

THE SHEATH

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE PENINSULA ORCHID SOCIETY



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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28
"THE GENUS
DENDROBIUM"

A brief synopsis of the Australasian genus
Dendrobium by Ron Parsons, one of the
largest genera in the most species-rich
flowering plant family of the world.

MEMBER NEWS

Orchid Talk:

Ron Parsons has been growing orchids for nearly 48 years, and has been interested in the species for most of that time. He loves to photograph orchids and other flowers whenever he can, and does so as often as possible. Ron has more than 90,000 digital images, most of which are of orchids, and still retains a slide library that exceeds 100,000 botanical images. He has given more than 500 talks on various botanical topics, and has nearly 6500 published photos. Ron has co-authored four books on botanical subjects, all with Mary E. Gerritsen. The first two, published by Timber Press, are *Masdevallias, Gems of the Orchid World* and *Calochortus, Mariposa Lilies and their Relatives*. Their third book, a two-volume set, *A Compendium of Miniature Orchid Species* was published by Redfern Natural History Productions in January 2014. In 2019 *The American Orchid Society Guide to Orchids and their Culture* was released, and is on its third printing. They have recently completed a fifth book, a much-revised second edition of *A Compendium of Miniature Orchids Species*. It is now in four volumes with 3100 photos (1800 of those are new), including those of more than 500 species not in the first edition. The set was released in early October, 2021.

""The Genus *Dendrobium*""

The Australasian genus *Dendrobium* is one of the largest genera in the most species-rich flowering plant family of the world. More than 1800 species have been described (with likely many more to be discovered), and they are found anywhere from the lowland tropics to cold, high elevations. They occur from Japan and China in the north, to Australia in the south, and from India in the west to some of the islands of the south Pacific in the east. They occur in a vast variety of habitats too but they tend to generally grow as epiphytes and lithophytes with comparatively few growing as terrestrials. My talk is a brief synopsis of this amazing genus that nearly every orchid enthusiast grows.

Birthdays:

Happy birthday to Carol Armendariz, James Baxter, Betty Chinn, David Shen, George Spangler, Helena Wee, and Daniel Williamson!

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 share. You may also prepare a slide presentation or perhaps stage a display, photograph it and talk about your various plants.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

KEN JACOBSEN

It will be a very short column this month. As I'm sure is true for most members of our society, as the days begin to shorten, the number of things you must do in that shortened day becomes longer.

There are only two things I'll remind you about this month. The first is that our annual election is approaching, with the official slate for the new board to be presented at this month's meeting. If you wish to be a part of the POS board, there may still be time to fill a position – just contact Mary Bui-Pham or myself with your interest.

Second, January and our annual show isn't far away. Dan Williamson is busy assembling teams to ensure the show runs in a smooth and orderly way. If you'd like to help, just contact Dan or myself.

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

2022 Board of Directors

President - Ken Jacobsen

Vice President - Chaunie Langland

Recording Secretary - Dan Williamson

Correspondence Secretary - Isis Trenchard

Treasurer - Steve Proschan

Director of Membership - Olga Ostrovsky

Director of Ways and Means - Mark Khoo

Director at Large - Mariko Nagashima

Director at Large - Mary Bui-Pham

Director at Large - Leena Wang

Newsletter Editor - Leena Wang

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

Meeting Agenda

6:30 PM - Zoom/SMGC opens

7:00 PM - Ron Parsons

8:00 PM - Announcements

8:10 PM - Show and Tell

No skill session this meeting!

Opportunity Table - Plants provided by

Hanging Gardens

Reminder

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

October 28 - Peninsula Orchid Society Meeting

At the San Mateo Garden Center; our speaker will be Ron Parsons, who will be talking about the genus *Dendrobium*, one of the largest genera in the most species-rich flowering plant family of the world.

This month's opportunity table plants will be supplied from Hanging Gardens.



Dendrobium cinnabarinum, picture by Ron Parsons

2023 PROPOSED SLATE

President: Dan Williamson

Vice President: Leena Wang

Recording Secretary: Open

Correspondence Secretary: Open

Treasurer: Steve Proschan

Director of Membership: Olga Ostrovsky

Director of Ways and Means: Mark Khoo

Director at Large: Viktoria Kolotovska (+ monthly meeting raffles)

Director at Large: Mary Bui-Pham

Director at Large: Mitch Schneider



Cattleya mossiae coerulea 'Blue Bird' x 'Herrerae' (Catherine Obillo)

SEPTEMBER SHOW AND TELL



Clockwise from top left: *Rhyncholaeliocattleya* Hawaiian Passion x *Cattleya* Valentine 'Billy's Blue' (Tom Waugh), *Bulbophyllum dearei* (Tom Mudge), and *Paphiopedilum* Alma Gavaert 'Big R' (Anna Chai)



Clockwise from top left: *Laelia pumila* (Amy and Ken Jacobsen), *Lonocidium* Popcorn 'Highland' (Catherine Obillo), and *Cattleya longipes* 'Soft Touch' HCC/AOS (Chaunie Langland)



Clockwise from top left: *Phalaenopsis testraspis* 'Mainshow #1' (Tom Mudge), *Cocleanthes* Amazing 'Pretty in Pink' (Viktoriiia Kolotovska), *Phalaenopsis zebrina* 'Summer Snow' x 'Sumatran Safari' HCC/AOS (Tom Mudge), and *Cattleya bicalhoi* 'Memoria Jackson Perdue' HCC/AOS (Chaunie Langland)



Clockwise from top left: *Rhyncholaeliocattleya* Dick Smith 'Paradise' (Catherine Obillo), *Gombrassiltonia* Hilo Ablaze 'Hilo Gold' HCC/AOS (Dan Williamson), and *Oncidium* Aka Baby 'Raspberry Chocolate' (Tom Waugh).

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 _____

(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 _____