

# The Sheath

## March General Meeting

Date: March 25, 2011

Time: Doors open at 7:00PM

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

***TIME TO PAY DUES - THANKS!***

Skill Session at 7:00PM

**Chaunie Langland**

**Fertilizers**

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

Speaker:

**Mary Gerritsen**

**Borneo**

Opportunity table by  
**Mary Gerritsen**

### **Travel to Borneo**

#### **Speaker: Mary Gerritsen**

This month Mary will give a presentation on "Borneo-Land Beneath the Wind" which will feature a bit of a travelogue about her trip to Borneo, as well as wonderful photographs of this country, some of its orchids and other flora and fauna.

Mary Gerritsen has been interested in plants for most of her adult life, and has been growing orchids on and off for the last 35 years. Her passion for this flowering family was rekindled when she moved to the San Francisco Bay area in 1997 and attended an orchid show. Returning home with a few plants, she decided to join a local orchid society to learn more about taking care of them, and from these early beginnings, her current passion began. Mary now grows orchids in her two greenhouses, three lath houses, outside, in her sun room, and everywhere else she can. Her collection of about a thousand plants, mostly species, is rich in Masdevallias and other Pleurothallids, monopodials, Bulbophyllums, and miniature orchids. She has co-authored two botanical books with Ron Parsons "Masdevallias, Gems of the Orchid World" and "Calochortus, Mariposa Lilies and their Relatives", and is currently working with Ron on a third book "Miniature Orchid Species" which should be

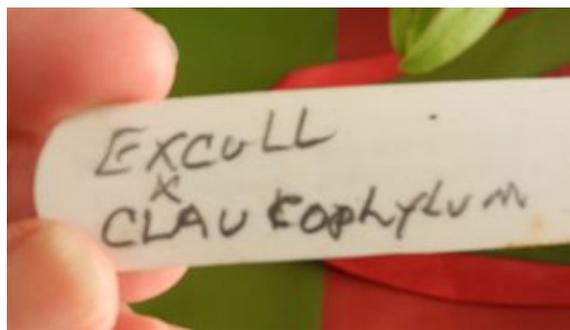
published in the fall of 2011. Mary is also now a regular contributor to the AOS magazine "Orchids", with an article published in October 2010 on her trip to Borneo, and articles on Brazil and the Greek Islands of Crete and Rhodes to appear in upcoming issues. One of Mary's favorite pastimes is to travel to exotic (and some not so exotic) places to see orchids in situ, and thus far she has visited Costa Rica, Panama, Ecuador, Peru, Brazil, Mexico, Australia, Germany, France, Luxembourg, Greece and Borneo on orchid "field trips". She has also traveled to various sites in California, Oregon, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Virginia to see North American native orchids. This year she is planning orchid treks to Mt. Roraima (the tallest tepui in Venezuela) and peninsular Malaysia. Mary has also been an active member of the Peninsula Orchid Society for many years, serving as director, vice-president and president. She is also a member of the Pleurothallid Alliance, the Native Orchid Conference, American Orchid Society and the San Francisco Orchid Society.

### **Skill Session**

Our skill session for this month will be presented by Chaunie Langland. She will talk about selecting fertilizers and other orchid supplements.

**Editor's Corner**

Well, I always seem to be nagging you to check out the names on your orchids to see if they are likely to be the right ones, and I caught myself with a *Paphiopedilum* that I brought in to the February Show and Tell table. Dennis and Neal did the table presentation and found that the name on this plant, which was listed as a cross, didn't really ring a bell, but sounded like a primary cross. That intrigued me, so I decided to look up the two parents.



Imagine my surprise when I typed Paph excull into Google search and had it suggest that I might mean *Paph exul*. I looked at photos of exul and decided that, indeed, it could be a parent of this plant. Then I typed in Paph. claucophyllum and Google suggested I might mean *Paph. glaucophyllum*, which has been used as a parent in many, many crosses. I did have to laugh at this tag, which came from a well known, large nursery to the south of us, and which I bought on a POS bus trip. Possibly someone who knew what the plant was gave the label instructions verbally to someone else who was making the tags, with the result that the tag ended up with similar sounding names on it.

It is confession time. I don't do the newsletter alone. Not only does Jackie Becker print, fold, staple, apply dots on the sides, label and mail the snail mail edition, there is actually a second editor. My husband caught our cat Holly in the act of making a few well thought out changes to my text the other day, using our Magic Mouse.



I am still hoping that someone will agree to take on the job of preparing the "upcoming events" page. This would consist of starting with last year's page to see if those events are being held this year and the correct dates, etc. Also, adding any events that I would e-mail to you. Then checking that the dates make sense (are those actually weekend dates?). This would require approximately 1 to 2 hours of your time each month. Please let me know if you are interested in helping out.

**A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO: Carol Zoltowski, Mort Block, Jasen Liu, Roey Shaviv, Valerie Baldwin, Frank Bloomquist, Anna Margarita Quiroz, Margery Mayer, David Huff, Ritsuko Furuya, Cat MacDonell, Rose Marie Pfanenstiel, Michele Casari, Nancy Francis, Diana Gross, Paul Reeve, Su McMurtry, Randall Takemoto-Hambleton, C. Todd Kennedy, Carl Sutherland, Crystal Wellman, Sandi Dobrowolsky, Nancy Shine & Evelyn Jones.**

*Welcome New Members: Jennifer and Ryan Thiem and Jim Pertsch!*



*Wilsonara* Opalescent 'Taylor Riley' Neal Winslow



*Colmanara* Wildcat 'Leopard' Gloria Bygdnes



*Restrepia* species Pat & Zach Coney



*Vuykstekeara* Aloha Passion 'Tow' Neal Winslow



*Paphiopedilum* Hamana Spice Monica Irvin



*Cymbidium* Amber Tranquila 'Cinnabar' Janusz Warszawski



*Bc.* Bill Worsely x *Sl.* Psycho Chaunie Langland



*Ascocenda* Mikasa Blue Janusz Warszawski



*Dendrobium* no name Dan Williamson



No name Susan Tong



*Laeliocattleya* Caligula Fred Shull



*Epicattleya* Siam Jade 'Avo' Janusz Warszawski

## Upcoming Events

**March 18-20 Santa Clara Valley Orchid Society Show and Sale**, Westgate Mall, 1600 Saratoga Ave., San Jose - FREE Admission. For information call (408) 229-2747.

**March 19-20 Golden Gate Cymbidium Society Show & Sale**, Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave., Oakland - 10AM-5PM - FREE admission - [www.ggcymbidiums.com](http://www.ggcymbidiums.com) - or (510) 276-2851. Plant entry noon to 6:00 PM on March 18th.

**March 19 - 20 MayOn Nursery's Orchid Sale**, [462 Broadmoor Blvd., San Leandro, CA 94577](http://www.mayon.com). 10 AM - 3 PM both days. Divisions and seedlings from the Fred Shull, Steve Thai & Paul and Phyllis Chim Collections. Call Paul Chim at (510) 635-3260.

**March 26-27 - Napa Valley Orchid Society Show and Sale**, Napa Senior Activities Center, 1500 Jefferson St., Napa 9am-4pm For more information please call 707-251-1630.

**April 2 - California Orchids Spring Sale** - 515 Aspen Rd., Bolinas - 9AM - 4PM - call (415) 868-0203 for more information <http://www.californiaorchids.com/> **Note:** Please contact the Chaunie or Mary G. if you would like a list of plants that will be available. You can pre-order.

**April 2-3- Central Coast Orchid Show & Sale**, South County Regional Center, 800 W. Branch, Arroyo Grande. Saturday 9AM-5PM, Sunday 10AM-5PM. Admission \$5, children under 12 free. [www.fcos.org](http://www.fcos.org) or (805)929-5749.

**April 16 - Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers Show & Sale, NEW LOCATION!** Woodside Road United Methodist Church, 2000 Woodside Rd, Redwood City, 94061 (Corner of Alameda de las Pulgas) 10AM - 4PM FREE admission & parking - Audrey (408) 741-2882 [www.GoldCoastCymbidiumGrowers.com](http://www.GoldCoastCymbidiumGrowers.com)

**April 16 & 17, Sacramento Orchid Society Show & Sale**, Scottish Rite Temple, 6151 H Street, Sacramento, CA, Saturday 10AM-5PM, Sunday 10AM-4PM, Admission \$5 [http://sacramentoorchids.org/index.php/spring\\_show\\_and\\_sale/](http://sacramentoorchids.org/index.php/spring_show_and_sale/)

**April 26 Marin Orchid Society Spring Auction**, Silent Auction Tuesday at 6:30 PM, followed by live auction at 7 PM. Marin Art and Garden Center (MAGC), 30 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard, Ross, CA. Wine, cheese and other refreshments provided! Auction paddles \$2.00. Website <http://www.marinorchidsociety.com>.

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## Past Events

I highly recommend that you check out the Gold Coast Cymbidium Grower's website. Audrey Young-Tarter does a great job of wandering through the cymbidium entries at the Santa Cruz and Peninsula Orchid Society 2011 shows with her camcorder. Her commentary is charming and friendly. I enjoyed her videos very much and hope she continues doing them and making them available to the rest of us. [http://www.goldcoastcymbidiumgrowers.com/videos\\_of\\_local\\_orchid\\_shows](http://www.goldcoastcymbidiumgrowers.com/videos_of_local_orchid_shows)

**President's Corner**

Daylight Savings Time has arrived today (and just HOW did my cats know to wake us up an hour earlier this morning?) and with it the promise of another spring, even though the rain doesn't seem to want to stop. And many of my dormant orchids are coming back to life, pushing new growths out of the old, luring me with the promise of new blooms, inspiring me to want to buy just a few more plants...

Of course, for me each spring also brings the painfully protracted discovery that a few of my plants (sometimes more than a few) didn't just go dormant for the WINTER, but rather they went dormant FOREVER, passing into that Great Greenhouse in the Sky. I know that somewhere breathes a grower who hasn't killed an orchid. Yet. Probably because he or she doesn't own any orchids yet. I am convinced that is the only way to avoid killing the damned things. I asked Anna Chai at the recent POS Show if she, too, killed orchids, and she just laughed. At least I am in good company. So, as Jacques Pepin would say if he grew orchids, "happy killing."

Our meeting this month will feature Chaunie Langland doing the skill session on fertilizing your orchids, and Mary Gerritsen giving the main presentation on her orchid expedition to Borneo. Mary will also furnish the opportunity table and promises that many of the plants will be from south-east Asia. As always, we could use more goodies for the refreshment table, and we encourage you to come early and socialize with your fellow orchid addicts. And remember that the member sales table is no longer sponsored by POS, so you can sell your plants without paying a percentage to the Society, but you have to handle the sale yourself and collect and pay the sales tax to the Great State of California.

Mike



*Phalaenopsis schilleriana*  
Jon-Michael Irvin



No name  
Mary Gerritsen



*Tolumnia triquetra*  
Chaunie Langland



*Comparettia macroplectron*  
Chaunie Langland

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April 2-3, 2011  
**Road Trip**

South County Regional Center  
 800 W. Branch St., Arroyo Grande, CA

See You There!

Orchid Show Preview Benefit  
 for the  
**SCOTIES HOMELESS  
 COALITION**  
 A fund to reduce the homelessness!

FRIDAY, APRIL 1 - 8:30-10:30 PM  
 Central Coast Show, 1000 S. Main St., Santa Maria  
 Live Show & Silent Auction

SOUTH COUNTY REGIONAL CENTER  
 800 W. Branch, Arroyo Grande  
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 Call 805.481.2891 or 805.829.5349  
 TO PURCHASE YOURS TODAY!

For more information:  
 www.fcos.org or  
 805.929.5749

For directions  
 See map at www.fcos.org

Don't miss **ELLIE'S SID DOWN CAFE**  
 Serving lunch & goodies in the train

**NAPA VALLEY ORCHID SOCIETY**  
**18th Annual Show and Sale**  
**"Treasures of the World"**

**March  
 26-27  
 2011  
 9am-4pm**

Napa Senior  
 Activity Center  
 1500 Jefferson Street  
 Napa CA 94558

For more information:  
 nvalorchidsociety.org or  
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**California Orchids Spring Sale!**  
 Saturday, April 2nd  
 9am - 4pm

**Variety!**  
 Plants in and out of flower  
 Seedling to specimen sizes  
 Repotting supplies  
 Sound Advice

6 - 17 foot cork oak logs covered with orchids ( see the September  
 issue of *ORCHIDS* for our article about them)

Email us for an out of flower price list. We will have pre ordered  
 plants boxed and ready for pick at the sale.

California Orchids 515 Aspen Rd Bolinas, Ca. 94924  
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[www.californiaorchids.com](http://www.californiaorchids.com)  
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*Dendrobium*. Green Lantern  
Jon Michael & Monica Irvin



*Bulbophyllum sulphureum*.  
Pat & Zach Coney



*Mediocallcar* Marion  
Bells The Staals



*Masdevallia* Mary  
Staal The Staals



*Darwinara* Charm 'Blue  
Pacific Dan Williamson



Dennis Olivas had a lively group  
going on watering and repotting



*Phalaenopsis* Raspberry  
Delight Jackie Becker



*Potinara* Montana Spirit 'Big  
Sky' Chaunie Langland



*Oncidium ornithorhynchum*, one of  
the parents of Onc. Twinkle  
Mike Rector



*Oncidium variegatum*.



*Paphiopedilum*. Yosper  
Dan Williamson



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*Cymbidium*. Dawn Beauty  
first bloom Jeff Trimble

## Unclassifieds

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 5th of the month to be included that month's newsletter.

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Free delivery to SCOVS, MOS, POS, OSC, SFOS Monthly Meetings

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Notes from the editor:

Show posters are reduced in resolution for the newsletter. If you would like a copy of the original .pdf file please contact the newsletter editor and she will happily e-mail it to you.

If you bring in plants for the show & tell table and have taken nice photos of them at home, feel free to e-mail the photos for inclusion in the newsletter. The photos taken under fluorescent lights do not always bring out the true beauty of your flowers! Please send the photos in their full resolution. The newsletter editor will reduce the size for the newsletter.

Also, please e-mail photos for the newsletter any time you like. Please do include the full name of each plant.

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The group on pest management, led by Gerardus Staal.



*Dendrobium* Yukidaruma 'King'  
Pat & Zach Coney



*Ionocidium* Popcorn is an example of flowers that are yellow when first open, turning to pink.



*Ionocidium* Popcorn put on a large flower display from a 2 1/2" pot.  
Chaunie Langland



*Laelia anceps* var. *roeblingiana*  
Barry Zimmerman



*Paphiopedilum venustum* is a 2009 op. table plant from White Oak Orchids  
Chaunie Langland



The fabulous opportunity table was supplied by White Oak Orchids



*Cymbidium* Huell Howser  
first bloom Jeff Trimble

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(1) \_\_\_\_\_

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Our membership year runs from February 1 through January 31 of the next year, regardless of the date on which you begin or renew your membership

*Remember  
Dues are due!*

*☞ Please renew by the end of March,  
if you have not done so already*

*♥ If you have - Thank You ! ♥*

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