

THE SHEATH

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE PENINSULA ORCHID SOCIETY

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25

"THE ORCHIDS OF NEW GUINEA"

A journey to the crossroads of Asia and Oceania, the epicenter of *Dendrobium* orchids. Join Carol Klonowski around this vast island landscape comprising two countries, multiple climate zones, and an amazing amount of flora and fauna. Carol's talk will cover *Dendrobium* in New Guinea, where fully half the genus is represented.

Cover photo:
Cymbidium elegans 'Duck Won', grown by Anna Chai

MEMBER NEWS

Orchid Talk:

Carol Klonowski has been growing orchids since the 1980's when a friend in Berkeley, California, gave her a *Cattleya* orchid and it bloomed out with three big, dark lavender flowers and an intoxicating fragrance. She built an entire greenhouse in her backyard to accommodate the precious plant, which only led her to buy more orchids. Then another friend gave her a gift membership to the Orchid Society of California and it's been a serious hobby ever since.

Carol has served as Director, Vice President, and President of the Orchid Society of California for most of the past two decades and is currently a Fully Accredited Judge with the American Orchid Society in the California Sierra Nevada Judging Center.

Carol's program, 'The Orchids of New Guinea' will take us on a journey around this vast island landscape comprising two countries, multiple climate zones, and an amazing amount of flora and fauna. At the crossroads of Asia and Australia/Oceania, New Guinea is the epicenter of dendrobiums, where fully half of the genus, second largest in Orchidom, is represented.

Birthdays:

Wishing a very happy birthday this month to Mimi Campbell, Henry Chaplin, Sylvia Darr, Roma Dziembaj, Lolia Kwan, Chaunie Langland, Ben Merfalen, Tom Pickford, and Bill Weaver!

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

The year is approaching its end, as is my second year as president of the POS. This will be my penultimate column before the new board and new president start their terms. Because it's also only a couple months before our annual show, I'm going to talk a little about preparing for the show this month.

Now is the time to start searching out plants within your collection to prepare them for the January show and sale. As spikes are developing, a little attention to staking and arranging the spikes now can make a big difference come show time. We should all plan on having a couple plants minimum in the show, just so people can see what we each like to grow. Of course, if you want to put a lot of plants in the show, that can always be accommodated!

My rough rule of thumb is that for each plant I want to have in the show, two months before the show I need to identify two or three candidates. As show time approaches, some plants just don't perform the way you want, some bloom earlier than you expect, and some later. Much is dependent on the weather, so even if you have many years of show preparation experience, you can never completely predict when a plant will bloom. Also, each genus matures the spikes and flowers at a different speed, so while for some *Cattleyas* it's only a couple weeks from when buds become visible in the sheath to blooming, the Central American *Laelias* and the standard *Cymbidiums* can take months for the spike to mature.

It's also a great idea to start selecting and cleaning up plants that will go into member sales. While it's too late in the season for repotting most genera, cutting off old spikes, cleaning up dead bracts and sheaths, and making a plant look its best is easier to do in advance rather than waiting until the day before the show. If a plant you want to sell in member sales is in bloom now but won't be in bloom for the show, take a picture. For other plants, find pictures you've taken in the past. The buyer will be much more comfortable with a purchase if they know what they're buying.

Most of all, do whatever preparation you feel will allow you to enjoy the show and sale the most. We're all growing our plants for enjoyment, and the annual show is the best opportunity we have each year to share that enjoyment with others. 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

November 25 - Peninsula Orchid Society Meeting

At the San Mateo Garden Center, 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo, CA 94403. Our speaker this month is Carol Klonowski, who will talk to us about the orchids of New Guinea. Opportunity table plants provided by The Orchid Fix Nursery.

January 21 to 22 - Peninsula Orchid Society Show and Sale

Note - Show setup, plant entry, and plant judging is on **January 20**. From 10 am to 5 pm both days, at the Community Activities Building: 1400 Roosevelt Avenue Redwood City, CA 94061.

February 2 to 4 - Gold Coast Cymbidium Society Annual Auction

Plant entry from November 14, 2022 to January 8, 2023. More information here:
<http://goldcoastcymbidiumociety.org/auction.htm>
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February 23 to 26 - Pacific Orchid Exposition

For more details, including information about volunteers and parking, please visit:
<https://www.orchidsanfrancisco.org/events.html>

March 10 to 12 - Santa Barbara International Orchid Show

At the Santa Barbara Earl Warren Showgrounds, 3400 Calle Real Santa Barbara, CA USA. More information coming on their website:
<https://sborchidshow.com/>

2022 Board of Directors

President - Ken Jacobsen

Vice President - Chaunie Langland

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Director at Large - Mary Bui-Pham

Director at Large - Leena Wang

Newsletter Editor - Leena Wang

Do you have something you would 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 - Carol Klonowski

8:00 PM - Announcements

8:10 PM - Show and Tell

No skill session this meeting!

Opportunity Table - Plants provided by
The Orchid Fix Nursery

Reminder

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Orchid Show & Sale

Presented by the Peninsula Orchid Society

Saturday and Sunday

10 am - 5 pm, January 21-22

Admission: \$10



Community Activities Building
1400 Roosevelt Avenue Redwood City, CA 94061

San Francisco Orchid Society Presents: Celebrating Diversity

The 70th Annual Pacific Orchid Exposition

February 24-25 10am - 5pm

February 26 10am - 4pm

Preview Night: February 23 6-9pm

(Must be 21 or older)

County Fair Building

1199 9th Ave.

San Francisco, CA



www.orchidsanfrancisco.org

Discounted advance tickets available online



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



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OCTOBER SHOW AND TELL



Clockwise from top left: *Laelia pumila* 'SanBar Stunner' (Ken Jacobsen), *Laelia pumila* var. *alba* (Anna Chai), and *Laelia pumila* (Bill Weaver)



Clockwise from top left: *Cattleya gaudii* x *Cattleya* Motte Spot (Bill Weaver), *Stenoglottis longifolia* (Bill Weaver), *Habenaria rhodocheila* 'Cardinal's Roost' (Tom Mudge), and *Habenaria rhodocheila* 'The Brilliant' FCC/AOS (Leena Wang)



Top to bottom: *Phragmipedium Cardinale* 'Sasso' (Lolia Kwan) and *Paphiopedilum Norito* Hasegawa (Dan Williamson)

Send in this form to join or online at our website: <http://penorchidsoc.org/membership.html>

2023 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 2023 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 re-new before the end of January each year.

Membership Chair's area

Date paid _____ Check No. and amount _____

Receipt No. _____ Cash Amount _____