

THE SHEATH

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE PENINSULA ORCHID SOCIETY



Barkeria whartonian,
grown by Chaunie Langland

FRIDAY, MARCH 24

"ORCHID COLLECTIONS"

Gary Yong Gee will show us orchid collections from the Royal Botanic Gardens, Ecuagenera in Ecuador, and Kenntner's Nursery buried in snow in Germany, just to name a few!

MEMBER NEWS

Orchid Talk:

Gary Yong Gee [surname Yong Gee] is an Australian born Chinese, and lives in Brisbane, Australia. He began growing orchids around 40 years ago. These days, he maintains a large hobby greenhouse, cultivating Australian native, and exotic species. He has over 100,000 orchid photographs taken on travels to parts of Australia, New Guinea, Asia, Europe, Central and South America, South Africa, and Madagascar, at shows, and in situ. Gary is an orchid judge with the Australian Orchid Council. He is also a member of several Australian orchid societies, the American Orchid Society, and the Orchid Conservation Alliance.

Gary's main interest is species orchids. He has contributed an extensive monthly article to the Orchid Species Bulletin, published by the Orchid Species Society, for over 30 years. Gary has also written occasional articles for Orchids Australia, and the Australian Orchid Review; and given numerous talks to various orchid societies. He has a website, which is currently being upgraded, and shows some of his photographs at www.yonggee.name

In the March meeting, Gary will take us behind the scenes in his talk, sharing pictures from the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Wisley RHS Gardens, and the National Collection of Anguloa, Ida & Lycaste in the UK, the Eric Young Orchid Foundation in Jersey, the Singapore Botanic Gardens, Kabukiran Orchids in the Philippines, Orchid Zone in the USA, Ecuagenera in Ecuador, and Kenntner's Nursery buried in snow in Germany!

Birthdays:

Wishing a very happy birthday this month to Clarice Hampel, C. Todd Kennedy, Margery Mayer, Anna Margarita Quiroz, Roey Shaviv. Isis Trenchard, and Carol Zoltowski!



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

DAN WILLIAMSON

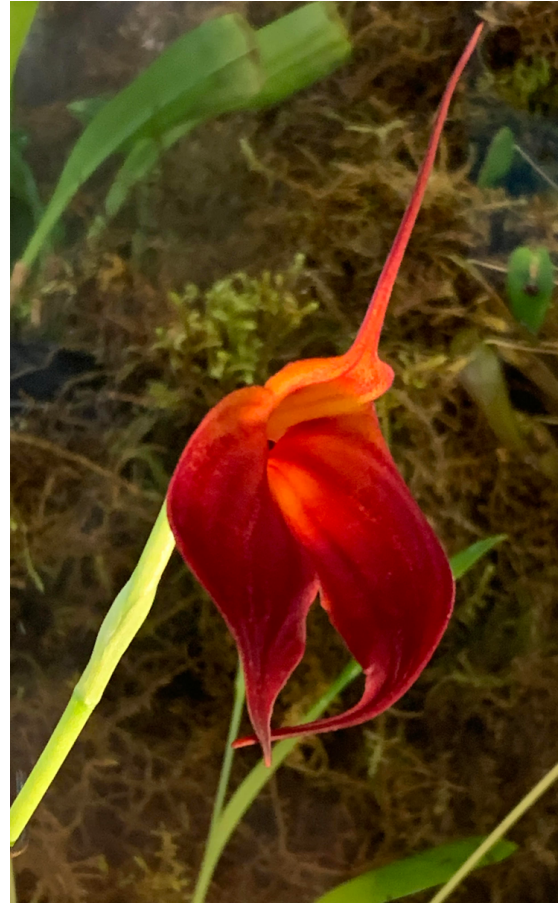
Hello Fellow Orchid Enthusiasts!

I hope you have weathered the recent storms without incident. Most of my plants are in the garage under lights and barely noticed the rain and winds raging outside. As the storms subside it may be time to think about moving plants back outside for a little wind and sun. If you do remember that the sun can easily burn plants, especially those that have been under the more gentle conditions inside the house.

Did you manage to make it to the San Francisco Orchid Society's Pacific Orchid Exposition? I found time on a rainy Sunday to go and enjoyed the beautiful exhibits including the massive Wardian case full of *Draculas* and *Masdevallias*. Where I got a couple of dramatically lit photos. One of the great privileges many of us have growing orchids in the Bay Area is that *Masdevallias* do well in many areas.

Your orchid society has some events coming up. Our speaker this month, Gary Yong Gee, will talk to us about different orchid collections around the world. As always there is monthly judging at Filoli on Saturday, March 18th and April 15th, and an open house at the San Mateo Garden center on April 30th where you can come learn about the other societies that share the Garden Center with us. It's always fun to come and talk orchids and plants with other enthusiasts.

This month we have a collection of plants from Cal-Orchid on offer as opportunity table plants.



UPCOMING EVENTS

March 24 - Peninsula Orchid Society Meeting

At the San Mateo Garden Center, 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo, CA 94403, starting at 7 pm. Our speaker this month is Gary Yong Gee and the opportunity table will be provided by Cal-Orchids.

April 1 - Gold Coast Cymbidium Society Show & Sale

At the Redwood City Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Avenue, Redwood City, CA. Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm.

Admission is \$5, 16 and under are free.

More information can be found in the flyer below and Gold Coast website here:

<http://goldcoastcymbidiumsociety.org/orchid-show-sale.html>

April 1 to 2 - Sonoma County Orchid Society Show & Sale

At 1351 Maple Ave, Santa Rosa, CA. Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm and Sunday from 10 am to 4 pm. Admission is \$10, 12 and under are free.

Orchid talks:

11:00 am (4/1 and 4/2) - How to Grow & Bloom your Orchid

1:00 pm (4/1 and 4/2) - Growing & Repotting Cymbidiums. Hardy outdoor orchids for beginners and experts.

2:00 pm (4/1) - Growing orchids outdoors in the Bay Area.

2023 Board of Directors

President - Dan Williamson

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Director at Large - Mary Bui-Pham

Director at Large - Mitch Schneider

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 - Gary Yong Gee

8:00 PM - Announcements

8:10 PM - Show and Tell

No skill session this meeting!

Opportunity Table - Cal Orchid

Reminder

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 15 - AOS Pacific Central Judging Center Judging at Filoli

Meets the third Saturday of each month, at 86 Cañada Road Woodside, CA 94062.

Plant entry at 9:00 AM and judging at 9:30 AM

April 30 - Plant Sale and Craft Fair

Join the San Mateo Garden Center for this FREE community event, located at the corner of Alameda de las Pulgas and Parkside Way (near Beresford Park and 28th Avenue in San Mateo).

There will be live music performed by students from Aragon and Hillsdale High School, scavenger hunts and a gardening table for kids. For more information, visit:

<https://www.sanmateogardencenter.org/upcoming-events/plant-sale-craft-fair>



Aerangis fastuosa, grown by Yufei Cheng

UPCOMING EVENTS

Cymbidium Orchid Show & Sale *Saturday April 1, 2023 10 am – 4 pm*



Cym. Lady Sarah 'Bridal Veil'

BEAUTIFUL ORCHID DISPLAYS

Buy Seedlings to Blooming Orchids

A RIBBON JUDGED SHOW

Free Parking

\$5 ADMISSION (Under 16 yrs free)



Cym. Solana Rose 'Charm'

Community Activities Building
1400 Roosevelt Ave, Redwood City, CA

Presented by: www.GoldCoastCymbidiumSociety.org



*Gold Coast
Cymbidium Society*

SONOMA COUNTY ORCHID SOCIETY *Proudly Presents Our Annual Show & Sale* **ORCHIDS FOR EVERYONE**

Veteran's Building
1351 Maple Ave
Santa Rosa, CA

April 1 & 2, 2023

Saturday 10am - 5pm

Sunday 10am - 4pm

FREE PARKING!

Admission \$10

Door Prizes & Raffle

UPCOMING EVENTS

Spring Delight

PLANT SALE & CRAFT FAIR

OPEN HOUSE AND GARDEN SHOP ANNUAL SALE

PLANT SALES 🌱 SHOPPING 🌱 RAFFLES 🌱 KIDS GARDENING TABLE

SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2023
10 AM - 3 PM

SAN MATEO GARDEN CENTER

PLANT SALES

- Orchids
- Succulents
- Bromeliads
- House plants
while supplies last

SOCIAL CLUBS

- San Mateo Rose Society
- Floral Artists of the Bay Area
- Garden Study Club
- Peninsula Quilters
- and more!

**FREE
COMMUNITY
EVENT**



San Mateo Garden Center, 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo, CA 94403

SanMateoGardenCenter.org

• info@sanmateogardencenter.com

If you have not renewed your membership for 2023, please 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 _____

FEBRUARY SHOW AND TELL



Coelogyne Jannine Banks 'Snow White' HCC/AOS, grown by Viktoriia Kolotovska



Clockwise from top: Monnierara Millennium Magic 'Witchcraft' FCC/AOS (Viktoriiia Kolotovska), Ludochilus Dominyi (Viktoriiia Kolotovska), and Phragmipedium Giganteum (Helena Wee)



Clockwise from top left: *Microterangis* sp. (Zach Coney), *Brassovola digbyana* 'Mrs. Chase' (Kathy Barrett), *Masdevallia* Ziegler's Love 'Jung Hee' (Leena Wang), and *Paphiopedilum spicerianum* x *Paphiopedilum* Stone Lovely (Kathy Barrett)



Clockwise from top left: *Cattleya intermedia* (Kathy Barrett), *Cattleya Kiritsubo* (Kathy Barrett), *Pterostylis curta* 'Keun Hee' (Leena Wang), and *Catasetum saccatum* (Leena Wang)