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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE PENINSULA ORCHID SOCIETY



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

"CYMBIDIUM HYBRIDIZING"

Pierre Pujol will cover his latest observations from *Cymbidium* hybridizing. Learn about selecting parents and setting expectations, along with many pictures of what results.

Cover photo:
Dendrobium cuthbertsonii, grown by Anna Chai

MEMBER NEWS

Orchid Talk:

At our December meeting, Pierre will present his latest observations from his *Cymbidium* hybridizing. Topics will cover selecting parents, setting expectations and what comes out at the end. Pierre believes that "a picture is worth a thousand words", so expect to see many flower pictures of parents and seedlings.

Pierre Pujol has been growing orchids for the past 12 years, both in Redwood City and Half-Moon Bay. He is building on his life science education, natural curiosity and penchant for perfectionism to try to get the best out of his passion. In 2022, Pierre received 12 AOS awards, including 7 for his own hybrids (4 AM, 2 HCC and 1 CCM). When not busy with orchids, Pierre is an executive (and occasional founder) in biotech and cleantech and a national-level competitive triathlete (AA).

Birthdays:

Wishing a very happy birthday this month to Kathy Barrett, Clint Evans, Hai Merfalen, Patricia Papa, Dave Tatro, Janusz Warszawski, and Tom Waugh!

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.

Welcome August Edward Grant!

Isis, our correspondence secretary and social media manager, had a baby boy on December 4th. Congratulations, Isis!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

KEN JACOBSEN

So here it is, the last President's message of this, my second stint, as President of the POS. While I've thoroughly enjoyed serving in this role for the past two years, the time is right to have a new President step into the role. I want to sincerely thank members of the existing board for running the club and making it function smoothly. Without these great people in all their various roles on your board, the club would not be at all what it is today.

We've just elected our board for 2023, and there are a couple first time members on the board. We sincerely thank them for joining us in helping run this club for all our members. And of course, the biggest event of the 2023 year is just around the corner. The 2023 POS show and sale is on for the 21 and 22 of January, and is only a few short weeks away! It will really be nice to have a full show once again.

Speaking of the show, I would encourage each and every member to participate as they can. We're always looking for plants to put into the display area for the show. You can bring in a few individual plants, or if you have a lot of plants to display, contact the show chair, Dan Williamson, or me and you can reserve an entire display table. I will also encourage you to bring in those extra pieces of your special plants to sell in member sales. This is a great way of moving extra plants into good homes, while also helping the club. Several other blurbs in this issue will inform you how to do this, and of any changes made to member sales this year. If neither of these works for you, there are many areas where a helping hand will make the show go more smoothly – we're always looking for help with security, food, and the plant hotel. The only real skill required is enthusiasm.

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 either the existing or the new board.

Finally, I hope you've all had a great year, and that you enjoy the holiday season, and that the New Year holds only good things for you.

Happy growing,

Ken

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 16 - Peninsula Orchid Society Meeting

At the San Mateo Garden Center, 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo, CA 94403. Our speaker this month is Pierre Pujol who will talk to us about his *Cymbidium* hybridizing. Opportunity table plants provided by Pierre.

January 21 to 22 - Peninsula Orchid Society Show and Sale (10 am - 5 pm)

Tickets are \$10. At the Community Activities Building: 1400 Roosevelt Avenue Redwood City, CA 94061. Show rules and class lists can be found at the end of the newsletter. **Please save cardboard boxes and newspaper for the plant hotel!** The deep narrow ones are good for cymbidiums. Other sizes (not too large) are great for packing other types of orchids.

Times:

- Plant check-in - from 2:00-6:30 pm on Friday, January 20th
- Member sales plants - checked in after 2:00 pm on Friday, January 20th
 - Member sales plants will be priced pre-tax and the POS will retain 25% of the posted sale price.
- Plant pick-up - from 5:00-5:30 pm on Sunday, January 22nd

We need volunteers to set up, help out at the show, and clean up after!

- Set up on Friday at 11:00 am (help needed throughout the entire day)
- Ribbon Judging on Friday at 6:00 pm (no expertise is needed)
 - Plant entry ends at 6:30 pm
 - Dinner for judges will be served at 6:00 pm and judging begins at 7:00 pm
- Plant Hotel (1-2 people)
- Admissions (1-2 people)
- Docent/Security (2-3)
- Member Sales (1 person, but 3 needed on Saturday morning)
- Membership/Raffle (1 person)
- Take down/clean up on Sunday at 5:00 pm (all help needed)
 - Dinner will be served at 6:00 pm, open to all volunteers

If you would like to volunteer or have questions, please email the Show Chair, Dan Williamson (enki_29205@yahoo.com) or Ken Jacobsen (kenneth.p.jacobsen@gmail.com)

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 2 to 4 - GCCS Annual Auction

Plant entry from November 14, 2022 to January 8, 2023. More information can be found on the Gold Coast Cymbidium Society's website:
<http://goldcoastcymbidiumociety.org/auction.html>

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/>



Laelia Finckeniana 'Kennedys', grown by Todd Kennedy

2022 Board of Directors

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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 - Pierre Pujol

8:00 PM - Announcements

8:10 PM - Show and Tell

No skill session this meeting!

Opportunity Table - Plants provided by
Pierre Pujol

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 BOARD MEMBER SLATE

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

Director at Large: Mary Bui-Pham

Director at Large: Mitch Schneider



Cattleya labiata 'Great Day', grown by Amy and Ken Jacobsen

NOVEMBER SHOW AND TELL



Clockwise from top left: Rhyncattleanthe Angel Voice 'Gracie' (Amy and Ken Jacobsen),
Cymbidium hybrid (Amy and Ken Jacobsen), *Sophronitis cernua* (Viktoria Kolotovska), and
Paphiopedilum spicerianum (Dan Williamson)



Clockwise from top left: *Laelia jongheana* 'TOF' (Amy and Ken Jacobsen), *Holcoglossum lingulatum* (Anna Chai), *Clowesia Diane Drisch* (Chaunie Langland), and *Mystacidium venosum* (Chaunie Langland)



From top to bottom, clockwise: *Laelia finckeniana* (Amy and Ken Jacobsen), *Cattleya Love Knot* (Dan Williamson), and *Pleurothallis allenii* (Carol West)

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 _____

2023 Peninsula Orchid Society Show Rules

Rules for Exhibitors

Please review the following carefully, all rules will be strictly enforced in the interest of this show and fairness to its participants.

Any person may enter orchid plants or orchid cut flowers in the show, subject to these rules. Exhibitors need not be POS (Peninsula Orchid Society) members.

Perpetual trophies are awarded only to POS members. Anyone may join POS when they bring entries in if they wish.

Plants and flowers for exhibition at the show shall be delivered to the Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Avenue in Redwood City, on Friday, January 20th 2023 between 2:00 and 6:30 PM. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

The show concludes on Sunday at 5:00 PM and plants should be picked up between 5:00 PM and 5:30 PM.

Anyone interested in serving as a clerk for ribbon judging or as a ribbon judge should be present at 6:30 PM on Friday January 20th.

The show, including sales area, will not open to the public until Saturday morning at 10:00 AM.

AOS Judging

Specific forms, which are available at the entry table, must be completed and left with the AOS clerk or at the show entry desk.

Since this is a AOS sanctioned show, all plants exhibited are considered for AOS awards unless "No AOS Judging" is in writing on the entry card or display. If you feel that the plant entered has not reached its full potential on this blooming and want to have it judged later, you need the "No AOS" sign on it for it to remain eligible for future judging.

Plants NOT marked "no AOS judging" may not be AOS judged later on the same inflorescence. (There are special rules for some Orchids that bloom sequentially on the same inflorescence.) Judges may not recognize a plant's quality until they begin the individual judging process. Do not count on the judges to spot your awardable entry on their walk through.

If you feel your plant may be awardable, don't be shy, fill out an entry form. There is no cost for AOS judging, only for awards.

Ribbon Judging Plant Entry

- Entry cards must be completed for all plants entered in competition and for all plants entered for exhibition only. Exhibition entries will not be placed in the judging books.
- Plants entered in ribbon and show trophy judging must have been owned by the exhibitor for at least 6 months. Plants entered for AOS cultural awards must have been owned and grown by the exhibitor for at least one year.
- For ribbon judging, you need not know the name of the plant as long it is possible to determine which class it should be entered into.
- Plants incorrectly labeled or improperly entered may be disqualified from consideration for awards.

- It is the responsibility of the owner to enter the plant in the correct division.
- If there is any doubt at all about the appropriate class for your entry, please discuss it with the clerk at the entry desk. Judges may (but are not required to) move entries to the appropriate class.
- All plants and items exhibited must remain on display throughout the show. Removal cannot begin until 5:00 PM Sunday. Please talk with the show chair if this will cause a problem for you and we will work out a solution.
- Plants may be entered for AOS judging without being entered in the show. You must fill out the appropriate entry form(s) and let the entry clerk know.
- The POS will provide security during the hours the show is open to the public. However, exhibitors assume all risk and liability for their property.

Classification of Exhibitors by Skill Level

- **Novice:** An Exhibitor who has won no more than TEN best of class awards (purple rosettes at POS shows, e.g. Best Novice Cattleya, Best Novice Oncidium) at any AOS sanctioned shows unless a perpetual trophy has not been won also, in which case the exhibitor may remain in Novice if they wish. Only one point is accumulated per plant per show.
- **Intermediate:** An Exhibitor who has won no more than TEN Intermediate level best of class awards (e.g. Best Intermediate Cattleya, Best Intermediate Oncidium) at any AOS sanctioned shows, unless no perpetual trophy has been won at Novice or Intermediate in which case the exhibitor may remain in Intermediate if they wish.
- **Advanced:** An Exhibitor who has won more than TEN Intermediate level best of class awards at any AOS sanctioned shows and at least one perpetual trophy. Also, any certified AOS who is not required to show at the Open level.
- **Open:** All Exhibitors required to collect tax from the sale of orchid plants, flowers, or supplies during the previous 12 months. Anyone qualified for any of the other levels may enter in the Open division if they prefer.

Any exhibitor may show at a higher level than required, but once the exhibitor has moved up they may not move back down.

Class lists are on the following pages.

Schedule of Classes 2023

Sections are the main Alliances or groups of orchids, and are signified with a letter (A for Cattleya alliance, B for Cymbidium, etc.)

Classes are subdivisions within Sections, and are signified with a number, e.g., Class A1 for Cattleya species)

Levels of skill of Exhibitor: Novice, Intermediate, Advanced and Open. A different colored entry card is used for each category. (Please see show rules to determine your level.)

Plants may be entered in only one class in sections A through I. Plants entered in Sections A through I may also be entered in Sections J or K. A separate entry card must be filled out for each section entered. Plants entered in the incorrect Class may be disqualified from judging or the judges may reenter them correctly at their discretion. Questions should be directed to the clerks at the plant entry table or to the show chairperson.

A. Cattleya alliance

- A1.** Cattleya and Brazilian Laelia species
- A2.** Cattleya hybrids (Blc., Rlc., Slc., Sc., Lc., Bc., Bl., Potinara, etc.)
- A3.** Central American Laelia species
- A4.** Central American Laelia hybrids (not included in Cattleya hybrids)
- A5.** Other Cattleya alliance species (Brassavola, Epidendrum, Encyclia, Broughtonia, Oerstedella, Barkeria, Prosthechea, Anacheilium, Euchile, Panarica, Oestlundia, Dinema, Nidema, etc)
- A6.** Other Cattleya alliance hybrids

B. Cymbidium

- B1.** Standard species with natural flower spread of 3 ½" or greater
- B2.** Intermediate and miniature species with natural flower spread of less than 3 ½"
- B3.** Standard hybrids, including flares, with a natural flower spread of 3 ½" or greater on largest flower
- B4.** Intermediate hybrids, including flares, with a natural flower spread of 1 ¾" - 3 ½" on largest flower
- B5.** Miniature hybrids less than 1 ¾" on largest flower.
- B6.** Splash-petal, Splash-sepal and large, prominent spots – All sizes

C. Oncidium alliance

- C1.** Odontoglossum (former) species and hybrids
- C2.** Oncidium species and hybrids, plants 12" and under (including inflorescence and flowers)
- C3.** Oncidium species and hybrids, plants over 12"
- C4.** Miltoniopsis and Miltonia species and hybrids
- C5.** Other hybrids, including Intergeneric hybrids

D. Paphiopedilum alliance

- D1.** Species, single flower per inflorescence
- D2.** Species, multiple flowers per inflorescence
- D3.** Hybrids, single flower per inflorescence
- D4.** Hybrids, multiple flowers per inflorescence
- D5.** Phragmipedium hybrids
- D6.** Phragmipedium species
- D7.** Cypripedium, species and hybrids
- D8.** Selenipedium or Mexipedium species or hybrids

E. Vandaceous

- E1.** Large Vanda species
- E2.** Large Vanda hybrids
- E3.** Phalaenopsis species
- E4.** Phalaenopsis hybrids, flowers 3" or greater
- E5.** Phalaenopsis hybrids, flowers under 3"
- E6.** Phalaenopsis "big lip" hybrids
- E7.** Angraecoid species and hybrids
- E8.** Sarcochilus species and hybrids
- E9.** Neofinetia species and hybrids

2023 Peninsula Orchid Society Show Class List (cont.)

F. Pleurothallid alliance

- F1.** Masdevallia species under 6" (leaves)
- F2.** Masdevallia species 6" and over (leaves)
- F3.** Masdevallia hybrids under 6" (leaves)
- F4.** Masdevallia hybrids 6" and over (leaves)
- F5.** Dracula species and hybrids
- F6.** Other Pleurothallid species and hybrids (e.g., Dryadella, Stelis, Lepanthes, Restrepia, Porroglossum) under 3" (leaves)
- F7.** Other Pleurothallid species and hybrids (e.g., Dryadella, Stelis, Lepanthes, Restrepia, Porroglossum) 3" and over (leaves)

G. Dendrobium

- G1.** Section Oxyglossum (including cuthbertsonii) species and hybrids
- G2.** Section Dendrobium species and hybrids (e.g., nobile, parishii, and loddigesii)
- G3.** Australian and Dockrillia species and hybrids (Australian e.g., kingianum, speciosum)
- G4.** Section Formosae (aka nigrohirsutae) species and hybrids
- G5.** Section Latourea (e.g., atroviolaceum) species and hybrids
- G6.** Species and hybrids in other sections

H. Other

- H1.** Bulbophyllum (including Cirrhopetalum, and Haplochilus etc.) and Bulbophyllum relatives (Trias, Sunipea) species and hybrids
- H2.** Catasetinae species and hybrids
- H3.** Lycaste, Ida (Sudamerlycaste), and Anguloa species and hybrids
- H4.** Maxillaria, Bifrenaria, Rudolfiella, Xylobium, species and hybrids
- H5.** Zygopetalinae species and hybrids (with psuedobulbs, e.g., Zygopetalum, Promenaea, Pabstia, Galleotia etc.)

- H6.** Eriinae (Eria, Mediocalcar, Ceratostylis) species and hybrids
- H7.** Stanhopeinae (Stanhopea, Gongora, Houlettia, Coryanthes etc.) species and hybrids
- H8.** Coelogyne species and hybrids
- H9.** Dendrochilum species and hybrids (Panisea, Dickisonia, and relatives)
- H10.** All other species and hybrids
- H11.** Terrestrials (including Disa, Phaius and Calanthe)

J. Orchids shown for foliage

- J1.** Jewel orchids (Ludisia, Anoectochilus, Macodes, Goodyera etc.)
- J2.** All other species and hybrids

Trophies for Each Sections with no PT

Best Cattleya Alliance in Show
Best Cymbidium in Show
Best Paphiopedilum in Show
(excludes American slippers, which are covered by the Kay Rinaman Memorial Trophy)
Best Oncidium Alliance in Show
Best Vandaceous Alliance in Show
Best Dendrobium in Show
Best Plant of Other Genus in Show

POS Perpetual Trophies

(Only current POS members entries are eligible for these trophies.)
Barbara Todd Kennedy Trophy - Best Entry in Show
Katherine Jason Trophy - Best Species in Show
Peninsula Orchid Society Trophy - Best Orchid Grown by an Open Exhibitor
Anna Chai Trophy - Best orchid grown by an Advanced Exhibitor
Clar Hancock Trophy - Best Culture for an Orchid Plant grown by an Intermediate Exhibitor
Vallemar Gardens Trophy - Best orchid grown by a Novice Exhibitor
Mary & Gerardus Staal Trophy - Best Pleurothallid
Severin Orchid Farm Trophy - Best Miniature Species (<8", including bloom)
Kay Rinaman Memorial Trophy - Best Cyripedium Alliance

Plant Awards-Ribbons

At the discretion of the judges, First, Second and Third Place ribbons will be awarded in all Classes for which there are entries. Judges may withhold ribbons if, in their opinion, no suitable material is exhibited or may award more than one entry in a class with the same level ribbon.

Plant Awards by Skill Level - Trophies for Best of Section

(These are the awards that count towards moving exhibitors to the next skill level.)

Section A

Best Cattleya Alliance by Novice Exhibitor
Best Cattleya Alliance by Intermediate Exhibitor
Best Cattleya Alliance by Advanced Exhibitor
Best Cattleya Alliance by Commercial Exhibitor

Section B

Best Cymbidium by Novice Exhibitor
Best Cymbidium by Intermediate Exhibitor
Best Cymbidium by Advanced Exhibitor
Best Cymbidium by Commercial Exhibitor

Section C

Best Oncidium Alliance by Novice Exhibitor
Best Oncidium Alliance by Intermediate Exhibitor
Best Oncidium Alliance by Advanced Exhibitor
Best Oncidium Alliance by Commercial Exhibitor

Section D

Best Paphiopedilum Alliance by Novice Exhibitor
Best Paphiopedilum Alliance by Intermediate Exhibitor
Best Paphiopedilum Alliance by Advanced Exhibitor
Best Paphiopedilum Alliance by Commercial Exhibitor

Section E

Best Vandaceous by Novice Exhibitor
Best Vandaceous by Intermediate Exhibitor
Best Vandaceous by Advanced Exhibitor
Best Vandaceous by Commercial Exhibitor

Section F

Best Pleurothallid Alliance by Novice Exhibitor
Best Pleurothallid Alliance by Intermediate Exhibitor
Best Pleurothallid Alliance by Advanced Exhibitor
Best Pleurothallid Alliance by Commercial Exhibitor

Section G

Best Dendrobium by Novice Exhibitor
Best Dendrobium by Intermediate Exhibitor
Best Dendrobium by Advanced Exhibitor
Best Dendrobium by Commercial Exhibitor

Section H

Best Plant of other Genus by Novice Exhibitor
Best Plant of other Genus by Intermediate Exhibitor
Best Plant of other Genus by Advanced Exhibitor
Best Plant of other Genus by Commercial Exhibitor

Section J

Best Plant Shown for Foliage by Novice Exhibitor
Best Plant Shown for Foliage by Intermediate Exhibitor
Best Plant Shown for Foliage by Advanced Exhibitor
Best Plant Shown for Foliage by Commercial Exhibitor