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NEWSLETTER OF THE  
PENINSULA ORCHID SOCIETY



APRIL 27-28

SHOWERS OF FLOWERS  
ORCHID SHOW AND SALE

# MEMBER NEWS

## **Birthdays:**

Wishing a very happy birthday this month to Amanda Burgoon, Nancy Chang, Greg Corrales, Don Creevy, Lynne Gentry, Mike Green, Carl Jukkola, Mark Khoo, Japheth Ko, Eric Langland, Elizabeth Lee, Mitchell Schneider, and Katy Waugh!



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

DAN WILLIAMSON

As you probably know, our annual show and sale is coming up at the end of the month, April 26 for set up and April 27-28 for the show and sale itself. There will be AOS, ribbon and trophy judging at the show and lots of interesting plants for sale.

When you are preparing plants for entry into the show, make sure they are ready for display. Make sure there are no pests, that the plants are free from fungus and virus and that they are at their most presentable. Clean off any dead leaves, old spikes, and remove any detritus and weeds in the pot. Flower spikes should be staked up so that the flowers are well presented and avoid using fancy clips, dark colored twist ties are best. Leaves can be cleaned with milk, orange juice or vinegar and a rag. This will remove dust, water spots and make the plant look its best. I advise putting your name on the pot on the bottom or back using masking or painters tape. The same should be done with plant you are bringing to sell, though cleaning the leaves isn't as important. Finally, if the plant wont stand up on its own, put it in a cache pot, clay pot or something else so that it wont fall over on the show table.

If you can, putting a photo of a flower on a stake in a pot for plants for sale really helps people know what they are getting.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the show!

# 2024 Peninsula Orchid Society/Gold Coast Cymbidium Society Show Rules

## Rules for Exhibitors

Please review the following carefully, all rules will be strictly enforced in the interest of this show and fairness to its participants.

Any person may enter orchid plants or orchid cut flowers in the show, subject to these rules. Exhibitors need not be POS (Peninsula Orchid Society) or GCCS (Gold Coast Cymbidium Society) members.

Perpetual trophies are awarded only to POS or GCCS members. Anyone may join POS or GCCS when they bring entries in if they wish.

Plants and flowers for exhibition at the show shall be delivered to the Rose Room at the San Mateo Garden Center, 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo, CA between 2:30PM and 6:30PM on Friday, April 26. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

The show concludes on Sunday at 4:00 PM and plants should be picked up between 4:00 PM and 4:30 PM.

Anyone interested in serving as a clerk for ribbon judging or as a ribbon judge should be present at 7:00 PM on Friday April 26<sup>th</sup>.

The show, including sales area, will be open to members and the public Saturday at 10:00 AM to 5 PM and Sunday 10 AM to 4 PM.

### AOS Judging

Specific forms, which are available at the entry table, must be completed and left with the show entry clerks.

This is an AOS sanctioned show, all plants exhibited are considered for AOS awards unless "No AOS" is written on the entry card or display. If you feel that the plant entered has not reached its full potential on this blooming and may want to have it judged later, you need "No AOS" on the entry card or on a separate card for it to remain eligible for future judging.

Plants not marked "No AOS" may not be judged later on the same inflorescence even though they have not been taken to the judging room. (Special rules for some Phalaenopsis that bloom sequentially on the same inflorescence.) Judges may not recognize a plant's quality until they begin the individual judging process. Do not count on the judges to spot your awardable entry on their walk through the show area.

If you feel your plant may be awardable, don't be shy, fill out an AOS entry form.

### Plant Entry

- Entry cards must be completed for all plants entered in the show. For Display Only plants (no ribbon judging) do not fill out the bottom detachable section of the entry card.
- Plants entered in ribbon and show trophy judging must have been owned by the Exhibitor for at least 6 months (this is not true for AOS judging - you can buy a plant right before judging).
- For ribbon judging, you do not need to know the name of the plant as long it is possible to determine which class it should be entered into.

- Plants must be free of disease and pests or they will be refused at the entry desk, or in the case of later discovery, placed in isolation.
- Plants incorrectly labeled or improperly entered may be disqualified from consideration for awards. (This is a separate issue from no label.)
- It is the responsibility of the owner to enter the plant in the correct division.
- If you have any doubt at all about which class your entry belongs in, please discuss it with the clerk at the entry desk. Judges may (but are not required to) move entries to the appropriate class.
- All plants and items exhibited must remain on display throughout the show. Removal cannot begin until 4:00 PM. Please talk with Chaunie Langland if this will cause a problem for you, we do value your entries.
- Plants may be entered for AOS judging without being entered in the show. You must enter your plant between 7:30 and 8:00 AM Saturday, April 27.
- The society members will provide security during the show. However, exhibitors assume all risk and liability for their property.

#### **Classification of Exhibitors by Skill Level**

- **Amateur:** An Exhibitor who does not sell orchids commercially or does not have significant sales outside of orchid show member sales.
- **Open:** Anyone may enter this classification. Commercial growers, hobby growers with sales exceeding \$2,000 per year outside of orchid show member sales, and AOS judges are required to enter under this classification.

Class lists are on the following pages.



## Schedule of Classes 2024

Sections are the main Alliances or groups of orchids, and are signified with a letter (A for Cattleya alliance, B for Cymbidium, etc.)

Classes are subdivisions within Sections, and are signified with a number, e.g., Class A1 for Cattleya species)

Levels of skill of Exhibitor: Amateur and Open. A different colored entry card is used for each category. (Please see show rules to determine your level.)

Plants may be entered in only one class in sections A through H, with the exceptions of classes B13, B14 and J1-3. A separate entry card must be filled out for each class entered. Plants entered in the incorrect class may be disqualified from judging or the judges may reenter them correctly at their discretion. Questions should be directed to the clerks at the plant entry table or to Chaunie Langland or Sylvia Darr.

### A. Cattleya alliance

**A1.** Cattleya species

**A2.** Cattleya hybrids (Blc., Slc., Sc., Lc., Bc., Bl., Potinara, etc.)

**A3.** Laelia species and hybrids (not included in Cattleya hybrids)

**A4.** Brassavola species and hybrids

**A5.** Other Cattleya species and hybrids (Anacheilium, Barkeria, Broughtonia, Dinema, Encyclia, Epidendrum, Oerstedella, Prosthechea, etc.)

### B. Cymbidium

**B1.** Species - any flower size

**B2.** Any species cut spikes

**Standard Hybrids** - *Flower size greater than 3.5" on the largest flower*

**B3.** Standard hybrids, white and pastel shades

**B4.** Standard hybrids, dark shades

**B5.** Standard hybrids any other color or distinctive pattern

**B6.** Any Standard Cymbidium cut spikes

**Novelty Hybrids** - *Flower size 1.75" to 3.5" on the largest flower*

**B7.** Novelty hybrids, white and pastel shades

**B8.** Novelty hybrids, dark shades

**B9.** Novelty hybrids any other color or distinctive pattern

**B10.** Any Novelty Cymbidium cut spikes

**B11. Miniature hybrids** *Flower size less than 1.75" on the largest flower - all colors*

**B12.** Any Miniature Cymbidium cut spikes

**B13.** First Bloom seedling

**B14.** First time exhibitor

### C. Odontoglossum alliance (Oncidiinae)

**C1.** Oncidium species and hybrids, plants 12" and under (including inflorescence and flowers)

**C2.** Oncidium species and hybrids, plants over 12"

**C3.** Miltoniopsis and Miltonia species and hybrids

**C4.** Other hybrids, including Intergeneric hybrids

### D. Paphiopedilum alliance

**D1.** Species and hybrids, single flower per inflorescence

**D2.** Species and hybrids, multiple flowers per inflorescence

**D3.** Phragmipedium species and hybrids (includes Cypripediums and Mexipediums)

### E. Vandaceous

**E1.** Vanda, Euanthe and Ascocentrum species and hybrids

**E2.** Phalaenopsis (including Doritis) species and hybrids flowers 3" or greater

**E3.** Phalaenopsis (including Doritis) species and hybrids, flowers under 3"

**E4.** Angraecoid species and hybrids

**E5.** Sarcochilus species and hybrids fewer than 20 flowers

**E6.** Sarcochilus species and hybrids 20 flowers or greater

## 2024 Peninsula/Gold Coast Show Class List (cont.)

### F. Pleurothallid alliance

- F1.** Masdevallia species and hybrids under 6" (leaves)
- F2.** Masdevallia species and hybrids 6" and over (leaves)
- F3.** Dracula species and hybrids
- F4.** Other Pleurothallid species and hybrids (e.g., Dryadella, Stelis Lepanthes, Restrepia, Porroglossum) under 3" (leaves)
- F5.** Other Pleurothallid species and hybrids (e.g., Dryadella, Stelis Lepanthes, Restrepia, Porroglossum) 3" and over (leaves)

### G. Dendrobium

- G1.** Section Oxyglossum (including cuthbertsonii) species and hybrids
- G2.** Section Dendrobium species and hybrids (e.g., nobile, parishii, loddigesii)
- G3.** Australian and Dockrillia species and hybrids (Australian e.g., kingianum, speciosum)
- G4.** Section Formosae (aka nigrohirsutae) species and hybrids
- G5.** Section Latourea (e.g., atrovioleaceum) species and hybrids
- G6.** Species and hybrids in other sections

### H. Other

- H1.** Bulbophyllum (including Cirrhopetalum, and Haplochilus etc.) and Bulbophyllum relatives (Trias, Sunipea) species and hybrids
- H2.** Catasetinae species and hybrids
- H3.** Lycaste, Ida (Sudamerlycaste) and Anguloa species and hybrids
- H4.** Maxillaria, Bifrenaria, Rudolphiella, Xylobium, species and hybrids
- H5.** Zygopetalinae species and hybrids (with pseudobulbs, e.g., Zygopetalum, Promenaea, Pabstia, Galleotia etc.)
- H6.** Eriinae (Eria, Mediocalcar, Ceratostylis ) species and hybrids

- H7.** Stanhopeinae (Stanhopea, Gongora, Houlettia, Coryanthes etc.) species and hybrids
- H8.** Coelogyne species and hybrids
- H9.** All other species and hybrids
- H10.** Terrestrials (including Disa, Phaius and Calanthe)

### J. Orchids shown for foliage

- J1.** Jewel
- J2.** Varigated
- J3.** All others



### **Rosettes for Each Section**

Best Cattleya Alliance in Show  
Best Cymbidium in Show  
Best Odontoglossum Alliance in Show  
Best Vandaceous Alliance in Show  
Best Pleurothallid in Show  
Best Dendrobium in Show  
Best Plant of Other Genus in Show

### **POS Perpetual Trophies**

(Only current POS and Gold Coast members entries are eligible for these trophies.)

**Barbara Todd Kennedy Trophy** - Best Entry in Show

**Katherine Jason Trophy** - Best Species in Show

**Peninsula Orchid Society Trophy** - Best Orchid Grown by an Open Exhibitor

**Anna Chai Trophy** - Best orchid grown by an Amateur Exhibitor

**Mary & Gerardus Staal Trophy** - Best Pleurothallid

**Severin Orchid Farm Trophy** - Best Miniature Species (<8", including bloom)

**Kay Rinaman Memorial Trophy** - Best Cypripedium Alliance

### **Plant Awards-Ribbons and Rosettes**

At the discretion of the judges, First, Second and Third Place ribbons will be awarded in all Classes for which there are entries. Judges may withhold ribbons if, in their opinion, no suitable material is exhibited or may award more than one entry in a class with the same level ribbon.

#### **Plant Awards by Skill Level - Rosettes for Best of Section Level**

##### **Section A**

Best Cattleya Alliance by Amateur Exhibitor  
Best Cattleya Alliance by Open Exhibitor

##### **Section B**

Best Cymbidium by Amateur Exhibitor  
Best Cymbidium by Open Exhibitor  
Best by Cymbidium by First Time Exhibitor

##### **Section C**

Best Odontoglossum Alliance by Amateur or Open Exhibitor

##### **Section D**

Best Paphiopedilum Alliance by Amateur Exhibitor

Best Paphiopedilum Alliance by Open Exhibitor

##### **Section E**

Best Vandaceous by Amateur Exhibitor  
Best Vandaceous by Open Exhibitor

##### **Section F**

Best Pleurothallid Alliance by Amateur or Open Exhibitor

##### **Section G**

Best Dendrobium by Amateur Exhibitor  
Best Dendrobium by Open Exhibitor

##### **Section H**

Best Plant of other Genus by Amateur Exhibitor

Best Plant of other Genus by Open Exhibitor

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## **April 27-28 - POS & GCCS Show and Sale**

A joint show and sale with the Peninsula Orchid Society & Gold Coast Cymbidium Society! Vendors include Ken Jacobsen, Pierre Pujol, Gold Country Orchids, Brookside Orchids, D&D Flowers, Botanico, and Sunrise Fine Jewelry & Plants! At the San Mateo Garden Center.

See the flyer attached.

## **May 5 - 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>

## **May 24 - Peninsula Orchid Society Meeting**

SMGC doors and Zoom opens at 6:30 PM, meeting begins at 7:00 PM. Speaker Dan Newman will present "Pleurothallids: Dwellers in the Clouds". Opportunity table will be provided by Hanging Gardens.

## **June 1-2 - Bonsai Show**

Free admission, 10 AM - 4 PM Saturday and Sunday. At the San Mateo Garden Center, 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo. Door prizes, raffle prizes, tree clinic, plant sales, and vendors!

Visit [www.seibokubonsaikai.org](http://www.seibokubonsaikai.org) for more information and see flyer attached below.

## 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

No meeting in April - our show and sale will be happening instead! Our next meeting will be May 24.

## Reminder

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



# Showers of Flowers

## Orchid Show & Sale

**Saturday, April 27: 10 AM - 5 PM**

**Sunday, April 28: 10 AM - 4PM**

**Free Admission**

**San Mateo Garden Center**

**605 Parkside Way**

**San Mateo, CA**

**Vendors and**

**Member**

**Sales!**



**Hosted by the Peninsula Orchid Society  
and Gold Coast Cymbidium Society**



# 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



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# JUNE 1-2, 2024

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Door Prizes • Raffle Prizes • Tree Clinic • Plant Sales • Vendor Sales

San Mateo Garden Center  
605 Parkside Way, San Mateo  
(at Beresford Park)



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# MARCH SHOW AND TELL



Clockwise from top left: *Coryanthes verrucolineata* (Catherine Obillo), *Phalaenopsis equestris* v. *rosea* (Paul Asente), and *Lycaste skinneri* v. *alba* (Catherine Obillo)



Clockwise from top left: *Cymbidium dayanum* (Viktoriiia Kolotovska), *Dendrobium farmeri* (Paul Asente), and *Paphiopedilum hainanense* (Dan Williamson)





Clockwise from top left: *Cattleya coccinea* and *Masdevallia Shuttryana* 'Keunok' FCC/AOS grown by Anna Chai, *Masdevallia Ziegler's Love* 'Golden Gate' FCC/AOS (Leena Wang)