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NEWSLETTER OF THE
PENINSULA ORCHID SOCIETY



MAY 24

PLEUROTHALLIDS
DWELLERS IN THE CLOUDS

MEMBER NEWS

Wishing a very happy birthday this month to Rex Castell, Patricia Coney, Stuart Dalton, Annie Green, Ken Jacobsen, Christine Kradjian, Steve Proschan, Sue Rose, A'na Satara, James Shao, Charlotte Shunen, Susan Tong, Leena Wang, and Lily Yan!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

DAN WILLIAMSON

I want to thank everyone that came to, helped out at, or sold plants at the April show and sale. The show and sale was a success, there were lots of visitors, the vendors were happy. The show room was full of lovely plants and flowers. The show can't be done without the help of all of the volunteers, and I want to thank everyone that came out to help:

Alex Cain, Ann Benninger, Audrey Young-Tarter, Bill Weaver, Catherine, Chaunie Langland, Clarissa Cheung, Diane Bond, David Hower, Diane Winters, Elena Ufimtseva, Elizabeth Sorti, Florence Inserto, Helen Williamson, Helena Wee, Isis Trenchard, Janusz Warszawski, Jim Baxter, Kalan, Leena Wang, Lisa Chen, Marcia Garilli, Margaret Boomer, Mariko Nagashima, Mark Khoo, Martha Skalak, Onor Cheung, Pat Olson, Paul Asente, Ron Norris, Steve Chen, Steve Proschan, Susan Gutierrez, Sylvia Darr, Viktoriia Kolotovska, Zach Coney, and others whose names I have inadvertently left out.

Thank you all for supporting the society.

Also congratulations to everyone that won ribbons, rosettes, trophies and AOS awards! Once I get the trophies inscribed, I will bring them to the meeting to display.

ORCHID TALK

Encompassing approximately 5,700 species in over 40 genera, the subtribe Pleurothallidinae makes up the largest group of orchids in the Americas. The Pleurothallids reach their greatest development and diversity in the Andean cloud forests of Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, and Bolivia, but species are distributed through Central America and Mexico as far north as Florida, the islands of the Caribbean, and the tropical and subtropical regions of South America extending to southern Brazil. Dan Newman will provide a brief overview of the subtribe as it is currently understood followed by a closer look at selected genera.

Dan Newman started growing orchids in 1982. His first successful subject was a *Dendrobium* hybrid bought as a tiny seedling at a lei stand in the Honolulu Airport. When that plant finally grew up and bloomed a few years later, he was hooked! By 1996 he had 350 orchids in a one-bedroom apartment. That year he moved his plants into a rented commercial greenhouse in San Francisco. He took over the large species collection of his friend and orchid mentor, Walter Teague, and his hobby evolved into his nursery, Hanging Gardens. Dan started growing orchids full-time in 2000 and moved to a larger greenhouse in Pacifica a few years later. Cool to intermediate growers are easiest in the coastal climate, but warmer growers also do well in the heated section of the greenhouse. Species orchids make up his core collection and most of his sale stock. He also grows a variety of “companion plants” that share the natural habitats of orchids. Dan joined the San Francisco Orchid Society in 1987 and served as its president in 1996/97. In recent years he has spoken on a variety of topics to orchid societies in California and elsewhere.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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 for more information and see flyer attached below.

June 8 - Orchid Digest Speaker's Day

From 1:00 - 9:00 pm, at the Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens, San Marino, California.

Featuring expert lectures, orchid sales, an auction with wine happy hour, and dinner. See the flyer below for additional details about speaker.

July 27-28 - Orchids in the Park

10 - 5 pm Saturday and 10 - 4 pm Sunday. Interactive demonstrations and sales from vendors including Brookside Orchids, D&D Flowers, Ecuagenera, and many more! Purchase tickets and find more information at <https://www.orchidsanfrancisco.org/events.html>

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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 doors open

7:00 PM - Dan Newman

8:00 PM - Announcements

8:10 PM - Show and Tell

Opportunity Table - Hanging Gardens

Reminder

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

BONSAI SHOW



FREE

Saturday and Sunday from 10am-4pm

JUNE 1-2, 2024

www.seibokubonsaikai.org



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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Sign up NOW
and JOIN us!

Speakers Day 2024!

Saturday, June 8
At the Huntington

1:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Vendor Sales start at 10AM



"Orchid Frontiers"



Scheduled Speakers

Carol Klonowski: "Vandas, A New Look"

David Haelterman: "Orchids of Colombia"

Marc Hachadourian: "Speakers Choice"

Scott McGregor: "Growing Mediterranean Climate Orchids"

Come join the fun!

Members: \$99

Non-members: \$125

Includes Dinner, Auction, Vendor Sales

Virtual: \$40

Guest Dinner: \$55

This will be a hybrid meeting

orchiddigest.org/events



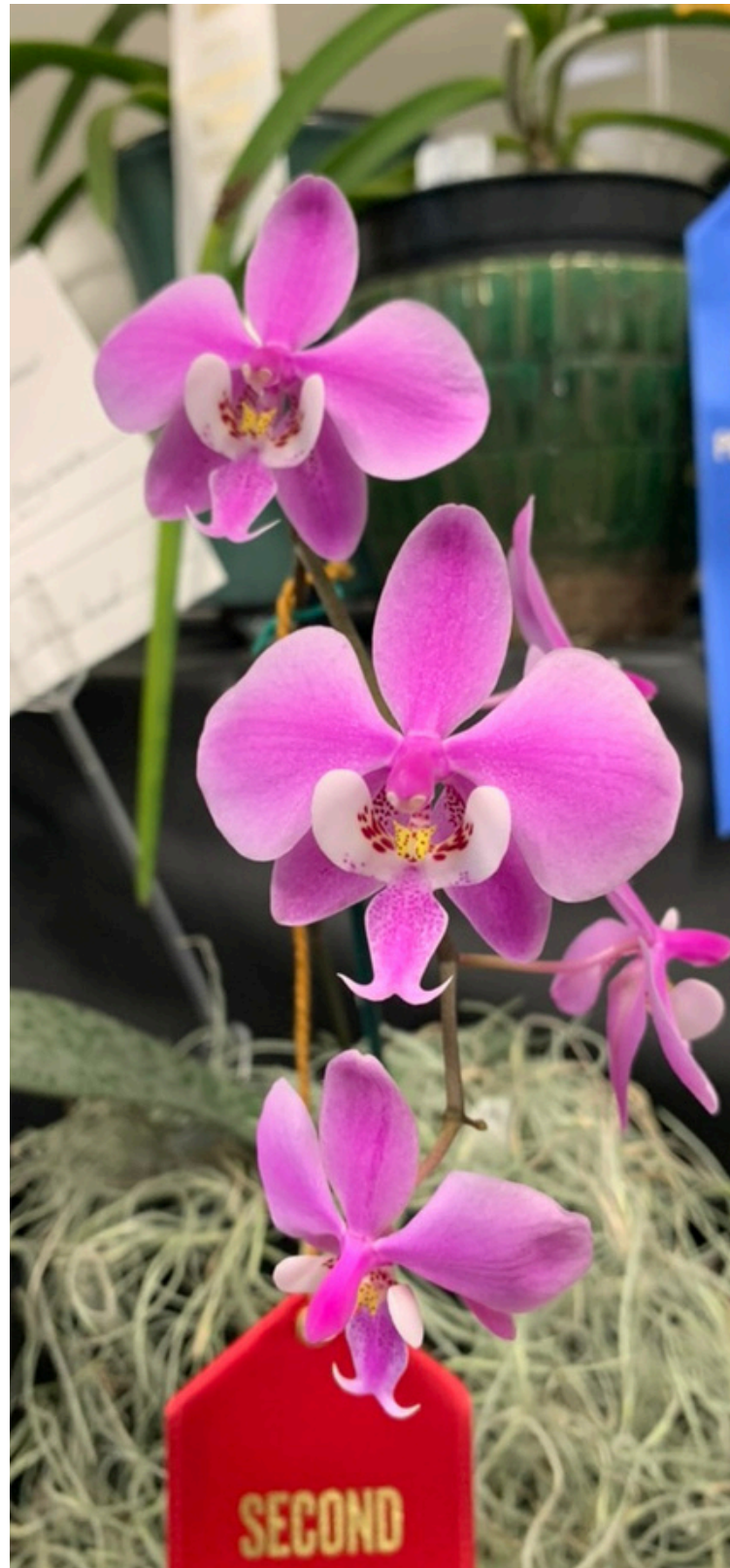
APRIL SHOW



Clockwise from top left: *Cattleya intermedia* var. *coerulea* (Amy and Ken Jacobsen), *Phalaenopsis* Tying Shin Fly Eagle (Dan Williamson), *Zygostates alleniana* (Chaunie Langland)



Clockwise from top left: *SophrOLAELIA* Pink Diamond (Isis Trenchard), *Vanda coeruleascens* x *Holcoglossum subulifolium* (Janett Hawley), and *Sarcochilus hartmannii* 'Fred' (Amy and Ken Jacobsen)



Clockwise from left to right: *Angraecum sesquipedale* (Helena Wee) and
Phalaenopsis schilleriana 'Rose Perfume' (Chaunie Langland)



Clockwise from top left: Masdevallie Peach Fuzz (Helena Wee), *Encyclia fowliei* (Isaac Poarch) and *Promenaea sivilana* 'Zorro' CCM/AOS (Chaunie Langland)

SPECIAL AWARDS

Laeliocatanthe Hot Sauce	Best Amateur Cattleya	Helena Wee
<i>Masdevallia coccinea</i> San Bar 'Carmen Beauty'	Best Amateur Pleurothallid	Helena Wee
Phalaenopsis Tying Shin Fly Eagle	Best Amateur Vandaceous	Dan Williamson
<i>Cattleya intermedia</i>	Best Open Cattleya Best Cattleya in Show Barbara Todd Kennedy Trophy (Best in Show)	Amy and Ken Jacobsen
<i>Sarcochilus hartmannii</i> 'Fred'	Best Open Vanda Best Vanda in Show Peninsula Orchid Society Trophy (Best Orchid by Open Exhibitor)	Amy and Ken Jacobsen
<i>Zygostates alleniana</i>	Best Open Oncidium Best Mini Species Best Odontoglossum in Show Severus Orchid Farm Trophy (Best Miniature in Show)	Chaunie Langland
<i>Dendrobium cuthbertsonii</i>	Best Open Dendrobium Best Dendrobium in Show	Chaunie Langland
Cymbidium (Polly x <i>pumilum</i>)	Best Cymbidium by Novice Grower Best Cymbidium by First Time Exhibitor	Paul Asente
Dendrobium Maiden Charlotte	Best Amateur Dendrobium	Zach Coney
<i>Maxillaria tenuifolia</i>	Best Amateur Other Genus	Zach Coney
<i>Pleione formosana</i> 'Polar Sun'	Best Open 'Other' Cultural Award Best Other Genera in Show Katherine Jason Trophy (Best Species in Show)	Anna Chai

SPECIAL AWARDS

Masdevallia Zeigler's Love 'Golden Gate' FCC/AOS

Best Open Pleurothallid
Mary & Gerardus Staal Trophy
(Best Pleurothallid in Show)

Anna Chai

Cymbidium William Weaver 'Not Bill' AM/AOS

Best Amateur Cymbidium
Best Cymbidium in Show

Ron Norris

Cochlioda rosea

Best Oncidium in Show
Anna Chai Trophy (Best Amateur
Orchid in Show)

Jason Douglass

Cymbidium Thuy-Hong Bui 'My Van'

Best Open Cymbidium

Pierre Pujol

AOS AWARDS

Cymbidium William Weaver 'Not Bill' - AM/AOS of 82 points, grown by Ron Norris

Cattleya intermedia var. *coerulea* 'Winston' - HCC/AOS of 79 points and CCE/AOS of 90 points, grown by Amy and Ken Jacobsen

Cymbidium Exeter Jadeite 'Winston' - AM/AOS of 82 points, grown by Amy and Ken Jacobsen

Sarcochilus Kulnura Gallery 'Rory' - HCC/AOS of 78 points, grown by Chaunie Langland.

Thank you to everyone who entered their plants to our show in collaboration with Gold Coast Cymbidium Society:

Helena Wee, Sylvia Darr, Dan Williamson, Amy and Ken Jacobsen, Janett Hawley, Chaunie Langland, Isis Trenchard, Paul Asente, Elizabeth Stoti, Botanico, Zack Coney, Tanya Lam, Bill Weaver, Anna Chai, Ron Norris, Jason Douglass, Pierre Pujol, Isaac Poarch, and Leena Wang