

# THE SHEATH

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE PENINSULA ORCHID SOCIETY

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

## "TODAY'S MINI AND COMPACT CATTLEYS"

A detailed look at the species and latest  
developments in the breeding and growing  
of these colorful flowers.



Cover photo: *Cyrtorchilum  
macranthum*, grown by Todd Kennedy

# MEMBER NEWS

## **Orchid Talk:**

Today, mini and compact-growing Cattleyas come in many colors and shapes. Learn about the small-growing Cattleya species, the important breeding plants, and what hybrids are available for the orchid enthusiast. We will cover the 'best growing practices' for cultivations of these little gems.

Our speaker is Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Orchids in Vista. Fred has been growing orchids for 42 years and has been hybridizing for 38 of those years. With over 34 years as a professional grower and manager in the horticultural industry, he applies these skills at his orchid nursery; Sunset Valley Orchids, in San Diego, California. Although developing Cattleya hybrids has been his sustaining interest, he is also actively creating new Paphiopedilum, Aussie Dendrobium hybrids, and others to be named if they work out! His pioneering work in Catasetum intergeneric hybrids led to the development of several unique hybrids, most recently the grex, Fredclarkeara After Dark, which produced "the blackest flower ever witnessed".

This grex has received over 100 awards worldwide with nine FCCs and thirty AMs from the AOS judges! Fred is also an Accredited Judge in the Pacific South Judging Region. His plants have received hundreds of quality awards from the American Orchid Society.

## **Birthdays:**

Happy birthday to Mary Bui-Pham, Sandra Charles, Mary Gerritsen, Amy Jacobsen, Mary Jensen, Dennis Olivas, and Yang Zhao!

## **Show and Tell:**

If you plan to attend via Zoom and want to share pictures of your orchids at the meeting, please send up to 4 photos to Mark Khoo (mklkhoo@gmail.com) and be prepared to talk about your plants when showing your photos. You may also prepare your slide presentation - perhaps even stage a show-type display, photograph it and talk about your various plants.

## 2022 Board of Directors

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Have something you'd like to include in the next newsletter?  
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penorchidsoc@yahoo.com!

## Meeting Agenda

6:30 PM - Zoom/SMGC opens  
7:00 PM - Fred Clark  
8:00 PM - Announcements  
8:10 PM - Show and Tell  
No skill session this meeting!  
Opportunity Table - Plants provided by  
Sunset Valley Orchids

## 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

It's autumn again already, so despite our recent heat, we need to start thinking about what it will require to keep our plants safe and growing well over the winter. It's time to finish up the last remnants of repotting, clean up the plants, and make sure they're all ready for less light, and cooler temperatures.

It's also time to start winterizing your growing area. If you have plants in a heated greenhouse or growing area, do a test on your heating system to make sure it's working. There's still plenty of time to get it fixed before the colder weather of November strikes. The growing area should also be checked for areas with large air gaps, so the warmer air of the growing area doesn't escape too quickly at night. Of course, this can be difficult this time of year, since some of our hottest weather comes in October, not long before those night-time temperatures plummet.

Do a general clean-up of your growing area. Clean the plants of old spikes and bracts that could hold too much moisture against the plant during the colder winter months. Try to remove most of the organic debris from the floor – this just becomes a slip hazard as evaporation of water on the floor reduces during shorter days. If it's possible, a little extra space between plants during the winter allows for quicker drying between watering and lowers the chance for botrytis on winter blooms. There is also a good selection of fall blooming orchids, so staking these now so they'll perform at their best is a good idea. Some of those just developing spikes now, such as *Laelia anceps*, might even be blooming for our January show. I know that's planning a long time in advance, but sometimes it's the right thing to do.

This year, we were fortunate to have Dan Williamson volunteer to be our show chair. He's already done a lot of work on longer range preparations, but I know there are many tasks where he needs committee chairs. Any and all help will be greatly appreciated! If Dan lets me know that someone has volunteered to be a committee chair before our September meeting, I'll bring a plant to the meeting for the volunteer.

We're also looking for board members for our upcoming annual elections to the POS board. Mary Bui-Pham generously volunteered to head the nominations committee, so if you think you'd like to be on the board next year, drop her an email. We need to have our slate ready to announce at the regular October meeting.

Remember, 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

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## September 24 - Cymbidium Collection Liquidation Sale

10 am to 3 pm at 18444 Paseo Olivos Way, Saratoga, California 95070-3643.

Carol Armendariz, lifetime member of Gold Coast Cymbidium Society, advanced grower of select pendulous Cymbidiums and specializing in the warmer growing *canaliculatum* species and its hybrids, is moving out of state and will not be taking her collection with her. Collection of 200-300 Cymbidium plants includes species, primary hybrids, novelties, pelorics and standards in addition to a few *Dendrobium kingianum*. Prices from \$5 to \$150+ and pot sizes from 4" to 2 gal". Everything must go! Cash or check only and bring your own boxes.

Questions? Contact Carol at carolarmendariz@comcast.net and (408)-806-1969

## October 27 to 30 - American Orchid Society Fall Members' Meeting

The fall members meeting will take place in Sacramento! What will you find there? An orchid show, vendors, AOS judging, the members general meeting, speakers and lots of orchid friends, old and new. People will attend from all over the country. The AOS has a block of rooms reserved at a discounted price at the Embassy Suites Riverfront Promenade. They are taking reservations now. This is a nice location that is within easy walking distance of many restaurants and attractions in Old Town Sacramento.

The sponsoring committee, California Sierra Nevada Judging Center, is still ironing out the details of the program. You can find more information on the AOS website here: <https://www.aos.org/news-and-events/members-meetings/accommodations.aspx>

Chaunie says: I passed up the opportunity to go to the meeting the year it was held in San Francisco (that was a very long time ago) and have kicked myself since.



Left to right: Brassolaeliocattleya Pali Polka Dot 'Puanini' HCC/AOS and Laeliocattleya Kahilia Kea 'Dwarf Blue' (Mitch Schenider)

# AUGUST SHOW AND TELL



Clockwise from top left: *Coelogyne mooreana* 'Brockhurst' (Catherine Obillo), *Cattleya Aloha Case* x *Laelia dayana* and *Sopholaeliocattleya* (Fire Fantasy x Cosmic Delight) (Amy and Ken Jacobsen), and *Burrageara Francine* 'Roseglow' (Catherine Obillo).



Clockwise from top left: *Dendrobium tobaense* var. *giganteum* (Catherine Obillo), *Ceologyne burfordiense* x *panishii* (Catherine Obillo), and *Brassovola nodosa* 'Susan Fuchs' FCC/AOS (Amy and Ken Jacobsen).

Send in this form to join or online at our website: <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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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.

Membership Chair's area

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