

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24

THE SHEATH

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE
PENINSULA ORCHID SOCIETY

"AUSTRALIAN SARCOCHILUS AND DENDROBIUM"

Gerry Walsh will speak about the culture of Australian *Sarcochilus* and *Dendrobium* species, with plenty of photos of these orchids in situ.

Spiranthes odorata
grown by Leena Wang

MEMBER NEWS

Orchid Talk:

Gerry Walsh will be speaking to us about growing native Australian orchid species, particularly *Sarcochilus* and *Dendrobium* species.

"I've been growing Australian Native Orchid species since 1975. The most absorbing for me has always been *Dendrobium speciosum* in all its nine varieties. The variety I've concentrated on mostly has always been variety *grandiflorum*. *Grandiflorum* is known for very large, deep yellow blooms on racemes up to 2.5 feet long. They frequently have over a hundred blooms on board. I've travelled thousands of miles over my orchiding life to see them flowering in the wild mountains near the Tropic of Capricorn, in central Queensland. I suggest that if you Americans want to grow them to their very best, then you should be studying how they grow in the wilds of the Australian bush. That is what you're going to see in my talk coming to you soon. Looking forward to meeting you all."

- Gerry Walsh

Birthdays:

Wishing a very happy birthday this month to Mimi Campbell, Henry Chaplin, Sylvia Darr, Roma Dziembaj, Susan Gutierrez, Lolia Kwan, Chaunie Langland, Ben Merfalen, Tom Pickford, and Bill Weaver!

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 Wang (penorchidsoc@yahoo.com). Include the name and clear pictures. Please send photos by the end of the second Friday of the month.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

DAN WILLIAMSON

I want to say a big thank you to every one that helped make the Monster Orchid Sale on October 28th a success. First of all to Mark Khoo for leading and managing the sale from start to finish. He did a great job and I am very appreciative of all the hard work that he did. Second of all I'd like to thank Chaunie Langland for doing a great job with publicity for the sale to bring attention and customers into the sale. Without it we would not have had a successful sale. Third I want to thank Leena Wang for making the advertising posters and graphics that were used in promoting the sale. Next thank you goes to Steve Proshan for doing the accounting, handling the money, and manning the member sales check out all day. The job of the Treasurer is one of the most demanding in running an Orchid Society, and he deserves a lot of appreciation for all the hours he puts in. I also want to thank all of the volunteers that helped at the sale: Olga Ostrovsky, Mary Gerritsen, Audrey Young-Tarter, Bill Weaver, Susan Tong, Helena Wee, Clarice Hampel, Joseph Kautz, Sue Rose, Janusz Warszawski, Tom Waugh, Mike Drilling and more who's names we have missed. Thank you all very much! Finally to the vendors and members that brought such great plants to sell: Dennis Olivas, Dan Newman, Mitch Schneider, Ken Jacobsen, Pierre Pujol, and Tom Perlite. It was wonderful to see people we have not seen in a while and to talk to so many people about orchids.

Happy growing!



Left to right: *Comporetia speciosa* and *Phalaenopsis hieroglyphica*, grown by Chaunie Langland

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 17 - GCCS Meeting

Doors and Zoom open at 7:00 pm, meeting begins at 7:30 pm. Pierre Pujol will be speaking on "Cymbidium Culture: Basics and Latest Thoughts". At the San Mateo Garden Center, 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo 94403. For more information, visit:
<https://goldcoastcymbidiumsociety.org/>

November 18 - AOS Pacific Central Judging

Occurs every third Saturday of the month, at Filoli, 86 Cañada Road Woodside, CA 94062.

November 24 - POS Meeting

Gerry Walsh from Australia will be talking about the culture of Australian orchid species. Opportunity table plants will be provided by Peter T. Lin of Diamond Orchids. At the San Mateo Garden Center, 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo 94403.

December 15 - POS Meeting

We will be holding a joint meeting with GCCS. Alan Koch of Gold Country Orchids will speak to us on unusual Cattleya species. At the San Mateo Garden Center, 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo 94403.

February 1 to 4 - 2024 GCCS Annual Auction

Online auction hosted by the Gold Coast Cymbidium society! There will be past show winners, species, hybrids, feathered, peloric, and companion plants offered in the auction.

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 - Gerry Walsh

8:00 PM - Announcements

8:10 PM - Show and Tell

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

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

OCTOBER SHOW AND TELL



Clockwise from top left: *Cattleya perrinii* (Amy and Ken Jacobsen), *Phalaenopsis violacea* v. indigo (Chaunie Langland), *Dendrobium victoria-reginae* (Paul Asente), and *Laelia kettieana* (Amy and Ken Jacobsen)



Clockwise from top left: *Miltonia regnellii semi-alba* (Janett Hawley), *Gomesa radicans* (Chaunie Langland), *Paphiopedilum spicerianum* (Dan Williamson), and *Rhyncholaeliocattleya Hawaiian Passion x Cattleya Valentine 'Billy's Blue'* (Tom Waugh)



Clockwise from top left: *Cattleya Lana Coryell* (Tom Waugh), *Miltonia Honolulu Ruby* 'Linda' HCC/AOS (Janett Hawley), *Phalaenopsis Pylo's Sunshine* (Tom Waugh), and *Miltonia regnellii aurea* (Janett Hawley)