



The Sheath

December General Meeting

Date: December 16, 2016

Time: Doors open at 5:30PM

**Place: San Mateo Garden Center
605 Parkside Way, San Mateo, CA**

Take the Alameda de las Pulgas exit off of Hwy. 92
The Garden Center is located between 26th and 28th Ave.'s
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 6894, San Mateo, CA 94403-6894

**There will be no Skill Session
this month.**

**The Meeting this month is our
annual Joint Holiday Buffet dinner
and Bingo Night.**

Date: December 16th, 2016

Special start times:

5:30PM Table Setup

6:00PM Happy "HalfHour"

6:30 PM Dinner

7:00 PM Bingo

NO OFFICIAL POS or GCCG MEETING THIS MONTH

This Month's Meeting is Pot Luck and Bingo Night with an earlier start time of 5:30 PM

Gold Coast members will be joining us for dinner and Bingo, and despite the recently-passed California ballot initiative, Pot Luck means everybody brings a dish and we all share, not that we are fortunate that Bob Marley or Snoop Dogg will be sharing their favorite medicinal herb.

The society will provide roasted turkey, ham, coffee and tea, plus all the tap water you want to drink. Should you prefer a different beverage, you will need to bring it yourself. Please also bring your own plates, napkins, utensils, glasses and a table cloth or placemat.

In addition, members whose names begin with:

A-J - please bring an appetizer

K-R - please bring a salad or side dish

S-Z – please bring a dessert

Your dish should feed 10-12 people. Please bring and label any serving utensils required.

So we don't all end up sharing a single salad while we look at a mountain of desserts, please stick to your category. If you are supposed to bring an appetizer, you may bring a dessert as well, but you still have to bring an appetizer (and a cookie on a toothpick is not an appetizer!)

Set up will begin at 5:30. Drinks will officially start at 6:00. Dinner begins at 6:30.

While in the past, Bingo has started at 7:30, you slow chewers will have to pick up the pace, as this year, Bingo starts at 7:00 PM

Mike Drilling has graciously agreed to be our Bingo caller and joke teller for the evening. To play you will need to bring a healthy orchid to donate (something that you would want to win, not a discard), or pay \$10. Donations of additional orchids as prizes would be welcomed. Once you win, you will have to sit out until everyone has won an orchid, then all can play again for the remainder of the evening.

November Speaker: Robert Hamilton

We thank Robert Hamilton for the wonderful presentation on the exotic and beautiful Pleurothallidinae, Masdevallia family.



President's Corner

2017 POS Show and Sale is one month away:

Our show is Saturday and Sunday, January 14 & 15, with set up on Friday, January 13th. This year's theme is **"Orchids for Everyone"** emphasizing that there are orchids for every skill level, budget, and growing condition.

The show's location will again be the **Community Activities Building (CAB), 1400 Roosevelt Avenue in Redwood City.**

As was stressed last month, we need all members to:

1. Bring their blooming orchids for display (Even if you have not owned the plant for at least 6 months, it can be exhibited as "Display Only".)
2. Come to see the show and bring everyone you know along with you.
3. Volunteer to help out.

Show setup begins at 11:30 am on Friday, January 13th at the CAB. Please Help!

This year we will again offer each member 1 free guest ticket. Please print the form found in this month's or next month's Sheath and fill in your guest's name and your name on the form and you are all set. If you wish to have more than one guest, please print and fill out a form for each additional guest and those will be charged to you after the event. The more guests the better!

Member plant sales at our show (see full instructions below).

Remember, **your 2017 POS dues must be paid up in order for you to sell plants at the show.** See Janusz at the December meeting, or find him during setup or during the show and pay up!

Tell a friend, save big bucks!:

Starting in 2017, if you convince a non-member to join the society, you will get ½ off your own membership price. Convince two people, and your membership is free! Convince more than two people, and you should be the next president! (New members must mention you by name, pay the full membership price and must not be current members in order for you to get your discount/refund).

This is my final president's message. Thank you all for a great year. With your help, we made the auction a big success, and are well on our way to doing the same with the show. While there was (and is) a lot of hard work involved, I hope you all had some fun along the way. I certainly did.

Best wishes to all,

Tom Mudge

Pre-Show Information:

We will accept plants Friday January 13, 2017 between **2:00 pm – 7:00 pm** and Saturday January 14, 2017 from 8:00 am - 10 am outside the room at the front entrance.

Process and Procedures for Members' Sales Area:

Plant list and will be compared to actual plants on hand outside the members' sales room. After the show opens, plants are to be checked by the back door weather permitting or just inside that door in case of inclement weather.

Each sale plant (or item) must have a 2 part tag attached with a unique reference number on both parts and be listed on the sale list organized by reference number. Donated items do not

require a list but should have a tag noting Donation with a suggested price. No exception, plants will not be taken without these tags.

In addition, these items will be checked:

- The seller must be a current member (2017 dues paid).**
- Each member's sales list contains a maximum of 50 plants or other items.
- The plants are healthy looking and pest free.
- The seller has signed up to work 1 or 2 shifts (depending on the number items for sale) in some function at the show and sale.
- No filling out of lists and tags in the members' sales area.** No exception without the prior approval by the Member Sales Person.
- If a sale item consists of multiple parts, they need to be securely packaged or taped together.

We will be able to process sales for the area Friday to Sunday.



Sheath Editor: Thank you to Sharon Langan for stepping up to now be the editor of the Sheath. She is leaving her Treasurer assignment to be your new editor.

Treasurer: Sue Rose has been our treasurer for many years and would like to pass the baton to someone willing to help the society. A familiarity with accounting or even just QuickBooks would do the trick. Sue would show you the ropes, so the transition should be easy.

Member News

A Very Happy Birthday:

Kathy Barrett, Kevin Block, Shirley Chan, Clint Evans, Caroline Koss, Hai Merfalen, Dan Newman, Patricia Papa, Diane Reeve, Pam Robb, Dave Tatro, and Janusz Warszawski.

We wish you all the best and many more years of good growing.

New Members:

Jessica Chen (Jessica and Angela are mother and daughter)

Angela Chen

Debra Lepold

Membership Renewals:

Annual membership dues are due in January; they can be paid by check or cash at the Show, at our monthly meetings, on the website <http://penorchidsoc.org/membership.html> using Paypal, or mailed to the address provided in the 2017 Membership Renewal form, attached to this Newsletter. There are no changes to the fee scheduled for 2017. Please update your contact information, especially email addresses.

Members interested in selling their plants at the 2017 Show and Sale must renew their membership before or at the Show.

As an incentive to renew on time, POS is again providing free Garden Pruners to everyone who renews no later than the March meeting. All new members for 2017 are eligible for the free pruners 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 at the Show, you will receive the pruners right away. If you renew after the March deadline you will not receive the free gift. Pruners not claimed at the February and March meetings may be made available later for sale.

Refreshments:

Thank you to all that brought treats. Thank you very much! Anyone willing to take on the fun and helpful job of setting up the food table every month, perhaps job share with others on a month to month basis? Just send in your name and when you would like to do the setup.

Your POS Board

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Here is a nice picture of our member Cassandra Gaunt at the November Meeting; submitted by her daughter, Sandi

Guest Pass

Peninsula Orchid Society Show and Sale
Saturday & Sunday, January 14 & 15, 2017
 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM
 1400 Roosevelt Ave
 Redwood City, CA 94061



"Orchids for Everyone"

Fabulous Displays of Blooming & Fragrant Orchids
Orchid Vendors and Members selling plants
for every budget, all growing conditions and all skill levels.
Informative Seminars & Demonstrations
Admission \$5 Adults, \$3 Seniors (+62), \$3 Children 12-16

Admit One: Adult _____ Senior _____

Attendee: _____

Member Name: _____



Events and Activities:



Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers

A Branch of the Cymbidium Society of America, Inc.

Auction Update: The GCCG Auction deadline, **December 16th**, is a week away and as this Newsletter goes to press, we have not reached our limit of 150 entries. This event is the biggest fundraiser for our club each year and we need the participation of all our members to keep it the incredibly successful event it has become. Those sellers still wishing to participate need to get their lists in ASAP so the auction committee is not working at editing them all during the

holidays for a Jan 9th mailing! **Send plant lists to Richard Mangan at mangasz@att.net or mailed to 2206 Covey Creek Court, Stockton, CA 95207. Send photos to Darrel Wong at bacyms@yahoo.com** Photos of entries will be posted on Photobucket within 10 days of submission.

The GCCG Auction Photobucket may be viewed at:

[http://s489.photobucket.com/user/goldcoastcymgrowers/library/GCCG 2017 Auction? sort=4&page=1](http://s489.photobucket.com/user/goldcoastcymgrowers/library/GCCG%202017%20Auction?sort=4&page=1)

SF BAY AREA CYMBIDIUM ORCHID AUCTION

December 21, 2016 7PM



*** Exciting Auction! * High Caliber Orchid Plants Offered! * Rare & Great Deals Found!**



Lakeside Garden Center, Lake Merritt
666 Bellevue Avenue
Oakland, CA 94606
(near Children's Fairyland)

www.GoldenGateCymbidiumSociety.com, or (408) 316.0677

Ecuagenera

Place a pre-order this month (November only for a 10% discount) and pick-up at the Feb. 24-26, 2017, Pacific Orchid Exposition in San Francisco. Final deadline for POE preorders is February 3rd. To order contact:

Km. 2 1/2 Vía a Cuenca Sector Llampasay
010353 MATRIZ GUALACEO
Phone: 593-7-2255237
Fax: 593-7-2255236
sales@ecuagenera.com

22nd World Orchid Conference

Guayaquil - Ecuador 8-12 November 2017

CONFIRMED SPEAKERS

News

Many thanks for your interest in registering for the 22nd edition of the World Orchid Conference and Show taking place in Guayaquil- Ecuador in November 2017. Planning and preparation are progressing well and we hope to deliver an excellent event to equal previous orchid conferences and shows.

Attached you will find the list of confirmed speakers and the title of their talks, there are still some additional names to confirm. In addition to the lecture programme there will be many other meetings and events.

Spaces for exhibitors and vendors are still available, don't forget to reserve your booth with a special price if you buy it before December 31,2016.

Orientation

22nd World Orchid Conference, is planning a lot of surprises for you that will be announced in our next newsletter on December, if you need any additional information you can contact us at adefaz@expoguayaquil.com, mvidal@expoguayaquil.com or aflores@expoguayaquil.com

Judging

A number of judges have registered already and interest is likely to be very high. If you are an orchid judge and would like to take part please remember to fill in an application form to apply to judge (available on the website) <http://www.woc22.com/show/>

Events & Tours

A number of special events and day-trips are available, please sign up as soon as possible: <http://www.woc22.com/tours/>

Don't forget special prices are just until December 2016...

For more information and questions please consult the website or contact adefaz@expoguayaquil.com

Malihini Orchid Society 2017 Show & Sale

February 10 – 12, 2017

Friday Feb. 10 6pm–9pm

(sale area only)

Sat. Feb. 11 10am–6pm

Sun. Feb. 12 10am–5pm

Main Street – Cupertino

19459 Stevens Creek Blvd, Space #19369

Cupertino, CA 95014

(next to Eureka Restaurant

Between N. Tantau Ave. & N. Wolfe Road)

FREE ADMISSION, AOS and CSA Judged Show. There will be displays, lectures and demonstrations on orchids. Special purchased orchids will also be on sale

Pictures from the November Show and Tell Table







Thank you to **Chaunie** for the great pictures!

Happy
Holidays!

2017 Peninsula Orchid Society
Membership Application or Renewal

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

Member Information (Please Print):

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

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Address: _____
_____ ZipCode _____

Phone: _____

Please Note: We 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 shared.

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

Type of Membership:

- Individual \$22.00 Additional Member same household \$10.00
- Senior (55 and over) \$16.00 Additional Member same household \$10.00
- Payments can be made by Paypal on POS website penorchidsoc.org/membership.html

Our membership year runs from January 1 through December 31. Everyone is encouraged to renew before the end of February each year.

Membership Chair’s area

Date paid _____ Check No. and amount _____
Receipt No. _____ Cash Amount _____
Paypal date _____ Amount _____
