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NEWSLETTER OF THE PENINSULA ORCHID SOCIETY



AUGUST 23

**“Long Lasting and Frequently Blooming
Orchid Species”, by Tanya Lam**

MEMBER NEWS

Birthdays:

Wishing a very happy birthday this month to Alisha Westerfeld, Nathalie Yanze, Svetlana Chebatar, Zachary Coney, Susan Hamilton, Edmond Hon, Viktoriia Kolotovska, David Kurzrock, Leo Kusber, Marianne Mollenauer, and Mike O'Meara!



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: *Disa uniflora*, grown by Anna Chai

Cover: *Corybas ecarinatus*, grown by Leena Wang

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

DAN WILLIAMSON

I want to start with a big thank you to everyone that responded to last month's cry for help. The success and continuation of the society relies on the support and participation of all of the members.

To report on the progress we have made so far:

- Trophies: After much discussion and debate, we will not be moving to individual trophies, instead we will go back to an old practice; winners of the trophies, will be allowed to take the trophy home with them for the year.
- Lights: The lights used for the Redwood City shows will be retained.
- Storage: The storage room will be cleaned out and items no longer of use will be removed. We are still looking at moving the storage to a cheaper location. Though cheaper options will not have drive up access like the current location.
- Shows: We are definitely having a show and sale on October 12-13th at the San Mateo Garden center. The potential for January shows in Redwood City remains open, and a Show Chair for a potential show would need to step up quickly and begin planning that.
- Budget: We will prepare and publish a budget for next year in the next newsletter.

Regarding the show, now is the time to begin going through your collection, grooming plants for display and selecting plants for sale at the member sales table. I have two giant donated Cymbidiums (each in I'm guessing 15-20gallon pots) that need to be divided and repotted. Anyone that wants to come over and help out there would be very welcome. Member sales are the main way that the society makes money from these events. So I strongly encourage you to divide and repot plants that can be safely repotted now and free up some space in your collection for the member sales table. You can even donate the plants to the Society to sell on the table.

Finally, while the society does not rely on donations to keep operating, we are a registered 501(c)(3) charity and donations are both gratefully accepted and tax deductible in the United States.

ORCHID TALK

Tanya Lam is juggling every day to work full time, travel frequently for business, take care of family and her orchid collections. She lives in San Jose, California where she grows many orchid genera both outdoors and in greenhouses. Tanya started to expand her collections in the past 20 years trying to have different orchids in bloom every day of the year. She does not want to miss seeing the blooms just because she is on business trips.

After seeing plants grow in their habitats in Thailand, Brazil, Ecuador, China - Tanya has grown species from every continent and continued to search for long lasting and frequently blooming species to add to her collections.

Tanya will share a sample list, photos, and brief growing conditions of these findings.



Brassavola cucullata (left) and *Cattleya* Tanya Lam (right), both grown by Tanya Lam

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 23 - Peninsula Orchid Society Meeting

SMGC doors and Zoom opens at 6:30 PM, meeting begins at 7:00 PM. This month's talk is "Long Lasting and Frequently Blooming Orchid Species", presented by Tanya Lam. She will also be providing this month's opportunity table plants.

September 8 - Orchid Learning Day

Orchid presentations, judging demonstration, and limited orchid auction. Hosted by the AOS Pacific Central Judging Center and sponsored by the Gold Coast Cymbidium Society and Peninsula Orchid Society. See attached flyer for more details.

October 12-13 - Falling For Orchids (POS Show and Sale)

From Saturday 9 am - 5 pm to Sunday 9 am to 4 pm. Six vendors plus member sales, and orchid displays. At the San Mateo Garden Center, 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo, CA. More details to come!

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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 - Tanya Lam

8:00 PM - Announcements

8:10 PM - Show and Tell

Opportunity Table - Tanya Lam

Reminder

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

ORCHID LEARNING DAY

PRESENTATIONS

- Incredible Pollination of Coryanthes
- Mounting Orchids
- Growing Cymbidiums
- Phalaenopsis Repotting Clinic

Sunday, September 8

1 - 4 PM

Free Admission

San Mateo Garden Center
605 Parkside Way
San Mateo, CA

ORCHID JUDGING DEMO

- By judges of the American Orchid Society

LIMITED ORCHID AUCTION

- To benefit AOS Pacific Central Judging Center

<http://www.pacentraljc.org> FOR MORE INFORMATION

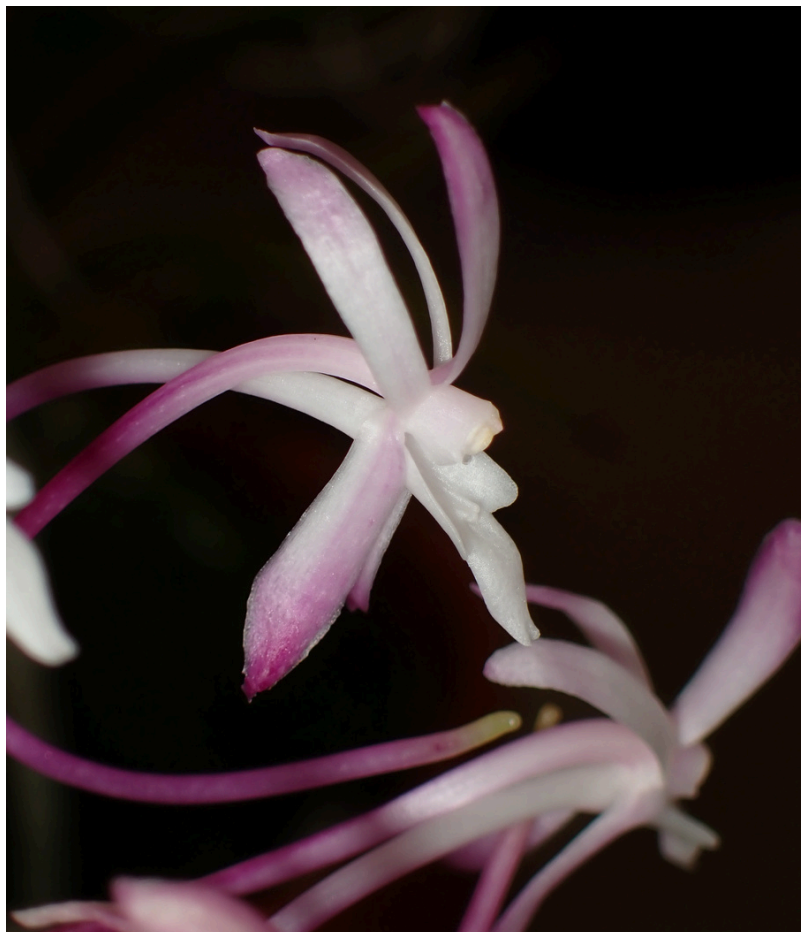


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SHOW AND TELL



Clockwise from top left: *Cymbidium Helen Bannerman* (Lolia Kwan), *Stelis reniformis* (Catherine Obillo), *Lycaste Murasakino* x *Full Moon* (Catherine Obillo), and *Oncidium Volcano Hula Hula* 'Volcano Queen' (Tom Waugh)



Clockwise from top left: *Dendrobium trantuanii* (Dan Williamson), *Vanda falcata* 'Shutenou' (Tom Waugh), *Trichoglottis pusila* (Catherine Obillo), and *Phalaenopsis equestris* (Dan Colton)