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# The Sheath

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## Ricky Wong on Neofinetias

Date: February 28

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, turn South.  
The Garden Center is located between 26<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>  
Avenues.

Mailing address: P.O. Box 6894, San Mateo, CA 94403-6894

### Growing Phragmipediums Semi- Hydroponically

Chris Mende

Chris has some amazing  
phragmipediums and will show us  
how she grows them.

## Speaker

Ricky Wong started his interest in orchids while he was in elementary school. In 1995, he received a Phalaenopsis as his first orchid and his collection has grown ever since. After graduating from college, he started to volunteer extensively at OrchidMania, where his passion for orchids continued to grow. Ricky is currently part of the AOS judging program and is a Probationary Judge. He is currently a Director at large for the Orchid Society of California (OSC), and has been in various board positions with the OSC. Ricky grows exclusively outdoors without the use of a greenhouse and prefers to grow cool-cold growing species and primary hybrids that do well outdoors year-round in the Bay Area.

Members are invited to join us for a light, no-host dinner with the speaker at the California Pizza Kitchen (Hillsdale Mall). We will depart from the Garden Center at 5:30pm sharp for dinner at 5:45pm.

**The opportunity table will be provided by Dennis Olivas.**

## Membership Renewals

Annual membership dues are due in January, they can be paid by check or cash at the meeting or on the website using Paypal at <http://penorchidsoc.org/membership.html>. The membership form is on page 13 of the newsletter.

# Show Results

Our show this year was a resounding success! We nearly doubled last year's attendance with 1281 visitors! **Chaunie Langland** was the show chair and did a marvelous job keeping all of the details together and the volunteers on track. Chaunie wants to especially thank **Joseph Kautz** once again for his efforts to promote our show. His efforts helped get us a featured article in the Bay Area News Group papers and a wonderful newspaper advertisement. Joseph designed banners and signs promoting the show.

## Volunteers!

Thank you to everyone who volunteered and made our show such a success! Thank you also to everyone who brought plants to the show, without them there is no show. The variety and quality of the plants in flower displayed at the show is always a delight.

### Show Chairs

Gloria Bygdnes	Admissions	Olga Ostrovsky	Raffle
Chaunie Langland	Advertising, Vendors	Janusz Warszawski	Membership
Judy Evans	Hospitality	Mike Drilling and Clint Evans	Set-up and Take Down
C. Todd Kennedy	Judging	Barry Zimmerman	Member Sales
Tom Mudge	Presentations	Mike Drilling	Security
Susan Tong and Patrick Hoe	Plant Hotel	Jung Hee Ra	Plant Placement
Neal Winslow	Plant Check-In	Ken Jacobsen	AOS Award Photography
Dan Williamson	Award Photography	Sue Rose	Trophies and Ribbons

### Volunteers

Thank you to the volunteers who took time out of their weekend to help out: Chaunie Langland, Amy Chung, Ann Stuart, Anne Riegel, Annie Green, Barbara Fornesi (Judy's sister), Barry Zimmerman, Carol Karwatt, Chris Mende, Clint Evans, Dan Williamson, Deadra St. Claire, Diana Gross, Diane Reeve, Donna Horn, Doug Cunning, Eric Levenson, Gloria Bygdnes, Janet Rector, Janusz Warszawski, Jasen Liu, Joseph Kautz, Judy Evans, Jung Hee Ra, Kathy Parker, Ken Jacobsen, Linda Tripp, Margery Mayer, Mark Khoo, Mary Gerritsen, Masaki Asuka, Melly Metcalf, Mike Drilling, Mike Rector, Nancy Francis, Nancy Hardesty, Neal Winslow, Olga Ostrovsky, Patrick Hoe, Paul Chim, Paul Reeve, Phyllis Chim, Pierre Pujol, Roey Shaviv, Sharon Langan, Sue Rose, Susan Tong, Tanya Lam, C. Todd Kennedy, Tom Mudge, Tony Gee, Rosalie Dedo, and Trudy Hadler.

### Speakers

Thank you to our speakers who gave informative seminars to both the experienced and the novice grower: Mary Gerritsen, Ron Parsons, Mike Drilling, Weegie Caughlin, Dennis Olivas, Tom Mudge, Debra Atwood, and Janusz Warszawski.

# Show Trophy Photos

Below are the photos of the POS show trophy winners (photos by Dan Williamson).

**Vallemar Garden Trophy for Best Plant by a Novice Exhibitor**



*Dendrochilum pulcherrimum*  
Paul Simon

**Clar Hancock Memorial Trophy for Best Plant by an Intermediate Exhibitor**



*Cymbidium Elle Ronis 'Loyola'*  
Christine Kradjian

**Anna Chai Trophy for Best Plant by an Advanced Exhibitor**



*Aerangis hyaloides*  
Mary Gerritsen

**Peninsula Orchid Society Trophy for Best Plant by an Open Exhibitor**

And

**Katherine Jason Trophy for Best Species**



*Stanhopea nigroviolacea 'Black Tiger'*  
C. Todd Kennedy

**Barbara Todd Kennedy Trophy for Best Plant**



Rhyncholaeliocattleya Pamela Hetherington  
'Coronation'

Ken and Amy Jacobsen

**Mary and Gerardus Staal Trophy for Best Pleurothallid**



Pleurothallis immersa

Napa Valley Orchids

**Kay Rinaman Trophy for Best Cypripedium Alliance**



Phragmipedium Penns Creek Cascade  
'Woodside'

Pierre Pujol

**Severin Orchid Farm Trophy for Best Miniature**



Dendrochilum parvulum 'Golden Gate'

Sung Lee

## Show Ribbon Judging Results

Award	Grower	Plant Name
Best Cattleya Alliance by Novice Exhibitor	Michelle Bautista	Rhyncholaeliocattleya (Cattleya Hawaiian Wish x Rlc. Shining Harmony 'Yuki')
Best Cymbidium by Novice Exhibitor	Dan Williamson	Cymbidium Lovely Vallye 'Peace in the World' B/CSA
Best Dendrobium by Novice Exhibitor	Mike Rector	Dendrocoryne sp.
Best Odontoglossum by Novice Exhibitor	Mike Rector	Oncidium Twinkle
Best Plant of Other Genus by Novice Exhibitor	Paul Simon	Dendrochilum pulcherrimum
Best Plueruothallid Alliance by Novice Exhibitor	Judy Evans	Masdevallia Dragon Fire
Best Cattleya Alliance by Intermediate Exhibitor	Bill Weaver	Laelia Lookalike
Best Cymbidium by Intermediate Exhibitor	Christine Kradjian	Cymbidium Mouse Eyes 'Minnie'
Best Cyripedium Alliance by Intermediate Exhibitor	Annie & Mike Green	Paphiopedilum (Ice Castle 'Fantastic' x Pacific Shamrock 'Mega')
Best Monopodial by Intermediate Exhibitor	Jung Ra	Amesiella philippinense alba x sib
Best Odontoglossum by Intermediate Exhibitor	Eric Levenson	Cuitlauzina pulchella
Best Plant of Other Genus by Intermediate Exhibitor	Sung Lee	Dendrochilum parvulum 'Golden Gate'
Best Plueruothallid Alliance by Intermediate Exhibitor	Jung Ra	Masdevallia Machu Picchu
Best Cattleya Alliance by Advanced Exhibitor	Pierre Pujol	Laelia anceps 'Pink Beauty' HCC/AOS
Best Cymbidium by Advanced Exhibitor	Weegie Caughlin	Cymbidium Peter Dawson 'Grenadier' AM/AOS, G/CSA, FCC/AOS
Best Cyripedium Alliance by Advanced Exhibitor	Pierre Pujol	Phragmipedium Penns Creek Cascade 'Woodside'
Best Dendrobium by Advanced Exhibitor	Chaunie Langland	Dendrobium aberrans
Best Monopodial by Advanced Exhibitor	Mary Gerritsen	Aerangis hyaloids
Best Odontoglossum by Advanced Exhibitor	Chaunie Langland	Oncidium obryzatum
Best Plant of Other Genus by Advanced Exhibitor	Sue Rose	Dendrochilum wenzelii 'Red Tail'

Award	Grower	Plant Name
Best Plant Shown for Foliage by Advanced Exhibitor	Jeff Trimble	Cymbidium dayanum 'Komatsu Nishie'
Best Plueruothallid Alliance by Advanced Exhibitor	Mary Gerritsen	Masdevallia cf. polysticta
Best Cattleya Alliance by Open Exhibitor	Ken & Amy Jacobsen	Rhyncholaeliocattleya Pamela Hetherington "Coronation'
Best Cymbidium by Open Exhibitor	Ken & Amy Jacobsen	Cymbidium Peter Dawson 'Grenadier'
Best Cypripedium Alliance by Open Exhibitor	Chris Mende	Paphiopedilum Smooth Sailing 'Talbot'
Best Dendrobium by Open Exhibitor	Napa Valley Orchids	Dendrobium Bruce Gordon
Best Monopodial by Open Exhibitor	Napa Valley Orchids	Papilionanda (Papilionanda Josephine van Brero x Vanda Keeree's Delight)
Best Odontoglossum by Open Exhibitor	Neal Winslow	Oncidium Opalescent 'On the Edge'
Best Plant of Other Genus by Open Exhibitor	C. Todd Kennedy	Stanhopea nigroviolacea 'Black Tiger'
Best Plueruothallid Alliance by Open Exhibitor	Napa Valley Orchids	Pleurothallis immerse
Best Plant of Other Genus	C. Todd Kennedy	Stanhopea nigroviolacea 'Black Tiger'
Best First Bloom Seedling	Weegie Caughlin	Cymbidium Ovens Valley

## Volunteer at POE

Now that I've thanked you for volunteering and making our show a success, I'm going to ask that you do it again at the Pacific Orchid Exposition (POE). The POE is one of the very few remaining large orchid shows in the country and needs volunteers to continue. Here is a message from Mary Gerritsen, who, in addition to being a past president of the POS, frequent attendant at meetings, and famous author (see below), is the President of the San Francisco Orchid Society, which puts on the POE:

I am writing to ask for your help at the Pacific Orchid Exposition. This year for some reason, we seem to be very short of volunteers, and are expecting one of the biggest shows ever! I am writing to *BEG* you to come to our help! If you volunteer for a 3 hour shift, you will get a badge that gives you unlimited entry to the show for all three days (Feb 21-23). We have nearly sixty vendors this year, a number of them brand new to the show. The choice of plants for sale and on display should be outstanding.

The following volunteer opportunities are available; each shift is about 3 hrs. Please let me know what you would like to do and then I will follow up with more information.

**Hospitality: 2 types of jobs. Opportunities available on Friday, Feb 21. Also at lunchtime on Saturday Feb 22 and Sunday Feb 23.**

Shifts 9-12, 12-3 and 3-6

Break Area: Setting up and maintaining area. Includes making coffee (heavy lifting), and distributing lunches. This is mostly a sit down job other than making the coffee. It is possible that you can get someone to help you with the coffee if the lifting is an issue.

Vendor Support: Providing breaks for vendors who are alone; distributing water and fruit; overseeing “proof of sale dots”. This is a walk around the sales area type of position-very social!

**Security:**

Three types of jobs:

1. Sitting/Standing in the area between the sales and vendor area. Making sure that plants purchased in the sales area do not go into display area. Directing people to store them at the plant hotel, or directing them to the exits.
2. Standing/sitting at the exits and checking plants purchased for “proof of sale dots”. Plants without dots are not allowed out of the building. People are directed back to the vendor to get dots.
3. Walking around the display area keeping an eye on the plants. Asking people not to touch the plants. Last year we had some valuable plants stolen from the display area, so we want to keep a closer eye on them this year. If there is a problem, you can contact the head of security for help. (Head of security will help with any issues that might come up).

Shifts are morning, mid day and late afternoon. **Help is particularly needed on Friday (any of the shifts), and on Sunday afternoon (2:30-5:30 pm).**

**Plant Hotel:**

Available shifts: Friday 3-6 and Saturday 3-6

Job: Accepting plants from people who are checking them in for safekeeping. Putting the plants in the box. Giving the person a ticket for the plants and putting the matching ticket on the plants. Placing the plants in the box on a shelf. Retrieving plants from shelves in exchange for the matching tickets. Job involves standing, walking around, some lifting. Some of the cymbidiums are heavy, but you can always ask one of the other plant hotel people for help if they are too heavy.

If you are interested in volunteering, please let me know what day(s) and what jobs interest you the most. It would be good to provide a second choice should your first one no longer be available!

Thank you for your help!!!

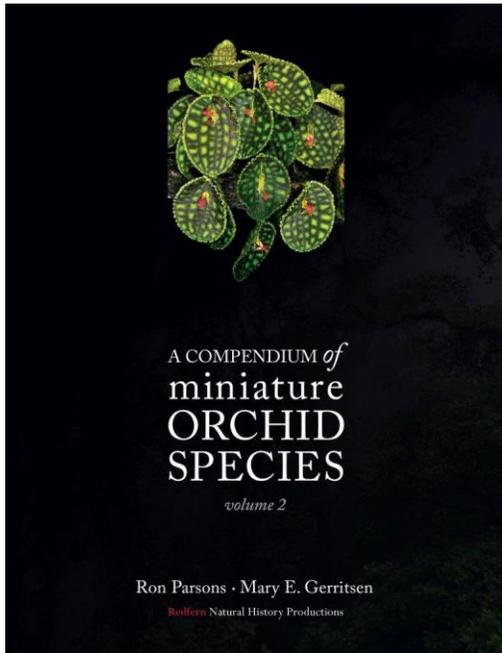
Mary Gerritsen

## Ecuagenera Pre-Orders

Ecuagenera had to cancel their speaking engagement at our meeting. If you placed a pre-order with them, you can still pick up your plants at the Pacific Orchid Exposition at Fort Mason between February 21<sup>st</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>

## Author Signing!

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



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

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

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

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.

## Member News



A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO Weegie Caughlin, Stanley Fuelscher, Sandi Gaunt, Tony Gee, Rita Giles, Margie Haack, Donna Horn, Eric Levenson, Tom Mudge, Nan Orman, Pierre Pujol, David Pyles, Linda Tripp and Trine Sorensen!

### Gerardus Staal, PhD      Peninsula Orchid Society President 1981

Gerardus Staal, our President in 1981 and holder of various offices in POS "since the mind of man remembereth not," passed away on Monday 10 February. Gerardus received his doctorate from the Netherlands Institute of Plant Sciences at Wageningen and was immediately engaged for research into tropical crop management in the former Dutch East Indies. He spent much time at Buitenzorg, now Bogor, the most illustrious research garden within the tropics, and his



leisure-time collections of endemic club mosses of Indonesia are definitive. He and wife Mary came to the United States where he was employed by Zoecon, the research entomologists in Palo Alto, and he is named on the patents for Enstar, Talstar and derivative instar-inhibiting insecticides and acaricides.

Gerardus took an interest in orchids as the most highly-evolved form of plant life and commenced growing them at home in Palo Alto, eventually building a very large greenhouse for his collection, which not unerringly tended towards cool-growing genera. For several decades Gerardus played with hybridizing the orchids in the greenhouse, the result being rather speculative crosses. Since growing the seedlings on to blooming size necessitated more bench space than he had available, Gerardus had the inspiration of selling the seedlings in flask, and having others grow them and bloom them. This enterprise carried on until two years ago under the name Peninsula Hybrids. Gerardus exercised his occasional droit de seigneur by naming the resulting hybrids for acquaintances, many of them POS members: Epidendrum Ross Newman (falcatum x parkinsonianum), Severinara Lil, Roccafortearea Stella, which survive in our own greenhouses. He sold his orchids in 2012, as they stood in the way of a new home for the Staals in retirement.

On many occasions, Gerardus was speaker at POS, most famously in review of pesticides, fungicides and bactericides, our own resource that many another society coveted. He served POS in many capacities over the years, most memorably as registrar of entries at all POS shows since 1979. Mary, for her part, sold raffle tickets at the back of our meeting room, which place is still reserved for her.

C. Todd Kennedy

## **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

### **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 11.

### **February 23<sup>rd</sup> Orchid Sale of Harry Brankov's Collection**

10am-2pm 2641 Easton, Los Olivos, CA Wide variety of Cymbidium, Cattleyas, Phalaenopsis, Vandas, and more. Call Jeannie Beattie at 805-736-4420 for details.

### **February 26<sup>th</sup> 7pm Presentation on California Native Orchids**

Raymond Prothero will speak at the California Native Plant Society at the Auburn/Placer County Library at 980 Helling Way, Nevada City, CA.

### **March 7-9<sup>th</sup> Mahalini Orchid Society Show and Sale**

Friday 7pm-9pm, Saturday 10-6pm, Sunday 10-5pm Vallco Shopping Mall, Cupertino, CA

### **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/>.

### **March 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Cymbidium Congress**

Adams Elementary School Auditorium, 2701 Las Positas Road, Santa Barbara, CA see <http://www.cymbidium.org/cymbidium-congress> for details.

### **March 29<sup>th</sup> Plant Exchange**

12:00-4pm First Presbyterian Church, 2619 Broadway Oakland see [www.theplantexchange.com](http://www.theplantexchange.com) for additional details.

### **April 5-6<sup>th</sup> Central Coast Orchid Show and Sale**

Saturday 9-5pm, Sunday 10-5pm 800 W. Branch Street, Arroyo Grande see [www.FCOS.org](http://www.FCOS.org) for details and flyer on page 12.



Cymbidium erythostylum by Sally Robertson

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For Tickets & Information please visit

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**E-mail:** (1) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Type of Membership:

- Individual \$20.00
- Senior (55 and over) \$14.00
- Payments can be made by Paypal on POS website [penorchidsoc.org/membership.html](http://penorchidsoc.org/membership.html)
- Additional Member same household \$10.00
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Our membership year runs from January 1 through December 31. Everyone is encouraged to renew before the end of February each year; it results in significantly less labor for the volunteers who handle membership duties.

Membership Chair's area

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