She has also spearheaded the effort to hold an online auction to make up for the lack of plants we would all be getting from vendors and member sales at the show. Chaunie is by far the hardest working member of our board, and each and every one of us should let her know how much we appreciated her endless efforts on behalf of the club.

If you have plants you want to sell in the online auction, please follow the instructions that have been sent out, and get them listed! Some plants are already on the auction site for viewing, but we're far from our maximum number of 250 plants. I'm sure there will be something available for everyone's tastes.

As I always tell you, 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

# MEMBER NEWS

## January Show & Tell

If you like, please send up to 4 photos to Mark Khoo [mklkhoo@gmail.com](mailto:mklkhoo@gmail.com) and be prepared to talk about your plants when your photos are shown. You may also prepare your own slide presentation - perhaps even stage a show type display, photograph it and talk about your various plants.

## Desperately Needed - New Editor for The Sheath

As I said a few issues back, Isis is no longer able to edit the newsletter as having a baby, a job and a new house pretty much takes up her time. So far no one has volunteered to take on this role, or even part of the role. You do not need to produce the newsletter on Canva - you can use any software you prefer, and the newsletter can be as short or as long as you like. February is the last issue I will be editing. I have orchids that need repotting! Chaunie

## Sell some of your orchids at Filoli!

Santa Clara Valley Orchid Society will be holding a sale at Filoli, in conjunction with their display in the Butler's Pantry, on February 5 & 6. They have invited POS members to become honorary SCVOS members for two days and bring plants to sell out in the courtyard. SCVOS will keep 30% (actually, Filoli gets 10% and SCVOS gets 20% less credit card fees) and you will receive 70% of your plant's sale price. They do things pretty much the way we do. You would need to show up at Filoli at 9AM sharp with your plants. For the particulars, forms and more information contact Chaunie at [chaunie.langland@earthlink.net](mailto:chaunie.langland@earthlink.net)

*Happy birthday!*

January Birthdays

Carol Basey

Terry Boomer

Diana Hallesy

Mariko Nagashima



## 2022 Board of Directors

President - Ken Jacobsen

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Chaunie Langland

[penorchidsoc@yahoo.com](mailto:penorchidsoc@yahoo.com)



# *PENINSULA 2022 ONLINE AUCTION!*

Since we can't have our show, let's still have some fun!

**Where:**

<https://www.charityauctionstoday.com/auctions/peninsula-os-january-2022-auction-29361>

**Time Line**

Before January 21 - preview the auction site

January 8 - January 26 - Auction entries accepted (see and follow rules on page 6)

January 21 - 5:00 pm - January 29 3:00 PM Bidding!!

January 30 - 9:30 AM - 11:30 PM Drop off

January 30 - 12:15 - 2:30 Pick up

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**THE GENERAL IDEA**

Peninsula Orchid Society will hold an online auction in January. Our goal is to provide a way for members with orchids to sell to connect with people who would like to have new orchids. Bidders will not have a chance to inspect the plants in person prior to bidding. Therefore photos and descriptions will be needed from sellers and donors.

The auction committee will begin posting the orchid entries on the auction site beginning January 8. Bidders will be able to preview during that time. This gives you a great chance to research the plants you are interested in prior to bidding.

Bidding will open on January 21 at 5:00 PM. Bidders will receive a text or email (or no notification, as desired) when they have been outbid. They then have the option to increase their bid. The auction will end at 3:00 PM on Saturday, January 29. If a new high bid is placed on an item in the last five minutes of the auction, the bidding time will remain open another five minutes on that item. This will continue until there has been no bidding on that item for five minutes at which time the bidding will close.

Entries may continue to be added during the auction if the limit of 250 plants has not been reached before the start of the auction.

We want to set this up for minimal contact. We will have one day (Sunday, January 30) for plant intake (morning) and pickup (afternoon). You can have a friend deliver or pick up your plants for you - you must email Chaunie at [chaunie@cluemail.com](mailto:chaunie@cluemail.com) to arrange this.

Sellers and volunteers will be required to wear masks (properly) at all times at the SMGC and social distance as reasonable on January 30. Volunteers will pack the sold orchids into boxes for pickup. Buyers must wear a mask (properly) while in the area of where the volunteers are.

There are a lot of rules and instructions following. (You thought you had seen the worst of it already?) Please read the section(s) appropriate for your role. Sellers and donors must be current POS members. Entries should be emailed to [chaunie@cluemail.com](mailto:chaunie@cluemail.com). Some non-orchid plants are being allowed in this auction.

# *SELLER AND DONOR INSTRUCTIONS*

**Must be a current POS member** (join or renew at <http://penorchidsoc.org/membership.html>)

## **Plant entry information**

Plant entries will open on January 7, 2022. Entries should be emailed to [chaunie@cluemail.com](mailto:chaunie@cluemail.com).

Each entry must have

- (1) your auction number, three initials plus a two digit number
- (2) plant or item name
- (3) description (including something about the size of the plant)
- (4) starting bid price
- (5) photo of the actual plant or item - up to five photos per item, max. 4MB/photo

**A spread sheet with this information and the auction number included in your photo file name would be much appreciated.**

This time you may offer up to five plants that are not orchids. However, they must be legal - no cuttings or starts from patented plants. Do you have other related items to sell? (Bark, pots, hangers, books, posters, etc.) You may enter those also.

## **How many can you sell or donate?**

Maximum number of items per seller or donor is 40 until January 17. If there are still open slots they may be filled. You may send your extra entries, if any, at the time you send your 40 entries. If so please indicate their order so we are sure to get your first 40 into the auction for sure.

- Entries can be added until end of day January 26 if slots are still available.
- Entries are on a first come first served basis.

## **How the plants get transferred**

- Sellers and donors must deliver their plants to the SMGC, 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo, CA between 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM on Sunday, January 30, 2022. You must wear a mask while outside your vehicle.
- Each plant must be clearly marked with the auction ID number.
- Any plants deemed unsuitable due to pest infestation, bacterial infection seen on leaves (unless clearly visible on auction photo), lack of establishment or general poor condition will be returned to sellers or donors immediately. Sellers and donors must remain on site until their plants have been checked in.
- Bidders are welcome to inspect and virus test any plants they purchase and return them immediately. If your plant is returned we will contact you to arrange disposition of the plant.

## **Money**

- Sellers will receive 75% of the selling price of the plant. Peninsula Orchid Society will retain 25% of the selling price. POS will pay the auction fees to the auction site from this money.
- Donors will receive a donation form for their taxes.
- POS will collect and pay the sales tax.
- Your check will be mailed to you by February 18, 2022.

# *BIDDER INFORMATION*

Anyone may bid on plants, but you do need to live close enough to pick up your plants at the San Mateo Garden Center, 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo, CA on Sunday, January 30 between 12:15 PM and 2:30 PM. We will NOT ship any plants or other items.

## **How does the auction work?**

Register online at <https://www.charityauctionstoday.com/auctions/peninsula-os-january-2022-auction-29361>. Your credit card information will be required to bid, but you can register and see the offerings without entering your credit card information. Your card information is not held by POS or Charity Auctions Online but by Stripe, the credit card processing company.

You will be able to preview auction items beginning January 9. Entries may continue to be added during the auction if the limit of 250 plants has not been reached before the start of the auction so check back.

When viewing the entries there are two things you need to know:

1. Each orchid is entered either in the species or hybrid category. If you click on the word species or hybrid in the path at the top of the window, then you will see only orchids entered in that category. The previous and next buttons will keep you in that category. If you click Home you will go back to seeing all of the entries. We will also have related orchid items and a few non-orchid plants available for sale.
2. Most entries contain multiple photos. Click on the arrows at the side of the photo to see another photo of that plant.

You will have the option to receive text messages or an email when you have been outbid. You may also check the bidding progress online.

The auction will close at 3:00 PM on Saturday, January 29.

**At the close of the auction your credit card will automatically be billed for the plants you have won.** You will receive an invoice, which will include the list of plants you are purchasing, via email.

## **How do you get your orchids?**

You must be able to pick up your plants at the San Mateo Garden Center, 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo, Ca. between 12:15 PM and 2:30 PM on Sunday, January 30, 2022.

You can have a friend pick up your plants for you - you must email Chaunie at [chaunie@cluemail.com](mailto:chaunie@cluemail.com) to arrange this.

## **We will NOT SHIP ANY PLANTS OR ITEMS.**

You may get out of your car to get your plants while wearing a mask or you may ask us to deliver your plants to your car. You can text Chaunie from your car. Mobile # information will be on your invoice.

You may drive a short distance away to inspect your plants and check your plants against your invoice. You are welcome to virus test your plants during your inspection. You will have 20 minutes to return should you find any issues. We will do our darnedest to make sure there aren't any.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

**Saturday, January 15 - 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 (chaunie.langland@earthlink.net) on the Thursday or Friday before for details on gaining entry to the judging area. No charge to enter Filoli for judging.

**January 21-29 POS Online Auction**, pickup on January 30 details in this newsletter.  
<https://www.charityauctionstoday.com/auctions/peninsula-os-january-2022-auction-29361>

**Tuesday, February 1 - AOS judging** Pacific Central Judging Center will offer judging at San Francisco, Hall of Flowers, 1199 9th Ave. (Golden Gate Park), San Francisco. Plant entry 6:30 PM, judging 7:00 PM.

**Saturday and Sunday, February 5 and 6, Santa Clara Valley OS** will have a plant sale at Filoli in the courtyard. You will need to purchase a ticket to enter Filoli (online), but there will be special exhibits in the house to see.

**Saturday, February 19 - AOS judging** Pacific Central Judging Center will offer judging at Filoli Historic House. See details above

**February 25, 26 and 27 Pacific Orchid Exposition** at the Hall of Flowers, 1199 9th Ave., San Francisco.  
<https://www.orchidsanfrancisco.org/poe-2022.html>

A promotional poster for the Orchid Masquerade event. The background is black. At the top, it says "The 69th Annual Pacific Orchid Exposition" in white. Below that, "Orchid Masquerade" is written in a large, elegant white serif font. To the left of the text is a silver masquerade mask adorned with several colorful orchids in shades of pink, purple, yellow, and blue. To the right of the mask, the event details are listed in white: "Dates: Feb 25-27, 2022", "Preview Night: Feb 24, 2022", and "County Fair Building, 1199 Ninth Avenue, San Francisco, CA". At the bottom left, the website "www.orchidsanfrancisco.org" is printed in white. At the bottom right, there is a QR code.



# DECEMBER SHOW & TELL

*I'd love to tell you the names of these orchids and the ones shown on the President's Message page, but I only have part of the information so I'm not going to list any information. Chaunie*

