

# The Sheath

## May General Meeting

Date: May 28, 2010

Doors Open: 7:00 PM

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

Skill Session at 7:00PM

**Growing Cattleyas &  
Their Relatives**

**Fred Shull**

**Meeting plus Show and  
Tell Table - 7:45 PM  
followed by**

**Speaker: Greg Allikas**

**A Tale of Two Cattleyas**

**Opportunity table by  
D&D Flowers**

### **A Tale of Two Cattleyas Speaker Greg Allikas**

Our speaker for May will be the well known orchid photographer, Greg Allikas. The title of his talk is: A Tale of Two Cattleyas. The high and low of Venezuelan Cattleya habitats.

Greg Allikas is known the world over for his brilliant photographs of orchids. His extensive knowledge of his subject and artistic background offer a unique interpretation that is both accurate, and stunningly beautiful. Greg has been a commercial photographer in the Palm Beach area and is well known for his library of theater photography. An orchid grower since 1970, Allikas is awards photographer for the AOS West Palm Beach Judging Center, Florida-Caribbean Judging Center in Miami, and many annual South Florida and international orchid shows including Miami, Ft. Lauderdale, Delray Beach, Naples and Boca Raton. His photos are regularly seen in AOS publications including the annual calendar and the and *Orchids* magazine. He has written articles for both *Orchids*



magazine and *Orchid Digest* and has been published in Germany, South America, Sweden and in the Russian magazine, *World of Orchids*. Greg also has many photos in the latest editions of the *Sunset* and *Ortho* books on orchids and supplied all of the photography for *Growing Orchids is Fun* (Hollingsworth), *Orchids to Know and Grow* (Sheehan & Black), and *Orquideas en la Gran Ciudad* (Verdura). The latter is the first book on orchid culture written and published in Spain. In November 2005, Thunder Bay Press published his second book co-authored with Ned Nash, *The World's Most Beautiful Orchids* which features over 500 photographs and 450 pages of text. A third Allikas-Nash collaboration; *Four Seasons of Orchids*. was published by Creative Homeowner in 2007. This 256-page book features more culture information than the previous two volumes and deals with culture from a seasonal approach. It has just been released as a second edition.

In 2005 Allikas was honored to consult on, and supply photography for a United Nations Postal Administration endangered species stamp release featuring 12 endangered orchid species. Greg is a popular speaker and in demand at orchid societies across the U.S.

He especially enjoys field trips to photograph orchids in their native habitats and rarely turns down an invitation to see and photograph orchids growing in the wild.

**Skill Session:** Fred Schull will talk about growing Cattleyas and related orchids.

**Opportunity Table:** Dennis Olivas will supply the table with South America in mind.



*Angrs. modesta* 'Roshan',  
HCC/AOS Anna Chai



Ron Parsons was one of our  
Show & Tell table expert  
presenters.



Masd. Pixie Lavender x Falcon  
Sunrise Anna Chai



Phal. Mini Mark 'Holm'  
Chaunie Langland



Iana. Apple Blossom 'Gravenstein'  
Rich Copeland & Martha Skalak



*Rst. cordatum*.  
The Staals



*Inps. utricularioides*  
Anna Chai



Amy Chung with Bruce  
Rodgers



Den. Jacquie Stocker  
Chaunie Langland





Den. Paradise Beryl  
The Staals



*Angcm. sesquipedale* 'Orchidglade'  
Todd Kennedy



*Den. unicum* x Princess  
The Staals



Paph. Gold Dollar  
Dan Williamson



*Coel. vanoverbergii*  
Chaunie Langland



*Phal. philippinensis*  
Todd Kennedy



Lc. Nobile's Affair Fred Shull



*Stelis situlifera*  
Mary Gerritsen



Trudy waits for customers at  
member sales



Rex escapes from the library!

Den.  
loddigesii  
Anna  
Chai  
(right)



Burr. Nelly Isler Janusz Warszawski  
(the Staals also brought one)

## Member News



*A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO: Monica Irvin, Lyn Haithcox, Charlotte Thunen, Christine Kradjian, Margaret Boomer, Anna Radcliffe, Patricia Coney, Steve Proshan, Sue Rose, Avery Rock, Misae Tanihana, Gloria Bygdnes, Rex Castell, Annie Green, Jonathan Riley, Pat Kajikawa, Ken Jacobsen, Susan Tong, Marlene Beumer, Nancy Hardesty, Olga Ostrovsky, Carmen Lapp, Ann Merics, and Judy Evans!*

**Thank Goodness They Are All Right!!** Three of our members had tough times prior to our April meeting - the good news is, all three were there to tell me about it. Rebecca Grubbs, our recording secretary, had a fall while on her usual bike ride and broke her hip. Anna Chai had surgery, but she is doing great now and looked fine at the April meeting. Jon-Michael, part of our dynamic refreshments duo, spent a week in the hospital with diverticulitis. He was still getting his strength back at the April meeting, but didn't let that slow him down at all. Everyone is grateful that you are all doing so well!

*Welcome to New Members: Ann Merics, Marina Romero, Elaine Levenson, and Eric Levenson!*

### AOS Corner

The American Orchid Society is getting ready for its Spring meeting where it will be electing a new President. Carlos Fighetti, the present AOS President, has worked terribly hard for all orchid growers whether they were members of AOS or not, and we all appreciate his efforts. Carlos was president for 2 and a half years but it probably felt like 15 to him! Thanks for all your hard work Carlos!

All orchid society boards are made up of volunteers who are working hard trying to do what is right for the society. It is not easy and we hope that the AOS Affiliated Society Committee can help by bringing together societies to exchange ideas and then sharing these ideas. Working together does lighten the load and makes for some great friendships as well as teaches us about orchids. So watch for AOS Rep info, check out the AOS web site, both the forum and the Affiliated Society page, and our Facebook page for ideas on making your society the best it can be. And thanks to all of the volunteers who make the orchid community the special place it is.

Carol Holdren  
AOS Affiliated Society Committee



Masd. Maggie Adalya  
The Staals



Cym. Pumilow  
Rich & Martha



Den. Spring Dream  
Nancy Hardesty

**I ♥ Restrepias**

**By Chaunie Langland**



Left - *Rstp. chameleon*., pale form. Upper - *Rstp. cuprea*. Lower - *Rstp. sanguinea*. Right - *Rstp. nittiorhyncha* (yes, it is very small)

Restrepias are wonderful little plants if you happen to enjoy having orchids that bloom constantly. I have eight different Restrepias in my Wardian case and there is always at least one in bloom on any given day, often two or more.

They receive 8 hours of cool fluorescent light, from about 2 feet away, and mostly indirect sunlight from South and West facing windows under 3 ft. eaves.

They are easy to repot. I grow mine in a 2 1/2" "rose pot" clay pots using sphagnum moss. (Rose pots are a little deeper than standard clay pots. I found them at Michael's) They



*Rstp. cuprea*

get watered with RO water twice each week.

Most Restrepias have stripes or spots or both and they grow in a wide variety of colors. They occur in nature from Mexico to Northern Argentina. Mary Gerritsen introduced them to me when she supplied the Opportunity Table plants in November of 2008. My next one came from Anna Chai at the member sales table at our show, followed by two from Hanging Gardens when Dan had his Open Greenhouse last October. That same month I bought one from Mike Drilling at our auction. Finally, I

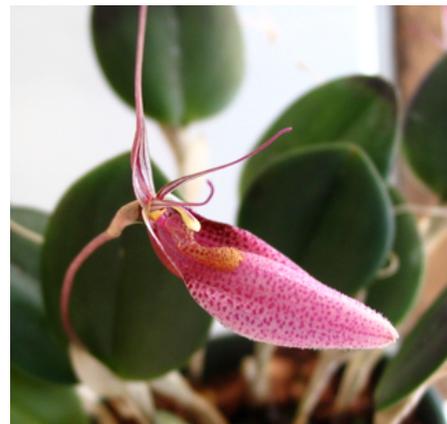


Restrepias bloom repeatedly from the base of the same leaf. All of those little tan stringy things are from past flowers.

ordered three from Ecuagenera and picked them up from POE.

To see wonderful photos of Restrepias, and of other species orchids, go to [www.orchidspecies.com](http://www.orchidspecies.com). This website is a wonderful resource. Ron Parson's excellent photos of Restrepias can be found at [http://www.flowershots.net/Restrepia\\_species.html](http://www.flowershots.net/Restrepia_species.html)

Further reference: Ron wrote a cultural article that would be of interest - Parsons R. Rewarding Restrepias. Orchid Digest 69, 69-78, 2005



*Rstp. ligiae*

What is one of your favorite orchids? Write an article about it and send it to [the\\_sheath\\_editor@earthlink.net](mailto:the_sheath_editor@earthlink.net). Worried about grammar and spelling errors? Don't worry, be happy, I will edit yours out and replace them with my own. Chaunie



Ginette talks with Ron while putting her orchids on the Show & Tell table



Masd. Sunset Jaguar 'Sunset Giraffe'  
Mary Gerritsen



*Paph. lowii*  
Mary Gerritsen



*Den. antennifera*  
Mary Gerritsen



Paph. Frank Smith  
Dan Williamson



*Masd. ignea*  
Mary Gerritsen



*Gsarco.fuscopunctatus*  
Ginette Sanchou



Zga. Adelaide Meadow x Dynamite  
Fred Shull



Phal. No Name  
Donna Horn



Dennis takes his turn describing the Show & Tell table plants



*Phal. sumatrana*  
Dan Williamson

*Jum. densefoliata*  
Donna Horn (right)



## Upcoming Events

**May 15-23 Woodstream Orchids 20th Anniversary Sale** - we are offering a 10% discount on orders placed May 15- 23, 2010. AOS members providing their membership number will receive an additional 5% off. All flasks, seedling, and plants will receive the discount, except for select divisions (which are always in short supply). <http://www.woodstreamorchids.com/>

**June 4-6 San Jose Orchid Exposition** - Miraido Club House, 550 N. Sixth St., San Jose. Fri. 5:30-9:30 PM, Sat. 9AM-6PM, Sun. 10AM- 5PM. Fund raiser for orchid conservation on Saturday. Free admission! For more information, ask Chaunie to forward the e-mail to you or go to <http://www.realorchidgrowers.com/>

**June 12-13 Maplethorpe Orchids Open House** - 3300 Maplethorpe Lane, Soquel. 10AM-3PM both days. Take Park Ave. exit from Hwy. 1, continue to Soquel Dr. and turn left, then right onto Maplethorpe. For more information call 831-462-0257 or e-mail [Frank Stagi](mailto:Frank.Stagi@maplethorpeorchids.com)

**June 17-18 D&D Orchids Open House & Sale** - Half Moon Bay. 9AM-3PM. Directions and details in June Sheath.

**July 9-11 The 30th Santa Barbara Orchid Estate International Orchid Fair** - Earl Warren Show grounds at Highway 101 and Las Positas Roads. Fri. & Sat. 9AM to 5 PM, Sun. 10 AM to 4 PM . Admission is free, parking is \$5. <http://www.orchidfair.com/>

**August 7 Speaker's Day** - Oddfellows Building, 1831 Howe Ave. at Alta Arden, Sacramento. 9AM-5PM. Admission \$15, AOS members \$5 in advance or \$10 at the door.

### Speaker's Day!

Saturday August 7, 2010

9AM to 5PM

[Oddfellow's Building](#) - 1831 Howe Ave at Alta Arden  
Sacramento, Ca. 95838

### Featuring

**Glen Decker** - Piping Rock Orchids -  
Phragmipedium kovachii and its hybrids

**Ron McHatton** - Director of Education for the American  
Orchid Society  
Orchid Biology for the General Grower - part 2

**Marguerite Webb** - J&L Orchids -  
Good Things Come in Small Packages, miniature orchids,  
especially for warmer climes

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D&D Flowers - Dennis Olivas - Dennis will have whatever the others  
don't.

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Members may advertise orchid related items. The ad is free. E-mail your ad to [the\\_sheath\\_editor@earthlink.net](mailto: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 1st of the month to be included that month's newsletter.

Have some unused greenhouse equipment? Bought some type of potting material that you decided you don't like? Have old issues of orchid magazines? Want to sell some plants from that flask you bought? Looking for a particular orchid? This is the place to put your FREE ad!

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### May Board Meeting

The Board meeting will be held on Friday, May 28, at Fresh Choice Restaurant, 1952 S El Camino Real in San Mateo (close to Hwy. 92). (650) 341-8498. The meeting will begin at 5:00PM.

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.

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*See you on the 4th Friday - the  
beginning of Memorial Day  
weekend!*

*Two open greenhouses in June with  
great prices. Don't miss out!*

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