

THE SHEATH

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE PENINSULA ORCHID SOCIETY

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Sobralia

The Exotic Ephemeral

By
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Deb is a recently retired Chemistry teacher from St. Clair College in Windsor, Ontario. She has been growing orchids for 30 years and started by growing under lights and then in a sunroom but in 2014 she built a greenhouse to house her growing collection. She has about 500 orchids including Cattleyas, Sobralias, Paphiopedilums, Tolumnias, and several other miscellaneous genera. She is the President of the Windsor Orchid Society and is a second-year student in the AOS judging program at the Great Lakes Judging Center, Ann Arbor. She has received several AOS quality awards, and Best in Class awards, and was the recipient of the Orchid Digest Diamond Award in 2016.

Sobralia are beautiful reed-like plants with exquisite flowers yet are not common in many orchid collections. This presentation will enlighten the hobbyist about this genus, the species, and hybrids, where they are from, and how to grow them. Don't be surprised if you feel the need to have a few in your collection after seeing an array of these stunning plants and how easy they are to culture.

MEETING DETAILS

6:30 PM ZOOM / SMGC DOOR OPENS
7:00 PM DEB BOERSMA
8:00 PM ANNOUNCEMENTS
8:10 SKILL SESSION - TOM WAUGH'S
TRIP TO SINGAPORE
8:30 PM SHOW & TELL
END OF MEETING OPPORTUNITY
TABLE DRAWING - D&D FLOWERS

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

I hope you all will forgive me for not writing much this month. I'm composing this the day after our show, so I'll still be recovering for the next few days.

I do believe our show was very successful. The cold and wind presented a real challenge, but this forced more visitors into the display area, which wasn't a bad thing. Personally, I thought the display area was well laid out and many of our members brought in gorgeous plants – quite an impressive showing for a one-day event. Elsewhere in this newsletter, you'll see some photos that were taken, and an announcement of the winners of the people's choice award, just in case you didn't make it in person.

I do want to thank all the volunteers. We had an enormous number of our members help throughout the entire process, which made the work lighter and provided the time to interact more with visitors and each other. In the end, this means that there was time to enjoy ourselves – I know I certainly enjoyed myself!

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 to bottom: *Sarcochilus Little Rex Vladimir* (Bill Weaver), *Masdevallia 'Golden Giant'* (Anna Chai), and *Sarcochilus Kulnura Shades '50' x Rusty 'Pink Red'* (Dean Haas).



MOTHER'S DAY SHOW AND SALE



Clockwise from top left: *Disa* (possible hybrid, Anna Chai), *Cymbidium* Australian Midnight 'Tinonee' (Amy and Ken Jacobsen), *Vanda* Paki (Ron Norris and Jason Douglass), *Ansellia africana* (Ken Jacobsen).



Top (left to right): Chaunie Langland, Catherine Obillo.
Middle: Ken Jacobsen
Bottom (left to right): Anna Chai, Pierre Pujol.



Top four, clockwise from top left: Helena Wee with her *Phragmipedium Peruflora's Saltimbanco* (the winner of the people's choice vote for Best in Show), Allan Koch of Gold Country Orchids, Olga selling plants in the gazebo, Mary Bui-Pham's display, and Jason Douglass and Ron Norris with their second-place winner, *Vanda Paki*.

MEMBER NEWS

Show and 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.

Greenhouse for sale!

Mary Gerritsen is selling an 8 x 14 Monticello Greenhouse. Extruded aluminum frame, very sturdy. Twin wall panels, roof vents, sliding greenhouse doors. Comes complete with bench supports and even a heater (if desired). A few years old, dismantled, but all the parts and instruction manual available. It will probably need new sealing tape and a few new bolts (have catalog numbers and sources), although what is included is sufficient to complete. New bolts will cost about \$50 to completely replace, for peace of mind. If purchased new, this greenhouse kit is over \$5000. The size can be reduced by 2-foot intervals (spacing of the panels). I don't have an exact age, but approximately 10 years old. The purchaser may want to replace a few of the roof twin wall panels, although they are perfectly serviceable.

Link to an image of greenhouse: <https://tinyurl.com/ddpfuhcp>

Price: \$500, but you will make the check out to the Orchid Conservation Alliance (and it will be a tax-deductible donation). Purchaser must pick up and transport to site, or delivery can be arranged for an extra cost. We have photos of the parts and assembly taken during the takedown of the greenhouse.

Contact Mary for more information: Meg570@comcast.net

Happy birthday!

Rex Castell
Patricia Coney
Stuart Dalton
Annie Green
Ken Jacobsen
Christine Kradjian
Steve Proschan
Sue Rose
A'na Satara
James Shao
Susan Tong
Leena Wang
Lily Yan



Maxillaria Ben Berliner 'Yellow Cape'
(Chaunie Langland)

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CONGRATULATIONS!



Photo (c) Kathy Barrett

On April 6th Paul Chim brought Cymbidium Cranberry Velvet 'Mahalo Steve Williams' into the California Sierra Nevada Judging Center's judging in Sacramento. He and his wife Phyllis received a Certificate of Cultural Excellence (CCE) of 96 points. Paul and a friend transported this enormous cymbidium in a van from the SF East Bay and then slung it on a wooden stretcher to get it from the van to the judging room, where they then put it on a 5' tall stand for display.

The second photo shows Dennis Olivas measuring a flower. Paul's plant had 918 flowers and 76 buds on 46 inflorescences (flower spikes) and was perfectly round. The plant does not belong to Paul, but he has been growing it for the past four years. Cultural awards are given to the grower (of a minimum of one year), not to the plant. The cross, Cymbidium Nancy Hatsuko Ikeda x Cymbidium Ruby Eyes, was made by Weegie Caughlan.

Paul and Phyllis have been earning awards from the AOS for twenty-five years now and have 22 awards to date.



Submitted by Chaunie Langland and Kathy Barrett, photos by Kathy Barrett.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 21 - American Orchid Society Judging

Located at the Filoli Historic House, 86 Canada Road, Woodside. Plant entry at 9:00 AM. Enter through the front gate and bring your plants into the administration building.

June 7 - American Orchid Society Judging

In San Francisco at 6:30 PM. For more information, visit: <http://www.paccentraljc.org>

June 17 - Peninsula Orchid Society Meeting

San Mateo Garden Center; the speaker is to be determined.

2022 Peninsula Orchid Society
Membership Application or Renewal

Write checks payable to: POS

Mail to: Steve Proshan – 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 _____

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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 _____

APRIL SHOW & TELL



Clockwise from top left: NOID Laelia/Laeliocattleya and Cattleya Memoria Zinka Milanov (Chaunie Langland). Cattleya skinneri, possibly semi-alba (DJ). Cymbidium Golden Cascade x tigrinum (Bill Weaver). Cattlianthe Faikon Ball (Anna Chai). Ascofinetia Cherry Blossom (Bill Weaver).