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NEWSLETTER OF THE PENINSULA ORCHID SOCIETY



JULY 26

"Orchids In Situ & How I Grow My Orchids", by Dennis Olivas

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MEMBER NEWS

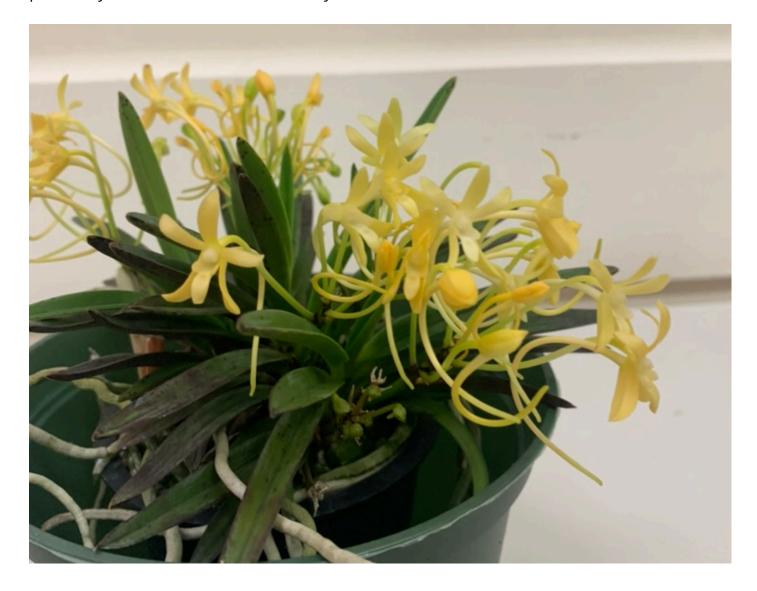
Birthdays:

Wishing a very happy birthday this month to Anna Chai, Amanda Kass, Lisa Pace, Jung Hee Ra, Deadra St. Claire, and Neal Winslow!



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.



Above: Vanda falcata 'Kibana', grown by Bill Weaver

Cover: Miltoniopsis Gladys Fumiko Yokoyama x Tome Yokoyama, grown by Catherine Obillo

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

DAN WILLIAMSON

It is with some trepidation and sadness that I write this. The society is in an unsustainable financial situation and we have to do something to fix it. To that end we are going to be trying some new things and hope that you all come along with us for the future. Our three biggest expenses each year are the storage shed, speaker fees, and opportunity table plants. The storage shed can be moved into a different facility and reduced in size, which will greatly reduce the monthly cost, but it will mean getting rid of some of the materials in the shed. Probably the lights and some of the older materials that we don't use any more.

Since the lights are important for holding shows at the Red Morton Community Center in Redwood City, we would probably have to continue holding shows at the San Mateo Garden Center. Personally, I like that idea, I think there is more foot and car traffic nearby and the location is beautiful, if a bit intimate.

In addition, we are thinking of replacing the perpetual trophies with individual trophies that winners would be able to take home and keep. The expense of these could be offset by sponsorships solicited from the membership. In Atlanta, we would award glass trophies to winners that would be sponsored by members each year. I have 4 and they are nice mementos.

As far as speakers go, I propose that we have half as many speakers each year, and use the alternating months for workshops, skills sessions, and possibly webinars from the AOS. Doing this would both cut down the cost of speakers, and increase the value of membership to new and novice growers. Since we already have speakers booked at least through November, workshops would not begin before December or January.

Finally, the opportunity table plants would not be affected. It is a benefit that drives engagement with the society and especially valuable as we attempt to get more engagement with members and encourage new members to join.

Let me know if you have any ideas on how we can reduce expenses, increase engagement and recruit new members to the society.

ORCHID TALK

Dennis Olivas was born on the island of Kauai, Hawaii. As a lad, his helped his mom and aunt grow their orchids and got hooked. He joined the Future Farmers of America and his project was raising and selling these beautiful and exotic plants. In 1980 he moved to the mainland and swore off the orchid family; not for long as he went to the Rod McLeallan's Acres of Orchids' in South San Francisco. From there his whole life became one downward spiral. First he fills his home with upwards of 6,000 plants. Later he leased a greenhouse space for his ever burgeoning orchid collection. Glutton for punishment, his collection grew overflowing the 3,000 sq. ft. greenhouse in Half Moon Bay.

With the help of his close friends, from the Bay Area, Napa and Fresno, they moved his obsession to a greenhouse in Daly City in November of 2013. A whole new ball game of learning how to raise orchids, still without heat but in an area that gets more sun and higher temperatures, good water year round.

He has served as President for the Peninsula Orchid Society (1994, 1998, 1999 and 2007), San Francisco Orchid Society, Diablo View Orchid Society and the Santa Cruz Orchid Society. He is an accredited judge of the American Orchid Society. Dennis belongs to over 14 orchid societies and tries to assist them when ever possible.

This month, Dennis will present various growing conditions in the wild, then offer growing tips through his greenhouse and yard.





UPCOMING EVENTS

July 26 - 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 Dennis Olivas, will be about orchids in situ and their culture. D&D Orchids (Dennis) will also provide our opportunity table.

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

August 3 - Sacramento Speaker's Day

9:00 AM to 4:30 PM. At Odd Fellow's Hall, 1831 Howe Avenue, Sacramento. \$20 admission, or \$10 for AOS members/CSNJC-supporting societies. This event will include: great speakers, top vendors, AOS judging, and a live auction! Check out the flyers below for additional information.

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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 - Dennis Olivas
8:00 PM - Announcements
8:10 PM - Show and Tell
Opportunity Table - D&D Orchids

Reminder

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



SACRAMENTO SPEAKERS DAY 2024



Join us for Speakers Day 2024 Sponsored by the California Sierra Nevada Judging Center

Featured speakers::

Ron McHatton, American Orchid Society

Phillip Hamilton, Bredren Orchids, Florida

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Odd Fellow's Hall 1831 Howe Ave, Sacramento Admission: \$20 or \$10 for members of AOS or CSNJC supporting societies Great Speakers Top Vendors AOS Judging Live Auction

August 3, 2024 9:00-4:30



DETAILS AT: CSNJC.ORG



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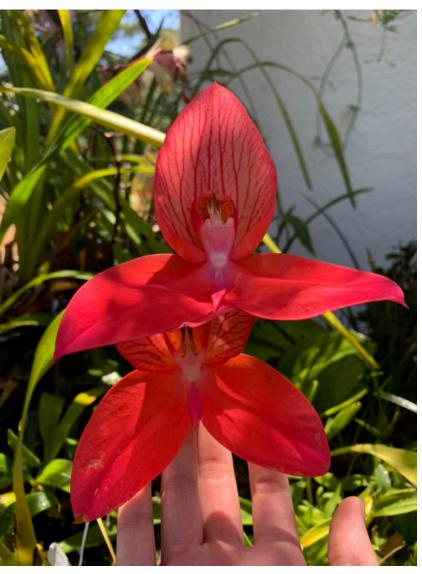








Clockwise from top left: Cymbidium "Windemere" (Mighty Inferno "Toasted Apricot" x Autumn Crisp Windemere "Wally's Choice") (Dan Colton), *Ansellia africana* HCC/AOS (Ken Jacobsen), *Cleisocentron gokusingii* (Chaunie Langland), and *Cattleya walkeriana v. semi-alba* "Kenny" AM/AOS (Viktoriia Kolotovska).









Clockwise from top left: *Disa uniflora* (Leena Wang), *Renanthera monachica* (Bill Weaver), *Disa uniflora* 'Sunset' (Anna Chai), and Oncostele Midnight Miracles 'Masai' (Richard).