



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27

THE SHEATH

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE
PENINSULA ORCHID SOCIETY

Platysele beatricis,
grown by Chaunie Langland

"FLASKING AT HOME"

DJ Gueverra will speak to us
about flasking orchids at home.

MEMBER NEWS

Orchid Talk:

DJ was exposed to orchids since he was a child and has been growing a small collection of Cattleya species for about 10+ years now, but only started growing them seriously for the passed couple years. Just like many others, he jumped in feet first, buying orchids left and right, and researching about them after their health started declining. Once he was able to have them grow consistently, he started researching about growing his own orchids from seeds. Tony and Chris from Let's Talk Plants at The Tiny Jungle have taken DJ in and have given him free reign in their greenhouse to make any selfings or crosses they/he want so that he may be able to work on flasking.

This meeting, DJ will be talking about how to flask at home, with and without lab grade equipment. Starting with deciding if it's green or dry pod sowing, processing the flasking medium, basic equipment, sowing the orchid seed, and the steps thereafter.

Birthdays:

Wishing a very happy birthday this month to James Baxter, Holly Mau, George Spangler, Helena Wee, and Daniel Williamson!

Show and Tell:

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

If you would like your pictures to be in the next month's newsletter, send them to Leena (penorchidsoc@yahoo.com). Include the name and clear pictures. Please send photos by the end of the second Friday of the month.

Society Board Positions:

We are looking for members who are interested in being part of the board next year. There are several positions open, including recording secretary, corresponding secretary, and member at large. If you are interested in being a part of the society board, please contact Dan Williamson (dwillmsn-home@yahoo.com).

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

DAN WILLIAMSON

At the October meeting, the board nominating committee puts forward the slate of board members for the next year. We are always looking for people to serve on the board. The society runs on the effort and dedication of its volunteers. Being on the board is an excellent opportunity to participate in the society, meet people, and influence the society's direction.

We want to encourage all members to serve on the board at some point, the Member at Large seats are great ways to learn what goes on at board meetings. Meetings are monthly on the 2nd Tuesday at 5:30pm, online and last about 45 minutes. You don't have to be on the board to attend. A lot of societies rely on a core of volunteers to years to run the society. This is good and bad. Good in that institutional knowledge is retained and relationships built up that serve the society well. Bad in that all of the work of running the society rests on a few shoulders, and that knowledge is limited to a small group of people. Ideally everyone would participate in running the society.

I also understand that schedules are tight and time is limited. We also want people to feel welcome to attend meetings, visit shows and sales or simply read the newsletter and enjoy the pictures of orchids. I look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting on Friday, October 27th and the sale the next day.

Happy growing!



Left to right: Stanhopea Midnight Ramble 'Aaron' FCC/AOS and
Stanhopea occulata (grown by Dan Williamson)

MONSTER ORCHID SALE

VENDORS:

- D&D Flowers
- Golden Gate Orchids
- Hanging Gardens
- Ken Jacobsen
- New Earth Orchids
- Pierre Pujol
- Member Sales

Saturday, October 28

10 AM to 4 PM

Free Admission

San Mateo Garden Center

605 Parkside Way

San Mateo, CA



Hosted by the Peninsula Orchid Society

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 20-22 - 7th Annual Huntington International Orchid Show

Friday to Sunday from 10 am - 5 pm. At the Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens. At 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA 91108

October 27 - 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 DJ Gueverra, who will be presenting "Flasking at Home". Opportunity table plants will be from Tiny Jungle.

October 28 - Monster Orchid Sale

Orchid sale hosted by the Peninsula Orchid Society, at the San Mateo Garden Center, 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo, CA 94403, from 10 AM to 4 PM.

Vendors include: D&D Flowers, Ken Jacobsen, Golden Gate Orchids, and more!

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/>

2023 Board of Directors

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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 - DJ Gueverra

8:00 PM - Announcements

8:10 PM - Show and Tell

Opportunity Table - Tiny Jungle

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

Date paid _____ Check No. and amount _____
Receipt No. _____ Cash Amount _____

SEPTEMBER SHOW AND TELL



Clockwise from top left: Stanhopea Love Potion 'Woodside' (Pierre Pujol), *Stanhopea tigrina nigroviolacea* var. *albescens* (Pierre Pujol), *Phragmipedium lindleyanum* x Grande 'Grace' 4N (Helena Wee), and Brassolaeliocattleya Haw Yuan Moon 'SVO' x Sophrolaeliocattleya Fire Fantasy 'H&R' (Helena Wee).



Clockwise from top left: *Neobenthamia gracilis* (Helena Wee), *Cymbidium* Golden Valley 'Cinnabar' AM/AOS (Weegie Caughlan), *Cleisocentron gokusingii* (Chaunie Langland), and *Cattleya* Shelly Huynh (Chaunie Langland)



Clockwise from top left: *Phalaenopsis equestris* v. *coerulea* (Chaunie Langland),
Phalaenopsis hieroglyphica (Chaunie Langland), *Cattleya harrisoniana* Rosada Clara (DJ
Gueverra), and *Zygopetalum* hybrid (Susan Gutierrez)



Clockwise from top left: *Dendrobium victoria-reginae* (Paul Asente), *Epidendrum* Michael Riley (Catherine Obillo), *Schromburgkia undulata* (Catherine Obillo), *Cattleya Venosa* 'Breanna Melianani' (Dennis Olivas), and *Cattleya Venosa* 'Rena Nicole' (Dennis Olivas)



Top left: Cymbidium Jack Halpern 'Jean's Treasure' (Weegie Caughlan)

The orchids in the photos to the right are grown by Becky Owens! Becky also shared more information about them:

I bought my first Paphiopedilum from Las Selvas a few months ago at a plant party sponsored by NEAT (Norcal Exotic Aroids and Tropicals) at the flea market. It's absolutely beautiful: both flower and foliage. This one is a cross between Spring Wolf 'World Cup' and Hilo Super 'Green Forest.'

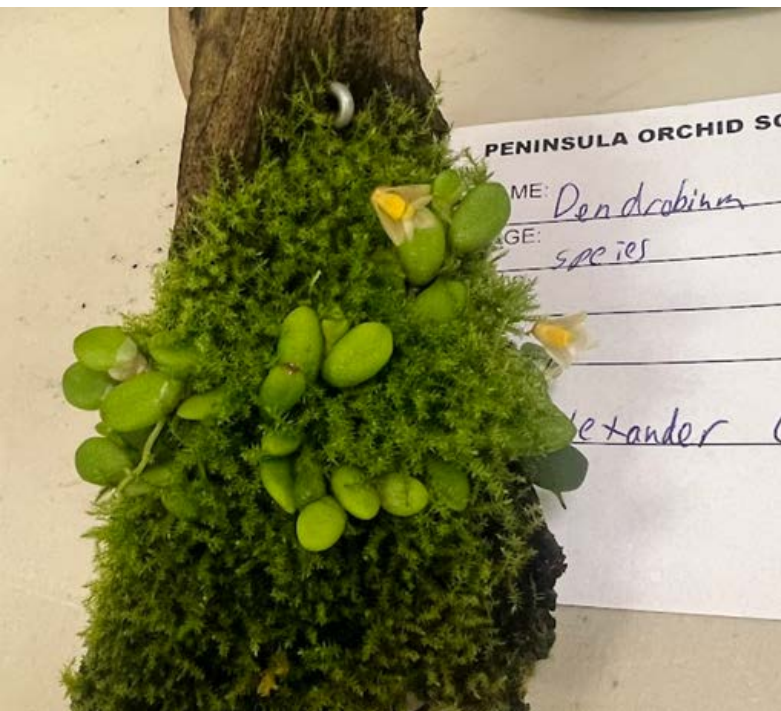
I also impulsively rescued a Phal at Lowe's for seven dollars. It's already blooming for me and I've decided to enjoy it even though the foliage and flowers still have a ways to go. At least the new leaf that grew in my care over the summer is looking healthy and plump.



Finally, a BIG thank you to Viktoriia Kolotovska for sharing pictures of the show and tell table at the September meeting!



Clockwise from top left: *Cattleya maxima* 'Mando' AM/AOS (Amy and Ken Jacobsen), *Cattleya bicalhoi* 'Memoria Jackson Perdue' HCC/AOS (Chaunie Langland), *Laeliocattleya* Miss Wonderful 'Imperialus' (Tom Waugh), and *Cattleya maxima* 'Regatta' rubra (Amy and Ken Jacobsen)



Clockwise from top left: *Chaubardia heteroclita* (Chaunie Langland), *Cymbidium dayanum* 'Cinnabar' (Tom Waugh), *Lycomormium squalidum* (Amy and Ken Jacobsen), and *Dendrobium lichenastrum* (Alexander Cain)