

The Sheath

October General Meeting

Date: October 26, 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

Chris Mende

Phragmipedium Culture

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

Speaker: Tom Perlite

Dendrobium cuthbertsonii –
Yes they can live and bloom
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Opportunity table by
Tom Perlite

Dendrobium cuthbertsonii – Yes, They Can Live and Bloom for Years

Speaker: Tom Perlite

Tom Perlite is the owner of Golden Gate Orchids in San Francisco and has been growing orchids for the past 35 years. After receiving a degree in Botany from Cal Berkeley, Tom worked at the Rod McLellan Co., and subsequently started Golden Gate Orchids in 1981. Golden Gate Orchids is a wholesale nursery specializing in cool growing orchids including *Odontoglossum*, *Masdevallias*, *Miltonias*, and *Dendrobiums*.

Tom is a retired AOS judge and has received numerous awards including Grand Champion at the Osaka International Orchid Show, the George Moore Medal from the RHS, the Butterworth Prize and 8 FCCs from the AOS.

Tom has been a POS member for many years. He will share his knowledge of how to grow the beautiful and

jewel colored *Dendrobium cuthbertsonii*. At the Speaker's Day in Sacramento this year one of Tom's *cuthbertsonii*s was awarded an FCC (<http://www.csnjc.org/Aug2012/dencuthbertsoniibusterFCC.html>) and another an AM (<http://www.csnjc.org/Aug2012/dencuthbertsoniideppinkAM.html>) by the American Orchid Society (AOS) judges.

Your VP asked Tom for this presentation following discussions with several POS advanced growers who have had poor luck with figuring out how to keep their *cuthbertsonii* alive (as has the VP!). Hopefully we will all have a crack at growing these well as we follow Tom's advice.

Opportunity table provided by Tom Perlite.

Skill Session

We are very fortunate this month to have Chris Mende giving us tips on Phragmipedium culture. Chris is well known at POS (and elsewhere) for the wonderfully grown Phragmipediums and Paphiopedilums that she brings to our Show & Tell table. At our June meeting, which featured an AOS judging demonstration, Chris had her Phragmipedium Susan Decker 'Tiny Jungle' earn an AM award (<http://www.aospacificcentral.org/POSAOSJune2012/phragsusandecker.html>).

Meeting Photos



Some of the great plants that were available, and in bloom, at the auction.



Socializing before the Auction begins. The refreshments were outstanding.



The plant check in process, Judy was the Queen of check in while Janusz, Clint and others helped bring the plants to the tables for display.



We are lucky to have a well practiced method for gathering plant data and recording sales. Thank you to Rene, Carol, Mary and Celine!



Mike Drilling, Dennis Olivas and Tom Mudge were our auctioneers, and they did a fantastic job!





Definitely a fun time!

Photos taken and graciously provided by Chaunie Langland.

Member News



A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Sharon deWit, Mangala Kishen, Pat Proctor, Anne Riegel, David Shen, Daniel Williamson and Barry Zimmerman!

Refreshments: Dennis Olivas, Judy Evans, Donna Horn, Barry Zimmerman, and Susan Tong all brought treats. Thank you very much!

Editor's Corner

The POS show and sale is coming up in January (the 25th -27th) and the show committee is already at work getting everything ready. Now is the time to begin thinking about showing your plants at the show. If you have never shown plants, I strongly encourage you to do it! If you have anything in bloom, no matter how ordinary you think it may be, I assure you when it gets onto the show table alongside everyone else's plants, it will look amazing. As long as you purchased the plant before July 25th, 2012 it can be entered in the show for ribbon judging. For those of you who don't know, ribbon judging is different than AOS judging. Any society member who wants can come to the show on Friday January 25th and be a ribbon judge. The criteria is essentially entirely up to the judging team on which plant or flower deserves the award, AOS scorecards are not used. It's a fun time and really gives you an opportunity to look closely at all of the show plants.

See you at the meeting!

Dan

Unclassifieds

4-shelf plant stand with custom galvanized trays

- Stained pine; wheels; can be taken apart easily (Phillips screws).
- Dimensions: depth: 22", width: 58", total height: 72", shelf clearance: 12-14"
- Each shelf has a galvanized pan that fits 3 standard square plant trays. The pans are sitting on the frame of the plant stand; they are not attached to it.
- 3 of the shelves have lights (2 tubes each shelf except the bottom, which has 4).
- 2 extra light fixtures are not attached & not in pics. One has 4 tubes (no plug though); the other has 2 tubes.
- 15/16 light bulbs included.
- Paid \$400; asking \$150 or best offer.

If interested, contact Celine @ (925) 370-7649 or dion.cm@att.net



For Sale: 2 HydroFarm reflectors, a light bulb (don't remember if it's grow or bloom) and 2 2-shelf growing units with 4 grow light (e.g., GE 4') capacity. They are self draining.

Mary Kelley 650-455-321

Upcoming Events

October 20th -21st Hanging Gardens Open Greenhouse Sale 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- Orchid species in and out of bloom
- Many rare and hard-to-find plants
- Cool to intermediate/warm growers
- Mature plants, seedlings, established and bare-root divisions
- Orchid companion plants
- Orchid growing supplies

Shelldance Nursery site, Coast Highway, Pacifica - east side of the highway, 3/10 mile north of Reina Del Mar Avenue

Take the Highway 1 Pacifica exit from Highway 280 or Highway 35. Follow the long curve down the hill, then make a U-turn at Reina Del Mar Avenue, the first traffic light you come to on Highway 1. Turn right into the driveway marked by an orange sign saying "Orchids", and go up the hill to the unpaved parking lot. My greenhouse is the first one on the right side, just before you get to the parking lot. For more detailed directions, email hgardens@earthlink.net or call 415-305-8355. Come to shop or just to browse - everyone is welcome!

Dan Newman

November 17th-18th D & D Flowers Fall Open House. Food & Fun from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Really good deals... priced to sell. There is no list of plants available and divisions are sold on first come first serve. We will be having a \$7.00, \$9.00, and \$12.00 sale on many cattleya, epidendrum, oncidium, and cymbidium seedlings and back bulbs clearance up to ½ of inventory. We accept cash, checks or credit cards.

Help your local orchid society. For every \$25 you spend, you may enter your local orchid society in a raffle for their monthly opportunity table. 30 healthy plants (some in bloom) will be award to the winning society. Winning society will be picked at the end of Sunday. The society must redeem their prize to D & D Flowers within 6 months of this sale.

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