

# The Sheath

## Cool Tolerant Monopodials

Date: August 23<sup>rd</sup>

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 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: Restrepia  
Culture

Mike Drilling will tell us  
all about growing these  
fascinating little gems.

Don't forget to bring  
your plants for the show  
and tell table!

## Dennis Olivas on Cool Tolerant Monopodials

Monopodial orchids such as Vandas and Phalaenopsis are commonly thought to require hot, humid climates difficult to provide in the SF Bay Area. This talk will introduce some cool tolerant monopodials that can be successfully grown in conditions that are suitable for our climate, even some that can be grown outdoors.

Dennis Olivas was born on the island of Kauai, Hawaii. As a lad, he helped his mom grow her orchids and got hooked. When he joined the Future Farmers of America, his project was raising and selling these beautiful and exotic plants. In 1980 he moved to the mainland and swore off the orchid family - but not for long - as he was introduced to Rod McLellan's Acres of Orchids. From there his whole life became one downward spiral. First he filled his home with upwards of 6,000 plants. Later he leased a greenhouse space for his ever-burgeoning orchid collection. Since he's a glutton for punishment, his collection grew, overflowing the 3,000 sq. ft. greenhouse in Half Moon Bay.

Dennis has been President of the Peninsula Orchid Society, San Francisco Orchid Society, Diablo View Orchid Society, and the Santa Cruz Orchid Society. He is an accredited judge of the American Orchid Society. Dennis belongs to more than 14 orchid societies and tries to assist them whenever possible.

**Opportunity Table will be provided by Dennis Olivas.** He will also have plants for sale at the meeting.

**We want to thank all of those who led discussions in our Orchid Forum Ken Jacobsen, Tanya Lam, Chris Mende, Dennis Olivas, and Paul Reeve.**

## Meeting Photos

I use the International Orchid Register available on the Royal Horticultural Society's website at <http://apps.rhs.org.uk/horticulturaldatabase/orchidregister/> and Internet Orchid Species Photo Encyclopedia at <http://www.orchidspecies.com/> (IOSPE) to verify the genus and species names and spelling. Both of these sites are extremely useful.

If I make a mistake crediting a plant or transcribing the name, please let me know and I will issue a correction in the next issue.

All photos by Dan Williamson.



***Oncidium Nichirei Ingrade***  
Janusz Warszawski



***Oncidium cheirophorum***  
Eric Levenson

In researching the name of his plant, Janusz and I discovered an interesting story. Apparently, *Oncidium* (Ingmar x Masquerade) is a cross made by Tom Perlite at Golden Gate Orchids 15 years ago. A nursery in Japan, Nichirei Corporation, purchased some seedlings from him and, unknown to Tom, registered the cross as their own *Nichirei Ingrade* in 2003. Intrigue, betrayal!



***Rhyncholaeliocattleya Crowfield 'Mendenhall'***  
Sung Lee



***Caulocattleya Chantilly Lace***  
Sung Lee



*Dendrobium victoria-reginae* ('Royal Blue'  
AM/AOS x 'Blues Brothers' HCC/AOS)  
Janusz Warszawski



*Dendrochilum filiforme*  
Eric Levenson



*Rychostele Violetta von Holm*  
Janusz Warszawski



*Paphiopedilum parishii*  
Chris Mende



*Plurothallis macroblepharis*  
Miki White



*Anguloa (virginialis x tognettiae)*  
Chauie Langland



*Dendrobium cuthbertsonii*  
Trudy Hadler



*Dendrobium cuthbertsonii*  
Trudy Hadler



**Catasetum Susan Fuchs 'Burgundy Chips' FCC/AOS  
Eric Levenson**



***Dendrobium farmeri*  
Chaunie Langland**



**Cattleya Hawaiian Variable  
Chaunie Langland**



**Cymbidium Going West**  
**Jeff Trimble**



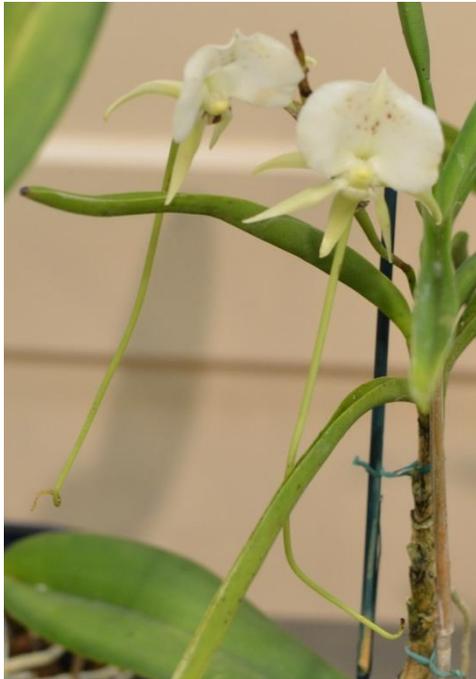
**Masdevallia Dennis Ripenburg 'Sunset Gold'**  
**Miki White**



**Epidendrum atacazoicum(?)**  
**Miki White**



**Gongora pleiochroma**  
**Miki White**



**Angraecum Longiscott**  
Paul Simon



**Rhycolaeliocattleya George King 'Serendipity'**  
AM/AOS  
Dan Williamson



**Laelia purpurata 'Hot Nights'** AM/AOS  
Jeff Trimble



**Laelia purpurata alba**  
Jeff Trimble



*Rossioglossum schlieperianum*  
C. Todd Kennedy



*Paphiopedilum Golddollar*  
Chris Mende



*Phragmipedium Peruflores*  
Chris Mende



*Phalaenopsis violacea*  
Chaunie Langland



*Vanda lamellata*  
Sung Lee



*Stanhopea tigrina*  
Paul Reeve



*Lycaste* Abou First Spring  
Sharon Langan



*Cattleya leopoldii* var. *coerulea* 'Kathleen' JC/AOS  
Ken and Amy Jacobsen



The member sales table had many great plants.



*Encyclia alata*  
Sung Lee

## Corrections

The plant labeled *Maxillaria seidelii* was actually *Christensonella neowiedii* formerly called *Maxillaria vernicosa*. In addition, two of the plants attributed to C. Todd Kennedy were actually grown by Fred Shull, the corrected photos are below.



*Cattleya maxima semi-alba*  
Fred Shull



*Laelia tenebrosa var. aurea 'SVO#2'*  
Fred Shull



*Christensonella neowiedii*  
Anna Chai

## Member News



A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO Zachary Coney, Scott Dallas, Susan Hamilton, Janet Rector, Ginette Sanchou, and Jeff Trimble! Also a belated birthday wish to Nancy Wilson, I inadvertently left her name off the list, for which I apologize and wish her a very happy birthday!

Thank you to Paul Reeves, Sharon Langan, Trudy Hadler, Susan Fong, Chris Mende, Rene Biggs, Dona Horn, Carole Zoltowski, and Annie Green for bringing in refreshments! They are always appreciated!

We would also like to wish a speedy recovery to David Pyles, our Ways and Means Chairman, who has been in the hospital.

## Editor's Corner

I do not really like tooting my own horn, but since I was invited to tell the story of my first AOS award at the meeting in July, I thought I would write it down here. Five years ago, at a POS meeting Doug Pulley gave a talk on the culture of Stanhopeas. He provided the opportunity table and I was fortunate enough to win a seedling labeled Stanhopea (tigrina 'BT' x Victory 'Yoda'). After a few years of beautiful blooms, on July 2<sup>nd</sup>, it bloomed with two of the largest flowers I have ever seen on the plant. When I measured, it was 8 ½ inches across the petals! I was lucky that the San Francisco meeting was that evening with AOS judging. I took the plant in and was astounded to find out that it had won a 90 point First

Class Certificate! I called Doug Pulley and he told me that the plant is registered as Stanhopea Midnight Ramble and now its clonal name is 'Aaron' after my son. I still cannot believe how lucky I am. I realize after this excitement, it will all be downhill from here.

I have been growing it in a basket outside hanging from our patio umbrella in Palo Alto for the past year. In the winter, when it is too cold to enjoy the patio and we take down the umbrella, it goes on a wooden frame in more or less direct sun for a few hours around noon. When the weather is really cold I bring it in, but I didn't have to do that last winter. This year it has a total of 8 spikes with 5 of them in bloom as I write this and it seems to bloom about every other year.



I would like to provide special recognition for any members that win awards, so if you win, let me know and we will put the story here. Remember, if you do not bring the plants in for judging, you can't win.

## Classifieds

If you have any plants or orchid related items to sell, donate, or trade, this is a great place to list them. You can include a photo if you like and an email or phone number where you can be reached. Photos will only be included on the email version of the newsletter.

Classifieds can also be placed on our Facebook page.

## Upcoming Events

### **September 14 California Orchids Fall Sale**

9am-4pm 515 Aspen Road, Bolinas call (415) 868-0203, see [www.californiaorchids.com](http://www.californiaorchids.com) or see the flyer on page 13 for details.

### **September 28-29 Orchids in the Park**

County Fair Building, Golden Gate Park. 10am-5pm, \$4/\$3 Seniors. See [www.orchidsanfrancisco.org](http://www.orchidsanfrancisco.org) and the flyer on page 14 for details. There is also a nice write up in the August issue of Orchids.

### **October 5 Peninsula Orchid Society Auction**

Our auction will be on Saturday at the San Mateo Garden Center again this year. Stay tuned for more information.

### **January 25-26, 2014 Peninsula Orchid Society Annual Show and Sale!**

Update your calendars and get those plants ready for Society, AOS and CSA judging!

## **California Orchids Fall Sale!** **Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>** **9am-4pm**

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- \* Good advice



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## Orchids in the Park

A Sale and Exhibition

**September 28-29, 2013**

10 am-5 pm

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*Our meeting is August 23rd!*

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