

The Sheath

July General Meeting

Date: July 22, 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

**No Skill Session - doors
open at 7:00 PM**

7:30 PM Special AOS
judging/seminar

Enter plants for judging
by 7:15PM

Followed by
presentation of the
Show & Tell table

Opportunity Table with be
provided by **Sue Rose**

AOS Judging at POS

I'm sure we've all had the experience of going to an orchid show and seeing blue ribbons on the showiest plants, and then seeing a plant right next to the showy plant with no ribbon at all, but an AOS award. Well, we'll have the chance to learn about different types of judging and understand how this occurs.

Of course, orchid judges for the AOS look for something different when judging flowers than do the ribbon judges for a society show, and this month we'll be able to see AOS judging in action. There will be two or three AOS judging teams set up to judge and score plants, and the local AOS judging chairman, Maynard Michel, will explain the overall process. As judging starts, members will gather around the individual judging groups to see the process in detail.

Because AOS judging is supposed to be an anonymous process, there are a couple things we'll need to do for this meeting that are different than usual. First, please bring in plants for the show-and-tell table as usual, especially if you think the flowers are exceptional for that particular type of orchid, but please don't stop to tell any of the judges about your plant as you do this. If a judge knows that a particular

plant belongs to a specific person, they must excuse themselves from judging that plant.

The meeting will commence at 7:30 this month, and after announcements, we'll start the judging process immediately. Any plants where judging has been specifically requested will be judged – forms will be at the meeting for requesting judging. Also, the show-and-tell table will be viewed by the judges to see if there are additional plants they feel worthy of a closer look. Once judging is finished, we'll have a short break, introduce the awarded plants and the show-and-tell table.

If the judges award your plant, then that's wonderful. If you don't get an award, that doesn't mean your plant isn't exceptional, only that the judges are looking at attributes of a plant and flower which may be different than you see when you look at the flower. Especially with orchids, beauty is very much in the eye of the beholder.

We urge you to take advantage of this opportunity to get plants AOS judged without having to go to San Francisco or Oakland. Hopefully, we'll all learn more about AOS judging, see some special plants, and have fun in the process!

Opportunity table provided by Sue Rose.



Cattleya (Laelia) purpurata
Barry Zimmerman



Cattleya Latona 'Stirling'
Barry Zimmerman



Cattleya purpurata var. *werkhauseri*
Barry Zimmerman



Paphiopedilum Macabre 'Kum Nam', HCC/AOS
Anna Chai



Laelia sincorana
Anna Chai



Masdevallia Redshine 'Cardinal', FCC/AOS
Anna Chai



Dennis had some plants for sale!



Cattleya leopoldii
Fred Shull



Phalaenopsis Brother Gold Wish
Jon-Michael Irvin



Epidendrum hybrid
Janusz Warszawski



Paphiopedilum Cutie (macabre hybrid)
Trudy Hadler

Member News



A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Fe Araullo, Jackie Becker, Anna Chai, Paul Chim, Rebecca Grubbs, Trudy Hadler, Susan Hamilton, Melvin Jones, Valerie Jones, Maureen Maher, Raymond R. Ogburn, Jonathan Riley, Jerry Rodder, Deadra St. Clair, Jeff Trimble, Catherine Walden, and Nancy Wilson.

Welcome to New Member: Connie Hernandez!

Refreshments: We had great refreshments, but I am afraid I didn't get the list this month. Thank you to all of you who brought refreshments last month! Please see the information on page 5 about the new refreshment thank you program.

Editor's Corner

Yes July is here, summer has come at last, and it is time to face up to some basic truths. One of which is that those pots in the greenhouse, without anything green in them, are not having a winter rest. The up side is, some free space in the greenhouse.

Another basic truth is that if I don't get my cymbidiums repotted this month, there are going to be a lot of cymbidiums splitting their pots. You'd be surprised how many regrets you receive when you send out invitations to come over and help repot long overdue cymbidiums. Maybe I should befriend some unemployed lumber jacks.

Coming up:

Plans are moving ahead for holding our annual auction on Saturday, September 24th. This will be an afternoon auction at the San Mateo Garden Center. We hope to attract some bidders from the general public. We will have more details as we get closer to the date. Hopefully there will be time to take a short break in the middle of the auction. It is also hoped that people will have more energy than on a Friday night!

The 2012 POS show will take place January 27, 28, and 29th.

Our August speaker will be Marni Turkel. She will talk about miniature orchids and supply the opportunity table. Dan Newman will be our October speaker!

See you at the meeting!

Chaunie

Page 9 photos, left to right: *Paphiopedilum*. Gege's Trix brought by Mike Green; *Dendrobium unicum*. brought by Monica Irvin; *Miltoniopsis vexillaria* brought by Carol Zoltowski; and *Stenoglottis* species, fimbriata type, brought by Carol Zoltowski.



Trichopilia galeottiana
Ann Stuart



Winston attending the meeting. He has many orchids named for him!



Neofinetia falcata
Tanya Lam



Eria pannea
Ginette Sanchou



Bulbophyllum saurocephelum
Ginette Sanchou



Dendrobium vexillarius var.
microblepharum
Cordelia Wong



Dendrobium vexillarius var.
retroflexum
Dan Newman



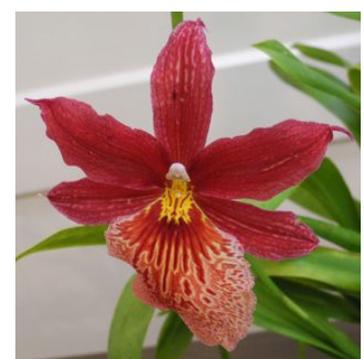
Dendrobium brymerianum
Tanya Lam



Mary was joined at her usual spot by her sister Christina, visiting from the Netherlands



Trisetella gemmata
The Staals



Burrageara Nelly Isler
The Staals

Upcoming Events

July 16 Botanico Open Greenhouse

July 27 Golden Gate Cymbidium Society Auction & Potluck Dinner Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland, 7 PM. Bring a plant for donation and a potluck dish. Call for information at (510) 276-2851 or visit: www.ggcymbidiums.com

August 6 Palomar Orchid Society Annual Auction - Women's Club of Carlsbad, 3320 Monroe St., Carlsbad. Preview 11 AM, Auction begins at noon. See flyer below.

August 6 The California Sierra Nevada Judging Center's 3rd Annual Speaker's Day Odd Fellows Hall, 1831 Howe Ave at Alta Arden, Sacramento, CA 95838. 9AM to 5PM. Speakers: Marc Hatchadourian curator New York Botanical Gardens, Tom Harper of Stones River Orchids and Erich Michel of Michel Orchid Nursery. Cost is \$10.00 advance tickets for AOS members, \$15.00 at the door for AOS members and \$25.00 for non-AOS members. More information <http://www.facebook.com/pages/California-Sierra-Nevada-Judging-Center/104769679585467>. You can also contact Chaunie for the mailing address to pay for tickets in advance.

August 8 POS board meeting, San Carlos Public Library, 7PM to 9PM. All members are welcome to attend!

ORCHIDS IN THE PARK

Sale & Exhibition

September 17 and 18

10 AM - 5 PM

County Fair Building - 9th Avenue & Lincoln Way, San Francisco

Admission \$4, Seniors \$3, Children under 16 free

Demonstrations, Lectures, Raffles

email: info@orchidsanfrancisco.org

Speaker's Day!

Saturday August 6, 2010

9AM to 5PM

Oddfellow's Building - 1831 Howe Ave at Alta Arden
Sacramento, Ca. 95838

Featuring

Marc Hatchadourian - curator of
the New York Botanical Gardens

Tom Harper - Stone River Orchids -
The Twelve Most Important Phalaenopsis Species in Today's
Hybrids

Erich Michel - Michel Orchid Nursery
Unusual Orchid Species from Madagascar

Break out sessions with culture talks

Silent Auction divisions of awarded plants - even FCC's!

Vendors are [Piping Rock Orchids](#) - legal Phrag kovachiis & hybrids!
[J&L Orchids](#) - species and orchids for home, lights & greenhouses
[Gold Country Orchids](#) minicatts that bloom 2-3 times a year

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[D&D Flowers](#) - Dennis Olivas - Dennis will have whatever the others don't.

General admission - \$25.00

Sponsoring Societies (to CSNJ) or AOS
members - \$10.00 in advance, \$15 at the
door.



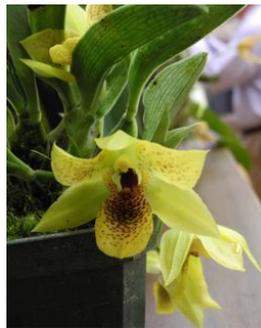
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'Mendenhall'
Daniel Williamson



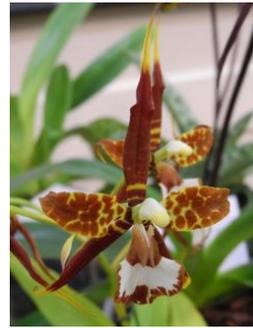
Brassolaeliocattleya hybrid
Daniel Williamson



Warscewiczella discolor
x amazonica
Gloria Bygdnes



Promenaea Crawshayana
The Staals



Rhyncostele cordata hybrid
Chris Mende



Epilaelia
The Staals



Dendrobium cuttbertsonii
Dan Newman



Masdevallia species (Ecuador)
Dan Newman



Dendrobium hainanense *
Anna Chai

* online research shows this plant and a very different plant for this name - multiple times for each. Ed.



(left - right) *Paphiopedilum rothschildianum* ('Dau Fang' x 'Green Valley') and two hybrids: Lady Isabel x Angel Hair; and Susan Booth.



Ticks Can Make Us Sick In California
submitted by Christine Kradjian

Many Californians and medical professionals believe Lyme Disease is not an urgent problem in California. **Wrong.** Infected ticks have been found in 42 out of 58 California counties tested so far. Deer ticks are in 56 counties.

Clusters of infected residents are in Hillsborough, San Mateo, Belmont, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Carmel, Mendocino, Marin, for example. Lyme Disease has been reported in all 50 states. 25% of the victims are children.

Nymph ticks are the size of poppy seeds and often are highly infectious. Adult ticks also carry diseases. Tick populations vary with seasons and climate but prefer grasses, bushes, trails, logs and leaf piles. They feed on deer, squirrels, mice, birds, lizards and rabbits.

The Western black legged tick (*Ixodes Pacificus*) can transmit Lyme disease, Babesia, Bartonella and Erlichia. Deer ticks and dog ticks can also carry diseases.

Our member Christine Kradjian was unknowingly infected 20 years ago in her front yard just off 280 in Hillsborough where she noticed ticks on their dogs. She never saw a tick on her leg and thought the large bite was from a spider. Many years later following many neurological and painful symptoms and numerous doctor consults she was finally diagnosed with three tick borne diseases (Lyme, Babesia, Bartonella) and began treatment in 2005. She remains in treatment as the diseases have become chronic and recurring.

Her warning: Be careful and observant. Remove attached ticks carefully at skin with tweezer. Do not poison or burn before removal. Have them tested at your health department or vector borne diseases lab if concerned.

Know that many people never develop the typical rash and never see the tick even if they do develop the EM rash. Many develop flu-like symptoms after a bite from an infected tick. If untreated neurological symptoms and pain develop.

See your doctor for prompt diagnosis and treatment. Tests for Lyme disease are not perfect and do not turn positive for weeks after infection. Early and adequate treatment is essential to recovery.

If walking in a known tick infested area try wearing light colored clothing with socks tucked over your pants legs. Check yourself carefully for several days.

For comprehensive information see the California Lyme Disease Association (CALDA) website. (<http://www.lymedisease.org/>)



Phalaenopsis corningiana
Tom Mudge



Phalaenopsis sumatrana
Tom Mudge



Phalaenopsis lueddemanniana or bastianii
Chaunie Langland

The Razzle Dazzle Orchid Raffle

Actually three separate orchid raffles...each one featuring a fabulous highly desirable orchid, and each orchid is accompanied by selections from an array of orchid accessories, including potting media, charcoal, moss, orchid mounts, fertilizer, wood baskets, pots, orchid clips, pruning shears, razor blades, plant labels, wire, note cards, gift certificates, ceramic pots and orchid book(s). The raffle tickets will be available for purchase at the San Francisco Orchid Society Meetings (August 2, September 6), at other local orchid society meetings (to be announced) and at the Orchids in the Park Sept 17-18th, County Fair Building, 9th Avenue and Lincoln Way, San Francisco. The prize drawing will be at the Orchids in the Park show, at noon on the September 18. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20, and proceeds will support the San Francisco Orchid Society, a 501(c)3 charitable organization.

Phragmipedium kovachii

Plant donated by Gary Meyer



Touted as the most exciting orchid discovery of the last hundred years, *Phragmipedium kovachii* has captured the fancy of orchid growers around the world. With brightly colored flowers that have a spread of up to 8 inches across, plants of the species are highly desirable and are valued at hundreds to thousands of dollars for a well grown clone. The inflorescence is 1-3 flowered, sequential, and after the flowers open, the bloom continues to grow and lighten in color. This species requires excellent water quality, evenly moist media (open, very porous) and intermediate conditions, bright indirect sunlight.

Cymbidium elegans

Plant donated by Cindy Hill



This is an unusual *Cymbidium* species, so unusual that some many find it hard to believe it is in the genus *Cymbidium*. The densely, many flowered inflorescence carries a display of beautiful, funnel shaped, butter-cup yellow blooms. This species is rarely seen and there are few sources of this species in the US. The original clone of this plant offered in the raffle was imported from Nursery International in Kalimpong, India, in 2003. This excellent clone is unusual in that it has a much more spreading flower than most plants of this species. It is native to Nepal, north-east India, southwest China, Bhutan, and southwest China. *Cymbidium elegans* grows on trees and rocks in damp, shady forest, sometimes on shaded rocks overhanging streams. Its strongest bloom is in the fall/winter, but it can bloom throughout the year. It does best for Cindy in intermediate- cool conditions, but tolerates warm to cool. Very bright indirect light, and needs a cooler winter to bloom well.

Dracula Raven

Plant donated by John Leathers and Bob Hamiltbn



Clones of this hybrid of *Dracula vampira* x *Dracula roezlii* have garnered numerous awards, including several Award of Merits, First Class Certificates, and last year, the BEST OF SHOW at the Pacific Orchid Exposition. The large flowers of this grex are extremely dark (nearly black), in fact probably the blackest orchids available, and there are very few plants of this highly desirable grex in collections. It is best grown under cool-intermediate humid conditions in a well draining medium, in indirect light, using water of excellent quality. The inflorescences are pendent and grow from the edge or bottom of the plant, so it is best to grow this plant in a hanging basket or net pot.

Keep your volunteer skills honed to a fine edge!

Volunteers Needed! The San Francisco Orchid Society (SFOS) is putting on their annual fall show and sale "Orchids in the Park" scheduled for September 17-18, 10 am-5pm. Putting on a show takes lots of volunteers, and the SFOS would like to invite interested POS members to participate as volunteers. There are lots of different jobs available: security, plant sales, cashier, set up, take down, raffle ticket sales, orchid concierge. Some jobs are sit down, while others require some standing, some light lifting. This is a great way to meet more people interested in orchids, and have some fun with your fellow orchid enthusiasts. If you are interested in participating, please contact Bob Christensen, who is organizing the volunteers: , (415)337-6571, rcc572@aol.com

Bring Treats to Share, New Way to Win an Orchid!

This month we will try out a new reward for those of you who bring refreshments to share at the meeting. Your name will go into a hat for a special drawing for the opportunity table.

Instead of receiving a strip of tickets to enter in the general drawing, the refreshment drawing will take place right after the Show & Tell drawing. Someone who brought in a treat will get to choose the second plant from the opportunity table. By having your name in the hat, you will have better odds of winning an orchid than when you have tickets that are mixed in with the general drawing.

Please be sure to get a piece of paper from Jon-Michael or Monica when you bring your treat in, put your name on it and place it in the near-by hat.

If your name is in that hat, it is up to you to remind Mike to draw from the hat when the big moment comes - he gets kind of tired by the end of the meeting and his mind starts to wander. (Just kidding Mike.)



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*Bring your best orchid for AOS
judging!*

*Remember, our meeting is the 4th
Friday of the month, not the last
Friday!*

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