

The Sheath

What's in Bloom? With Marni Turkel

Date: March 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 26th and 28th Avenues.

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

Lighting Equipment for Growing Orchids Indoors

Mike Drilling

Mike has been growing a wide variety of Orchid genera for years. He will share his expertise in grow light equipment.

For those that want to start their own indoor growing area, Sue Rose has a HID light system for sale, see the classifieds on page 16.

Speaker

Marni Turkel (pronounced tur KELL) is a native of the San Francisco Bay Area and has been growing orchids since 1980. She grows in three greenhouses in Santa Rosa with approximately 1000 sq ft of growing space. Her main interest is in cool-growing miniature species but plenty of larger plants have crept into the collection as well. Marni has been a contributor to Orchids magazine with her series called 'Well Worth the Space' and 'Give It a Rest'. Her articles have been translated into Dutch, German, Portuguese and Swedish for international publication. Photographs of her plants have been feature in articles noted orchid publications including Orchids Magazine, Orchid Digest, Richardiana, The Orchid Review, and The Australian Orchid Review. For the last few years she has been sharing her photographs and knowledge on OrchidsForum.com.

Recently, Marni has expanded her work with orchids to include propagation of orchids from seed and has set up a flasking lab of her own to take the process from start to finish and sell flasks of many of the orchids species in her collection. After working for over 43 years as a potter, she has retired from ceramics to pursue orchids full-time.

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 Marni Turkel.

Membership Renewals

It is time of the year for membership renewal. A membership renewal form, with fee schedule, is on page 22. It can be sent to:

Peninsula Orchid Society Membership Renewals
Janusz Warszawski
1227 Monte Verde Ct.
Los Altos, CA 94024

Membership can also be made by check or cash at meetings or on the website using Paypal at <http://penorchidsoc.org/membership.html>.

As an incentive to renew on time, POS is providing free Garden Pruners of high quality (see picture on right) to everyone who renews no later than the March meeting. All who already renewed at the January Show, and by mail or Paypal, are eligible. All new members for 2014 are also eligible throughout the year.

You must be present at the meeting to receive the pruners (special cases will be considered for your friend to pick it up for you – contact Janusz Warszawski).

If you renew after the March deadline you will not receive the free gift. Pruners not claimed at February and March meetings may be made available later for sale.



Bus Trip

This year's Greenhouse Bus Tour is still in the planning stages, but here is what we are proposing at the moment:

Our annual bus tour, being held with the Santa Clara Valley Orchid Society, is being planned for the end of May or beginning of June. We are going to head south from the Bay Area and will be boarding in San Jose. We are trying to work it out so that you will be able to visit the orchid sale at the Winchester Mystery House when we return from the trip.

For more information, contact Chaunie Langland - 510-494-8850 or chaunie.langland@earthlink.net

Meeting Photos

(Photos by Dan Williamson)



Vanda (Neofinetia) falcata 'Gojyo-Fukurin'
Ricky Wong



Vanda (Neofinetia) falcata 'Fugaku'
Ricky Wong



Dendrobium lichenastrum
Dan Williamson



Leptotes bicolor
Dan Williamson



Vandachostylis Pinkie 'Starry Night'
Dan Williamson



Chiloschista sweelimii
Mike Drilling



Eria pannea
Chaunie Langland



Paphiopedilum affine x sib
Dan Williamson



Vanda Fuchs Golden Leopard
Chaunie Langland



Aerangis citrata
Chaunie Langland



Paphiopedilum appletonianum
Dan Williamson



Dendrobium Bright Angel
Gloria Bygdnes



Laeliocattleya Newberry Glow
Janusz Warszawski



Laeliocattleya Newberry Glow
Gloria Bygdnes



Comparettia falcata
Chaunie Langland



Cattleya coccinea
Jung Hee Ra



***Dendrochilum wenzelii* 'Belmont'**
Mike & Annie Green



**Paphiopedilum (Ice Castle 'Fantastic' x
Pacific Shamrock 'Mega')**
Mike & Annie Green



**Paphiopedilum (Memoria Richard Steele
'High Round Arch' x S. Gratrix 'Aussie
Spots')**
Jasen Liu



Paphiopedilum Mary Young Chapman
Jasen Liu



Cymbidium No-ID
Roey Shaviv



Phalaenopsis mannii
Chaunie Langland



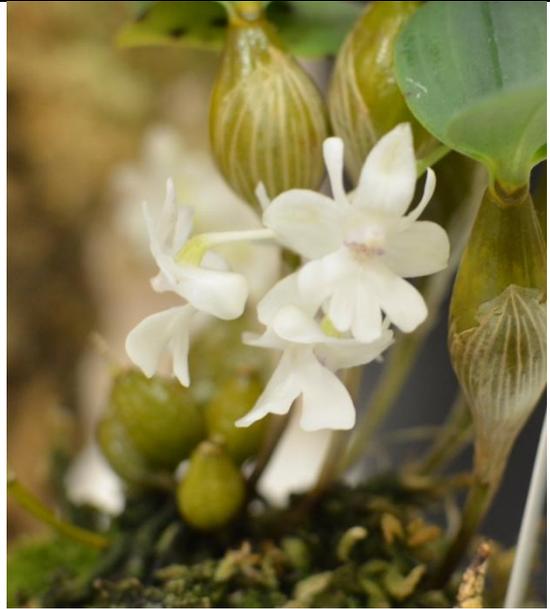
Zelenkocidium Calico Gem 'Green Valley #1'
Janusz Warszawski



Maxillaria tonsbergii
Paul Reeve



Oncidium Jungle Monarch
Gloria Bygdnes



Dendrobium aberrans
Chaunie Langland



Dendrobium keithii
Mike Drilling



Laeliocatarthron Amethyst Snowflake
Janusz Warszawski



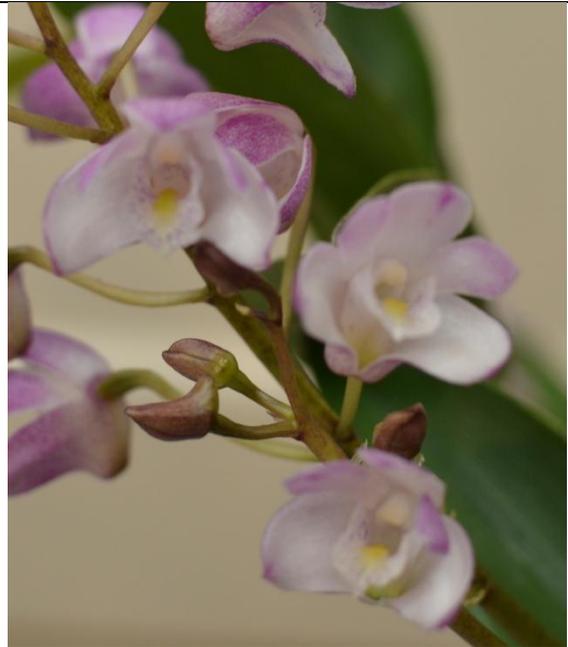
Dendrobium Microchip
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Comparettia macroplectron
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Restrepia contorta
Chaunie Langland



Dendrobium Bardo Rose 'Cinnabar'
Anna Chai



Dendrobium Roy Tokunaga
Chaunie Langland



Cymbidium ((Lightning Bolt x Pink Champagne 'Effervescent') x Darch Freak 'Magic Wine')
Bill Weaver



Paphiopedilum French Jewel
Jung Hee Ra



Cymbidium Darch Freak 'Mud in the Eye'
Bill Weaver



Stelis superbiens
Mary Gerritsen



Maxillaria sanguinea
Diane Reeve



Dendrobium Specio-kingianum "Ern Peck"
Anna Chai



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



Laeliocattleya Canariensis 'Hawaii Gold'
Bill Weaver



Laeliocattleya Canariensis 'Golden Glow'
Bill Weaver



Oncostele Catatante 'Pacific Sun Spots'
Pierre Pujol



Cymbidium Sunshine Falls 'Butterball'
Pierre Pujol



***Cymbidium lowianum* 'James Drysdale'**
Christine Kradjian



Masdevallia niesseniae
Paul Reeve



**Rhyncattleanthe (Cattleya Golden Elf x
Rhyncattleanthe Burana Beauty)
Pierre Pujol**



**Masdevallia Pixie Lavender
Mary Gerritsen**



**Dendrobium (Gillieston Jazz 'Steven' x
(Tosca x Rutherford Starburst) 'Red Wine')
Unknown Exhibitor**



***Pleurothallis asaroides*
Jasen Liu**



Phragmipedium Peruflora's Cirila Alca 'Danshan' AM/AOS

Jasen Liu

Jasen says: "I got it a little over a year ago from Dennis Olivas, after seeing the incredibly good deal of a kovachii hybrid in spike costing under \$50. I grow it outside in shade during the summer and on my very bright windowsill during the winter with lots of water at all times. I barely fertilize but when I do, I use very dilute chemical fertilizer/compost tea. An interesting story would probably be that last year, the first opened flower was heavily deformed and I was very disappointed. In fact, I was even contemplating getting rid of it at the auction/show sale but decided to keep it another year to see if it could redeem itself. This year it put up 3 flowers and got an AM so I guess it was a pretty good decision on my part. This year I will try fertilizing a bit more as that may keep away the old, yellowing leaves that look like a result of nutrient (nitrogen?) deficiency rather than sunburn or regular aging."



The 2014 Show Trophy Winners!

(Left to right) Paul Simon, Christine Kradjian, Mary Gerritsen, C. Todd Kennedy, Ken Jacobsen, and Pierre Pujol

Member News



A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO Frank Blomquist, James Evenson, Nancy Francis, Ritsuko Furuya, Evelyn Jones, C. Todd Kennedy, Jasen Liu, Cat MacDonell, Margery Mayer, Su McMurtry, Anna Margarita Quiroz, Paul Reeve, Roey Shaviv, Nancy Shine, Carole Zoltowski, David Erskine, and Diana Gross!

Thank you to Chaunie Langland, Sue Rose, Jasen Liu, Gloria Bygdnes, Chris Mende Annie Green, Susan Tong, Judy Evans, Reene Biggs, Janusz Warszawski, Paul and Diane Reeves, Christing Kradjian, and Roey Shaviv for bringing in refreshments! They are always appreciated!

Memorium

Isabelle Block, along with her husband, Mort Block, was a member of the Peninsula Orchid Society for many years until her stroke in 2006. Isabelle passed away peacefully several months ago. Please join us on Saturday, March 22nd from 5-7pm for a celebration of Isabelle Block's amazing life. The event will be held in the Julia Morgan room of MacArthur Park, 27 University Ave in Palo Alto, near the train station. Directions are found here - <http://www.macarthurparkpaloalto.com/directions.php>

Wine, beverages and hors d'oeuvres will be served.

Feel free to share this invitation with others that might be interested in joining us to remember Isabelle.

Please RSVP directly to Alison:

alison.parks@gmail.com

Thank you and hope to see you there,

Alison Parks

Library

Anna Chai has donated a copy of her limited edition (personal) book My Life With Orchids to our library. She brought a copy in one time a few years ago and we all tried to get a good look at it, but were thwarted by the number of people interested and the limited amount of time. Now you have the opportunity to take it home with you for a month. Anna put this book together to inspire others to aspire to improve their orchid culture, their understanding of what makes an orchid high quality, and to document her years of orchid growing.

Anna's book includes photos of most of her AOS awarded orchids, copies of news articles about her and her orchids, and other interesting items. Most of the pages are devoted to her awarded orchids and include a photo, the award, and the description of the orchid as written by the AOS judges. If you pay close attention and think about what you are looking at, you may gain a stronger direction in your own orchid growing.

Normally you would visit our librarian to check out this book. We do not have a librarian right now since Rex Castell has retired from his years of service to the society. Therefore, Chaunie has taken charge of loaning out and keeping track of Anna's book. Please contact her prior to the meeting if you would like to borrow the book. (510)

494-8850 or chaunie.langland@earthlink.net. If needed, you will be placed on the waiting list.

Please contact Todd if you are interested in the librarian position!

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.

6-ft Light Rail 3.5 System (L5408), All Season 400 Watt HID Light System (L5445) and 2 replacement HPS 250w bulbs

Sue Rose has a light rail, a brand new motor never opened, the light and 2 replacement bulbs. I did use them, but not new motor and new light bulbs. Best Offer.

http://www.charleysgreenhouse.com/index.cfm?page=_search&s=lights&PageNum_newsearchQuery=3&varShowPer_custom=12&varOrderby_custom=ProductId&varSorting=ASC&varColumns=3&mtype=3

Water Filter and two replacement filters

Sue Rose has a water filter that goes on a water line and two replacement filters. Best Offer Interested parties, for either item, can contact Sue at 650-209-5161. Buyers will need to pick up items in Los Altos.

Classifieds can also be placed on our Facebook page and our website.

AOS Corner

Join us for an AOS members-only Webinar on March 17

From 8-9pm EDT, Ron McHatton will present a talk on the various kinds of pests that can affect our orchid collections and how to manage them.

No orchid grower is completely immune from the introduction of pests and diseases to their collection. This means that sooner or later we are all going to be faced with having to go to battle on some level with the forces of nature that have decided to feast on our plants. Effective pest management isn't easy and it isn't fast and most of us try our hardest to get it over quickly. The result is often expressed by that phrase "scale (or mealybug or ?) are impossible to control." The keys to effective pest management is to understand the pest you are fighting and to even better understand the pest management scheme you have decided to use. This presentation to look into the life cycle of our common pests, how pesticides work and how they should be used for effective management.

Space is limited.

Reserve your Webinar seat now at:

<https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/864561042>

After registering you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the Webinar.

System Requirements

For PC-based attendees use Windows® 8, 7, Vista, XP or 2003 Server. Mac®-based attendees can use Mac OS® X 10.6 or newer and mobile attendees can use their iPhone®, iPad®, Android™ phone or Android tablet

Mark your calendars for Monday April 21. Ron will be presenting another webinar on growing dendrobiums.

Upcoming Events

March 14-16th Santa Barbara International Orchid Show

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

March 15th Annual Cymbidium Congress

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

March 21-23rd Santa Clara Valley Orchid Society Show and Sale

Friday 10-9, Saturday 10-8, Sunday 11-4, Free Admission. Westgate Mall 1600 Saratoga Ave,
San Jose. See www.SantaClaraValleyOrchidSociety.org and flyer on page 18 for details.

March 22nd California Orchids Spring Sale

9-4pm 515 Aspen Rd. Bolinas. Great selection and sound advice! See
www.californiaorchids.com and flyer on page 19 for more details.

March 29th Plant Exchange

12:00-4pm First Presbyterian Church, 2619 Broadway Oakland see
www.theplantexchange.com for additional details.

March 29-30th Sacramento Orchid Society Show and Sale

Scottish Rite Temple 6151 H Street Sacramento. Saturday 10-5pm, Sunday 10-4pm \$7
admission. See www.SacramentoOrchids.org and flyer on page 20 for more details.

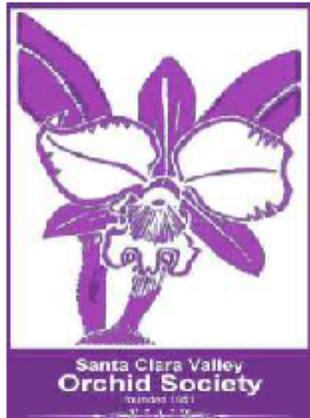
April 5-6th Central Coast Orchid Show and Sale

Saturday 9-5pm, Sunday 10-5pm 800 W. Branch Street, Arroyo Grande see www.FCOS.org
and flyer on page 21 for more details.

Late May/Early June POS and SCVOS Bus Trip

See the proposed itinerary on page 2.

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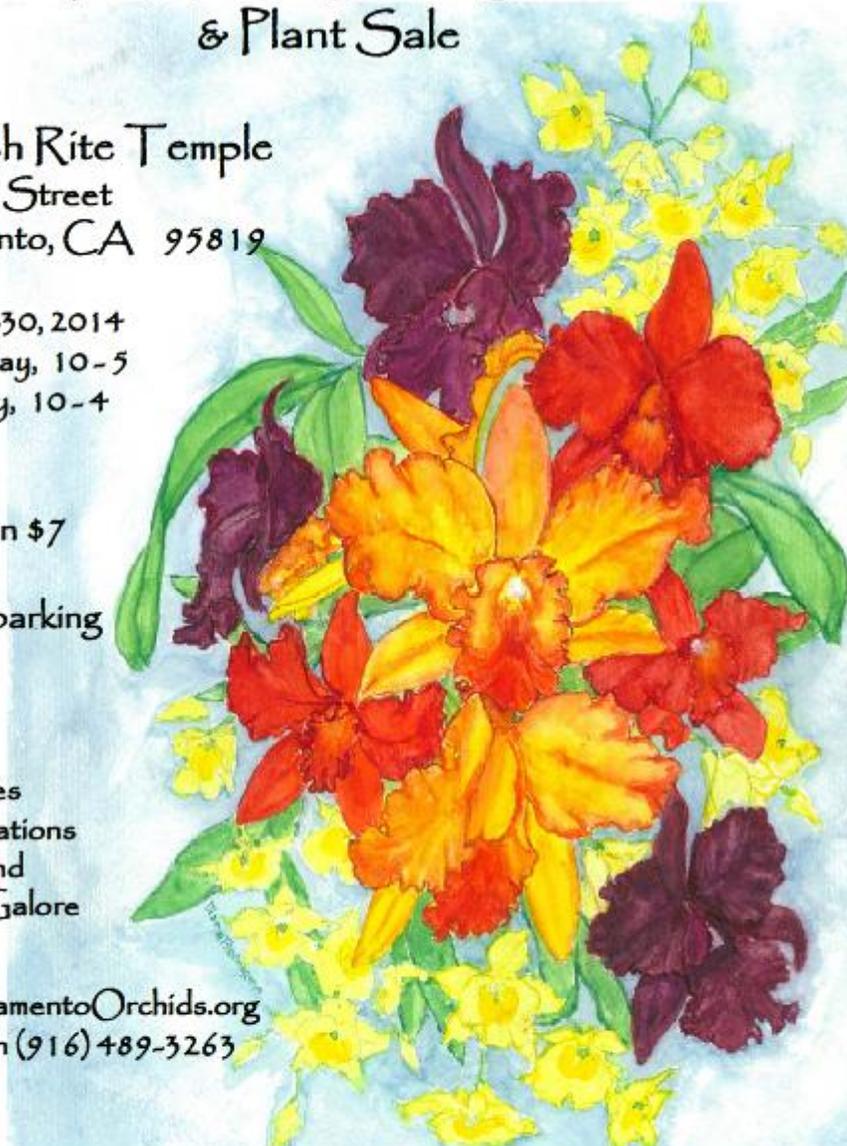
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2014 Peninsula Orchid Society
Membership Application or Renewal

Mail to: Janusz Warszawski - Membership
1227 Monte Verde Ct., Los Altos, CA 94024

Member Information (Please Print):

Name(s) (1) _____ BirthMonth _____
(2) _____ BirthMonth _____

Address: _____
_____ ZipCode _____

Phone: _____

Please Note: We really need your current e-mail address to save postage and printing for *The Sheath*. Also, you will receive last minute information about orchid related events if we have your e-mail address. Your contact information is never sold! Thanks.

E-mail: (1) _____
(2) _____

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
- 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.

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*Remember, membership is due!
Our meeting is March 28th!*

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