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NEWSLETTER OF THE PENINSULA ORCHID SOCIETY

JANUARY 24



# MEMBER NEWS

Our upcoming meeting is January 24 at 7:00 PM, in the San Mateo Garden Center, where Kathy Barrett will present the history of California commercial orchid growers. We will hold a raffle for the opportunity table plants, provided by D&D Flowers (Dennis Olivas).

We will be holding the board election this meeting, so please come to vote! If you aren't able to attend in-person, you may also join a short Zoom meeting or send your vote to a friend who will attend.

There will be no Zoom for Kathy's talk. If you would like your pictures to be in the next month's newsletter, send them to our email by the end of the second Friday of the month. Include the name and clear pictures.

Wishing a very happy birthday this month to Terry Boomer, Goldie Klein, Linda Locatelli, and Mariko Nagashima!

## **2025 Proposed Slate:**

President: Dennis Olivas

Vice President: Dan Williamson

Recording Secretary: Leena Wang

Correspondence Secretary: Open

Treasurer: Steve Proshan

Director of Membership: Olga Ostrovsky

Director of Ways and Means: Mark Khoo

Director at Large: Susan Gutierrez

Director at Large: Alex Cain

Director at Large: Open

Past President: Ken Jacobsen



Cover: Cymbidium Magic  
Workout 'Windemere', grown  
by Paul Asente

# VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

LEENA WANG

Happy New Year! As some of you know, we weren't able to vote in our board for 2025 at the December meeting since we did not have a quorum. At this month's meeting, we'll be holding the election again, to hopefully reach the required amount for quorum (1/3 of all members voting).

Alongside in-person voting, I will host a brief Zoom meeting at 7:00 PM (opening at 6:45 PM) that should last 10-15 minutes. If you are unable to vote in-person, I urge you to join the Zoom meeting so that we can officially vote in our board for 2025.

If you aren't able to make either meeting, you may also cast a proxy vote. Just send a message to a friend (who can attend either on Zoom or in-person) with your vote.

## **“HISTORY OF CALIFORNIA ORCHID COMMERCIAL GROWERS”**

Kathy Barrett has been growing orchids since the mid 1990s. She got her start on the internet and later discovered local societies (the Diablo View Orchid Society) and growers. She's been an AOS judge since the early 2000s.

At one time California was a leader in the orchid business. Many influential hybrids and orchid lines of breeding were developed here. Not only the plants but the business models and science involved in the business were developed here. Kathy will take us back to look at the plants and personalities that were instrumental in forming the hobby that we all love. She'll discuss her hopes for the future, too. In her opinion it's brighter than you'd think.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## JANUARY

**SAT**  
**18**

### Live Cymbidium Auction

Plant preview & buyer registrations begins at 1 PM, and the auction begins 1:30 PM. Top quality plants, past show winners, species, splash, and other cool-growing companion plants – all CMV & ORS virus tested negative! For more information, visit: <http://www.GoldCoastCymbidiumSociety.org/auction.html>

**FRI**  
**24**

### Peninsula Orchid Society Meeting

Doors open meeting begins at 7 pm, at the San Mateo Garden Center. The election will begin at 7:00 PM. If voting via Zoom, the Zoom meeting will open at 6:45 PM. Voting by proxy is also allowed. Our talk this month is “History of California Orchid Commercial Growers”, presented by Kathy Barrett. The talk will NOT be recorded or on Zoom. Opportunity table provided by D&D Flowers.

## FEBRUARY

**FRI - SUN**  
**28 - 2**

### Pacific Orchid Expo - Orchids in the Clouds

The 72nd Annual Pacific Orchid Exposition will be at the County Fair Building in Golden Gate Park on February 28th - March 2 (with Preview Night on February 27th). Tickets are live now! Buy at: <https://www.orchidsanfrancisco.org/events.html>

## MARCH

**March 7-9 - Santa Barbara  
International Orchid Show**

At the Earl Warren Showgrounds.  
Purchase tickets at [sborchidshow.com](http://sborchidshow.com)!

**March 29-30 - Sonoma County  
Orchid Society Show and Sale**

At the Veterans Building, 1351 Maple Ave,  
Santa Rosa, CA 95404. See flyers attached.

*Cymbidium  
tracyanum*, grown  
by Dan Colton



72nd  
Annual

San Francisco Orchid Society Presents:  
Pacific Orchid Exposition Show and Plant Sale



Feb 28 - Mar 1, 2025 10am - 5pm  
March 2, 2025 10am - 4pm

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

Preview Night:  
Feb 27, 2025 6-9pm  
(Must be 21 and older)

77th Santa Barbara  
INTERNATIONAL ORCHID SHOW

# EXOTIC GARDENS

March 7th-9th, 2025

9AM-5PM

EARL WARREN  
SHOWGROUNDS

[sborchidshow.com](http://sborchidshow.com)





## Meeting Agenda

- 6:30 PM - SMGC doors open
- 6:45 PM - Zoom for voting opens
- 7:00 PM - Election
- 7:15 PM - Kathy Barrett (No Zoom)
- 8:00 PM - Announcements
- 8:10 PM - Show and Tell
- Opportunity Table - D&D Flowers

## Reminder

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

## 2024 Board of Directors

- President - Dan Williamson
- Vice President - Leena Wang
- Recording Secretary - Dan Williamson
- Treasurer - Steve Proshan
- Director of Membership - Olga Ostrovsky
- Director of Ways and Means - Mark Khoo
- Director at Large - Susan Gutierrez
- Director at Large - Joseph Kautz
- Director at Large - Ken Jacobsen
- Newsletter Editor - Leena Wang

Do you have something you would like to include in the next newsletter?

Send an email to [penorchidsoc@yahoo.com](mailto:penorchidsoc@yahoo.com)!