

THE SHEATH

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE PENINSULA ORCHID SOCIETY

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22



**Aeranthus Jean Bosser,
grown by Chaunie Langland**

"PEST CONTROL IN ORCHIDS"

Bill Weaver will speak to us about different methods of pest control when growing orchids.

MEMBER NEWS

Orchid Talk:

Bill Weaver will speak to us on "Pest Control in Orchids." He was a plant geek starting at an early age, dumpster diving at the local nursery looking for cuttings and plants that he could rescue. When he went away to college, he took along his terrariums of carnivorous plants. That was where he "met" his first orchid. It was an un-named white Cymbidium purchased at a drive-in theater flea market. This led to an ever-growing collection of orchids under lights in his little Palo Alto apartment.

Moving to Sunnyvale, once he filled up his back yard, he started renting space in HalfMoon Bay. Over 10 years now, he has expanded to over 8,000 square feet there. After 37 years as a Customer Engineer at Hewlett Packard, Bill has retired and makes his 'orchid money' helping other growers with their greenhouses and repotting. He grows mostly Cymbidiums, Laelias, and other cool growing orchids. Over the years Bill's plants have been awarded HCC, AM and one FCC from the American Orchid Society as well as several CCM and CCE awards for his giant specimen plants. He also has a lovely orange Cymbidium named for him.

Birthdays:

Wishing a very happy birthday this month to Sandra Charles, Mary Gerritsen, Amy Jacobsen, Mary Jensen, Dennis Olivas, Walt Roseberry, and Yang Zhao!

Orchiata Bark:

New Earth Orchids is selling Orchiata Bark again. Orders are due by October 15 and delivery will be November 1. This will be their last bark order the year until the next order for March. All sizes are available, Precision through Super. These are the 35 liter bags - each bag is \$40/bag+tax so \$43.75 total. Members can order by contacting Mitch via text (216)-269-1597 or by email, at mitchell.e.schneider@gmail.com. Societies may also put in an order as a collective unit.

Show and Tell:

If you plan to attend via Zoom and want to share pictures of your orchids at the meeting, please send photos to Dan Williamson (dwillmsn-home@yahoo.com) and be prepared to share. You may also prepare a slide presentation or stage a display, photograph it and talk about your various plants.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

DAN WILLIAMSON

This month our opportunity table is from Andy's Orchids. Which means there's going to be a lot of plants that will be new to a lot of us. When you get a plant that is new to you where can you turn to for advice on keeping it alive and blooming it? There are a lot of knowledgeable growers in the society and they are a great source for advice, that is specific to our area. A lot of people turn first to the internet for advice from the wide world. There are a couple of great places to turn to for reliable advice. The first one I always point people to is the Internet Orchid Species Photo Encyclopedia, IOSPE. There one can find photos of most orchid species flowers and some guidelines for native environment, light, temperature and some general cultural notes. Next there is the AOS website, Facebook groups, and googling the name of the plant and culture. Turning all that advice into something you can use, can be tricky. In this case contacting Andy's Orchids themselves and asking for advice might also be a good route to success, their website usually has good suggestions for cultural notes for the plants they sell.

Most of us that don't have greenhouses and very specialized growing areas will need something simple that we can do to provide our plants with the conditions they need. I have shelves with lights, that can basically provide three levels of light: low, medium and high. The shelves are also different heights so that I have someplace to put larger and smaller plants. I can't really do much about temperature, but I generally go with the rule of thumb, that if you are comfortable, your plants are too. I try to keep the humidity up around them, by watering sufficiently and putting plastic up on three sides of the shelves to keep humidity near the plants, and off my walls. That's all for this month, I hope you have many blooms and spikes developing.

Opportunity table plants:

Neofinetia falcata Furun, *Stelis hirtzii*, *Epigeneium chapaense*, *Dendrobium unicum*, *Sedira japonica* Minmaru, *Masdevallia melanoxantha*, *Maxillaria variabilis*, *Dendrobium rekonense* (in bud!), *Haraella odorata* (in bud!), *Eria obesa* (in flower!), *Scaphyglottis amethystium*, *Maxillaria arachnites* (in bud!), *Maxillaria lindleyana*, *Pleurothallis phalangifera*, and *Cyrtochilum falcipetalum*.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 15 - Gold Coast Cymbidium Society Meeting

At the San Mateo Garden Center at 7:30 PM (doors opening at 7 PM) where Ken Jacobsen will be talking about the taxonomic history, forms, and culture of *Laelia anceps*.

September 16 - AOS Pacific Central Judging

AOS Judging is at Filoli, meeting the third Saturday of each month at 86 Cañada Road Woodside, CA 94062.

Plant entry: 9:00 AM and Judging: 9:30 AM. For more information, please visit:
<http://paccentraljc.org/>

September 22 - Peninsula Orchid Society

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 will be Mary Gerritsen, who will be presenting "Orchids of the Rio Negro". She will also provide our opportunity table plants.

November 10-11 - Fall Orchid Market

Hosted by the Carmel Orchid Society, the Fall Orchid Market takes place at Breezeway-Church of the Monterey Peninsula, 4590 Carmel Valley Rd, Carmel CA, from 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM both days. Admission is free! For more information, visit:
<http://www.carmelorchidsociety.org/events/>

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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 - Bill Weaver

8:00 PM - Announcements

8:10 PM - Show and Tell

No skill session this meeting!

Opportunity Table - Andy's 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 _____
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_____ ZipCode _____

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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) _____
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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 _____
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AUGUST SHOW AND TELL

Special thank you to Viktoriia for taking photos of the show-and-tell plants last month!



Clockwise from top left: *Bratonia* Dark Star 'Death Vader' (Helena Wee), *Sophrolaeliocattleya* Valleza x *Laelia* Biegeri (Helena Wee), *Cattleya* Senhora Diana Leitao 'Classic' (Dan Williamson), and *Laelia* Latona x *Brassovola cuculata* (Bill Weaver).



Clockwise from top left: *Vanda falcata* 'Fugaku' (Anna Chai), *Vanda falcata* 'Manjushage' (Tom Waugh), *Paphiopedilum phillippinense* Dragon Bronze x Dragon Knife 'Sting' (Leo Kusber), and *Dendrobium chrysotoxum* (Dan Williamson).