

# The Sheath

## February General Meeting

Date: February 24, 2012

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

**Pop Quiz**

**on nomenclature**

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

Speaker: **Andrea  
Niessen**

**Miniature Orchids  
from Columbia**

Opportunity table by  
**Orquideas Del Valle**

### Miniature Orchids from Columbia

We are honored to have as our speaker this month Andrea Niessen from Columbia. Andrea was born in Cali, Colombia to a German family. She received her high school degree from the Cali German School and was an exchange student in Claremont, California where she graduated again at the St. Lucy's Priory High School. She went on to earn a Biology degree with an emphasis in Botany at the Universidad del Valle, Cali. Then back to the United States where Andrea earned a Masters of Science, with a major in Electron Microscopy and minor in Virology, from the University of Florida in



Gainesville, Florida. She then worked as a research associate at the International Center for Tropical Agriculture in the Pastures Entomology Department and later in the Virology Unit.

She has been a dedicated hobby orchid grower all of her life. Andrea has served as a board member and president (1992 -1997) of the local orchid Society, Asociación Vallecaucana de Orquideología and judge of the Colombian Orchid Committee.

Andrea has lectured about Colombian Orchids in Colombia, USA, Canada, Belgium, Italy, Ireland, Spain, Switzerland, Sweden, Nederland and Germany. With her husband Juan Carlos Uribe, she has maintained her own orchid nursery since 1989. ORQUIDEAS DEL VALLE LTDA. , which has grown to include two retail shops, one in downtown Cali and the other in the

town of Ginebra, two nurseries, one warm growing and the other for cool growing plants and laboratory facilities for seed flasking. ORQUIDEAS DEL VALLE LTDA. has attended many National and International Shows and also four World Orchid Conferences and European Orchid Conferences exhibiting and selling the beautiful and diverse orchid species from Colombia. She will be in the Bay Area attending the Pacific Orchid Exposition.

Thanks to Mary Gerritsen for putting us in touch with Andrea so we could arrange this wonderful presentation.

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### **Skill Session**

This month's skill session will be a quiz on orchid nomenclature. Pick up your quiz at the opportunity ticket sales area. Be sure to put your name on your quiz - there will be a drawing from all of the tests having 100% correct results for an orchid. Turn your tests in, face down, in the "in box" next to the opportunity table plants. The winner will be announced at the end of the Andrea Niessen's presentation.

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### **Thank You**

To all of the volunteers who made this show possible and to everyone who advertised the show to their friends and acquaintances - the show was a success because of your efforts! Most of our volunteers were members but we also had help from friends, family, and past members.

The following people volunteered their time at the show, some for all three days, some for one or more shifts over the weekend:

**Show Chairperson** - Dan Williamson

**Show Chairs:** Judy Evans (Hospitality), Mike Rector (Security, Set-up, and Take-down), Clint Evans (Set-up, Take-down, Security), C. Todd Kennedy (Judging), Gloria Bygdnes (Admissions), Janusz Warszawski (Membership), Weegie Caughlan (Speakers), Mike Drilling (Vendor Sales), Susan Tong and Patrick Hoe (Plant Hotel), Mary Gerritsen (Show Flyer), Fred Cox and Cordelia Wong (Ribbon Award Photography and Trophies), Gerardus Staal (Plant Entry), Donna Horn (Displays), Amy Chung and Ken Jacobsen (Member Plant Sales).

**Volunteers:** Ann Bailey, Terry Boomer, Margaret Boomer, Rex Castell, Anna Chai, Paul Chim, Phyllis Chim, Carrie Drilling, Nancy Francis, Barbara Fornesi (Judy's sister), Annie Green, Mike Green, Diana Gross, Trudy Hadler, Nancy Hardesty, Evelyn Jones, Joseph Kautz, Mark Khoo, Tanya Lam, Sharon Langan, Chaunie Langland, Eric Levenson, Jasen Liu, Margery Mayer, Vicki Marchinko, Melly Metcalf, Hollyn Mudge, Thomas Mudge, Tom Mudge, Olga Ostrovsky, June Powell, Pierre Pujol, Diane Reeve, Fred Shull, Janet Rector, Anne Riegel, Ginette Sanchou, Ann Stuart, Linda Tripp, Catherine Walden, Yunor, Barry Zimmerman, and Carol Zoltowski.

The above is probably not a complete list. Most of the people listed above (as well as those whose names I missed) did more than one job at the show. We were a great team!!

### **Thank You Speakers!**

Thank you to our speakers who donated their time and energy to share their knowledge and give great seminars during the show: Weegie Caughlan, Mark Pendleton (Brookside Orchids), Tom Perlite (Golden Gate Orchids), Debra Atwood (Napa Valley Orchids), Amy Chung, Dennis Olivas (D&D Flowers), Carl Jukkola, and Pierre Pujol.

### **Photos in this issue**

Most of the award photos in this issue were taken by Fred Cox (black background), assisted by Cordelia Wong (on the computer), Daniel Williamson (runner), and Mike Drilling (runner). Fred took the photos you received in the award trophies at the show. Fred and Cordy added the captions with award, plant and exhibitor information, got them printed, bought the photo frames, and with help from volunteers in the the plant hotel got them assembled and placed in the show room. The AOS award photos were taken by Ken Jacobsen and are used with his permission. All other photos were taken by Chaunie Langland unless otherwise credited.

### **Research on Parents**

Thank you to Weegie Caughlan for researching the parents of the award winners!

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### **Visit the Peninsula Orchid Society on Facebook!**

As I am getting more comfortable with Facebook, I am posting the meeting speaker information and some photos before the newsletter is even close to being finished. You can find POS under Peninsula-Orchid-Society or [http://www.facebook.com/pages/Peninsula-Orchid-Society/143013275763301?ref=tn\\_tnmn](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Peninsula-Orchid-Society/143013275763301?ref=tn_tnmn).

### **Use the Peninsula Orchid Society Library**

We do have a library, attended to by Rex Castell. You can look over the offerings at any regular meeting. The library is located in the back room of the Rose room. Just head past the door to the meeting room, up the stairs or the ramp and look for Rex. He will help you even during the skill session. The library closes at the start of the regular meeting.

### **March Meeting**

Our skill session in March will feature Dr. Gerardus Staal sharing his method for making cocosticks. We are fortunate to Susan Wedegaertner coming from the Sacramento area to talk to us about Tolumnias. She will also demonstrate her method of mounting them.

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**2012 Peninsula Orchid Show  
Division Winners**

Class	Division	Plant	Grower
<b>Best Cattleya Alliance</b>	Novice	<i>Rhyncattleanthe</i> Free Spirit 'Hawaii', HCC/AOS ( <i>Rhyncattleanthe</i> Twenty Four Carat x Catt. Beaufort)	Jung Hee Ra
	Intermediate	<i>Dinema polybulbon</i>	Ginette Sanchou
	Advanced	<i>Cattleya lundii</i> 'Leanne'	Chaunie Langland
	Open	<i>Sophronitis coccinea</i>	Golden Gate Orchids
	Best in Show	<i>Cattleya lundii</i> 'Leanne'	Chaunie Langland
<b>Best Cymbidium</b>	Novice	<i>Cymbidium</i> Dr. Pepper 'Jorge' (October x Doris Aurea)	Mike and Annie Green
	Intermediate	<i>Cymbidium</i> Moira 'Del Norte'	Christine Kradjian
	Advanced	<i>Cymbidium</i> Peter Dawson 'Grenadier' (Lunagrad x Solana Beach)	Weegie Caughlan
	Open	<i>Cymbidium</i> Winter Fire 'Splash' (Gidget x Bexley Radiance)	Angelic - Orchid Design
	Best in Show	<i>Cymbidium</i> Peter Dawson 'Grenadier'	Weegie Caughlan
<b>Best Odontoglossum Alliance (Oncidiinae)</b>	Novice	<i>Oncidium</i> Twinkle ( <i>cheirophorum</i> x <i>sotoanum</i> )	Ginger Creevy
	Intermediate	<i>Oncidium cheirophorum</i>	Zach and Pat Coney
	Advanced	<i>Comparettia macroplectron</i> 'Lee Langland'	Chaunie Langland
	Open	<i>Maclellanara</i> Leopard 'Golden Gate' AM/AOS	Golden Gate Orchids
	Best in Show	<i>Maclellanara</i> Leopard 'Golden Gate' AM/AOS	Golden Gate Orchids
<b>Best Paphiopedilum Alliance</b>	Novice	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Hilo Green (Hsinying Citron x Hsinying Majakun)	Mike and Annie Green
	Intermediate	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Fanaticum (malipoense x micranthum)	Sue Rose
	Advanced	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Cardinale 'Wilcox', AM/AOS (Sedenii x <i>schlimii</i> )	Chaunie Langland
	Open	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Bruno 'Model', AM/RHS (Leeanum x <i>spicerianum</i> )	Golden Gate Orchids
	Best in Show	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Bruno 'Model', AM/RHS	Golden Gate Orchids

**2012 Peninsula Orchid Show  
Division Winners Continued**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Division</b>	<b>Plant</b>	<b>Grower</b>
<b>Best Monopodial Alliance</b>	Intermediate	<i>Aerangis Mire</i> ( <i>platyphyllis</i> x <i>verdickii</i> )	Sue Rose
	Advanced	<i>Aerangis biloba</i>	Mary Gerritsen
	Open	<i>Angraecum elephantinum</i>	Cal-Orchid
	Best in Show	<i>Angraecum elephantinum</i>	Cal-Orchid
<b>Best Pleurothallid Alliance</b>	Novice	<i>Masdevallia princeps</i>	Eric Levenson
	Intermediate	<i>Pleurothallis truncata</i>	Zach & Pat Coney
	Advanced	<i>Masdevallia</i> Peach Fuzz 'Golden Giant', FCC/AOS ( <i>constricta</i> x <i>veitchiana</i> )	Anna Chai
	Open	<i>Masdevallia</i> Billion-nims (Falcon Sunrise x Annette Hall)	Golden Gate Orchids
	Best in Show	<i>Masdevallia</i> Billion-nims 'Golden Gate'	Golden Gate Orchids
<b>Best Dendrobium</b>	Advanced	<i>Dendrobium</i> <i>amethystoglossum</i>	Mary Gerritsen
	Open	<i>Dendrobium</i> Roy Tokunaga ( <i>atroviolaceum</i> x <i>johnsoniae</i> )	Napa Valley Orchids
	Best in Show	<i>Dendrobium</i> Roy Tokunaga	Napa Valley Orchids
<b>Best Coelogyninae</b>	Novice	<i>Coelogyne usitana</i>	Jung Hee Ra
	Intermediate	<i>Dendrochilum tenellum</i>	Sue Rose
	Advanced	<i>Dendrochilum parvulum</i>	Mary Gerritsen
	Open	<i>Coelogyne usitana</i>	Golden Gate Orchids
	Best in Show	<i>Coelogyne usitana</i>	Golden Gate Orchids
<b>Best Other</b>	Intermediate	<i>Pterostylis curta</i>	Ginette Sanchou
	Advanced	<i>Cygnodes</i> Jumbo Diamond 'Sunshine', HCC/AOS ( <i>Cycnoches warszewiczii</i> x Jumbo Mickey)	Japheth Ko
	Open	<i>Lycaste</i> Chita Impulse 'Deacon' (Chita Melody x Alan Salzman)	Cal-Orchid
	Best in Show	<i>Lycaste</i> Chita Impulse 'Deacon'	Cal-Orchid

Class	Division	Plant	Grower
Best Orchids Shown for Foliage	Novice	<i>Ludisia discolor</i>	Joseph Kautz
	Advanced	<i>Ludisia discolor</i>	Mary Gerritsen
Best in Skill Level	Novice	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Hilo Green	Mike and Annie Green
	Intermediate	<i>Aerangis</i> Mire	Sue Rose
	Advanced	<i>Cattleya lundii</i> 'Leanne'	Chaunie Langland
	Open	<i>Lycaste</i> Chita Impulse 'Deacon'	Cal-Orchid

### 2012 Peninsula Orchid Show Special Awards

Award	Plant	Grower
Youth Entry	<i>Masdevallia</i> hybrid	Jasen Liu
Best First Bloom Seedling	<i>Cymbidium</i> Kelly's Winter	Paul & Phyllis Chim

### Perpetual Trophies

Award	Description	Plant	Grower
Barbara Todd Kennedy Trophy	Best Entry in Show	<i>Masdevallia</i> Billion-nims	Golden Gate Orchids
POS Perpetual Trophy	Judges' Choice	<i>Bulbophyllum rothschildianum</i> 'Red Chimney', FCC/AOS	Golden Gate Orchids
Katherine Jason Trophy	Best Species	<i>Restrepia jesupiana</i>	Zach and Pat Coney
Lil Severin Trophy	Best Miniature Species	<i>Cattleya lundii</i> 'Leanne', AM/AOS	Chaunie Langland
Clar Hancock Memorial Trophy	Best Culture for an Orchid Plant	<i>Masdevallia princeps</i>	Eric Levenson
Kay Rinaman Trophy	Best Cyripedium Alliance in Show	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Bruno 'Model', AM/RHS	Golden Gate Orchids

**2012 Peninsula Orchid Show  
AOS Awards**



***Masdevallia* Billion-Nims  
'Golden Gate'  
FCC 90**

(*Masd.* Copper Angle x Manco)

Exhibited by Golden Gate  
Orchids

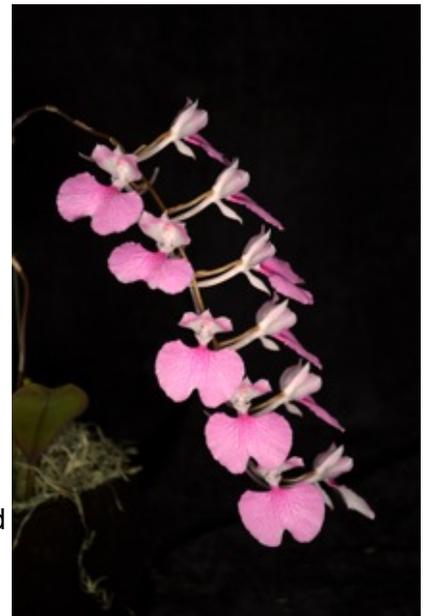
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***Comparettia macroplectron*  
'Lee Langland'  
AM 80**

(species)

Exhibited by Chaunie Langland

photo@Ken Jacobsen



***Masdevallia* Highland Monarch  
'Golden Gate'  
AM 80**

(*Masd.* Highland Fling x Monarch)

Exhibited by Golden Gate Orchids

photo@Ken Jacobsen

***Odontioda* Saint Wood 'Rosie'  
AM 80**

(*Oda.* Saint Clement x Aviewood)

Exhibited by Golden Gate Orchids

photo@Ken Jacobsen



***Odontioda* Saint Wood 'Jake'  
AM 80**

(*Oda.* Saint Clement x Aviewood)

Exhibited by Golden Gate Orchids

photo@Ken Jacobsen



***Lycaste* Chita Impulse  
'Deacon'  
HCC 79**

(*Lyc.* Chita Melody x Alan Satzman)

Exhibited by Cal-Orchid

photo@Ken Jacobsen



***Masdevallia* O'Brien's Passion  
'Golden Gate'  
HCC 78**

(*Masd.* Annette Hall x *coccinea*)

Exhibited by Golden Gate Orchids

photo@Ken Jacobsen

**Photos of Novice Division Winners**



Best Cattleya Alliance  
*Rhyncattleanthe* Free Spirit 'Hawaii', HCC/AOS  
Jung Hee Ra



Best Cymbidium  
*Cymbidium* Dr. Pepper 'Jorge'  
Mike and Annie Green



Best Odontoglossum Alliance  
*Oncidium* Twinkle  
Ginger Creevy



Best Paphiopedilum Alliance  
**Best Novice Entry**  
*Paphiopedilum* Hilo Green  
Mike and Annie Green



Best Pleurothallid Alliance  
**Clar Hancock Trophy**  
*Masdevallia princeps*  
Eric Levenson



Best Foliage  
*Ludisia discolor*  
Joseph Kautz



Best Coelogyne  
*Coelogyne usitana*  
Jung Hee Ra



Best Youth  
*Masdevallia* hybrid  
Jasen Liu

**Photos of Intermediate Division Winners**



Best Cattleya Alliance  
*Dinema polybulbon*  
Ginette Sanchou



Best Cymbidium  
*Cymbidium Moira 'Del Norte*  
Christine Kradjian



Best Odontoglossum Alliance  
*Oncidium cheirophorum*  
Zach and Pat Coney



Best Paphiopedilum Alliance  
*Paphiopedilum Fanaticum*  
Sue Rose



Best Monopodial  
**Best Intermediate Entry**  
*Aerangis Mire*  
Sue Rose



**Katherine Jason Trophy**  
*Restrepia jesupiana*  
Zach and Pat Coney



Best Pleurothallid Alliance  
*Pleurothallis truncata*  
Zach & Pat Coney



Best Coelogyninae  
*Dendrochilum tenellum*  
Sue Rose



Best Other Genus  
*Pterostylis curta*  
Ginette Sanchou

**Photos of Advanced Division Winners**



Best Cattleya Alliance, Best Cattleya in Show, **Best Advanced Entry, Lil Severin Trophy**  
*Cattleya lundii* 'Leanne'  
Chaunie Langland



Best Cymbidium  
Best Cymbidium in Show  
*Cymbidium* Peter Dawson  
'Grenadier'  
Weegie Caughlan



Best Odontoglossum Alliance  
*Compactia macroplectron*  
'Lee Langland'  
Chaunie Langland



Row above, left to right:  
Best Paphiopedilum Alliance, *Phragmipedium* Cardinale 'Wilcox', AM/AOS Chaunie Langland  
Best Monopodial, *Aerangis biloba*, Mary Gerritsen  
Best Pleurothallid Alliance, *Masdevallia* Peach Fuzz 'Golden Giant', FCC/AOS, Anna Chai  
Left: Best Dendrobium, *Dendrobium amethystoglossum*, Mary Gerritsen  
Right: Best Foliage, Best Foliage in Show, *Ludisia discolor*, Mary Gerritsen



Left:  
Best Coelogyninae  
*Dendrochilum parvulum*  
Mary Gerritsen

Right:  
Best Other Genus  
*Cygnodes* Jumbo Diamond 'Sunshine', HCC/AOS  
Japheth Ko



**Photos of Open Division Winners**



Best Cattleya Alliance  
*Sophronitis coccinea*  
Golden Gate Orchids



Best Cymbidium  
*Cymbidium Winter Fire 'Splash'*  
Angelic Nguyen/Orchid Design



Best Odontoglossum Alliance  
Best Odontoglossum in Show  
*Maclellanara Leopard*  
'Golden Gate', AM/AOS  
Golden Gate Orchids



Best Paphiopedilum Alliance  
Best Paphiopedilum in Show  
**Kay Rinaman Memorial Trophy**  
*Paphiopedilum Bruno 'Model'*, AM/  
RHS



Best Monopodial  
Best Monopodial in Show  
*Angraecum elephantinum*  
Cal-Orchid



Best Pleurothallid Alliance  
Best Pleurothallid in Show  
**Barbara T. Kennedy Trophy**  
*Masdevallia Billion-Nims*  
'Golden Gate'



Best Dendrobium  
Best Dendrobium in Show  
*Dendrobium Roy Tokunaga*  
Napa Valley Orchids



Best Coelogyninae  
Best Coelogyninae in Show  
*Coelogyne usitana*  
Golden Gate Orchids



Best Other Genus  
**Best Open Entry**  
Best Other Genus in Show  
*Lycaste Chita Impulse 'Deacon'*  
Cal-Orchid

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**Photos of Awarded Plants**


**Judges' Choice Trophy**  
*Bulbophyllum rothschildianum*  
 'Red Chimney', FCC/AOS  
 Golden Gate Orchids



**CSA Silver Medal Winner**  
*Cymbidium Ruby Turner*  
 (Black Forest x Ruby Eyes)  
 Carl Jukkola  
 photo courtesy of Carl Jukkola



Best First Bloom Seedling  
*Cymbidium Kelly's Winter*  
 (Winter Wonder x Lois Kelly)  
 Paul and Phyllis Chim

**Show Statistics:**

Number plants entered:

17 Novice

51 Intermediate

78 Advanced

54 Open

Total 200 - 18 more  
 than 2011

Number of participants entering plants:

7 Novice

10 Intermediate

10 Advanced

5 Open

Total 32 - 2 more than entered in 2011

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**Member News**

**A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO: Weegie Caughlan, Helen Frevel, Stanley Fuelscher, Sandi Gaunt, Tony Gee, Rita Giles, Donna Horn, Eric Levenson, Tom Mudge, Nan Orman, Pierre Pujol, Jennifer Thiem, and Linda Tripp.**

***New and Returning Members: Welcome! Helen Frevel, Vicki Marchinko, Gail Jacoby, Sung Lee, and J.M. White.***

***Under the Weather:*** **Katie Walden** has been spending time with doctors and hospitals lately. Though she has not been able to come to meetings, she did make it to the show to work in her accustomed job as plant entry clerk and she also participated in the ribbon judging Friday night.

About Member News - This area is for birthdays, births, orchid related trips, got a new job!, illnesses, and deaths. Please call me or send me an e-mail when you have good or not-so-good news to share.

**Editor's Corner****This and That**

Another show has come and gone. I had a great time, and I hope you all did too! It is at the show that I finally have a chance to see you long enough to get your name cemented into my brain. (Face and name retention are one of my brain's worst features. I introduce myself to people I already know all the time. I hardly even blush anymore.)

Every year we learn new things about running the show. Well some of them are old things that people who used to take care of them knew. This year's board has come out of the show with renewed energy and determination to address some of the things we would like to see improved. We will be asking some of you to join small committees long before next year's show. If you have an area of the show that you would like to work on, bring it up.

We want to figure out how to advertise the show more effectively - there are many people who would love to come, but just don't know about it. But, how do we reach them? It's not as simple as it used to be, now that information comes from so many directions. This will be a strategy group and starting to work on it next week would not be too soon.

Also, I spent Friday evening observing the judging rather than participating. We need a support group there to assist the judging groups, not as part of the group but more as paperwork shepherds. Or else we need a training session for the already hard-working clerks. Whatever it is that is needed, I am sure if two or three of you will join me in planning early next fall, we can clarify the trophy qualification descriptions, figure out how to get things more organized before the judging and make Todd's life easier.

Joseph Kautz, one of our new directors, has come up with several great suggestions, including ideas for improving the appearance of our show room. These ideas will require planning and materials acquisitions ahead of time.

Getting away from the show: you can find POS on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Peninsula-Orchid-Society-of-San-Mateo-California/143013275763301>. I am able to post speaker information and photos there long before the newsletter goes out. Also, other relevant information may show up from time to time.

**E-mail.** Now that I have been doing the newsletter for a while, I am ready to put you into special mailing groups if you prefer. The three e-mailing groups I will have are: Newsletter, summary, and special mailings (default group); newsletter only; meeting summary only. Let me know if you want to be moved into newsletter only or summary only and I will try to make it happen. If it doesn't happen don't be shy, contact me again. I accept the fact that I make mistakes. It's kind of hard not to notice when you edit the newsletter.

Oops, back to the show. The numbers of *Laelia anceps* and *Laelia anceps* crosses at the show were amazing. The colors were so beautiful and I can't remember ever seeing such a great selection. Most of the plants looked pretty young. If the timing is right, next year they should be truly spectacular at our show. (For some reason I spent time looking at them, but never photographed them.)

Things I learned at the show:

My *Cattleya lundii* 'Leanne' received its AM/AOS award when shown by Jeff Trimble and is named for his wife. I bought a small piece of it from Doug Pulley for \$15 in 2008 - it was the only plant I felt I could afford at his place when we stopped there on our bus tour.

Duh. For some reason I thought the only time you put a clonal name on your plant was after the plant won an AOS award. Don't know why I thought that. Any time you own an unnamed seedling you can put your own clonal name on it. Don't know if it is a seedling, a clone, or a division? Just ask the person you bought it from. No need to wait until you win an award, go ahead and honor your friends, family, pets, boss, whatever as soon as you get that plant! Goodbye *Phragmipedium* Jason Fisher, hello *Phragmipedium* Jason Fisher 'my sister's name'. Hey, this will even help me keep track of plants where I have several seedlings. Well, learn something new every day. I suspect there is more to learn. A lot more. Chaunie



Gerardus talks with Pierre during plant entry.



Jan rests her weary feet after working with Donna to set the show entries on the benches.



Katie has been a fixture at the plant entry table for many years



Judy spent three days in the kitchen! She had help from Rex, Barbara (her sister) and Clint.



Judges' dinner Friday night



POS Perpetual Trophies



Cymbidium Society of America (CSA) judging took place Friday night concurrent with the show ribbon judging. Left: CSA selects plants to judge. Middle: CSA Scoring. Right: One of the ribbon judging teams.



While the judging was taking place, Fred C. was setting up his photography area. Dan W. and Mike D. carried award winners to the photo area - and back to the show benches. Cordelia recorded the plant and exhibitor names for each winning entry as well as awards won.

## Upcoming Events

**February 23 POE Gala.** Fort Mason Center, San Francisco. \$45/\$40 online.

**February 24-26 The Pacific Orchid Exposition,** held at Fort Mason Center's Festival Pavilion on February 23-26, is themed "A Salute to the Golden Gate". The iconic San Francisco structure is celebrating its 75th anniversary and the Pacific Orchid Exposition (POE) will partner up to showcase orchid displays in true San Francisco fashion. The Pacific Orchid Exposition (POE) is the largest orchid show in the United States and is aptly named for the extraordinary, lush displays of organic beauty that are showcased every year.

Each day, attendees can take part in docent tours and learn cultivation tips as they wander through this amazing orchid wonderland. Professional and amateur growers, as well as orchid societies, will be displaying their unique orchids and rare hybrids, allowing any nature lover the chance to purchase a one-of-a-kind treasure.

### Date/Time:

Thursday, February 23 (Gala Benefit) - 6:30pm - 10:00pm

Friday 10am - 6pm, Saturday 9am - 6pm, Sunday 10am - 5pm

Gala: \$45 / \$40 online

General: \$15 / \$13 online, Senior: \$12 / \$10 online

Weekend Pass: \$60 / \$55 online (Gala plus unlimited show access to regular show - excludes special events)

**February 26 Sacramento Valley Cymbidium Society Show and Sale** - Shepard Garden & Art Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd., McKinley Park in Midtown Sacramento - 9AM - 4PM. Free admission and parking. Non-members welcome to exhibit plants. <http://www.sacramentocymbidiums.org/EventDetail.aspx?recID=10>

**March 16-18 Santa Barbara International Orchid Show** - Earl Warren Showgrounds, Hwy. 101 and Las Positas Rd., Santa Barbara. 9AM-5PM all three days. Admission \$12, seniors (65) and students \$10, children 12 and under free with adult. [http://www.sborchidshow.com/show\\_overview.html](http://www.sborchidshow.com/show_overview.html) or (805) 962-6004.

**March 17 Cymbidium Society of America Congress,** Adams Elementary School Auditorium, 2701 Las Positas Road, Santa Barbara, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM <http://www.cymbidium.org/congress.html>

**March 24 California Orchids Spring Sale** 515 Aspen Rd., Bolinas, 9AM-4PM. Call (415) 868-0203 for more information.

**March 24-25, Carousel of Orchids Show and Sale,** Napa Valley Orchid Society, Napa Senior Activities Center, 1500 Jefferson St. Napa 94558 9am-4pm Bring your orchids in for repotting for a small fee.

**March 30-April 1 Santa Clara Valley Orchid Society Show and Sale** - Westgate Mall, 1600 Saratoga Ave., San Jose - FREE Admission. For information call (408) 229-2747. For full entry information, classes, and show times go to <http://www.santaclaravalleyorchidsociety.org/>. Plant entry is from 3:00 to 6:30 PM.

**April 21 Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers Show and Sale,** Woodside Road United Methodist Church, 2000 Woodside Rd., Redwood City, 10AM-4PM, FREE admission and parking.

**April 21-22 Sacramento Orchid Society Show and Sale** - Scottish Rite Temple, 6151 H Street, Sacramento. Saturday 10-5, Sunday 10-4. Free parking, Admission \$6, seniors \$4.



First stop on Saturday and Sunday is the admissions desk.



Tom and his daughter Holly handled raffle ticket sales



Phyllis worked in the plant hotel most of the weekend



Golden Gate Orchids had an attractive and active booth as usual



Happy customers in the sales area!



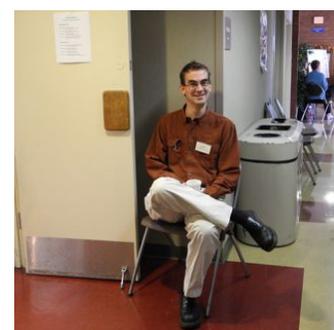
Cal-Orchids had some great things for sale



Gloria has handled admissions for many years. She has a regular group of great volunteers.



Fred S. spent a lot of time helping out in member sales.



Dan W., show chair, finally gets off his feet by working security.



The editor's favorite orchid at the show - *Brassavola* Jiminy Cricket 'Draw Verde' entered by Fred Shull.



*Brassavola digbyana*, brought by Napa Valley Orchids, is a parent of *Brassavola* Jiminy Cricket. The other parent is *nodosa*



The membership table did a good business, keeping Margery and Eric busy.

## *California Orchids Spring Sale!*



Our outdoor orchid logs in full bloom, Jan. 2012

Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>

9am-4pm

Rain or Shine, we'll have a great assortment of orchid species and hybrids in all sizes, seedlings to specimens as well as supplies and good advice.

It's a great excuse to spend a day at the beach!

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### **AOS Corner**

Are you in need of a gift for your favorite orchid hobbyist? As a member of the American Orchid Society, you may get a 5% discount on all purchases from the following vendors as an added benefit of membership: Exotic Orchids of Maui, June's Orchid Estate, Krull-Smith, Orchid Doctor, Orchid Inn, Ltd., Seagrove Orchids, Sunset Valley Orchids, and Woodstream Orchids. Another gift option could be to purchase an AOS gift membership or renewal -- for a 2 year renewal they will receive directly from AOS headquarters a certificate worth worth \$30 off of an order of \$100 or more from your choice of one of the following vendors: Carmela Orchids, Carter & Holmes, Dan & Margie Orchids, Exotic Orchids of Maui, Gold Country Orchids, Hillsvie Gardens, Indoor Gardening Supplies (IGS), June's Orchid Estate, Kelley's Korner Orchid Supplies, Krull-Smith, Little Brook Orchids, Marsh Hollow Orchids, Mountain View Orchids, New Earth Orchids, Norman's Orchids, OFE International, Orchid Doctor, Orchid Inn Ltd., Piping Rock Orchids, Quest Orchids, RF Orchids, Ravenision, Roberts Flower Supply, Soroa Orchids, Inc., Sunset Valley Orchids, Tropical Gardens Orchids. Some of these vendors allow these certificates to be used at the shows if they are vending (be sure to have the certificates in hand however in order to take advantage of this benefit). Information on how to contact these vendors, as well as many others, may be found in the 2012 Orchid Source Directory (OSD) which was mailed to all AOS members last fall. This directory also has a listing of the then-current Affiliated Societies of AOS (a more current updated list is on the AOS website). I have been told by some that they never leave home without their OSD and that it is a great tool for discovering local orchid 'spots' while on a road trip.

An orchid event not to miss coming up (April 25 - 29, 2012) is the AOS Trustees and Members meeting at the Hyatt Regency in Wichita, Kansas, sponsored by the Kansas Orchid Society - besides a show and all the AOS Committee meetings, the annual election of officers and trustees will take place. More detailed information and registration forms may be found on their website at [www.kansasorchidsociety.com](http://www.kansasorchidsociety.com) or on the AOS website under Events/Orchid Event Calendars/Members Meeting Datebook. There are also many regional local shows coming up in the near future. They are all listed in the new calendar format on the AOS website under Events/ Event Calendar/Show Schedule. Be sure to check out all the possibilities in your region. Orchidists, through their affiliated societies work very hard to put these shows together and we should all support their efforts by attending or participating in the staging of the shows.

Lynn Fuller, Chair, Affiliated Societies Committee

By popular demand - **Judy's Sweet Potato Casserole**

5 to 6 sweet potatoes  
 3 green apples  
 2/3 Cup light brown sugar  
 6 tablespoons butter  
 ½ Cup Apple Cider  
 3 Tablespoons Maple Syrup  
 1 tsp. cinnamon  
 1 tsp. ginger

1. Peel and slice raw sweet potatoes
2. Peel and cut apples
3. Combine remaining ingredients in small pan on stove, bring to boil and simmer for 10 min.
4. Combine sweet potatoes, apples and sauce in baking dish.
5. Bake at 325\* for 45 min. check for softness, if not done cook a little longer.

Judy served this at the show and everyone enjoyed it immensely! Thanks for sharing Judy.

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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 in February!*

*(Late renewers - April on - will be assigned to the committee to figure out how to get everyone to renew on time!)*

*POE is this coming weekend.*

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