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NEWSLETTER OF THE  
PENINSULA ORCHID SOCIETY



**JUNE 28**

**“GO BIG, OR... GROWING LARGE DECORATIVE  
ORCHIDS AND SPECIMEN ORCHIDS”**

# MEMBER NEWS

## **Birthdays:**

Wishing a very happy birthday this month to Ann Abramson, Rene Biggs, Ko-Chain Chang, Ginger Creevy, Emma Denton, Mike Drilling, Cynthia Chaplin, Olga Ostrovsky, Ron Parsons, Paul Satara Bever, and Paul Simon!



## **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

Summer is here. The days are getting hotter, but I hope that it is still cooling off at night where you are. The plants love the differential between the day and night temperatures. Most of them are in full growth now and, if you are like me, you will need to remember to water them more frequently. Home growers especially need to keep an eye on the water needs of their plants. Those of you growing outside or in greenhouses probably have an easier job of watering your plants than home growers do. I fondly remember the days when I could take my plants outside and spray them with a hose on the lawn. Now I have no hose and have to take many, many trips to the sink. A good mesh strainer for the drain is a must.

I am hoping to set up some beginner skill sessions on Zoom, probably on Thursdays to address questions. And we are hoping to have an ask the orchid doctor events at some meetings. I really hope to provide support and education to members at all experience levels. Let me know what would be helpful to you to learn about.

Until next month, happy growing!

Cover: *Paphiopedilum delenatii* 'Tiffany' x *delenatii* 'Colorama', grown by Mariko

# ORCHID TALK

Ken was first introduced to orchids by his uncle in the 1960's and has been growing orchids for well over 50 years. His collection includes lots of Cattleyas and Laelias, Cymbidiums, Oncidiums, Odontoglossums, Lycastes, Masdevallias, and other genera. Ken and his wife, Amy, enjoy travelling to all areas of the world where orchids are grown, visiting the local growers, and seeing various species in the wild. Together, Amy and Ken have over 5000 orchids, not counting seedlings (and there are a lot of seedlings!).

Ken is a judge in the AOS judging program, was a judge in the CSA judging program, and is a past AOS trustee.

In this talk, Ken will introduce the concept of choosing plants to grow into large specimens, growing them, and their care and maintenance once they become large. He will also provide our opportunity table plants for this month's meeting.



Ken's *Laelia lundii* 'Lennae' HCC/AOS in bloom



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## **June 28 - Peninsula Orchid Society Meeting**

SMGC doors and Zoom opens at 6:30 PM, meeting begins at 7:00 PM. This month's talk, presented by Ken Jacobsen, will be about growing large decorative orchids and specimen orchids. He will also provide our opportunity table.

## **July 20 - AOS Pacific Central Judging**

At Filoli, every third Saturday of the month. 86 Cañada Rd, Woodside, CA 94062. Plant entry begins at 10 am.

## **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?

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## Meeting Agenda

6:30 PM - Zoom/SMGC doors open

7:00 PM - Ken Jacobsen

8:00 PM - Announcements

8:10 PM - Show and Tell

Opportunity Table - Ken Jacobsen

## Reminder

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

# Orchids In the Park 2024 Summer Sale



July 27 10am - 5pm

July 28 10am - 4pm

County Fair Building  
1199 9th Ave.  
San Francisco, CA



[Tickets NOW available online from Eventbrite](#)



# SHOW AND TELL



Clockwise from top left: *Cypripedium acaule* and *Cypripedium pubescens* (Leo Kusber), *Phalaenopsis* I-Hsin Sesame 'OX1179' (Chaunie Langland), and *Aerangis harioitiana* (Alex Cain)





Clockwise from top left: *Cymbidium* Magic Workout 'Windemere' (Paul Asente), *Ascofinetia* A. F. Buckman (Anthony Rivera), *Disa uniflora* (Anna Chai), and *Epidendrum* Pacific Darling 'Fiery' x Pacific Kiwi 'Devine' (Chaunie Langland)