

The Sheath

May General Meeting

Date: May 25, 2012

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

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Skill Session at 7:00PM

Tom Mudge

Mounting Phalaenopsis

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

Speaker: **Joe Parker**

**Draculas: Cool
Growing, or Just Cool?**

Opportunity table by
**Joe Parker and John
Leathers**

Growing Spectacular Draculas

Speaker: **Joe Parker**

Dr. Joe Parker has a BS from Stanford and a PhD from Caltech in Mathematics, an education which left him totally unprepared to grow orchids. As a result, Joe was forced to earn a living in academia and the high tech world.

Joe started growing orchids about 15 years ago, on a challenge from his wife, Kathy. Refusing to settle for less than the best, Joe grows Draculas, and only Draculas. He started growing in Los Gatos, CA and then shifted to Pacifica, just south of San Francisco.

His collection is now over 300 Draculas, representing at least 100 species.

Joe is President of the Pleurothallid Alliance, a worldwide organization devoted to

not only Draculas, but also the lesser Pleurothallids (Masdevallias, Restrepias, etc.).

His talk will be on Draculas (what else?), "Draculas: Cool Growing, or Just Cool?"

Skill Session: Mounting Phalaenopsis by Tom Mudge

Join Tom in the Rose Room at 7:10 PM to pick up some tips on mounting Phals by our best Phal growing member. You've seen his plants on the Show & Tell table - here's your chance to find out how it's done.

Opportunity Table by Joe Parker and John Leathers. Here's a chance to get some great Draculas and Masdevallias!



Show & Tell: Anna Chai brought in a beautiful basket of Masdevallias. Counterclockwise from the basket: *coccinea* v. *xanthina* ‘Mem. Wayne Miller’, AM/AOS; *coccinea* ‘Snow Bird’, AM/AOS; *igneae* ‘Crestwood’, AM/AOS; Sidney; *caudata* ‘Belmont Highlands’, AM/AOS; Ziegler’s Love ‘Jung Hee’, AM/AOS.

My husband Eric and I arrived at Anna’s greenhouse sale close to closing time on Sunday. Even though the crowds had come and gone, I still found plenty of great orchids to buy. Anna was closing her lower, warm-growing greenhouse.

Far right: Greenhouse in 2009. Below it, the same greenhouse at the end of the sale.

Below left: Anna on her patio.

Below middle: The steps down to the greenhouse. Go under the rose trellis, turn right, then go down more steps!



Member News



A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO: Marlene Beumer, Margaret Boomer, Gloria Bygdnes, Rex Castell, Patricia Coney, Judy Delay, Judy Evans, Annie Green, Nancy Hardesty, Ken Jacobsen, Pat Kajikawa, Christine Kradjian, Pingyu Liu, Ann Merics, Steve Proshan, Sue Rose, Misae Tanihana, and Susan Tong.

Thank You!! The following people brought refreshments to the March meeting to share with everyone : Gloria Bygdnes, Tony Gee, Annie Green, Trudy Hadler, Donna Horn, Mike Rector, Susan Tong, Janusz Warszawski, and Dan Williamson.

In Passing: Ann Cavender

Ann Havey Cavender, President of POS during 1980, passed away two weeks ago while in hospice care. Ann discovered Cymbidiums five decades ago, expanded her collection to many sorts of orchids and continued to grow orchids up to the end. She was of the old school of service to POS, having moved up from volunteering refreshments, to Secretary, Vice-President and President, and was on the POS Board of Directors for many years. She is remembered for having compiled in 1978 the lists of duties and responsibilities of officers which remain substantially unchanged today. She participated in the many greenhouse tours, plant sales and potting demonstrations that filled the POS calendar during the 1970s and '80s. The POS Board extends its condolences to the Cavender family.

Submitted by C. Todd Kennedy



Cymbidium. Pearl Dawson
Chaunie Langland



Vanda javierae
Tom Mudge



Masdevallia ignea
Jason Liu



Phalaenopsis sumatrana
Tom Mudge



Sarcoglottis szeptodes
Chaunie Langland



Leptotes bicolor
Chaunie Langland



Ionopsis utricularioides



Paphiopedilum. Winston
Churchill Pierre Pujol



Brassolaeliocattleya Waianae
Leopard Pierre Pujol



Cindy presented Show & Tell plants



Paphiopedilum delanatii Cindy explained that the one on the left (Chaunie's) was an early generation. The one on the right (Pierre's) was a later generation, bred for a darker pink pouch.



GREENHOUSE DEMOLITION SALE AT THE STAALS' HOUSE



Gerardus and Mary



A fabulous bed of red poppies lines the driveway

**Greenhouse Bus Tour Goes North!**

Dan Williamson has arranged a wonderful itinerary for us.

The first stop will be at **Napa Valley Orchids**, owned by Debra Atwood. She always has a great selection of plants. (<http://www.napavalleyorchids.com/>) and Marni Turkel will be at Debra's.

We will then head over to California Orchids in Bolinas where we will also have our lunch. Our final stop will be at our own Dan Newman's Hanging Gardens!

When: Saturday, June 23rd

Board the bus: 8:10 AM, bus leaves at 8:30 AM **ON THE DOT**

Greenhouses: Napa Valley Orchids, California Orchids, and Hanging Gardens.

Return to the Garden Center: Approx. 4:30 PM

Cost: \$55

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



Sophrolaeliocattleya Jewel Box
'Scheherazade', AM/AOS
Anne Riegel



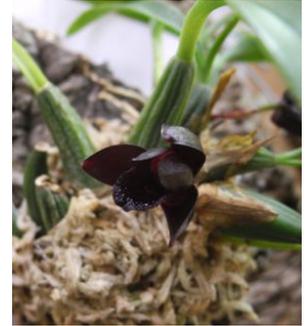
Cymbidium eburneum 'Coburg'
Gloria Bygdnes



Epidendrum Rose Valley



Cymbidium insigne
Pierre Pujol



Maxillaria schunkeana



Cattleya Maui Christmas
Dan Williamson



Sophrolaeliocattleya Final Touch
Dan Williamson



Vuylstekeara Linda Isler
Gloria Bygdnes



Paphiopedilum St. Swithin
Rosalie Dedo



Paphiopedilum Frank Smith
Dan Williamson



Paphiopedilum hybrid
Dan Williamson

Upcoming Events

June 1 San Jose Orchid Exposition Orchid Conservation Fund Raiser. Winchester Mystery House, 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 2-3 San Jose Orchid Exposition. Winchester Mystery House, San Jose. Saturday 9AM - 6PM, Sunday 10AM - 5 PM. Vendors listed above. FREE admission and skill sessions. Wine tasting. Orchid raffle. Come and buy orchids you don't get to see in bloom during the show season! (Ed: I bought my *Comparettia macrolepton*, that won an AOS award at our show this year, from Tom Perlite at this event last year. And other great plants too!)

June 22 Peninsula Orchid Society meeting - American Orchid Society judging demonstration. Bring your special orchids and enter them for judging! We will have our Show & Tell table, the Opportunity Table will be supplied by Anna Chai. There will be no skill session, and we will have a special starting time of 7:30 PM.

June 23rd Peninsula Orchid Society Greenhouse Bus Tour. We are going NORTH this year! Dan will announce details and accept checks at the May meeting.

August 4 Sierra Nevada Judging Center presents Speaker's Day. Details closer to the event - admission \$10 for the entire day - lunch available for purchase on-site. This is a don't miss event for access to great speakers at a nominal cost. Plan on it! Spend the night and enjoy a visit to Old Town Sacramento and the fabulous train museum. Dine on a river boat. There are some extraordinary nurseries east of Sacramento. There is plenty to do there to make a weekend of it.

Saturday, September 29th - Peninsula Orchid Society Annual Auction!

Refreshments for the May meeting: If your last name falls under the category of **Q-Z** please bring a treat to share at the refreshment table for the May meeting. Pick up your free strip of Opportunity Table tickets from Susan Tong or Patrick Hoe, our refreshment chairpersons. If your name doesn't fall into this category you are still welcome to bring something for the refreshment table and get a strip of tickets.

Peninsula Orchid Society at the Filoli Fund Raiser

Mike Rector headed up the effort to provide a fabulous orchid display in the Butler's Pantry at Filoli for their Mother's Day weekend fund raising event. I had lunch with a friend who mentioned that she had been and that our display had been spectacular. Rex Castell designed the impressive display and Clint Evans provided some much appreciated muscle. Thank you to the following people and businesses who loaned orchids for the weekend: Gloria Bygdnes, Anna Chai, Dean Hung (Paphiness), Pierre Pujol, Mike Rector, Jill & Jerry Rodder, and Janusz Warszawski for a total of 35 orchids. (See photos of Rex and the display on the next page. Photos provided by Mike Rector and taken with his cell phone!)



Filoli

Loren Batchman April 3, 1940 - April 3, 2012

Loren was born to parents Kathleen and Norman Batchman on April 3rd, 1940. That's when the whole shebang started. He grew up on a dairy farm, up with the sun and doing chores. This was a schedule he kept to through his whole life, whether it was gardening chores, orchid chores, or making fresh donuts to rise for a holiday breakfast feast-chores.

After graduating from Kansas University in 1963 with a degree in engineering he fled the nest and moved out to California to work with General Dynamics as an electronics engineer, where he worked on antenna design for the Atlas and Tomahawk missiles. He worked closely with a man named Leo Strack who soon felt sorry for the young bachelor and brought him home for a home-cooked meal. Leo was Nancy's (his now wife of 40 years) father. After taking Nancy to the prom, camping in Baja, and many other fun family escapades they were married on August 7th, 1971.

He had already been growing cymbidiums for three years at this point; little did Nancy know what she was getting into! In 1976 they welcomed their first child, Karl, who has now taken over the orchid business they began in the same year (Casa de las Orquidas). Loren was never one to be bored. A little over a year later they welcomed Miki into the world...of orchids. They now had a perfect family, house, and business. Until that little trouble-maker, Erika, came along three and a half years later and ruined everything. Just kidding. Sort of.

By this time Loren's little orchid business was really blooming (ha!) into a full-time hobby. His goals were to improve the vibrancy of color, shape, and uniqueness of cymbidiums. I'd say he achieved his goal; after hybridizing for over 30 years we've come across many a "unique" flower down in those greenhouses.

At 72 years to the day, Loren had become quite a unique character, himself. He was a teacher, student, and lover of knowledge and was always eager to share. His hobbies included but were not limited to: ham radio, beekeeping, knitting, embroidery, woodworking, free diving, scuba diving, underwater search & rescue, dunebuggying, camping, hiking, gardening, and well-growing orchids. He also designed, drew, and built the house and cabinets his family currently resides in, was a published author, was a AOS and CSA Judge as well as a judge at the flower show in Coronado and Del Mar Fair, worked at his college radio station, and was a 40+ gallon blood donor.

We will truly miss his sense of humor, his strong work ethic, and his knowledge. He was a son, father, husband, and all around good guy. We love you Loren!

(Lauren's obituary provided by his family.)



Coelogyne ochracea
Barry Zimmerman



Odontoglossum hybrid
Janusz Warszawski



Cymbidium Dorothy Stockstill
Pierre Pujol



Dendrochilum wenzellii
Barry Zimmerman



Odontocidium Tiger Hambuhren
Pierre Pujol



Phalaenopsis modesta
Tom Mudge



Ron did another great job of presenting the Show & Tell table



Chiloschista species
Tom Mudge



Phalaenopsis no name
Pierre Pujol



Dendrobium no name
Jackie Becker



Rhyncholaelia digbyana
Barry Zimmerman





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Lycaste cochleata
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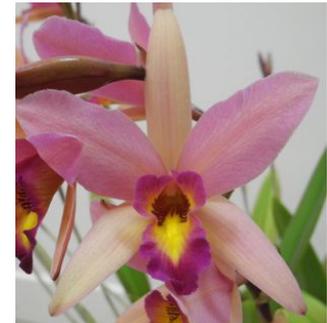
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Janusz Warszawski



Sophronitis mantiqueirae
Amy & Ken Jacobsen



Cymbidium 'Sarah Jean Ice Cascade'
Donna Horn



Laelia Santa Barbara Sunset 'Showtime'
J. Warszawski

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

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