

The Sheath

May General Meeting

Date: May 27, 2011

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

Dan Williamson

Indoor lighting

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

Speaker: **Dean Hung**

Orchid Genetics

Opportunity table by
Paphiness Orchids

Orchid Genetics

Speaker: Dr. D.Y. Hung

D.Y. Hung has been focused on growing slipper orchids since 2001. While initially somewhat disturbed by their unconventional appearance, something about slipper orchids continued to fascinate him, and he soon became an addicted collector.

To fund his costly collecting habit of rare species, he began selling some of his plants. As word spread, other slipper enthusiasts, always hungry for the latest form or variety, started contacting him for more and more plants. Having a Ph.D. in genetics gives him a different perspective on orchids, and he enjoys (gently) explaining aspects of orchid genetics to fellow orchid lovers.

His main website is www.paphinessorchids.com, and he also writes a blog on slipper orchid topics at www.slipperorchidblog.com. You can reach him

at Paphiness Orchids & Laboratory via email at orchids@paphinessorchids.com, or at 1-888-230-2890. His greenhouse is conveniently located in E. Palo Alto, and is open by appointment.

Skill Session:

Dan Williamson will give a skill session on setting up an inexpensive lighting system for growing orchids in your home.

Opportunity Table:

The opportunity table will be supplied by **Paphiness Orchids**. This will surely be one of our most popular tables this year!

Greenhouse Bus Tour! We are going east this June. See the details on page in this newsletter.

Member News



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

Greenhouse Bus Tour Goes East!

We have kept pretty close to home the past couple of years. This year we decided to strike out and head for the Gold Country. Dan Williamson has arranged a wonderful itinerary for us. The first stop will be at **Gold Country Orchids**, owned by the irrepressible Alan Koch, in Lincoln. (<http://www.goldcountryorchids.com/>) Alan specializes in Cattleya alliance orchids, and has many at attractive prices. He is also planning to find another member of the Sacramento Orchid Society to bring in hard to find species for our benefit.

We will then head over to **Howard Gunn's** greenhouses where we will have lunch by the Koi pond. Howard grows a wide variety of orchids and is also well known as a speaker.

On our way home our final stop will be at **Napa Valley Orchids**, owned by our April speaker Debra Atwood. She always has a great selection of plants. (<http://www.napavalleyorchids.com/>)

When: Saturday, June 25th

Board the bus: 7:40 AM, bus leaves at 8:00 AM ON THE DOT

Greenhouses: Gold Country Orchids, Howard Gunn, Napa Valley Orchids

Return to the Garden Center: Approx. 5:45 PM

Cost: To be announced at the May meeting - after Dan has finalized the bus reservation

Lunch: Included

Guests, other orchid societies members, and visitors also welcome to sign up and come along! Please remember to park on the street, not in the Garden Center parking lot. There may be a paid event at the Garden Center that day, such as a wedding.

To sign up or for more information, please contact Dan Williamson at 650-963-9403 or enki_29205@yahoo.com

BROOKSIDE ORCHIDS

IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE
IT'S

OPEN HOUSE

AND ALL YOUR MEMBERS ARE INVITED!

SATURDAY, MAY 21st FROM 9AM – 4 PM

FEATURING

TOURS OF OUR FACILITIES POTTING DEMONSTRATIONS

A WIDE SELECTION OF BLOOMING ORCHIDS (OF COURSE!)

SPECIAL PLANT SALES
DIVISIONS
SEEDLINGS
MERISTEMS

NEW ZEALAND BARK
NEW ZEALAND MOSS
PLASTIC AND CLAY POTS
FERTILIZER

GIFT PLANTS IN DECORATIVE POTS

(ORCHID SOCIETY AND GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS WHO MENTION THEIR
AFFILIATION WILL RECEIVE A 10% DISCOUNT ON ALL PURCHASES)

Brookside Orchids
2720 Alpine Rd
(Just off 280 above the Webb Ranch Farm stand)
Menlo Park, CA 94028
650-854-3711
LINK TO MAP:

[http://maps.google.com/maps?hl=en&q=Brookside
%20Orchids&um=1&ie=UTF-8&sa=N&tab=w](http://maps.google.com/maps?hl=en&q=Brookside%20Orchids&um=1&ie=UTF-8&sa=N&tab=w)

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE
NINTH ORCHID DIGEST SPEAKER'S DAY!!
"ONCIDIINAE"**

Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens, San Marino, California
Saturday, June 18, 2011 – 12:30 pm to 8:00 pm in *Friends Hall*
FEATURING

**All Genera Flower Display – Orchid Sales– Expert Lectures – Dinner
Remember!! AOS judging at 10:00 AM Open at 11:00AM to bring your blooming
plants for the flower display
Prize for best species and best hybrid**

**Lecturers: Cordelia Head, Jim Rassmann, Steve Beckendorf, Howard Liebman
Dinner Speaker: Mark Chase**

VENDORS: J & L Orchids; Cal Orchids; Andy's Orchids; Sunset Valley Orchids, Orchid Inn

**Tickets: \$60 (\$70 at door) for afternoon Seminars, Wine and Cheese Happy Hour; Dinner and Evening
Entertainment**

Please Contact: Simone Friend, 4349 Dogwood Ave., Seal Beach, CA 90740
Phone: (562) 431-1247 E-mail: orchidsimonef@aol.com

Make Your Reservations Now!

Upcoming Events

May 21 Brookside Orchids Open House, 2720 Alpine Rd., Menlo Park, just off of Hwy. 280. Turn into the Webb Ranch Produce Stand parking lot, then drive up the short steep driveway to the right of the fruit stand building. Head on into the greenhouse nearest the driveway. 9AM to 4PM. Don't forget to ask for your orchid society discount. They have many specialty type pots as well as other supplies.

June 3 San Jose Orchid Exposition Orchid Conservation Fund Raiser. Miraido Club House, 550 N. Sixth St., San Jose. 6:30PM to 9:30 PM. How many fund raisers can you attend for \$10? All of the entrance funds raised go to the Orchid Conservation Alliance (<http://www.orchidconservationalliance.org/>) Have first choice of plants for sale by Andy's Orchids, Cal-orchid, Gold Country Orchids, Golden Gate Orchids, Oz Gardens, Paphanatics Unlimited, Seed Engei and Tanya Lam Orchid Supplies; the vendors will pay the sales tax during the fund raiser. There will be wine tasting, party food, and a special speaker.

June 4-5 San Jose Orchid Exposition. Miraido Club House, 550 N. Sixth St., San Jose. Saturday 9AM - 6PM, Sunday 10AM - 5 PM. Vendors listed above. FREE admission and skill sessions. Wine tasting. Come and buy orchids you don't get to see in bloom during the show season!

June 10 Malahini Orchid Society Auction 7:30 PM, come early to preview the plants! Hewlett Packard Oak Room, 19091 Pruneridge Avenue, Cupertino. For more information, contact Mike Bautista via email at smb@batnet.com or by phone at 650-556-9599.

June 25 Peninsula Orchid Society Greenhouse Bus Tour - we will visit Gold Country Orchids, Howard Gunn, and Napa Valley Orchids. Sign up at the May meeting or contact Dan Williamson at 650-963-9403. Details on page 2 of this newsletter.

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 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!

Editor's Paragraph

No photos this issue. I wasn't able to attend the April meeting and my back-up arrangements fell through. I then tried to include some photos given to me by Ken and Amy Jacobsen of their travels to Tokyo Dome 2010 and Brazil. One disk was rejected by the CD drive and the other got stuck in the CD drive, requiring a couple of hours of effort to eject it and regain control of my Macbook Pro (thanks Eric!). I'm quitting while I'm ahead here. See you all at the meeting, Chaunie.

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

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