

# THE SHEATH

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE PENINSULA ORCHID SOCIETY

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Phragm. Millbrook 'Anna Chai' HCC/AOS,  
grown by Chaunie Langland



ORCHID-FUNGUS INTERACTIONS &  
NORTH AMERICAN ORCHIDS

# MEMBER NEWS

## **Orchid Talk:**

Our speaker this month is Melissa McCormick, presenting "Orchid-fungus Interactions and North American Orchids".

Dr. McCormick is an Ecologist at the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center, where she primarily studies the interactions of plants with their mycorrhizal fungi and the environment and how these interactions affect plant distribution and ecology.

## **Birthdays:**

Wishing a very happy birthday this month to Weegie Caughlan, Sandi Gaunt, Eric Levenson, Tom Mudge, Julita Pacimo, and Pierre Pujol!



## **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](mailto: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](mailto:penorchidsoc@yahoo.com)). Include the name and clear pictures. Please send photos by the end of the second Friday of the month.

## **Orchiata Bark:**

If you are interested in ordering Orchiata bark, Mitch Schneider of New Earth Orchids is organizing an order. The deadline to order bark is March 15. To save your bag of bark, a 50% deposit must now be paid online before the bark is ordered using the following link: <https://square.link/u/BCCCKUvF>

The price is \$40 per bag, so the deposit is \$20 per bag plus tax. Only orders submitted through the online link will be placed. The link is designed so that only one bag size can be picked at a time. If you order multiple sizes, you must place a separate order for each size.

For other methods of payment, Mitch can be contacted via email at [mitchell.e.schneider@gmail.com](mailto:mitchell.e.schneider@gmail.com)

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

DAN WILLIAMSON

As you know, we did not have a show in January this year. But fear not! We have rescheduled it for April and it will be held at the San Mateo garden center where we hold our meetings, in cooperation with the Gold Coast Cymbidium Society. We'll have all the usual events a show, a sale, judging, and demonstrations. So now is the time to begin planning on any divisions or plants you want to pass on to someone else. I know I will be reporting a couple of plants that are in active growth right now and dividing a bunch. Doing that now, so that they will have a chance to get established before the show and sale results in plants that are in better shape for their next owners.

Right after that, on May 4th is the San Mateo Garden Center's Open House where Mark and I will be talking to visitors about the wonders of orchids and how to keep them alive and re-blooming. As I've said before, it's always a treat to be able to talk to people about things that I am passionate about. I hope you get the opportunity to get out there and enjoy the local shows and catch up with friends.



Fredclarkeara After Dark 'Sunset Valley Orchids', grown by Leena Wang

# PAST PRESIDENT: CLAR HANCOCK

Happy Presidents Day! Recently, Chaunie received a message from Lissa, the great granddaughter of one of our past presidents, Clar Hancock. Lissa had been looking for Lc. Clar Hancock, a hybrid cross bred by Rod McLellan Company in 1967, to give to her grandmother for her 100th birthday.

Clar was the president of Peninsula Orchid Society in 1968 - as some of you may know, the Clar Hancock trophy has always been at our show! Ken Jacobsen turned out to have to cultivars and is working on sending them a piece.



Past Peninsula Orchid Society President, Clar Hancock

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## **February 23 - Peninsula Orchid Society Meeting**

Doors and Zoom will open at 6:30 PM at the San Mateo Garden Center, 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo 94403. Melissa McCormick will be speaking to us on orchid-fungus interactions and native NA orchids - opportunity table plants will be provided by Cal-Orchid.

## **March 8-10 - Santa Barbara International Orchid Show**

To buy tickets and for more information, visit <https://sborchidshow.com/>

## **March 22-24 - Santa Clara Valley Orchid Society Display and Sale**

The Santa Clara Valley Orchid Society Display and Sale is being held March 22 - 24, 2024 at the Westgate Mall, 1600 Saratoga Ave, San Jose, CA 95129. Judging on March 23 at 12:00 PM.

## **March 23-24 - Sonoma County Orchid Society Show and Sale**

At 1351 Maple Ave, Santa Rosa, CA. Talks and lots of orchids for sale! Admission: \$10 Adults, 12 & under free. For more information, visit: [www.sonomaorchids.com](http://www.sonomaorchids.com)

## **May 4 - San Mateo Garden Center Open House**

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM at the SMGC. For more information, see the flyer below and visit: <https://www.sanmateogardencenter.org/upcoming-events/plant-sale-craft-fair-322bn>

## **2024 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](mailto:penorchidsoc@yahoo.com)!

## **Meeting Agenda**

6:30 PM - Zoom/SMGC doors open

7:00 PM - Melissa McCormick

8:00 PM - Announcements

8:10 PM - Show and Tell

Opportunity Table - Cal-Orchid

## **Reminder**

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

# SANTA BARBARA INTERNATIONAL ORCHID SHOW



**2024**  
**MARCH 8-10**  
**9 AM - 5 PM**

## ORCHIDS

FLORAL GEMS  
OF NATURE



**EARL WARREN SHOWGROUNDS**  
**HWY 101 & LAS POSITAS**  
**SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA**

**\$20 GENERAL ADMISSION**  
**\$30 3-DAY PASS**  
**(CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER FREE WITH ADULT)**

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# Sonoma County Orchid Society

Proudly Presents Our Annual Show & Sale

## ENCHANTING ORCHIDS

2024

March 23-24

Saturday 10am-5pm

Sunday 10am-4pm

FREE PARKING

Admission \$10

Raffle & Door Prizes

Veteran's Bldg  
1351 Maple Ave.  
Santa Rosa, CA

## PLANT SALE & CRAFT FAIR

OPEN HOUSE & GARDEN SHOP ANNUAL SALE

SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024

10 AM - 3 PM

SAN MATEO GARDEN CENTER

- PLANT SALES ● SOCIAL CLUBS
- SHOPPING ● MOTHER'S DAY GIFTS
- RAFFLES ● KIDS GARDENING TABLE

FREE  
COMMUNITY  
EVENT

San Mateo Garden Center, 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo, CA 94403

[SanMateoGardenCenter.org](http://SanMateoGardenCenter.org)

[info@sanmateogardencenter.com](mailto:info@sanmateogardencenter.com)

# JANUARY SHOW AND TELL



Clockwise from top left: *Cymbidium* 'Woodside Park' (Anthony Rivera), *Masdevallia veitchiana* 'SOL' HCC/AOS (Anna Chai), *Rhyncattlianthe* Shinfong Little Sun (Paull Asente), and *Potinara* Mark's Valentine (Leena Wang)





Clockwise from top left: *Cymbidium sinense* (Amy and Ken Jacobsen), *Cattleya coccinea* (Anna Chai), Rhyncattleanthe Ruby Maker 'SVO' x Love-Love 'SVO Best' (Chaunie Langland), and *Dendrobium Summer Snow* (Bill Weaver)



Clockwise from top left: *Caulkeria First Blush* (Tom Waugh), *Aerangis Liliana Rossi* (Janett Hawley), *Arpophyllum gigantea* (Bill Weaver), and *Laelia anceps* var. *roeblingiana* 'Tamara' (Janett Hawley)