

THE SHEATH

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE PENINSULA ORCHID SOCIETY



Oncidium cheirophorum,
grown by Mitch Schneider

FRIDAY, APRIL 28

**"A COUNTRY OF GARDENERS,
PERFECTIONISTS, AND TRADITION"**

Carol Helen Beule will speak with us about Japanese orchid culture, focusing specifically on *Vanda (Neofinetia) falcata*.

MEMBER NEWS

Orchid Talk:

Carol Beule is an EMMY award winning Costume Designer with a Master of Fine Arts in both Costume and Lighting Design from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. She was a professional Costume Designer from 1974 until her retirement in July of 2017, and has designed for Film, Commercials, Theatre productions and TV shows. She lived in NYC for the first 15 years of her career.

Growing orchids in NYC was not considered possible, so she has grown orchids only since moving to Southern California in 1992. Growing outside with no greenhouse in Studio City at the edge of the San Fernando Valley was sometimes problematic. With temperatures ranging from 28 to 118 Fahrenheit, and humidity as low as 7%, it was usually a challenge. It has been her quest to find what will and will not bloom and prosper under these circumstances. Now however, she has 2 very small greenhouses to help.

In her search to find the perfect plant for her growing area, Carol discovered the Japanese orchid called *Neofinetia (Vanda) falcata* and various other species that thrive outside in Southern California, depending on the growing medium used. Carol grows various forms of *Sarcochilus*, *Paphiopedilum*, *Phalaenopsis*, *Cattleya*, *Laelia*, *Dendrobium*, *Lycaste*, *Zygopetalum* and Asian *Cymbidiums*.

Carol is a Fully Accredited American Orchid Society Judge, the 1st VP of the Orchid Society of Southern California, and is on the committee that creates the Society's display for the Huntington's annual October Orchid Show. When she retired, she started making ceramic pots for the Japanese/Korean/Chinese orchid called the *Neofinetia (Vanda) falcata*, Asian *Cymbidiums* and other small plants.

Carol normally brings any of her blooming *Neofinetia* or their hybrids along for members to view and smell when she speaks, along with several *Vanda falcata* pots. For Zoom meetings, she will have some plants & pots near her desk to show participants.

This month, Carol will speak to us about *Vanda falcata* and orchids in Japanese culture.

MEMBER NEWS



Presentation by:
Carol Helen Beule

A Country
of
Gardeners,
Perfectionists
& Tradition.

The essence of Japan & Fuukiran (*Vanda falcata*) ie: *Neofinetia*

Birthdays:

Wishing a very happy birthday this month to Amanda Burgoon, Nancy Chang, Greg Corrales, Don Creevy, Lynne Gentry, Mike Green, Sharifa Jan-Silva, Carl Jukkola, Mark Khoo, Japheth Ko, Eric Langland, Elizabeth Lee, Mitch Schneider, and Katy 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.

Orchids for Sale:

Sylvia will have a collection of 20 *Laelias*, *Cattleyas* and *Brassolaeliocattleyas* (Blc) from the Andy Cameron Estate for sale during our April monthly meeting. Please contact Sylvia Darr if you have any questions (syldarr@gmail.com).

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

DAN WILLIAMSON

As I write this I'm with my daughter outside of Joshua Tree National Park. We came down here to maybe see the desert in bloom after all of the rain that California has endured the past three months. The drive down was indeed pretty with fields of yellow, orange and purple flowers along with verdant green all the way until we crested the mountains east of Bakersfield. The Joshua Trees are in bloom and I'm looking forward to seeing what the park has to offer. But there are many fields of flowers closer to home in the Bay Area. I have heard that the Russian Ridge open space, Mt Tamalpais and Coyote Hills near Fremont are showing lots of flowers now. A drive down 280 or better yet Canada road will make viewing the wildflowers from your car possible. Last year we took a walk from the Rock Springs parking lot on Mt Tamalpais down a trail along a stream to find many *Calypso bulbosa* orchids in bloom. The beauty of flowers, orchid or otherwise, is all around us for us to enjoy. I hope to see many of your domesticated wild flowers at our next meeting on April 28th. Our speaker will be Carol Beule who will talk to us about growing Vanda (*Neofinetia*) *falcata*. I love these plants but I have a terrible tendency to kill them after a year or two. Hopefully she can get me straightened out on how to successfully grow these beautiful and fragrant flowers.



Cattleya coccinea (Anna Chai)

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 26 - Peninsula Orchid Society Meeting

Starting at 7 pm in the San Mateo Garden Center. Our speaker is Carol Helen Beule on Neofinetia and Japanese orchid culture and opportunity table plants will be from Cal Orchid. Sylvia Darr will also bring plants to sell.

April 29-30 - Sacramento Orchid Society 74th Annual Show and Sale

Admission: \$7 presale, \$10 at the door, children under 12 are free. At Wyndham Hotel, 5321 Date Avenue, Sacramento, CA. 95841. Plants will be sold by: Gold Country Orchids, Paph Paradise, Cal-Orchids, Barsch's Tropicals, Orchid and Gardens, D&D Flowers, Sacramento Cymbidium Society, and more! For more information, please visit: <https://www.sacramentoorchids.org/2023-orchid-show>

April 30 - Plant Sale and Craft Fair

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, please visit:

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

May 12-13 and 15 - Gold Country Orchids and Paph Paradise Open House

At 390 Big Ben Road, Lincoln, CA. Bring the flyer below for a free plant with a \$25 purchase!

2023 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 - Carol Beule

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

Orchids Big and Small **Sacramento Orchid Society's** **74th Annual Show and Sale**

Wyndham Hotel
5321 Date Ave.
Sacramento, CA. 95841

April 29-30, 2023

10-5 Saturday

10-4 Sunday

Admission

\$7 presale

\$10 at the door

Children under 12 free

Orchid Vendors

Demonstrations

Gardens

Seminars

Door Prizes

For more information:

Call (916)489-3263 or visit us

At WWW.SACRAMENTOORCHIDS.ORG

Or on FACEBOOK



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

UPCOMING EVENTS



GOLD COUNTRY ORCHIDS & PAPH PARADISE SPRING OPEN HOUSE

GOLD COUNTRY:

**Bring this flyer for a free plant with any \$25 purchase, or 25% off any purchase over \$150
FREE PLANT FOR MOTHERS ON SUNDAY!**

MAY 12 & 13 9:00-4:00

MAY 14 10:00-3:00

**390 BIG BEN ROAD
LINCOLN, CA**

MAKE A DAY OF IT!

**VISIT OUR LOCAL WINERIES,
RESTAURANTS AND MICROBREWERIES**

WE RECOMMEND:

**DUELING DOGS BREWERY
CIOTTI WINERY**

PAPH PARADISE: NEW RELEASE SALE
Plenty of new species and hybrids!
Our inventory and selection continues to expand!

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 _____

MARCH SHOW AND TELL



Clockwise from top left: *Oncidium Sharry Baby* 'Sweet Fragrance' AM/AOS (Roey Shaviv), *Sophrolaeliocattleya Golden Treat* 'SVO' x *Laeliocattleya Trick or Treat* 'Orange Magic' AM/AOS (Tom Waugh), *Coelogyne fimbriata* (Roey Shaviv), and *Maxillaria paranaensis* (Viktoriiia Kolotovska)



Clockwise from top left: *Cattlianthe Faikon Ball* (Carol West), *Brassosteles Tarantula 'Sweet Orange'* (Carol West), and *Coelogyne tommii* (Roey Shaviv)