

The Sheath

July General Meeting

Date: July 27, 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

Skill Session at 7:05PM

Ken Jacobsen

Virus Testing

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

Speaker: Bruce Rogers

The Orchid Whisperer

**Opportunity table by
Bruce Rogers**

The Orchid Whisperer

Our speaker for July will be Bruce Rogers. Bruce has always had a passion for the plant kingdom, growing plants as a hobbyist from an early age. He began his professional work with orchids in the late seventies when he was hired by the City of Atlanta Parks Department to work with their orchids in the greenhouses in Piedmont Park. Returning to San Francisco after this very successful endeavor, he was promptly hired by the Rod McLellan Company with two functions: head grower for their boarding department and to work on Vanda hybridization. At that time, Rod McLellan was a major force in the orchid world and the association with this company led to many great opportunities.

In the early eighties Bruce left to start Bruce Rogers Orchids, an orchid consulting and management company, and a few years later, Rogers-Fishman Boarding, an orchid boarding company in San Francisco. In the commercial world, he has consulted and worked with major companies, department stores, and civic groups both nationally and internationally. In the private sector he has had the opportunity to work with many interesting and influential people. He has designed and created orchid gardens in private homes from Marin to Santa Barbara.

Bruce has been growing and hybridizing Sobralias for many years. In 2002 Bruce, with Terry Root (well known as owner of the Orchid Zone) teamed up to form Oz Gardens, a wholesale nursery specializing in Sobralias. Their work has led to a wider selection of Sobralias for different climate zones, and an expanded blooming season.

Sobralias are giants of the Orchid World in both size of plant and flower. Sobralias can be a fantastic plant suitable for outside culture in the Bay Area. Growing superbly in both pots and beds in the garden, they bloom easily in the late spring to early fall. Few orchids approach the beauty and allurements of Sobralias.

Bruce will speak on his favorite subjects, his new book, *The Orchid Whisperer* and on new Sobralia Hybrids. He may also share some stories from his recent travels to Xcalak. Bruce will be supplying a fabulous opportunity table for the meeting.

Bruce's new book, *The Orchid Whisperer* is especially written for the novice orchid grower. He will be bringing some copies to sell and sign.

Opportunity table provided by Bruce Rogers.

Skill Session

A skill session on using the virus test kit for orchids from Agdia will be presented by Ken Jacobsen in the Rose Room (past the main meeting room). The Agdia test will allow you to test for Odontoglossum Ringspot virus and Tobacco Mosaic virus yourself instead of sending off samples to a laboratory. The skill session will begin at 7:05. You may purchase individual virus test kits for \$5 at the skill session or later in the meeting. Please bring the correct change if possible.

Special Meeting note: There will be a special drawing at the July meeting for two sets of 2 tickets each for the Sacramento Speaker's Day event. If you are interested in going, make sure you get your name into the drawing at the meeting.

Meeting Photos

Not many this month as we had to keep the identity of the grower secret from the judges!



Laelia purpurata brought in by Sung Lee



Psychopsis papilio brought in by Sung Lee



Mtdm. Cleo's Pride 'HOF'



Chris Mendes' Phrag won an AOS award!
Congratulations Chris!

Photos taken and graciously provided by Chaunie Langland.

Bus Trip Photos



The crowd arrives at Napa Valley Orchids



Mike Green admiring the hanging orchids



Clint Evans browses the center of the greenhouse



Judy Evans and Debra discuss orchids



Chris Mendes helped Debra out at the till.



Rex in front of one of the famous orchid logs at California Orchids



Masdevallias on the orchid log



There was an amazing collection of Paphs



This oncidium was simply amazing!



As was this Cattleya spike!

Photos taken and graciously provided by Chaunie Langland.

Member News



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

Refreshments: Trudy Hadler, Susan Tong, Dianne Reeves, and Annie Green all brought treats. Thank you very much!

Editor's Corner

This is my first month as Sheath editor and I'm beginning to realize exactly what big shoes I have to fill. I hope that I can continue to provide a quality newsletter and that you will bear with me while I learn the ropes.

Coming up:

Like last year, we are planning on holding the annual auction on Saturday afternoon, September 29th. Last year we had a great time on Saturday, so make plans to come and enjoy yourself and win some plants. Plans are moving ahead for holding our annual auction on Saturday, September 29th. We will have more details as we get closer to the date.

The 2012 POS show will take place January 25-27th.

See you at the meeting!

Dan

Upcoming Events

July 25 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. Email Jim Donoso at JamesDonoso@att.net for information or visit: www.goldengatecymbidiumsociety.com

August 4 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: Roy Takunaga of H&R Nurseries, Ron McHatton of the American Orchid Society and a panel discussion about growing miniature orchids on your home with Roy Tokunaga, Alan Koch and Dennis Olivas. Cost is \$10.00 advance tickets for AOS members, \$20.00 at the door for AOS members and \$25.00 for non-AOS members. More information at www.csnjc.org.

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August 18 Palomar Orchid Society Annual Auction - Women's Club of Carlsbad, 3320 Monroe St., Carlsbad. Preview 11 AM, Auction begins at noon. See www.palomarorchid.org for details.

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