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## Newsletter of the Peninsula Orchid Society

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### **Meeting:**

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**Friday, July 25, 2014**

Doors open at 6:45 PM

San Mateo Garden Center

605 Parkside Way, San Mateo, CA

Skill session begins at 7:10 PM

The skill session, held in the Rose Room, will be AOS judging. Enter your plants with Chaunie Langland between 6:55 and 7:30 PM out on the patio.

Show & Tell presentation begins at 7:45 PM.

Speaker Debra Atwood will begin her presentation around 8:30 PM

The opportunity table will be provided by Napa Valley Orchids!

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**Debra Atwood, of Napa Valley Orchids, will speak on POTTING PRACTICES FOR VARIOUS SPECIES.** You are encouraged to bring plants and questions about when and how to pot particular orchids.

Debra is a third generation Napa Valley resident and is in her 14th year as owner and sole proprietor of Napa Valley Orchids. In her own words: "After 30 years in Napa's hospitality industry, I needed to make a lifestyle change, so at close to 50 years of age, I thought it was time to follow my heart and pursue my passion for orchids. I think of myself more as a farmer than a florist. Water, weather, fertilizing and taking my beauties to market are always on my mind". She grows a wide variety of orchid species and hybrids. She is always busy teaching orchid classes, leading workshops, speaking to orchid societies, selling plants at orchids shows and farmers markets, providing greenhouse maintenance, on-site consultation and more.

Debra can be reached at 707-255-8266. Please let her know if you would like her to bring specific plants to the meeting. Also, there will be plants for sale, along with her outstanding raffle table selections.

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.

### **Skill Session: AOS Judging Returns**

Bring your orchids to the July meeting for AOS (American Orchid Society) judging. Plant entry will take place from 6:55 to 7:30 PM on the patio. You are welcome to observe the judging and ask questions but if this is your plant being judged or you know who owns it, keep it a secret - the judges aren't supposed to know who owns the orchids they are judging. Judging is anonymous until the decisions are made! We will have AOS judging again in October.

Hi,

It is disappointing to have a newsletter like this one, however we don't have a new editor to replace Dan Williamson who has moved across the country. I will put out a two page newsletter for a couple of months until someone steps up. The new editor will of course determine the format. With or without photos. Produced on a computer or a typewriter. What ever works for the person willing to edit the newsletter.

In the mean time, you will find photos, when available, from our meetings posted on our Facebook page. If you don't have a Facebook account, you can still reach it by clicking on the icon link on our web page. I recommend that you become familiar with the web site and the Facebook page, if you have internet access, as these could become our primary methods of communication about meetings and events.

I hope YOU will consider becoming the new newsletter editor!

Chaunie

*July Birthday Wishes to Fe Araullo, Jackie Becker, Anna Chai, Paul Chim, Trudy Hadler, Melvin Jones, Valerie Jones, Joseph Kautz, Maureen Maher, Jung Hee Ra, Joyce Van Scyoc, Julie Williamson, Nancy Wilson, and Alan Woertink.*

**Orchids in the Park August 2 and 3!** They need volunteers in all areas. Please contact Mary Gerritsen to volunteer. [meg570@comcast.net](mailto:meg570@comcast.net) or (650) 348-6492.

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