

THE SHEATH

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE PENINSULA ORCHID SOCIETY

FRIDAY, JUNE 23



Laelia jongheana alba 'Egret'
grown by Anthony Rivera

"FAVORITE FRAGRANT ORCHIDS"

Peter Lin will be presenting his talk on: Favorite Fragrant Orchids. This presentation will show you some of his favorite orchids with truly fragrant flowers, and how to grow them.

MEMBER NEWS

Orchid Talk:

Peter started growing orchids over 30 years ago, but then stopped due to school and starting a career. It wasn't until about 14 years ago that the orchid "bug" came back and he is now heavily involved once again. He is an accredited judge with the American Orchid Society and a hybridizer of mini-catts. He enjoys meeting with other orchid enthusiasts, and can often be found at various orchid shows and societies around the country. He also has hundreds of photos of his orchids that he maintains on Flickr. You can view them here: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/minicatt/collections/>

Due to limited growing space, Peter likes to specialize in miniature orchids, both species and hybrids, and has received numerous AOS awards. His other interests in orchids include Dendrobiums, Angraecoids, and Neofinetias. He maintains a collection of a thousand or more orchids at his home in Southern California in 3 small greenhouses, as well as an offsite greenhouse.

Peter Lin will be presenting his talk on: Favorite Fragrant Orchids. Along with the beauty of the flowers, many orchids have an alluring fragrance that is hard to beat in the plant world. This fast paced PowerPoint presentation will show you some of his favorite orchids with truly fragrant flowers, and how to grow them. Peter will also be providing this month's opportunity table, so buy your tickets!

Birthdays:

Wishing a very happy birthday this month to Anne Abramson, Rene Biggs, Ko-Chain Chang, Cynthia Chaplin, Ginger Creevy, Smaragda (Emma) Denton, Mike Drilling, Olga Ostrovsky, Ron Parsons, Lars Rosengreen, Paul Satara Bever, and Paul Simon!



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

The other week my daughter and I went to tour the grounds and house at Filoli. My daughter is developing a sharp eye for unusual plants in the woods and spotted the orchid on the right next to a bench in one of the gardens. It is *Corallorhiza maculata*, Spotted Coral Root. It grows completely underground, gaining nutrients in concert with mycorrhizal fungi until it is ready to flower. This was the first time I had ever seen one and they were all over the grounds of Filoli in the shady areas. Those of you at the meeting last month got to see Leo Kusper's *Cypripedium parviflorum*, another native orchid from most of the US except California, Oregon, and Nevada. But the best, and most unexpected, part was its rose like fragrance. For most of us, growing native orchids is something that we can't do since their required conditions include specialized fungal symbiotes.

The Peninsula Orchid Society is intended to serve the needs of its members to enjoy orchids, learn about orchids, and to help grow the best plants we can. To that end we need to know what you want from the society. Are you interested in more programs on how to grow your plants? Or would more programs on the wider world of orchids, including things that won't do well in most conditions in the Bay Area. Let me know how the society can help you grow plants and learn about the incredibly diverse world of orchids.



UPCOMING EVENTS

June 23 - Peninsula Orchid Society Meeting

At the San Mateo Garden Center, 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo, CA 94403, starting at 7 pm. Doors and Zoom open at 6:30 pm. Our speaker this month is Peter T. Lin of Diamond Orchids, who will also be providing opportunity table plants.

July 29-30 - Orchids in the Park

Located at the Hall of Flowers in Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, CA. Buy tickets here: <https://ti.to/san-francisco-orchid-society/orchids-in-the-park-2023>



Phalaenopsis Jiaho's Pink Girl (Leena Wang)

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 - Peter T. Lin

8:00 PM - Announcements

8:10 PM - Show and Tell

No skill session this meeting!

Opportunity Table - Diamond Orchids

Reminder

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

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

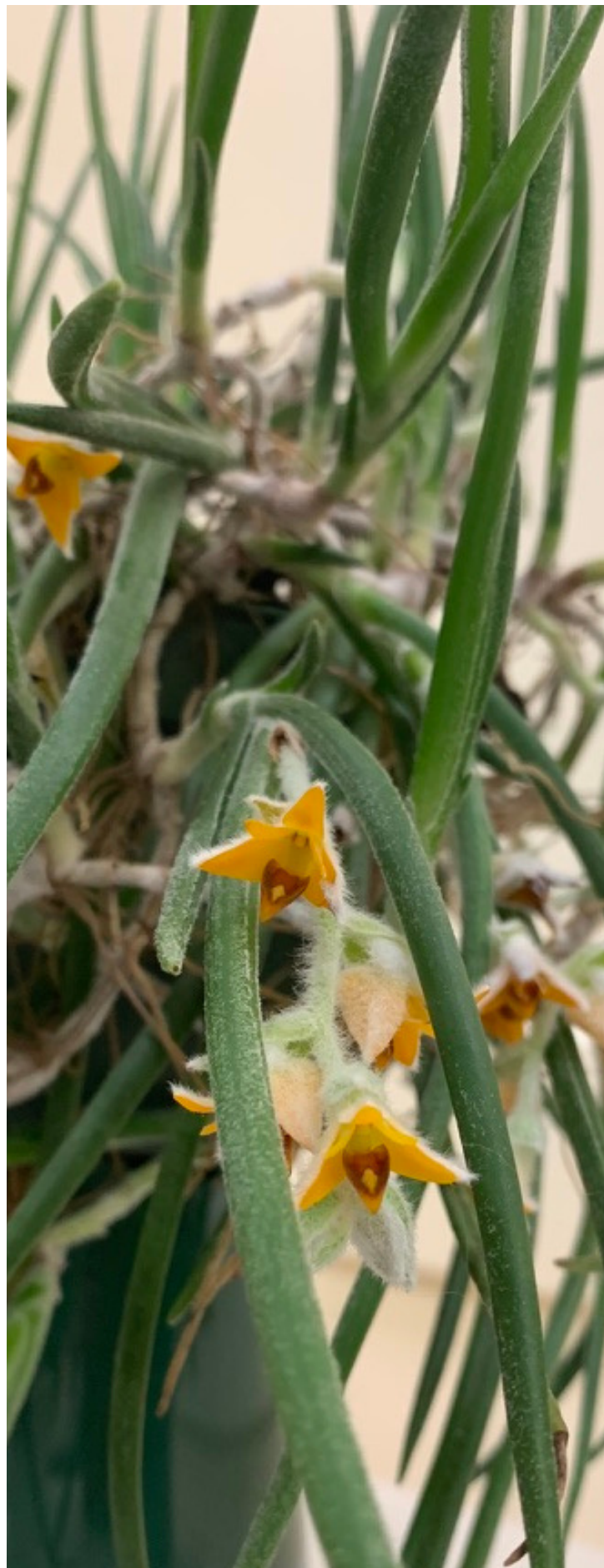
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MAY SHOW AND TELL



Clockwise from top left: *Cattleya Canhamiana* 'JG' AM/AOS (Chaunie Langland), *Masdevallia Bella Donna* 'Cow Hollow' HCC/AOS (Anna Hai), *Disa uniflora* (Anna Chai), and *Sarcocilus Kulnura* Treasure (Ken Jacobsen)



Clockwise from top left: *Cypripedium pubescens* (Leo Kusber), *Strongylaria pannea* (Chaunie Langland), and *Promenaea silvana* 'Zorro' CCM/AOS (Chaunie Langland)



Clockwise from top left: *Bulbophyllum arfakianum* Green (Leena Wang), *Phalaenopsis Mini Mark* (Chaunie Langland), *Rhycattleanthe Olympus Sunset FCA* (Chaunie Langland), and *Psychopsis Mendenhall 'Hildos'* FCC/AOS (Dan Williamson)