

The Sheath

September Auction Meeting

Date: Saturday, September 24, 2011

Time: 1:30 PM Annual Auction

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

Set-up Volunteers
please arrive before **11:00**

Plant and item check-in
from **11:00AM to**
1:00 PM

Bidder registration
begins at: 12:00 PM
Auction begins
at 1:30 PM

Cash or checks only

Annual Auction!

The Society welcomes and greatly appreciates all donations - this event is our main source of income for paying our expenses throughout the year.

Auction Plants and Items will be accepted beginning at 11:00 AM. Sellers must be POS members. **Items must be presented for check-in by 1:00 PM - including pre-registered plants and items.** *No exceptions.* Particulars about how many plants you can sell or donate, etc. are listed on page 2. Items should arrive for check-in already tagged with their orchid code, your name, and minimum bid (if any). If there is no minimum bid set, then the auctioneers will start your plant at a price they deem reasonable.

The list and example photos of pre-registered items can be found at <http://auction.penorchidsoc.org/auction/>, starting September 10th or earlier, and will be updated regularly.

Plants should be established and must be disease and insect free. Please bring only plants that you would bid on. *The POS reserves the right to refuse any plant or supplies offered for auction.*

We will have an "instant sale" area at the back of the room. Plants will be sold for \$5 until 3:30 PM. After that the price will be \$2. Should you take a chance and hope the plant you want will still be there at 3:30? Hmmmm....

You may want to bring a box or two with you, to take home all of your new found treasures.

Refreshments will be served - you are still welcome to bring goodies with you and they will be much appreciated!

Due to lack of internet access at the garden center, we can only accept **cash or checks**.

Pre-entry of plants:

By e-mail, please send your entries to Dan Williamson enki_29205@yahoo.com or Fred Cox sailorfred@yahoo.com. You are encouraged to send photos if you have them - please use a description of the plant as the file name. Please list your orchid code, plant name, minimum bid (if any), and whether or not it is a donation.

By mail, please use a copy of the form attached to the newsletter. Please send to: Fred Cox, 1356 Garrans Drive, San Jose, CA 95130.

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1) The total number of lots (single plants, box of plants, books, other related items, or collection of items) not to exceed 250.

2) Members may donate or sell (on consignment) up to a total of 20 plants/lots. The maximum number of plants/lot that any member can sell is 10; however, for example if a member wants to donate 15 lots and sell 5, that works too. Or donate 20 and sell 0! You can also combine two or more plants as a single "lot", Please consider donating plants, the proceeds support the POS. Plants are sold on consignment: 25% of the proceeds will go the POS and the owners will receive a 75% check by mail after the auction. All sales are subject to sales tax which will be collected by the POS.

3) If at all possible, members should pre-register the plants/lots they want to sell or donate by email to: Dan Williamson enki_29205@yahoo.com or Fred Cox sailorfred@yahoo.com, giving the information for each plant that is requested on the form in this newsletter. If you don't have email you can mail the form to Chaunie Langland, 878 Cashew Way, Fremont, CA 94536.

4) Closing date for early submission of electronic or RECEIPT of snail mail lists is the TUESDAY (September 20) before the auction.

5) There will still be the opportunity to bring plants or lots that have not been pre-registered until the maximum number of lots (250) has been reached. The advantage of pre-registering is to generate more interest in your plants as buyers have time to research them, and to be sure that your plants make it into the auction.

6) The POS will accept donations in excess of the 250 cap but will reserve the option to place the plants on the instant sale table or to use the donations in opportunity tables at later meetings.

7) **DAY OF THE AUCTION:** Bring your plants with the plant tags already filled out and attached to the pots (or whatever works well for the non-potted plants) and a filled out copy of the auction entry form on page 3. Plants must be entered no later than 1:00PM. Sorry, NO EXCEPTIONS.

Plant tags are available on page 4.

The orchid code is two letters and two digits (no hyphen). Examples: CL01, CL02, CL10.

Orchid Code_____

Plant Name_____

Seller's Name _____

Minimum Bid _____

Comments_____

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Paphiopedilum Hsinying
Leopard hybrid
Jasen Liu



Phalaenopsis mannii
Jon-Michael & Monica Irvin



Dendrobium laevifolium
Jon Pham



Dendrobium jacobsonii
Jon-Michael Irvin



Dendrobium atroviolaceum
Jon-Michael Irvin



Doritis champarensis var. *alba*
Jon-Michael & Monica Irvin



Trichoglottis smithii
Ginette Sanchou



Cattleychea Siam Jade
Dan Williamson



Rhyncholaeliocattleya Memoria Lou
Barrier Dan Williamson



Paphiopedilum hainanense
Mary Gerritsen



Phalaenopsis Cassandra x *Doritaenopsis*
Taihort Coral Jackie Becker



Member News

A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO: *Usha Balaraman, Marjorie Chahal, Sandra Charles, Phyllis Chim, Amy Chung, Douglas Cunning, Mary Gerritsen, Pete Hodgson, Mary Jensen, Sharon Langan, Kreg Martin, Dennis Olivas, Fred Shull, Ann Bailey Stuart, Al Testa, and Dan Williamson!*

We are sorry to report the passing of Bud Segraves on September 1st. Bud was a past president of several Bay Area orchid societies and was known to many of our members. Our condolences to his family.

BOOK REVIEW

In February of 2010 I ran an announcement in *The Sheath* from Bill Thoms promoting his new book *BULBOPHYLLUMS The Incomplete Guide; From A to WHY*. I had a couple of bulbophyllums and hadn't been successful at blooming them, so I decided to order Bill's book. I was in for a delightful surprise. Expecting a standard looking book, with the chore of searching through the dry parts for the information I needed, I found Bill's book to be surprisingly different. Frankly, I was a little put off by his choice of fonts and page layouts when I first opened the book. As it turned out, Bill knows how to use changes in font sizes, underlining, bolding, and whatever it takes to keep the book interesting and engaging. He uses plenty of humor, and doesn't get his ideas lost in too much detail or distracting technical terms. And yes, there are plenty of beautiful photos of species and hybrids!

Bill covers all of the basics for beginning orchid growers and carries the reader along into the more specialized parts of growing *bulbophyllums* (correctly pronounced bulbo fill ums, not bulbo file ums, though it is a bit of a tongue twister, so many people just say bulbos). He shows how to build and fill your own hanging baskets and how to grow specimen plants. There are photos clearly demonstrating how to pollinate plants and how to grow orchids from flasks. Most importantly, he clues you in on which bulbophyllums have no odor, pleasant odor, mild odor and exceptional odor. There is even information on differentiating between some commonly mislabeled bulbophyllums.

I found this book engaging and highly useful - yes I have bloomed several of my bulbophyllums after reading this book, and now I know why the other two aren't blooming. However, I spend too much time on this newsletter to get around to implementing the fixes. That's my story, and I'm sticking to it.

I would recommend that any novice grower buy this book, even if you have no particular interest in bulbophyllums, just for the basic understanding of orchids that you will gain without pain. Any intermediate through advanced grower who has an interest in bulbophyllums should enjoy this book also.



Masdevallia ophioglossa
Mary Gerritsen



Masdevallia Jiminy Cricket
Mary Gerritsen



Paphiopedilum lowii
Joseph Kautz



Paphiopedilum Joyce Hasegawa
Anna Chai



Dan filled in for our
vacationing president



Haraella refrocalla
Mary Gerritsen



Stelis situlifera
Mary Gerritsen



Colminara Wild Willie
Gloria Bygdnes



Pleurothallis tripterantha
Mary Gerritsen



Stelis species
(Bolivia)
Mary
Gerritsen



Habenaria radiata
Taik Yun



Paphiopedilum leucobilum
Fred Cox



Phalaenopsis Lioulin Sweet
'Sweetheart' Cordelia Wong

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Everyone Welcome!

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All plants being auctioned are POS member plants or donations

Rare plants, awarded plants, food and fun!

Doors open for previewing at 12:00 PM

Beginning September 10
pre-registered plant listing may be viewed at
<http://auction.penorchidsoc.org/auction/>

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San Francisco Orchid Society
presents
Orchids in the Park
A Sale and Exhibition



Photo by
Ron Parsons

Saturday Sept 17, 2011
Sunday Sept 18, 2011
10 am-5 pm

County Fair Building
9th Ave & Lincoln Way
San Francisco

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

Demonstrations, Lectures, Raffles
email: info@orchidsanfrancisco.org

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California Orchids Fall Sale!
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Upcoming Events

September 7th Santa Clara Valley Orchid Society special speaker, American Legion Hall at 1504 Minnesota Ave. San Jose, 7:30PM. TJ. Hartung is a board member of the Puerto Vallarta Botanical Gardens. He speaks excellent English. Kristina (SCVOS prez) met him when she was there. He took her group to see orchids *in situ*. This will be a great opportunity to learn more about Mexican orchids.

September 17th & 18th San Francisco Orchid Society's Fall Sale. 2011 Orchids in the Park, SF County Fair Building (Hall of Flowers), 10 am - 5 pm both days; general admission \$ 4, seniors \$3.

Featuring more than 15 vendors and includes member sales, raffles, demonstrations, and exhibits. New this year, an Orchid Concierge service, to help patrons pick up their orchid purchases directly from the Hall of Flowers. Please see the SFOS website for updates about vendors, parking, and related events:
www.orchidsanfrancisco.org.

September 23rd - No POS meeting because:

September 24th - yes Saturday - POS Annual Auction! Details in this Sheath. Plant check-in 11:00 to 1:00. Auction 1:30 to 5:00.

September 24 California Orchids Fall Sale 515 Aspen Rd, Bolinas, 9AM-4PM. for more information call 415-868-0203.

September 26,27, 30 & October 1 and 2 Cynthia Battershall Orchid Sale. By appointment only - 2 to 6 pm. Established divisions, including pendant and high color cymbidiums, L.purpurata, brassavola, cattleya, brassia,etc. Most plants: \$10.Ten minutes south of the town of Sonoma. Cynthia Battershall. 707-938-2205.
cybatt@yahoo.com.

October 8 San Mateo Garden Center Open House, 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo, 10AM-4PM.

All of the garden clubs who use the garden center will have tables with information about their societies and some will have plants for sale. POS will be there!

October 10 Peninsula Orchid Society Board meeting. San Carlos Public Library. 7:00 - 9:00 PM. All POS members welcome to attend!



Phalaenopsis violacea 'Indigo Blue'
Cordelia Wong



Phalaenopsis bellina var. *coerulea*
Cordelia Wong



Phalaenopsis bellina var. *alba*
Fred Cox



Phalaenopsis Hannover Passion
x Tabasco Tex Cordelia Wong



No tag
Janusz Warszawski



Phragmipedium besseae var. *flavum*
Chaunie Langland



Dendrobium farmeri var. *aurea*
won in-bud by Chaunie from
Marni's Opportunity Table



Phalaenopsis Sweet Strawberry
Chaunie Langland



Phalaenopsis fasciata Fred Cox
Multiple flower spikes develop keikis at
some points which will also flower



No tag
Janusz Warszawski



Phalaenopsis violacea var. *alba*
Chaunie Langland

Get Involved!

It is time for you to step forward to offer to serve on the board. The board is responsible for organizing the programs for our monthly meetings, making sure we have a show committee, organizing our annual auction, managing our finances, organizing members to provide orchid education at several events we are invited to each year, and working to improve the society to meet the needs and desires of our members.

How often, where, and when does the board meet? This is decided at the first board meeting in January. Some boards choose to meet monthly, some bi-monthly. Sometimes meetings are at board members' homes, or restaurants, or at the San Carlos Public Library.

Do you need to be an orchid expert to serve on the board? No, there are usually a number of experts on the board, and this makes it a great place for novice growers to pick up extra knowledge. All you need is an interest in making the society interesting and useful to our members.

The election of officers will take place at the Annual General Business Meeting in November. Wouldn't it be great to hear your name read and voted for?

2011 Board of Directors

President: Mike Drilling 650-692-8998 *Vice President:* Open!
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It will be on SATURDAY

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*Bring your friends, family members,
co-workers, neighbors!*

Details inside

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