
The Sheath

The Judge, The Hunter, The Thief and the Black Orchid

Date: September 27th

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: Beyond
Cymbidiums: Outdoor
Orchid Growing by
Tom Mudge

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

Orchid Film

Our September presentation will be the orchid documentary "The Judge, The Hunter, The Thief, and the Black Orchid", a 70-minute DVD. There will be an intermission approximately half-way through the showing during which time we will hold the "Opportunity Table" raffle.

This DVD includes interesting discussions by several well-known orchid growers, hybridizers and vendors, including next month's speaker, Fred Clarke from Sunset Valley Orchids.

The Judge, The Hunter, The Thief, and the Black Orchid.

A film by Rich Walton

Featuring Fred Clarke, Harold Koopowitz, Lance Birk, Stig Dalstrom, and Craig Pittman

Produced by Michelle Walton & Rich Walton

Directed by Rich Walton

The orchid world is full of eccentric characters, petty rivalries, competitive judging, hunters, smugglers and thieves. It's also a world undergoing tremendous change.

Orchids were once accessible to the very rich. Now they're as common as a dozen roses. Large nurseries are producing cheaper, cloned orchids for the mass market and orchid hybridizers are a dying breed in the face of this competition. One small orchid grower is standing up against this trend. For Fred Clarke orchid hybridizing isn't just a business, it's an art.

An age-old rivalry and a judging controversy come to the forefront during the World Orchid Conference.

Conservation laws make it illegal to remove orchids from their natural habitat. They can, however, be legally bulldozed during construction. This disparity has inadvertently fueled an

active "black market" in wild collected orchids. Some rare or newly discovered species been known to sell for five to ten thousand dollars a plant.

Witness the story of the Kovachii orchid, which ended up in Selby Gardens after an orchid trader smuggled the plant into the United States from Peru.

The Kovachii, considered the most important orchid species discovered in South America in the last 100 years, triggered an international scandal that nearly brought down The Gardens in 2004 after the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service launched an investigation of the wild flora and the U.S. District Court in Tampa found the orchid trader guilty of violating the endangered species act.

Opportunity Table will be provided by Golden Gate Orchids

Annual Auction !

Our annual auction will be **Saturday October 5th**, we will still have our usual meeting in October on the 25th. The auction is always fun and is a great opportunity to buy some great plants that are not otherwise available.

As usual, for the auction to be a success we will need volunteers to step up and help out. We need help in the following areas:

Plant Check-in (2 people plus Judy) 10:45AM-1:00PM

Plant Set-up (carry from check-in area to display area) 10:45AM-1:00PM

Runners (6 - 3 on each shift) 1:30PM-3:00PM and 3:15PM-5:00PM

White Board Writer (2 - 1 on each shift) 1:30PM-3:00PM and 3:15PM-5:00PM

Cashiers (2) 1:30-5:00PM (Found! Trudy and Sharon)

Refreshments (2) 12:30-5:00PM

Cashiers for \$5 Table (Found! Trudy and Sharon) 1:30PM-3:00PM and 3:15PM-5:00PM

Hospitality (2) - answer questions on how things work

Please contact Dan Williamson 650-498-9947 or dwillmsn-pos@yahoo.com or Mike Drilling 650-692-8998 mike.drilling@gmail.com to volunteer.

The Society welcomes and greatly appreciates all donations - this event is our main source of income for paying our expenses throughout the year. Auction Plants and Items will be accepted beginning at 11:00 AM. Sellers must be POS members. Items must be presented for check-in by 1:00 PM - including pre-registered plants and items. No exceptions. Items should arrive for check-in already tagged with their orchid code, your name, and minimum bid (if any). If there is no minimum bid set, then the auctioneers will start your plant at a price they deem reasonable. The list and example photos of pre-registered items can be found at the website, <http://penorchidsoc.org/>, starting September 10th or earlier, and will be updated regularly.

Plants should be established and must be disease and insect free. Please bring only plants that you would bid on. All plants should be written down on the Auction Entry Form and have a tag similar to the one on page two of the Auction Entry Form. It would be a good idea to keep a copy of the Auction Entry Form. The POS reserves the right to refuse any plant or supplies offered for auction. We will have an "instant sale" area at the back of the room. Plants will be sold for \$5 until 3:30 PM. After that the price will be \$2. Should you take a chance and hope the plant you want will still be there at 3:30?

You may want to bring a box or two with you, to take home all of your new found treasures.

Refreshments will be served - you are still welcome to bring goodies with you and they will be much appreciated!

Pre-entry of plants

By e-mail, please send your entries to Dan Williamson (dwillmsn-pos@yahoo.com). You are encouraged to send photos if you have them - please use a description of the plant as the file name and let us know if we can also put them on the Facebook page. Please list your orchid code, plant name, minimum bid (if any), and whether or not it is a donation. By mail, please use a copy of the form attached to the newsletter. Please send to: Dan Williamson, 727 Clark Way, Palo Alto, CA 94304.

2013 Peninsula Orchid Society Auction Rules

- 1) The total number of lots (single plants, box of plants, books, other related items, or collection of items) not to exceed 250.
- 2) Members may donate or sell (on consignment) up to a total of 20 plants/lots. The maximum number of plants/lot that any member can sell is 10; however, for example if a member wants to donate 15 lots and sell 5, that works too. Or donate 20 and sell 0! You can also combine two or more plants as a single "lot", Please consider donating plants, the proceeds support the POS. Plants are sold on consignment: 25% of the proceeds will go the POS and the owners will receive a 75% check by mail after the auction. All sales are subject to sales tax which will be collected by the POS.
- 3) If at all possible, members should pre-register the plants/lots they want to sell or donate by email to: Dan Williamson (dwillmsn-pos@yahoo.com), giving the information for each plant that is requested on the form in this newsletter. If you don't have email you can mail the form to Dan Williamson, 727 Clark Way, Palo Alto, CA 94304.
- 4) Closing date for early submission of electronic or RECEIPT of snail mail lists is the TUESDAY (September 25) before the auction.
- 5) There will still be the opportunity to bring plants or lots that have not been pre-registered until the maximum number of lots (250) has been reached. The advantage of pre-registering is to generate more interest in your plants as buyers have time to research them, and to be sure that your plants make it into the auction.
- 6) The POS will accept donations in excess of the 250 cap but will reserve the option to place the plants on the instant sale table or to use the donations in opportunity tables at later meetings.
- 7) DAY OF THE AUCTION: Bring your plants with the plant tags already filled out and attached to the pots (or whatever works well for the non-potted plants) and a filled out copy of the auction entry form on page 3. Plants must be entered no later than 1:00PM. Sorry, NO EXCEPTIONS.

Plant tags are available in a separate attachment and at
the website.

The orchid code is two letters and two digits (no hyphen).

Examples: **DW01, DW02, DW10.**

Greenhouse Sale

Unfortunately, Nancy Francis, a long time member of the POS, has decided to close down her greenhouse. Fortunately, she has graciously donated her collection of plants to the POS. We will be holding a sale at Nancy's greenhouse in Atherton on October 19th from 9am-4pm. There will be a wide variety of plants from oncidiums, paphiopedilums, phragmipediums, and dendrobiums with a few vandas, cymbidiums and cattleyas. They are all healthy, robust plants, and there are labels on almost everything, and most are recently potted but are well established. NO ONE other than volunteer workers will be admitted to the plant area prior to 9am!

The sale will be at Nancy Francis' Greenhouse at 145 Fair Oaks Lane, Atherton, CA 94027.

The POS would also like some volunteers to help staff the sale at the greenhouse

Annual Show

Co-chair(s) for the show committee wanted! Chaunie will chair the upcoming 2014 show, but someone new will take on the 2015 show. The best way to prepare to be the chairperson for the 2015 show is to be co-chair for the 2014 show.

Bus Trip

We had a fun time on this year's bus trip to visit Brookside Orchids, Golden Gate Orchids, San Francisco Conservatory of Flowers, and Fred Shull's greenhouses. We combined our tour with Santa Clara Valley Orchid Society and split the work. Their president, Kristina Bell, booked the bus company and helped decide the route. Chaunie made the arrangements for the visits and provided the lunch items.

Gloria Bygdnes, Rosalie Dedo, Janett Hawley, Patrick Hoe and Susan Tong, Sharon Langan, Chaunie Langland, Eric Levenson, Tom Pickford (also representing the Napa Valley Orchid Society, where he is president), Paul and Diane Reeve, Sue Rose, and Taik K. Yun represented POS on the trip. Janusz Warszawski and Jacquet McConville followed the first three stops by car and took Sue Rose home early so she could meet up with dinner guests. (Steve Kirby and Eric Langland had signed up, but were unable to come.) Nancy Morgan and Jeff Nacht joined us from the Malahini Orchid Society. The rest of the tour participants were from SCVOS.

Brookside manager Mark Pendleton provided a tour of the Brookside facilities for our visit. I got a peek at Cordelia Wong's Phalaenopsis collection that she boards there and it is very impressive. Lots of orchids were loaded under the bus before we left the parking lot!

Tom Perlite's Golden Gate Orchids is expected to be closing at some point in the near future. We were glad to have another chance to explore his vast set of greenhouses. It was hard to choose just a few orchids from so many. Quite a few of us ended up buying a nice orange rhododendron also.

The Conservatory of Flowers has many nice plants worth seeing. The orchids tend to familiar friends. The butterfly exhibit was enchanting and well worth the trip. Those of us with AOS memberships entered at no cost. We enjoyed our picnic on the lawn across the street from the Conservatory.

Our last stop was at Fred Shull's greenhouse. He had an excellent selection of *Cattleya* (*Laelia*) *purpurata* in bloom, as well as other *Cattleyas* and some *Sobralias*. All in all a very enjoyable trip and a wonderful chance to get acquainted with members of other societies as well as catching up on news from POS members.



Angel, the bus driver and the bus.



A welcoming display at Brookside Orchids





Diane Reeve, Gloria Bygdnes, Janusz Warszawski and Eric Levenson at Golden Gate Orchids.

All Photos by Chaunie Langland

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.

All photos by Dan Williamson.



Maxillaria schunkeana "Hanging Gardens"
AM/AOS Jung Hee Ra



Dendrobium Fire Wings
Gloria Bygdnes



Dendrobium Little Green Apples
Gloria Bygdnes



Christensonella vernicosa
Terry Boomer



Pleurothallis grobyi
Donna Horn



Lockhartia lunifera
Mike Drilling



Oncidium Hybrid
Jacquet McConville



Masdevallia Fandango
Terry Boomer



Vandachostylis Lou Sneary
Terry Boomer



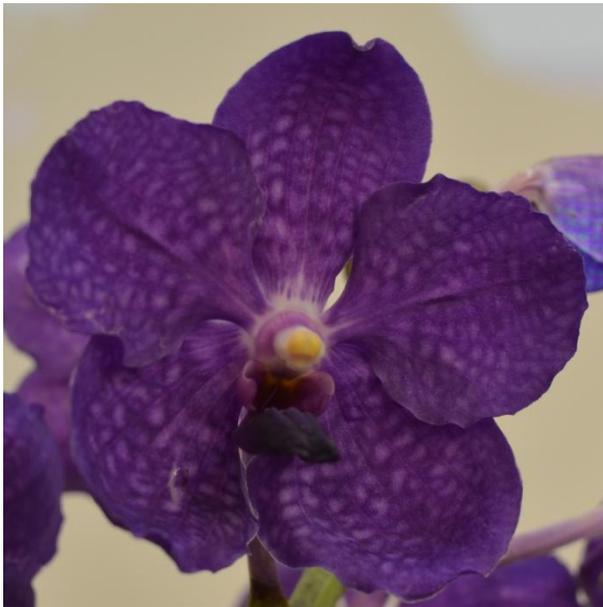
Maxillaria turkeliae
Paul Reeve



Masdevallia Georgian Franczyk
Terry Boomer



Masdevallia Joy Edstrom "Margaret's" HCC/AOS
Terry Boomer



Vanda Pachara Delight
Terry Boomer



Paphiopedilum Robinianum
Anna Chai



Aliceara Winter Wonderland "White Fairy"
Janusz Warszawski



Cymbidium Peter Pan 'Greensleeves'
Eric Levenson
Fragrant, miniature, fall blooming



Ansellia africana* var. *nilotica
Eric Levenson



Masdevallia ophioglossa
Jasen Liu



Pleurothallis nossax
Terry Boomer



***Dracula inaequalis* ("Joe" x "John")**
Terry Boomer



Masdevallia Machu Picchu "Crown Point"
Jasen Liu



Masdevallia Peach Fuzz "Golden Giant" FCC/AOS
Anna Chai



Cattleya Pink Doll "Cinnabar" HCC/AOS
Jung Hee Ra



Scaphosepalum breve
Terry Boomer



Oncidium Hybrid
Janusz Warszawski



Oncidium Tiger Crow "Golden Girl"
Janusz Warszawski



Bulbophyllum sumatranum "A-dorabil" AM/AOS
Chaunie Langland



Dendrobium polysema
Leo Kusber



Bulbophyllum Daisy Chain
Judy Evans



Leomesesia Lava Burst "Punani"
Rosalie Dedo



Erychone rothschildiana
Mike Drilling

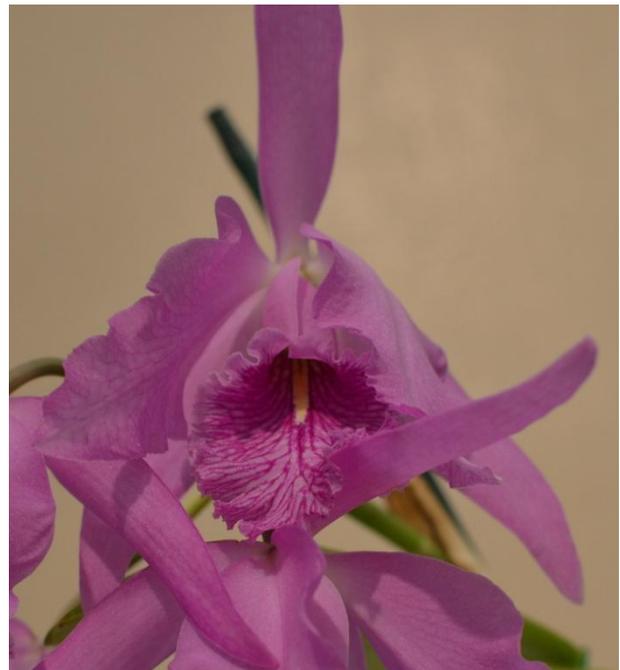


Phalaenopsis pulchra
Chaunie Langland



Aerangis mystacidii
Rosalie Dedo

This was a fantastic presentation! The pot was placed in a little wine glass nestled in purple tissue paper. This elevated the pendant inflorescence and concealed the plastic pot, placing the emphasis on the delicate white flowers.



***Cattleya maxima* "Mrs. Mendel"**
Chaunie Langland



Cochlezella Amazing
Sharon Langan



Lycaste Arcadian Sunrise
Sharon Langan



Cattleya Mini Symphony
Sharon Langan



Masdevallia Angel Fling
Rosalie Dedo

Member News



A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO Sandra Charles, Phyllis Chim, Amy Chung, Doug Cuning, Mary Gerritsen, Pete Hodgson, Mary Jensen, Sharon Langan, Michael Lei, Kreg Martin, Dennis Olivas, Fred Shull, Ann Stuart and Al Testa!

Thank you to Trudy Hadler, Susan Tong, Gloria Bygdnes, Carol Zoltowski, Janusz Warszawski, Dennis Olivas, Judy Evans, Diane Reeve, Ra Jung Hee for bringing in refreshments! They are always appreciated!

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 or see the flyer on page 16 for details.

September 28-29 Orchids in the Park

County Fair Building, Golden Gate Park. 10am-5pm, \$4/\$3 Seniors. See www.orchidsanfrancisco.org and the flyer on page 17 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 from 12-5pm at the San Mateo Garden Center again this year. See pages 2 and 3 for the details and See flyer on page 18.

October 19 Nancy Francis Greenhouse Sale

Nancy Francis is closing down her greenhouse and has graciously donated her collection to the Peninsula Orchid Society. All of the plants will be for sale from 9am to 4pm. See page 4 for details.

November 9 Fall Orchid Festival

Carmel Orchid Society, Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula, 4590 Carmel Valley Rd. Carmel, CA 9am to 4pm. Aso, see flyer on page 19.

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 14th 9am-4pm

- * Lots of ORCHIDS: from the usual to the really unusual, small to specimen sizes
- * Ferns, Tillandsias, Cut orchid flowers
- * Eco Pots made from rice hulls in great colors and shapes
- * Tree fern pots, cork slabs, and other mounting supplies
- * Information about the awesome software *ORCHID WIZ*
- * Potting supplies
- * Fertilizer
- * Good advice



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Photo by Ron Parsons

Orchids in the Park

A Sale and Exhibition

September 28-29, 2013

10 am-5 pm

County Fair Building
9th Ave & Lincoln Way
San Francisco, CA

Admission \$4, Seniors (over 65) \$3
Children under 16 free

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Peninsula Orchid Society 2013 Auction

Saturday afternoon, October 5th

San Mateo Garden Center,
605 Parkside Way,
San Mateo, CA
(Close to Hwy. 92)

Auction begins at 1:30 PM

Bidder registration and plant previewing begins at 12:00 PM

EVERYONE WELCOME

All plants will be from member's collections or donations from professional growers - we have both professional and hobby members. Come and find that special orchid!!

Cash, checks or credit cards accepted

We will post a list of pre-entries at <http://penorchidsoc.org/blogs/auction-2013/> starting about 2 weeks before the auction



Fall Orchid Festival

presented by the
Carmel Orchid Society

**Saturday
November
9th
9AM - 4PM**

- **Orchid Sales**
- **Orchid Display**
- **Silent Auction**
- **Wine Barrel Raffle**
- **Orchid Care Classes**
- **Potting Demonstrations**

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