

# The Sheath

## No Meeting! POS Annual Show is this month!

Dates: January 25 & 26

Time: 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Place: Community Activities Building  
1400 Roosevelt Ave., Redwood City

### Friday January 24th

Bring your plants for entry in the show between 2:00PM and 6:30PM

There is **no cost** to enter your plants! If you win an AOS or CSA award there is a nominal cost for the award – you can opt out of judging when you enter.

**Ribbon Judging begins after 6:30PM** and is a lot of fun. Come and be part of determining the best plants in the show

## Show Details

### Volunteers!

For our show to run smoothly, we need many volunteers. Please contact the committee chairs (below) for one or more of the opportunities below.

<b>Show Chair</b>	Chaunie Langland	510-364-2274
Member Sales	Barry Zimmerman	408-724-5740
Plant Hotel	Susan Tong & Patrick Hoe	510-449-4437
Admissions	Gloria Bydgenes	650-368-6475
Judging	Todd Kennedy	415-664-8851
Set-up	Mike Drilling & Clint Evans	650-692-8998
Take-down	Mike Drilling & Clint Evans	650-692-8998
Plant Entry	Neal Winslow	650-322-3532
Security	Mike Drilling	650-692-8998
Membership	Janusz Warszawski	650-964-0560
Raffle	Olga Ostrovsky	650-631-0218

Below are descriptions of what jobs we need to have done before, during, and after the show.

**SET UP:** Set up is Friday, January 24th. We will be setting up the display and sales areas. The tables need to be covered with plastic covers and skirting and the lighting must be set up. We also set up the admissions, membership, and raffle areas. This work starts at 11 AM and we need as many people as possible. Even if you can only come for an hour around 11 AM, that would help. Judy is providing lunch to all of you who come to help set up. Your show chair is taking many unpaid days off from work in January to organize the show. It

would be great if some of you young, strong types would consider taking a half-day off work to help with set-up.

**ADMISSIONS:** This job requires you to greet the guests, take their “donation” and keep track of how they heard about the show. It is a sit-down, social job.

**MEMBERSHIP AND RAFFLE TABLES:** This is also a sit-down, social job. You tell people about our meetings and events, sign up new members and take member renewals. You sell the raffle tickets, and hand out culture sheets and invitations to our meetings. All sounds pretty easy, huh?

**SECURITY:** This is a stand-up, social job. It is important to everyone that the plants in the show display area are not disturbed and we don't want any plants to enter or leave the display area. We need volunteers to keep a watchful eye on this area. Also, food and open drinks are not allowed in the display room. Volunteers in this area also get to talk to our guests and talk about orchids, what else? It's easy and it's fun.

**PLANT HOTEL:** This is a stand-up and sit-down social job. The hotel is where the visitors can keep their plants while they continue to enjoy the show and sales area. There is no charge to the guests and the job requires taking their plants, putting them in a box with their name on it, and giving them back when they return to leave. Again, you will get to talk to people and have fun.

**TAKE DOWN:** On Sunday, at 5:00 PM we need help with the take-down. This requires volunteers to help with security, keeping an eye on the front doors as people leave. We also need volunteers to help take down what we put up on Friday, and load the vehicles that will be taking our “stuff” back to the storage facility.

## Calling All Novice Exhibitors!

The success of the show depends on everyone entering their orchids to make a spectacular first impression for people visiting the show.

The Novice Division is the smallest division every year. How often people arrive at the show on Saturday and wish they had entered too! Your plants could be on the bench, winning ribbons and admired by the crowds!

Give it a try - brighten up your January! All you need is an orchid with these attributes:

- It is in flower
- It is free of pests and disease
- It does not need a name tag! We will help you get it into the right class.
- If you have owned the plant for fewer than 6 months, it will be eligible for AOS and CSA judging but not for POS ribbon awards. To be eligible for ribbon awards, plants must have been owned by the entrant for at least 6 months.

Start planning your entries now! If you think you might enter a plant, stake it as it is coming into spike, if it needs to be staked. Clean the leaves with water, or 50/50 water and skim milk, or lemon juice. The skim milk and the lemon juice are helpful in removing hard water deposits. Set your plant in a pot that does not draw attention away from the flowers. Dress up the planting media top with moss, hiding the growing pot, if you like. Michaels is an excellent source of inexpensive plain decorative pots and moss as well as green coated wire to support delicate inflorescences. If your plant needs to be hung, you will need to supply a fixture to hang it from. Small hanging plants can be hung from clear or solid color vases. Pendulous orchids will need something to stand on. For further help, call any of your fellow society members, or check out the article on Anna Chai's show preparation skill session in

the December 2009 *Sheath* available on the website.  
(<http://penorchidsoc.org/newsletters/2009-12.pdf>).

## Be a Ribbon Judge

Friday night of our show, we will need a host of ribbon judges. This is one of the most **fun**, I cannot stress this enough, and interesting jobs at the show. You will be placed on a team, headed by an AOS judge or judge in training, given a list of classes to judge, then head out, find your plants and select the winners. At the end of the judging, everyone gets to vote on the overall winners. Don't miss out on this great opportunity!! Just show up no later than 6:45 on Friday, January 24th.

## Member Sales

Members are invited to bring plants to sell at the show. The POS will handle the sale and keep 25% of the sale price. Members can bring up to 50 plants to sell and all plants should be in good condition and free of pests and disease. Plants can be brought to the Community Activities Building between 2 and 6PM on Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. Each plant must be labeled with a corresponding tear off label and a list of all plants submitted must be provided.

## Upcoming Meeting Notices

We have a couple of exciting events coming up at the February 28th meeting:

### Ecuagenera Pre-Orders

Ivan Portilla, from Ecuagenera, will be speaking on Phragmipediums at the Peninsula Orchid Society meeting on February 28, 2014. Ecuagenera will accept pre-orders for plants that members may wish to buy and Ivan will deliver and take payment in cash or check for those plants at our meeting. Payment can also be made in advance through Paypal.

POS members may place pre-orders from the attached Ecuagenera price list **prior to Feb 1, 2014** by sending a list of desired plants with your name, address and phone number to Ecuagenera at Info Ecuagenera <[info@ecuagenera.com](mailto:info@ecuagenera.com)> or on the Ecuagenera web page at [www.ecuagenera.com](http://www.ecuagenera.com). The price list is available on the POS website at <http://penorchidsoc.org/EcuageneraPriceListFeb2014.zip>

**NOTE: Pre-orders must be placed prior to February 1, 2014.**

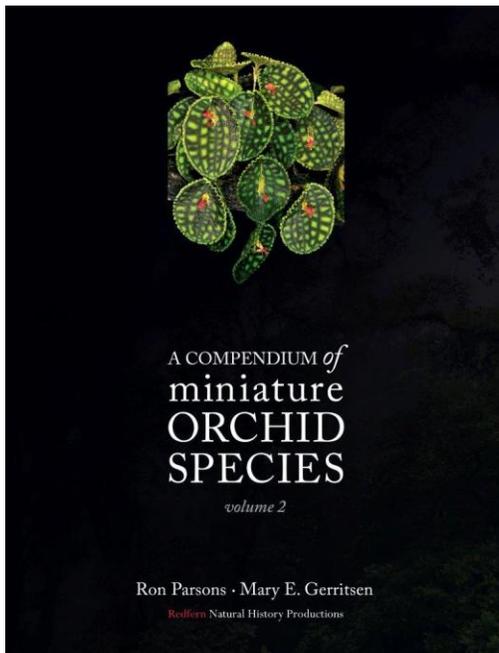
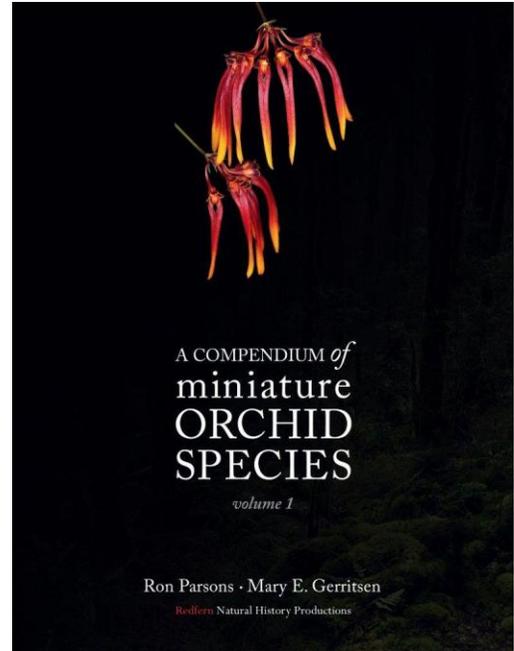
### Author Signing!

Mary Gerritsen and Ron Parsons will be selling copies of their new books at the February POS meeting, and possibly (if the books are here!) at the POS show. The books are entitled, *A Compendium of Miniature Orchid Species*, Volume 1 and 2.

Here is little information about the books from the Red Fern Natural History Productions Web Site.

The two volume work features individual entries for over 500 miniature orchids species across 120 different genera, presented in an encyclopedic format. Richly illustrated with over 1800 spectacular photographs of orchids in culture and in the wild (many of which are plants of SFOS members!), each species entry includes nomenclatural and etymological information, as well as detailed and specific cultivation guidance and notes about habitat, conservation status and similarities to other orchids. The species entries also incorporate newly published taxonomic data that is also reflected in the extensive cross-index of orchid names and synonyms, and all species are generously represented with numerous photographs, including images of other species with which they are easily confused.

The discounted price will be \$140 for the 2 volumes, and they can be autographed if desired. This price is a savings of \$20 to \$40-depending on where you get them from taxes and shipping costs.



Quantities are limited, so if you are interested in purchasing the books, please send an email to [info@orchidsanfrancisco.org](mailto:info@orchidsanfrancisco.org). (In that email, please mention that you are a POS member so the books can be brought to the POS meeting.) This will add your name to the special order list. Books in this special order will only be sold as the two volume set.

The books will be also be available at the February SFOS meeting, and as well as at the Pacific Orchid Exposition (POE) (February 20-23).

At the POE Ron will give his lecture "Miniature Orchids" on **Saturday, Feb 22** at 10:30 am. There will be a book signing following the lecture.

Further information about the books, their content, sample photos etc can be found here:

<http://www.redfernnaturalhistory.com/books/a-compedium-of-miniature-orchid-species-vol-1/>

<http://www.redfernnaturalhistory.com/books/a-compedium-of-miniature-orchid-species-vol-2/>

## Member News



A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO CAROL BASEY, TERRY BOOMER, NICK HUGHES, JEAN LEE, LINDA LOCATELLI, RORY NAKATA, ANGELIC NGUYEN, STELLA ROCCAFORTE, EVA SHAMBLE AND ROBERT STEPPO!

Everybody brought treats to the last meeting! Thank you very much, it was a great time. Thank you especially to Dennis Olivas for calling the bingo games and Mike Rector for being an excellent judge and keeping us all honest.

Longtime member and show volunteer June Powell passed away in December. She helped out at the admissions table every year and will be missed. Our condolences go out to her family and friends.

## 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 and our website.

## Upcoming Events

### **January 15: Orange County Orchid Society Annual Orchid Auction**

Doors open at 6:30, Auction starts at 7pm. Yorba Linda Public Library, Yorba Linda CA. See flyer on page 7.

### **January 17, Gold Coast Cymbidium Grower's Annual Collector's Auction**

Doors open at 6:30pm, Auction starts at 7pm. See

[http://www.goldcoastcymbidiumgrowers.com/the\\_collectors\\_cymbidium\\_auction](http://www.goldcoastcymbidiumgrowers.com/the_collectors_cymbidium_auction) or flyer below for details. Photos of available plants can be found at:

<http://s489.photobucket.com/user/goldcoastcymgrowers/library/GCCG%202014%20Auction?sort=4&page=1> See flyer on page 6.

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

Plant entry Friday January 24<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 6:30pm. Show and Sale Saturday and Sunday from 10-5pm. See flyer on page 8 for details.

### **February 1-2 Sonoma County Orchid Society Show & Sale: Orchids in the Redwoods**

\$8. Saturday 10-5pm, Sunday 10-3pm Santa Rosa Veterans Building, 1351 Maple Avenue, Santa Rosa Call 415-457-0836 or see <http://www.sonomaorchids.com/springSale.html> for details.

**February 20, Pacific Orchid Exposition Gala Benefit Preview**

**February 21-23, Pacific Orchid Exposition**

Gala Benefit Preview 6:30-10PM. Show and Sale Friday 10-6PM, Saturday 9-6PM, Sunday 10-5PM. \$13 in advance at [www.orchidsanfrancisco.org](http://www.orchidsanfrancisco.org) and \$15 at the door, Gala \$40 in advance and \$45 at the door. Three day pass \$25. See flyer on page 9.

**March 14-16 Santa Barbara International Orchid Show**

9am-5pm Earl Warren Show Grounds, Exhibit Hall 3400 Calle Real, Santa Barbara, CA  
Email [sborchidshow@gmail.com](mailto:sborchidshow@gmail.com) or visit <http://www.sborchidshow.com/>.

**Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers**

**Cymbidium Orchid Auction**



**Friday, January 17, 2014**

**Auction 7:00 PM**

**Registration & Preview 6:30 - 7:00 PM**

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**Cym. Pepper's Fire 'Carnival'**  
Photo by Darrel Wong

**Catalog & Photos will be Available after January 6, 2014 at:**

**[www.GoldCoastCymbidiumGrowers.com](http://www.GoldCoastCymbidiumGrowers.com)**

**Email Questions or Inquiries to [bacyms@yahoo.com](mailto:bacyms@yahoo.com) or call (510) 582-5896**

# *Orange County Orchid Society*

## **ANNUAL ORCHID AUCTION**

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DENDROBIUMS - ONCIDIUMS  
SPECIES  
AND MANY OTHER GENERA  
ORCHID SUPPLIES**

**GOOD VALUES  
AND LOTS OF FUN**

**REFRESHMENTS**

**Yorba Linda Public Library  
Community Room, lower level  
18181 Imperial Highway  
Yorba Linda, CA 92886**

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anneline45@gmail.com**

**Rosa Laursen - 714.528.7003  
rosa993@roadrunner.com**



**Wednesday  
January 15, 2014**

❖  
**6:30 P.M.**

**Preview**

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**7:00 P.M.**

**Auction Begins**

# Peninsula Orchid Society 2014 Show & Sale



Saturday, January 25th  
Sunday, January 26th  
10 am - 5 pm

Community Activities Building  
1400 Roosevelt Avenue, Redwood City, CA

Admission \$5 Adults, \$3 Senior, \$3 Children 12-16, Free for accompanied children under 12  
Two day pass \$1 more

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Cymbidium erythostylum by Sally Robertson

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Admission \$13 online/\$15 at door, Seniors \$10 online/\$12 at door, Gala \$40 online/\$45 at door. 16 years & under Free accompanied w/adult (except Gala).  
3 Day Pass \$25 (excludes Gala & special events). Gala Benefit Preview prices and information on reverse.

Parking available at Marina Middle School, Sat & Sun, entrance on Bay between Moscone Park & the school. Complimentary shuttle.

For Tickets & Information please visit

[www.orchidsanfrancisco.org](http://www.orchidsanfrancisco.org)

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