

THE SHEATH

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE PENINSULA ORCHID SOCIETY

FRIDAY, MARCH 25

BEAUTIFUL PARVI PAPHS

Speaker: 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 3000. 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 am an accredited judge with the American Orchid Society and have served in various capacities with various orchid societies in California and on the East Coast. 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. In short, I really like plants.

For your meeting, I'll be sharing a presentation on Parvisepalum paphs, one of my favorite groups of orchids. I'm so excited to present on these - they are just delightful! These plants are easy to grow and flower, are vigorous, and have low demands on light and fertilizer, can be grown outdoors in Southern California quite easily, and as such are wonderful plants! I will help identify some of the important species in the backgrounds of modern Parvi paph hybrids, and discuss some hybrids you're likely to encounter when purchasing them. By the end of this presentation, you will have a new appreciation of their beautiful flowers and ease-of-growth, and will be much better able to select plants that best fit your own growing conditions.

MEETING DETAILS

6:00PM ZOOM AND SMGC DOOR OPENS
6:30PM TIM CULBERTSON (OR S&T)
7:30PM ANNOUNCEMENTS
7:40 PM SHOW & TELL (OR TIM)
END OF MEETING OPPORTUNITY TABLE
DRAWING - PARVI PAPHS FROM TIM

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! Don't let this be your last newsletter!
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

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

Membership Chair's area

Date paid _____ Check No. and amount _____
Receipt No. _____ Cash Amount _____

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

KEN JACOBSEN



Top: *Dendrobium cuthbertsonii*,
Chaunie Langland

Bottom: *Cymbidium Enzan Lia* x
Eastern Venus 'Fred', Steve
Proschan

Although there are many things happening in the world right now, I have to feel hope, as Spring is in the air! The nights are still cold, but the days are getting longer. Birds are singing, squirrels are scampering in the trees, but most importantly, a new season of orchid blooms is almost here. Australian dendrobiums are almost at their peak, as are most standard cymbidiums, and just around the corner are old favorites like *Cattleya intermedia* and the wonderfully colorful and patterned *Sarcochilus* hybrids.

COVID-19 does finally appear to be waning, as we seem to be going from the pandemic to endemic phase of this illness. The good news in this is we're now seeing orchid shows taking place once again. San Francisco held their Pacific Orchid Exposition on the last weekend of February, the Sonoma society will hold their annual show the last weekend of March, and the Gold Coast Cymbidium Society will have a one-day show on April 9th. It's starting to feel a little like the old days.

There is another reason to rejoice. Our society has decided to hold a one-day, pop-up, show and sale with free admission on May 8th, Mother's Day, at the San Mateo Garden Center from 10 AM until 4 PM. There will be AOS judging at the show so if you have special plants deserving of awards, start preparing them now. Also, we'll need members to bring in lots of plants for display as well as for sale. Setup can start at 8 AM on May 8th, and if we're really lucky and the garden center is free the evening before, some initial setup can be done the evening of the 7th. If you're going to sell plants in member sales, we'll use the standard forms we use for every show. Please be sure to have your sales plants well marked, as we do plan to have a couple of commercial vendors at this event, and we should try to avoid confusion. If you'd like to volunteer to help, or if you want more information on how to display or sell plants, please contact me.

One more special event is worth mentioning. The Garden center is having an open house on May 1 where you can go and see the various clubs that use that facility. If you're a general plant person as well as an orchid person, it would be worth stopping by.

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

MEMBER NEWS

March Show & Tell

If you plan to attend via Zoom, please send up to 4 photos to Mark Khoo (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.

Remembering Cassandra Gaunt

We sadly heard of the passing of Cassandra Gaunt at age 93. Cassandra was a long-time member. Her daughter Sandi Gaunt is also a member. Cassandra and Sandi attended many POS meetings together until the pandemic began.



Restrepia species (antennifera?),
Chaunie Langland

2022 Board of Directors

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UPCOMING EVENTS

March 17-19 - Gold Coast Cymbidium Society Online Auction

Online auction starts Thursday, March 17 5:00 PM to Saturday March 19, 1:05 PM to 3:30PM (staggered close). For information, email auction.gccs@gmail.com. Auction website - <https://www.charityauctionstoday.com/auctions/gold-coast-cymbidium-auction-2022-29466>

Saturday, March 19 - AOS Judging

Filoli Historic House, 86 Canada Road, Woodside. Plant entry 9:00 AM. Email (chaunie.langland@earthlink.net) before that Saturday for details on gaining entry to the judging area.

March 26-27 - Sonoma County Orchid Society Show & Sale

At the Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Building, 1351 Maple Avenue, Santa Rosa. See poster on this page.

April 5 - AOS Judging

San Francisco, 6:30 PM. <http://www.paccentraljc.org>

April 9 - Gold Coast Cymbidium Society Show & Sale

1400 Roosevelt Avenue, Redwood City. Open to the public Saturday 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Information: photobybillweaver@gmail.com.

May 1 - San Mateo Garden Center Open House

See the beautiful gardens and buy garden plants. Peninsula OS and other SMCG groups will be there.

May 8 - POS One Day Show & Sale!

Show, vendors, and member sales. San Mateo Garden Center, 605 Parkside Way.



Rhyncholaeliocattleya Rubescent Doll,
Chaunie Langland

Gold Coast Cymbidium Society, Inc. 2022 Online Cymbidium Orchid Auction



Saturday, March 19, 2022

Bidding opens: Thurs March 17, 5:00 pm
Bidding closes: Sat March 19, from 1:00 to 3:15 pm
Plant pick-up in San Mateo: Sun March 20, 12:15 – 2:30 pm
NO Shipping! Pick-up only.

Auction catalog, photos, bidder information,
and link to online auction website -
all available by March 13 at:

www.GoldCoastCymbidiumSociety.org/auction

Auction features:

- Cymbidiums and companion orchids
- Plants in spike
- Species
- Pelorics and feathered
- Rarely available Show & Award winners!

Any questions email: auction.gccs@gmail.com



Cym. Mount Vision 'Hallelujah' HCC/AOS, JC/AOS
Photo courtesy of Audrey Young-Tarter



SONOMA COUNTY ORCHID SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE *Exploring Orchids*



March 26 & 27, 2022

Sat. 10am - 5pm • Sun. 10am - 4pm

Orchid Classes at 11am & 1pm,
2pm (Sat only)

Masks and Proof of Vaccination required

Free Parking | Service Dogs only

Admission \$10

\$1 off single admission with this ad

Children 12 & Under Free

Santa Rosa Veteran's Building
1351 Maple Ave.
www.sonomaorchids.com

FEBRUARY SHOW & TELL



Clockwise from top left: Cattleya Cherry Song 'Pink', Catherine Obillo. Laeliocattleya Santa Barbara Sunset 'Showtime', Steve Proshan. Masdevallia Peach Fuzz 'Golden Giant' FCC/AOS and Sergioara Yokosuka Story 'Wilson', Catherine Obillo.



Clockwise from top left: *Dendrobium Jonathan's Glory* 'Dark Joy' HCC/AOS and *Ancistrochilus rothschildianus*, Chaunie Langland. *Phalaenopsis cornu-cervi* and *Cymbidium finlaysonianum* in-situ during Tom Waugh's trip to the Phillipines.

PACIFIC ORCHID EXPO



A few orchids shown at the Pacific Orchid Expo last month!

Clockwise from top left: *Lycaste Chita Dream* x *Shoalhaven*, *Leptotes bicolor*, *Sopholaeliocattleya Dorothy Elliot* x *Laelia anceps*, *Leptotes pohlitinocoi*, *Bonatea speciosa* 'Green Egret' AM/AOS.

WILD ORCHIDS



A few terrestrial orchids here in California have already started to bloom! On a relatively flat trail in Mount Tamalpais State Park, between Rock Spring Trailhead and Laurel Dell Road, I spotted the pink flowers of *Calypso bulbosa* and the beautiful foliage of several *Goodyera* orchids. Notice the different patterns in the leaves! *C. bulbosa* will continue blooming into April, while *G. oblongifolia* begins to bloom in the summer, around July into September.

Calypso bulbosa var. *occidentalis* (top two images) and *Goodyera oblongifolia* (bottom).