

The Sheath

February General Meeting

Date: February **22**, 2008 (**4th Friday!**)

Time: 7:30 PM General Meeting

Place: San Mateo Garden Center

605 Parkside Way, San Mateo, CA

Take the Alameda de las Pulgas exit off of Hwy. 92.
The Garden Center is located between 26th and 28th
Avenues

Mailing address: P.O. Box 6894, San Mateo, CA
94403-6894

Stump the Experts!!!

A departure from our normal meeting - we will be playing a game and learning something about orchid culture at the same time. The meeting is called, "Stump the Experts". We will have a panel of expert orchid growers made up of: Anna Chai, Scott Dallas, Fred Shull and Ken Jacobsen. (See their bios on the next page.)

Do you think you can come up with questions that will have them guessing?

Feel free to submit questions pertinent to your specific problem at home, or about orchids in general, prior to the meeting. Please send your questions by email to Mike Rector (mrector@verizon.net), or hand them to Mike at the beginning of the meeting.

Special Start Time!!

No Skill Session this time!

Meeting plus Show
and Tell Table

7:30 PM

followed by

Stump the Experts!

Opportunity table
provided by The Experts

If your orchid related question stumps the panel you will win a special prize. Dennis Olivas will be our moderator and will determine the validity of the question and determine if it has truly "Stumped the Experts". Dennis is sure to keep us all on the edge of our seats.

Feel free to ask any questions about your orchids and your specific problems during the meeting.

Because of the special nature of the meeting we will not be having our normal skill session before the regular meeting.

Important information included with this newsletter: Proposed Restated Articles of Incorporation and proposed By-Laws bring us into compliance with requirements for 501(c)(3) corporations. Also, a letter from President Mary Gerritsen.

All About The Experts

Dennis Olivas, immediate Past President. Dennis has been growing orchids for more than 45 years, and likes to grow almost everything, although he loves species just a little better than hybrids. His favorites are *Laelia purpurata* and *Laelia anceps*. Dennis grows an uncountable number of orchids, somewhere between 8,000 and 10,000, although he is not really sure! Most are grown in his unheated 3,000 sq foot greenhouse in Half Moon Bay and thus his growing philosophy is “survival of the fittest!”. He has been a member of the POS since 1987.

Scott Dallas, joined the POS about 28 years ago, initially to learn more about orchids. He now has a collection of thousands of orchids and is the owner of White Oak Orchids in Pacifica. He likes to grow many different types of orchids and has cool, intermediate and warm growing species and hybrids in his collection. He has traveled extensively and is an expert on general orchid care as well as greenhouse and environmental issues.

Fred Shull has been a member of POS for over 25 years. Fred has been growing orchids for about 45 years with several hundred (or thousand) orchids. Fred is an “out-of-control” hobbyist. His main expertise is in the *Cattleya* alliance. Fred has also been fortunate to visit Brazil on many different occasions to view orchid expositions and to see orchids growing in their natural habitat.

Ken Jacobsen has been a member of POS for more than 7 years and has been growing orchids for over 40 years. Ken and his wife Amy grow over 5,000 orchids. Ken can discuss issues on *Cymbidium*, *Cattleyas*, *Laelias*, *Odontoglossums*, *Oncidiums*, *Lycastes*, *Masdevallias*, *Stanhopeas*, *Vandas* as well as other genera. Ken and Amy have also traveled extensively to view orchids in the wild.

Anna Chai is an award winning orchid. Anna started her collection of orchids with one plant. Now her backyard features four different greenhouse areas, orchids growing without a cover and plenty inside. Anna now boasts 800 different orchid species and hybrids and more than 2,000 different plants at her hilltop home. Anna likes to travel the world looking for different types of orchids to grow at her home. She has cool and warm-weather orchids growing. The funky looking ones catch Anna’s eye. Anna likes the strange orchids. Not the beautiful. Everybody grows the beautiful ones; she likes the weird ones.

The opportunity table will be a compilation from each of our experts. Each will provide 10 orchids. Therefore, we will have a good mix of marvelous plants to choose from.

President's Corner

We are now well on our way to our goals for 2008. Chaunie, our newsletter editor, will soon be testing our electronic newsletter with the members who provided us with their email address. However, those members who do not have access to the internet need not fear, we will continue to mail the newsletter to those members desiring this option. Just remember though, that the email route saves the society both time and money. An archive of our newsletters (January 2008 forward) can be found on our website: <http://penorchidsoc.org/newsletters.html>

The board is finalizing the language for our new articles of incorporation and our by laws so that we will be in compliance for the 501(c)(3) status --where we need to be in '08 and years forward (copies enclosed herein). Mike Rector has already arranged for some great new speakers for '08, making the coming year an educational opportunity. Our next few board meetings will focus on upcoming activities for the POS outside of our regular meetings...stay tuned.

Mary Gerritsen
President, POS.

Member News

A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO - **Philip Chang, Carmencita De la Cruz, Buck Engel, Helen Frevel, Rita Giles, Brian Gleeson, Barbara Gustafon, Donna Horn, Henry Hsu, Terry Jarvi, Tom Mudge, Florian Skomski, and Linda Tripp.**

Meeting Refreshments

Earn a free strip of Opportunity Table Tickets by bringing refreshments to any of the meetings! Your fellow members love all kinds of goodies - just ask Rex, who manned the show kitchen. Please see either Olga Ostrovsky or Rebecca Grubbs for your "thank you" strip of opportunity tickets! Don't miss out - we will be having an extra great Opportunity Table.

Dues are Due!

If you haven't paid your 2008 dues yet, now is the time!! Paying before the end of February helps minimize paper work for several society volunteers. Also, please check your club directory and contact the_sheath_editor@earthlink.net to let us know if your e-mail address has changed.

Upcoming Events

February 29, March 1-2 - Santa Barbara International Orchid Show - Earl Warren Showgrounds, 3400 Calle Real, Santa Barbara. Admission \$10, seniors \$8. 9AM-5PM each day. For more information visit www.sborchidshow.com/

February 29, March 1-2 - San Francisco Orchid Society Pacific Orchid Expo - Fort Mason Center's Festival Pavilion, San Francisco. Contact: San Francisco O.S., (415) 665-2468; www.orchidsanfrancisco.org. **Look for \$2 off admission coupons at the POS meeting!**

March 1 - Annual Cymbidium Congress - held in conjunction with the Santa Barbara Show - Adams Elementary School, 2701 Las Positas Rd. (Next to Earl Warren Showgrounds) Full registration (includes breakfast and lunch) \$100. For further information contact Lucia Brandt at 310-826-0994 or luciamariebrandt@gmail.com.

March 7-9 - Malihini Orchid Society Show and Sale - Cupertino Square (Valco Fashion Park), 10123 N. Wolfe Rd., Cupertino. Fri. 7-9PM, Sat. 10AM-6PM, Sun. 10AM-5PM. For more information visit www.malihini.org.

March 8-9 - Golden Gate Cymbidium Society Show and Sale - Lakeside Garden Center (by Lake Merritt), 666 Bellevue Ave., Oakland. Free Admission. For information call 510-276-2851.

March 8-9 - Central California Orchid Society Show - Sierra Vista Mall, 1060 Shaw Ave., Clovis. Contact: Edward D. Plank, 341 West Bluff Ave., Fresno, CA 93711; (559) 440-1861.

March 8-9 - Five Cities Orchid Society Show and Sale - South County Regional Center, 800 W. Branch, Arroyo Grande. 9AM-5PM Saturday. 10AM-5PM Sunday. Admission \$5. Also, March 7 they will have a show preview to benefit the Alzheimer's Association. Admission \$40, reserve your tickets. For more information visit www.FCOS.org or call 805-929-8749.

March 22 - California Orchids Spring Sale - 515 Aspen Rd. Bolinas, 94924- 9am - 4pm. They have a good variety of orchids, seedling to specimen sizes, species and hybrids, repotting materials, books, cut flowers and plenty of advice. For directions call Mary Nisbet/ California Orchids (415) 868-0203 or www.californiaorchids.com

March 28-30 - Santa Clara Valley Orchid Society Show and Sale - Westgate Mall, 1600 Saratoga Ave., San Jose. Admission Free. For information call 408-229-2747

Looking a little farther forward - **May 17 & 18** will be the **D&D open greenhouse sale** in Half Moon Bay - 9AM to 4 PM each day. More info in the April Sheath.

A HUGE THANK YOU to all of the show volunteers!!!!

The show went very well and smoothly - thanks not only to the show chairs who put in many hours of planning and working at the show, but also to the extremely necessary worker bees. Unfortunately the following is not a complete list, and names may even be wrong, so thank you even if you are not recognized, or recognizable, in the following list of people who generously gave of their time:

Yun-Wha-Dae Ra, Su McMurtry, Susan Tong, Patrick Hoe, Tanya Lam and her daughter Shannon, Monica Ruiz, John Michael, Sue Rose, Nancy Francis, Ann Riegel, Paul Reeves, Ginette Sanchou, Carol Zoltowski, Brett Francis, Annie Green, Fred Shull, Angelic Nguyen, Dave, Roseanna, Trudy Hadler, Rebecca Grubbs, Olga Ostorvsky, Jocelyn Jaimas, Chaunie Langland, Elizabeth Lasensky, Tom Mudge and son, Mike Rector, Amy and Ken Jacobsen, Diana Gross, June Powell, Mark Khoo, Sharon Langdon, Rory Nakata, Taik Yun, Tom Park, Tim Jensen, Barry Zimmerman, Sue Rose, and Rudy and Joan Gerusa and their daughter.

I am sorry if I missed anyone!

And also a BIG THANK YOU to the seminar presenters:

Weegie Caughlan, Eric Hunt, Tom Mudge, Angelic Nguyen, Paul Chim, Jeff Trimble, Debra Atwood, and Dennis Olivas!!! The seminars were very popular.

Finally, a GIANT THANK YOU to the show chairpersons:

Dennis Olivas (x2), Jeff Trimble (x2), Maynard Michel, Todd Kennedy, Paul Chim, Gerardus Staal, Katie Walden, Mary Jensen (x3), Brett Francis, Rene Biggs (x4), Rex Castell, Jackie Becker, Anna Chai, Amy Jacobsen, Mary Gerritsen, Su McMurtry, Mike Rector, and Gloria Bygdnes.

(You may notice the x and a number behind several peoples names. Those are the number of show chair posts that those people took on - because there were not enough volunteers to have one person for each post. Please start thinking now about which job you might be willing to take on for the 2009 show! You will have a good time and add some spice to your life! Yes YOU, you can do this!!!)

Plans are to move the show to February 7 & 8 in 2009. We should have more and different plants in bloom to choose from for entry, and have recovered from the holiday season!

A Few Words from Dennis Olivas, Past President

As past president for 2007, I would like to thank all of you who have contributed to the welfare of this healthy and upward mobile organization. The Peninsula Orchid Society would not have really functioned as well without the comradeship and hard work that all of you have placed into it.

Thank you to the Show co-chair and to all of the committee chairs for doing your job in making the show as successful as it turned out to be. I know the weather did do its damage but it was something that we could not have predicted. Hopefully the weather gods will be much more forgiving on us in 2009. Also in line with the chairs are the volunteers. Without the worker bees, we would have been stumped. But as always with the POS Membership, all of you who turned out to help did it because you are who you are, the most generous individuals in the whole bay area orchid societies. Mahalo to **Mike Rector**. Mike has been the fall guy that made things happen when needed. **Jackie Becker**, thank you for the 2nd year of endless hours of getting the advertising out and staying within budget. Chefs **Rex Castell** and **Carol Zoltowzki** for the meals and snacks and for staying way under budget by about 1/4 of last year. **Mary Gerritsen** for the beautiful poster and **Ron Parsons** for his beautiful photograph for the poster, thank you!

Here are the miracle chairs of the 2008 show:

Show Co-Chair - **Jeff Trimble** (with Dennis - ed.)
AOS Application - **Maynard Michel**
AOS and ribbon judging - **Todd Kennedy**
CSA Application - **Paul Chim**
Community Activities Building (CAB) - **Denise**
Plant Entry - **Gerardus Staal and Katie Walden**
Plant Staging - **Mary Jensen**
Trophies - **Dennis Olivas, Mary Jensen, and Brett Frances**
Judging - **Rene Biggs**
Hospitality/Meals - **Rex Castell**
Advertising - **Jackie Becker**
Membership Sales Table - **Anna Chai and Amy Jacobsen**
Poster/Flyers - **Mary Gerritsen**
Setup - **Rene Biggs**
Closing/Breakdown - **Mary Jensen**
Seminars - **Su McMurtry**
Raffle - **Mike Rector**
Plant Hotel - **Rene Biggs**
Vendors/Vendor Setup - **Rene Biggs**
Admissions - **Gloria Bygdnes**
Security - **Jeff Trimble**

A very special thank you goes to **Sue Rose** for keeping the treasury in full compliance and up to date as she continues to provide reports to the officers of the POS and the board members. She made sure that our taxes were paid, the CDs moved to earn the best returns, but most of all worked diligently to properly fill out the forms to gain the status of 501(c)(3) organization for the POS. We have hit bit of a road block on gaining the status but we will keep on trying until it happens.

In line with the 501(c)(3) application are the services that **Todd Kennedy** has provided the POS. Thank you Todd, for the advice and professional assistance in getting us on the right track in obtaining a 501(c)(3) status.

Mary Gerritsen for taking out the speakers to dinner as the president could not do so. Also, thank you for all the numerous side tasks you took on in keeping the society in moving forward.

Selma Jetha our Ways and Means guru who pulled through with her commitment to the organization. We wish her well in her future adventures in a world far from ours. Hope our paths will meet again as our friendship will always be there.

Jocelyn Jamais, I hate writing letters and thank you notes. Thank you for taking that under your wing and in sending the numerous thank you notes to speakers, skill session presenters, and merchant donors. Thank you for sending out the get well cards and sympathy notes.

Fred Cox and **Cordy Wong** in keeping the website up to date, a task that we the membership appreciate in the endless hours you have provided.

Rebecca Grubbs and **Olga Ostrovsky** we can't thank you enough for taking the refreshment tasks at the monthly meetings. Setting up, preparing the serving platters, making the coffee and cleaning up are many of the things that all of us hate to do. But both of you do it....Mahalo!!!!

Throughout the years as a member of the Peninsula Orchid Society, we build bonds that will last for a life time. I don't know how I'd ever accomplish the many projects and details for the POS if not for **Rene Biggs** and **Mary Jensen**. They alone have kept many of the past boards up to date in policies and deadlines. Let's not mention the annual show and sales where they alone make sure that the inventories are taken, supplies removed and placed back into storage, chair many of the sub-committees and just make things happen. It's been many a time when they would ride to the rescue when I would run into a bind. The annual auction where an entire weekend is given to the organization in setting up, maintaining the electronic software in getting information of sales to the customers at close of the action and balancing the members accounts so they can get paid for their share of the 25/75% sales. Yes, it does not just end at 11:00 pm on the auction night. How can I thank both for the undivided attention and unconditional help that they have provided. Mahalo! Mahalo! Mahalo! A very big thank you from the POS membership as both will be hard to keep up with and very hard to replace.

Mahalo to all of the names that I have not mentioned because it will take a novel to do so and you know who you are, Thank you!

See all of you at the POS meetings and functions. Distance will not keep me from this wonderful, friendly and energetic organization.

Mahalo & Aloha!

Dennis Olivas

Car Pool Corner

Have more fun! Talk about your orchids all the way to the meeting! Carpool with other members. You can advertise for a ride or offer a ride to and/or from the meeting. It's up to you whether you want to share gas costs, trade driving, whatever. Send your car pool ad to the_sheath_editor@earthlink.net by the 5th of the month.

Unclassifieds

Members may advertise orchid related items. The ad is free. E-mail your ad to the_sheath_editor@earthlink.net or mail to 878 Cashew Way, Fremont, CA 94536. Be sure to include your name and phone number. Ads must be received by the 5th of the month to be included that month's newsletter.

Mort and Isabelle Block have free greenhouse equipment: a 220 heater and fans.
Call 650-493-0280.

Chaunie Langland has a 1 gallon water distiller with low miles for sale for \$75.
510-494-8850.

March Board Meeting

The March Board meeting will be held on Wednesday the 12th at 7:30 p.m. at Mary Gerritsen's house, 541 Parrot Dr., San Mateo. The board meetings are open to all members and we'd like to encourage you to attend. If you have any issue that you'd like brought to the board, but cannot attend, you can call any board member and they will present your issue for you.

Nice Web Sites for Orchid Photos from the 19th World Orchid Conference

Phrags - <http://www.slipperorchidforum.com/forum/showthread.php?t=11963>
<http://www.slipperorchidforum.com/forum/showthread.php?t=11963>

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/lopaka/sets/72157603810464745/>

Included with this month's newsletter:

A membership renewal form

A letter from President Mary Gerritsen regarding the benefits of 501(c)(3) status

Proposed new legal documents to help POS attain 501(c)(3) status

Editor's corner

The February 2008 issue of Orchids (published by the American Orchid Society) has an interesting sidebar article on nitrogen in fertilizers (page 111, by Ron McHatton). Who knew there are three common forms of nitrogen that go into fertilizers? Well, lots of POS members, but this was news to me! The three types are nitrate, ammoniacal, and urea. I had seen one color of the readily available "Orchid" fertilizer, sold in blue, pink, yellow, and green, marked "urea free" and wondered why. It turns out that urea can take several days to break down into the two forms, nitrate and ammonium ion (found in the ammoniacal form), that are usable by plants. It also can reduce the potting medium pH, especially non-bark media. I gathered my fertilizers to see what was what. Each fertilizer does indeed list what percentage of the nitrogen is present in each of the three forms (or two forms if urea free). Two types of the commonly available "Orchid" fertilizer listed a large percentage of urea, two (one having the label proclaiming it to be urea free) did not contain urea. Then I checked my "fancy" fertilizers that I had taken to buying online in the past year - ever since I discovered that regularly fertilizing does indeed pay off! None of them contained urea. It turns out that a fertilizer having a high nitrogen number may contain less usable nitrogen than a fertilizer with a lower nitrogen number, if the high nitrogen fertilizer is mainly urea and the lower nitrogen fertilizer has the more usable forms of nitrogen. This explains some of the things happening out in the greenhouse! Have fun at the S.F. show,

Chaunie

2008 Board of Directors/Chairpersons

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2008 Peninsula Orchid Society
 Membership Application or Renewal

Mail to: Su McMurtry

P.O.Box 6894 San Mateo, CA 94403-6894

Look for Su at the February meeting if you would like to renew your membership at the meeting.

New for this year - please be sure to include the e-mail address to which you would like to have your copy of The Sheath sent. Please write "None" if you do not have an e-mail address. Your e-mail address will not be sold or given out.

Member Information (Please Print):

Name(s)

(1) _____ Birthdate _____

(2) _____ Birthdate _____

Address: _____

_____ ZipCode _____

Phone: _____

Please Note: We really need your current e-mail address - we will soon be sending The Sheath via e-mail - Thanks!

E-mail:

(1) _____

(2) _____

Type of Membership:

Individual \$20.00 Additional Member Same Household \$10.00

Senior (55 and over) \$14.00 Additional Member Same Household \$10.00

Business \$26.00

(Membership fees are the same for all or part of the year.)

Su's area

Date paid _____ Check No. and amount _____

Receipt No. _____ Cash Amount _____

Dear POS Member:

The Peninsula Orchid Society is filing to obtain 501(c) (3) non-profit status. In order to be eligible, we have made some modifications to the by-laws and articles of incorporation, which are included in this newsletter. These new by-laws and articles of incorporation must be approved by 2/3 of our membership in order for us to proceed to the next step, the completion of our application.

Please read the articles of incorporation and the bylaws. At the March POS meeting (March 28, 2008) we will distribute ballots and you will have the opportunity to cast your vote at the meeting. Mike Rector will keep track of those who voted, and those members who did not vote or who were not at the meeting will be receiving a ballot in the mail along with an addressed, stamped envelope to return your ballot to the POS. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT that you either vote at the meeting or mail in your ballot so that we can reach the necessary number of votes. Our membership is now over 220, so this means that we require nearly 150 votes! For those multi-member households, we will enclose multiple ballots.

Why are we modifying our bylaws and seeking 501(c)(3) status? This offers a number of advantages, including exemption from federal income tax, and tax deductibility for donors (for example if members, companies or other sponsors wanted to donate plants, pots, cash, etc., the gift would be now tax deductible. Currently these donations are not). We also will be eligible for a bulk mailing permit, which will save us money on postage. Many newspapers and other organizations offer discounts to 501(c) (3) organizations, which will help us save additional money, for example, when we do advertising our annual show. Monies saved by these discounts will help us to put on better programs, bring in more speakers from outside the area, expand the orchid library collection and continue to subsidize some of our annual events such as the greenhouse bus tour and the potting workshop.

The principal disadvantage is some additional paperwork for our treasurer, Sue Rose. However, Sue has already prepared our financial documents in anticipation of this application, so this is really not an issue at the present time.

If you have any concerns or questions about the by-laws or articles of incorporation, please call Mary Gerritsen, the POS president, at 650 348 6492 (evenings) or email her at HYPERLINK "<mailto:meg570@comcast.net>" meg570@comcast.net.

Please vote at the March POS meeting or if unable to attend, be sure to mark your vote on the ballot we will send you shortly thereafter. All ballots should be received LATER THAN April 15.

Mary E Gerritsen

President, Peninsula Orchid Society

No. 237870

**Restatement of Articles of Incorporation
The Peninsula Orchid Society, Inc.**

One: The name of this corporation is The Peninsula Orchid Society, Inc.

Two: This corporation is a nonprofit public benefit corporation and is not organized for the private gain of any person. It is organized under the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law for public and charitable purposes. The corporation is organized exclusively for public and charitable purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal income tax as an organization described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or corresponding section of any successor U.S. code).

Three: This corporation elects to be governed by all of the provisions of the California Nonprofit Corporation Law of 1980 not otherwise applicable to it under Part Five.

Four: The corporation may purchase, hire, lease, hold, sell, develop, mortgage, convey, or otherwise acquire or dispose of real or personal property necessary or proper for the carrying out of the purposes of the corporation.

Five: These Articles of Incorporation may be amended as follows. A proposed amendment shall be submitted in written form at any regular monthly meeting of the members. The proposed amendment shall be signed by no fewer than ten members in good standing and presented to the Recording Secretary, who shall publish the motion to the membership and the motion shall be read to the members present at their regular monthly meeting next before an Annual Meeting. After such reading, and after at least ten days' written notice to all members of record, the proposed amendment may be approved by favorable vote of at least two-thirds of the members of the corporation present and voting at the next Annual Meeting, or if by mail ballot, by two-thirds of all members of the corporation.

Six: Upon the dissolution and winding up of this corporation, after paying or adequately providing for the debts and obligations of the corporation, the remaining assets shall be distributed to a nonprofit fund, foundation or corporation organized and operated exclusively for the purposes specified in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and which has established its tax-exempt status under that section.

Approved by written ballot of the members, _____, 2008.

Rebecca Grubbs

Mary Gerritsen

By-Laws of The Peninsula Orchid Society, Inc.

Article I. Members

Section 1. Qualification. Membership is open to all persons interested in the culture of orchids, subject to the provisions herein. Individuals shall not be discriminated against due to race, color, ethnicity, national origin, religion, gender, sexual orientation, disability or age. All activities of the Society are conducted in accordance with the principles of nondiscrimination and mutual respect. Further, the Society shall not condone conduct not in accord with these stated principles, and inconsistent conduct by a member may be grounds for termination of membership.

Section 2. Classes. There shall be six annual classes of membership in the Society:

- a. Individual Membership. One person.
- b. Senior Membership. One person, age 55 years and older.
- c. Business Membership. For enterprises that desire to demonstrate ongoing, substantial support of the Society.
- d. Sustaining Membership. For persons that desire to demonstrate ongoing, substantial support of the Society.
- e. Honorary Life Membership. Past Presidents of the Society, and by action of the Board, other persons for reason of unusually outstanding contributions to the Society.
- f. Additional Membership. Available to persons living in the same household with a member of another class.

Section 3. Admission. Any member of the public, upon application to the Director of Membership and payment of the prescribed dues, may be admitted to Classes a through d and f, enumerated above.

Section 4. Dues. The dues shall be assessed annually at the rates established from time to time by the Board of Directors. Dues for renewal of membership are payable on 1 February. Any member who shall fail to renew by payment of dues by 1 April shall cease to receive the benefits of membership. Members shall pay the entirety of annual dues for any year, regardless of date of joining. No refund of dues shall be paid to any resigning member.

In assessing dues, the Board of Directors shall establish:

- a. Additional Member dues at one-half those for an Individual Member;
- b. Business Member dues one-third greater than those for an Individual Member;
- c. Sustaining Member dues shall be one hundred dollars greater than those for an Individual Member.

Section 5. Rights and Privileges. The rights and privileges of the several classes of membership shall be established from time to time by the Board of Directors. Each member shall enjoy the rights and privileges in effect at the commencement of the member's current year of membership. In all matters placed before the membership for determination, each member shall have one vote. A member may attend any meeting of the Board of Directors, but may not speak unless recognized by its Chair.

Article II. Board of Directors.

Section 1. Number. The five elected officers, the Director of Membership, the Director of Ways and Means, the immediate Past President, and three other persons elected from the membership at large, shall comprise a Board of Directors.

Section 2. Duties. The Board of Directors shall have the power to conduct, manage, and control the affairs of the Society, to advise the membership and its officers, and to make rules consistent with these By-Laws and the laws of the State of California. Routine business shall be conducted by the Board of Directors and not by the membership at its regular meetings. It is the duty of the Board of Directors to see to the timely preparation and filing of any tax returns required of the Society should the Treasurer fail to do so.

Section 3. Quorum. Seven members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for purposes of conducting business.

Section 4. Meetings. The Board shall meet upon the second Wednesday of each month and from time to time at the call of the President, at a time and place determined by the President, or at at date, time and place determined by written request of five members of the Board. The Board shall meet with those persons elected to serve on the Board for the following year, in the month of December for the purpose of making report of the condition of the Society.

Section 5. Election. Only members in good standing are eligible for nomination to serve on the Board of Directors. The members of the Board shall be proposed by the Nominating Committee to the membership at its Annual Meeting. The proposed slate of members of the Board shall be published in the monthly Society publication and mailed to all members in good standing, prior to the regular meeting immediately preceding the Annual Meeting. Further nominations may be made by members, or submitted in writing to the Recording Secretary in time to be read, at that meeting. Should there be more than one nominee for any office, a written ballot shall be mailed to each member in good standing at least ten days before the Annual Meeting and must be returned to the Corresponding Secretary by the date of the Annual Meeting. A majority of all votes cast at the Annual Meeting or by mail shall be necessary to constitute election.

Section 6. Term. The term of each member of the Board commences on 1 January following election.

Section 7. Removal. Any member of the Board of Directors may be removed by majority vote at any meeting of the Board if, either by illness, neglect, lack of interest, or other cause, that member shall have not attended to duties of a member of the Board.

Section 8. Vacancies. Vacancies upon the Board shall be filled by action of the Board at their next meeting after such vacancy shall have occurred, to fill the unexpired term of the vacancy. In event of inaction to fill such vacancy or vacancies at that next meeting, the members at their next regular meeting, may by motion seconded and approved, act to fill the vacancy or vacancies.

Article III. Officers.

Section 1. Number. Seven officers of the Society shall be elected by the membership: a President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Correspondence Secretary, Treasurer, a Director of Membership, and a Director of Ways and Means. All officers serve as volunteers and without compensation.

Section 2. Election. The officers together with those others nominated for the Board of Directors shall be proposed by the Nominating Committee to the membership at its Annual Meeting. The proposed slate of officers shall be published in the monthly Society publication and mailed to all members in good standing, prior to the regular meeting immediately preceding the Annual Meeting. Further nominations may be made by members, or submitted in writing to the Recording Secretary in time to be read, at that meeting. Should there be more than one nominee for any office, a written ballot shall be mailed to each member in good standing at least ten days before the Annual Meeting and must be returned to the Corresponding Secretary by the date of the Annual Meeting. A majority of all votes cast at the Annual Meeting shall be necessary to constitute election.

Section 3. Term. The term of each officer commences on 1 January following election.

Section 4. Qualification. Only members in good standing are eligible for nomination to serve as officer. No officer, with the exception of the Treasurer, is eligible to be elected to more than two consecutive terms in any office, but may continue to serve until a successor is elected.

Section 5. Removal. Any officer may be removed by majority vote at any meeting of the Board if, either by illness, neglect, lack of interest, or other cause, that member shall have not attended to duties of a member of the Board.

Section 6. Vacancies. Vacancies among the officers shall be filled by action of the Board at their next meeting after such vacancy shall have occurred, to fill the unexpired term of the vacancy. In event of inaction to fill such vacancy or vacancies at that next meeting, the members at their next regular meeting, may by motion seconded and approved, act to fill the vacancy or vacancies.

Article IV. Duties of Officers.

Section 1. President. The President shall when present preside over all meetings of the Board of Directors and meetings of members, shall exercise general supervision over the affairs and activities of the Society, shall execute all instruments on behalf of the Society, and shall serve ex-officio upon all committees created by the Society, except the Nominating Committee.

Section 2. Vice-President. The Vice-President shall execute the duties of the President during his or her absence, obtain and confirm all speakers for the various regular meetings of members, for any skill sessions, any plants required for opportunity tables, and is in charge of hospitality for guest speakers.

Section 3. Recording Secretary. The Recording Secretary shall issue announcements of Annual Meetings, receive and publish proposals for amendments to the Articles of Incorporation and these By-Laws, nominations of officers and board members, issue and receive ballots, shall keep a written and true record of all meetings of the Board and Annual Meetings, shall be custodian of the Society's records and shall execute any and all documents required of the Society by government authority.

Section 4. Corresponding Secretary. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct all correspondence of the Society and keep copies of the same.

Section 5. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall receive and deposit the funds of the Society in the name of the Society in such bank or banks as may be designated from time to time by the Board of Directors. Such funds shall be paid out only on the check of the Society signed by the President or Vice-President, Treasurer or Recording Secretary. The Treasurer may be required to be bonded by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall make timely payment of all insurances, rents and filing of all tax returns required of the Society. At any reasonable time, books of account shall be open to inspection and copying by any member of the Board of Directors and their designated Auditor.

An audited Treasurer's report for the preceding fiscal year shall be presented to the Board of Directors at their meeting no later than the end of the first quarter succeeding the end of the fiscal year for which the report was to be prepared. The report shall be available for inspection of members of good standing.

The proposed budget for the current year shall be presented for approval of the Board of Directors at their first meeting of each year and shall be available for inspection of members of good standing after Board approval.

Section 6. Ways and Means. The Director of Ways and Means shall plan and direct the fund-raising activities of the Society.

Section 7. Membership. The Director of Membership shall solicit and accept new memberships, collect dues, and maintain a current roster of the membership of the Society.

Section 8. Directors at Large. The remaining members of the Board of Directors are chosen to assist whenever possible in the affairs and activities of the Society.

V. Committees.

Section 1. Nominating Committee. A committee of five members shall be selected each year as follows: a chairperson and one member shall be selected by the Board of Directors at their meeting before the September regular meeting of members. At that regular meeting, three additional persons shall be nominated by approval of seconded motion by the membership to serve on the Nominating Committee, The committee shall expire upon election of officers and Board members at the Annual Meeting.

Section 2. Other Committees. Additional committees may be created, and their members appointed, as the Board of Directors shall from time to time require.

Article VI. Meetings.

Section 1. Monthly Meetings and Shows. Regular meetings of members shall be held monthly, to bring together persons having interest in culture and preservation of the species of plants in the orchid family, and their hybrids. Programs shall involve the Society membership with knowledgeable and renowned individuals and organizations; additional events shall promote or participate in public and private exhibitions and disseminate information and instructions by publication, advertisement or demonstration.

Section 2. Annual Meetings. Annual Meetings shall be held on the fourth Friday of each November.

Section 3. Conduct. Annual meetings, Society business conducted at regular monthly meetings of members, and meetings of the Board of Directors shall be conducted in conformity with Robert's Rules of Order, latest edition.

Section 4. Quorum. For all business conducted at Annual Meetings, for any business conducted by mail ballot, and at any regular monthly meeting, presence of or response by one-third of the members in good standing shall constitute satisfactory quorum. Business may continue to be conducted at any meeting though the one-third quorum not be maintained.

Article VII. Fiscal Year.

The Society's fiscal year shall commence 1 February and end 31 January of the calendar year following.

Article VIII. Dissolution.

The Society shall wind up its affairs, satisfy its debts and dissolve upon written motion signed by no fewer than ten percent of the members in good standing, and presented to the Recording Secretary, who shall publish the motion to the membership and the motion shall be read to the members present at their regular monthly meeting next before an Annual Meeting. The motion shall then be considered at the Annual Meeting following, or by mail ballot, in the manner described in Article Five of the Articles of Incorporation of the Society.

Article IX. Amendment.

These By-Laws may be amended upon written motion signed by no fewer than five members in good standing, and presented to the Recording Secretary who shall publish the motion to the membership and the motion shall be voted upon at the next Annual Meeting of members, but in no case in fewer than ten days after publication of the motion. No second is required and a simple majority vote of a quorum of members shall be sufficient to approve the motion.

Approved by written ballot of the members, _____, 2008.

Rebecca Grubbs
Recording Secretary

Mary Gerritsen
President

*Remember - the meeting is the 4th
Friday of the month (Feb. 22)-
not the last Friday
Special early start time of 7:30 PM*

*Important information relating to
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