

The Sheath

Peninsula Orchid Society San Mateo, CA Vol. 2 of 2016

The next meeting of The Peninsula Orchid Society is February 26, 2016 at the Garden Center, 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo, CA 94543.

Doors open at 7:00 p.m.. The Meeting starts at **7:45 p.m. No skill session.**

This Month's Speaker: Jeff Trimble
Topic: Cymbidium parishii hybrids.

Jeff started growing orchids in 1972 when his mother gave him two flowering cymbidiums that she did not want. He joined his first orchid club in 1975. By 1978 Jeff was show chairman for the Peninsula Orchid Society, a member of the Santa Clara Valley Orchid society, and president of Malihini orchid society. In 1980 he was asked to be the VP and then President of the San Francisco Orchid Society. Jeff took on the task of Show chairman at the Pacific Orchid Exposition one year and later was a co-founder of Orchids in the Park. He is currently past president of the Cymbidium Society of America, a past president of the Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers, an CSA judge and the judging chairman for Northern California for CSA. Jeff grows Cymbidiums, Odotoglossums, Cattleya alliance and many species in Pacifica in an unheated greenhouse.

Message from Show Chair Sue Rose - Thank you for all those who volunteered and made the show a success. Special thanks to the Chairs: Mike Drilling, Mike Rector, George Spangler, Janusz Warszawski, Olga Ostrovsky, Donna Horn and Barry Zimmerman, Todd Kennedy, Susan Tong and Chaunie Langland. Special Thanks to Judy & Clint Evans and Judy's sister for all of the wonderful food for the volunteers!

President's message

As your new POS president, I have two goals for the year, and three requests that I will make of our members.

First, I would like to increase enthusiasm for our annual auction. In recent years, the auction has amounted to between 20 and 30 members offering plants, and around 30 people buying them. I see the high quality of the orchids grown by our members every month on the show and tell table, and I know that many members have rare species and exotic hybrids that would be hard to find anywhere else. This year I challenge every member to select and groom at least one desirable orchid to be offered in the auction.

If you grow sympodial orchids like Cattleyas, Dendrobiums, Cymbidiums, Oncidiums, Masdevallias, etc., when new growth arrives in the spring, it is often a perfect time to divide and repot many of these plants. By taking care of this necessary chore, you will end up with one or more divisions for yourself, and at least one that you can auction off. With monopodial orchids like Phalaenopsis, Angraecums, Vandas, etc. mature plants often produce offsets or keikis which can be removed and may be prime candidates for the auction.

When shopping for new orchids throughout the year, think about whether you could divide a potential purchase, keeping a piece for yourself, and selling a division at the auction. Let the POS auction help subsidize your orchid acquisitions!

If you do your part, the POS Board will do ours, and help promote both your offerings in advance of the auction, and the auction itself. My goal is a packed auction house with frenzied bidding, helping both our members and the POS.

My second goal for the year is to boost attendance at our annual orchid show. The POS show has an impressive display of blooming orchids, a variety of great orchid vendors, instructive seminars, a member sales area, a raffle, and a plant hotel. What it does not have is attendance commensurate with the quality of the show we put on. While the POS Board will continue to brainstorm new and better ways to get the word out, I would like each member to do two things. One, offer suggestions as to how we can promote the show, and two, promote the show yourself. If every member invited 10 people, and if even half of those invited showed up, it would substantially boost attendance, and many more people would be able to enjoy what we work so hard to present each year.

I believe that my goals for the year are achievable, and my requests are reasonable, but none of it will happen without your help. When I am at the dentist, they always tell me that I only have to take care of the teeth I want to keep. The same goes for our orchid society. If we want to keep it, each and every one of us needs to take care of it. I am willing to do my part, and I respectfully ask you to do the same.

Thanks in advance

Tom Mudge

2016 Peninsula Orchid Show Division Winners

Please excuse any errors, this is the best I could do from the pencil written images I received - DCR.

Best Cattleya Alliance

<u>Division</u>	<u>Plant</u>	<u>Grower</u>
Novice	BC MaiKal	Susan Tong
Intermediate	SL Cosmos 'Laina'	Jung He Ra
Advanced	Encyclia Brassanova	Sue Rose
Open	Cym Pitter Patter 'Amy'	Ken & Amy Jacobsen
Best in Class	SL Cosmos 'Laina'	Jung Hee Ra

Best Cymbidium

<u>Division</u>	<u>Plant</u>	<u>Grower</u>
Novice	Cym Dosido 'Bayview'	Richard Copeland
Intermediate	Cym Dr. Pepper 'Jorge'	Mike & Annie Green
Advanced	Cym Cherry Shower	Weegie Caughlan
Open	Cym Early Bird 'Pacific'	Ken & Amy Jacobsen
Best in Class	Cym Cherry Shower	Weegie Caughlan

Best Dendrobium

<u>Division</u>	<u>Plant</u>	<u>Grower</u>
Intermediate	Den Yukidarama 'King'	Zach Coney
Advanced	Den Silver King 'Lucky Charm'	Gloria Bygdnes
Open	Den Mira Abracadabra	Orchids & Gardens
Best in Class	Den Yukidarama 'King'	Zach Coney

Best Monopodial Alliance

<u>Division</u>	<u>Plant</u>	<u>Grower</u>
Novice	None	
Intermediate	None	
Advanced	Amesiella montiola	Tom Mudge
Open	None	
Best in Class	Amesiella Montiola	Tom Mudge

Best Odontoglossum Alliance (Oncidiinae)

<u>Division</u>	<u>Plant</u>	<u>Grower</u>
Novice	None	
Intermediate	Onc Cheirophorum	Eric Levenson
Advanced	Miltonia 'Zorro'	Sue Rose
Open	Rhyncostele vexatibum	Neal Winslow
Best in Class	Rhyncostele vexatibum	Neal Winslow

Best Paphiopedilum Alliance

<u>Division</u>	<u>Plant</u>	<u>Grower</u>
Novice	Phrag 'Sunset Glow'	Sharon Langan
Intermediate	Phrag 'Jason Fischer'	Eric Levenson
Advanced	Phrag 'Noirmont'	Bill Weaver
Open	Paph Mem. Li Ai Chen Tang	Botanica
Best in Class	Phrag 'Jason Fischer'	Eric Levenson

Best Pleurothalid Alliance

<u>Division</u>	<u>Plant</u>	<u>Grower</u>
Novice	None	
Intermediate	Dracula vespertillo 'Lacinda'	Paul Simon
Advanced	None	
Open	None	
Best in Class	Dracula vespertillo 'Lacinda'	Paul Simon

Best Other

Novice	Mo 'Barnabus Collins'	Don Stocks
Intermediate	Max 'Schankiana'	Jung Hee Ra
Advanced	Zygo 'Firewater'	Pierre Pujold
Open	Bonatea speciosa 'Greensleeves'	Botanico
Best in Class	Bonatea speciosa 'Greensleeves'	Botanico

Best Orchids shown for Foliage

Advanced	Stsr Vanguard	Chaunie Langland
Open	Ludisia discolor v. Alba	Ken & Amy Jacobsen

Best First Bloom Seedling Cym (unreg) 'Pacifica x Emerald Lake'
Jeff Trimble

Best Display in concert with theme **Orchids & Gardens**

PERPETUAL TROPHIES

Barbara Todd Kennedy Trophy <u>Best Entry in Show</u>	Weegie Caughlan
Katherine Jason Trophy <u>Best Species in Show</u>	Mary Gerritsen
POS Perpetual Trophy <u>Best Orchid Grown by an Open Exhibitor</u>	Neal Winslow
Anna Chai Trophy <u>Best Orchid Grown by an Advanced Exhibitor</u>	Mary Gerritsen
Clar Hancock Memorial Trophy <u>Best Orchid Grown by an Intermediate Exhibitor</u>	Jung Hee Ra
Vallemar Gardens Trophy <u>Best Orchid Grown by a Novice Exhibitor</u>	Susan Tong
Mary & Gerardus Staal Trophy <u>Best Pleurothalid in Show</u>	Paul Simon
Lil Sevren Trophy <u>Best Miniature Species</u>	Mary Gerritsen
Kay Rineman Trophy <u>Best Cypripedium Alliance in Show</u>	Jeff Trimble

Member News

HELP WANTED-HELP NEEDED!

This will be my last edition as editor of the Sheath. If the newsletter is important to you please contact Tom Mudge and volunteer your services. It has been a challenge and Paul and I have found other interests and commitments make this job more than we can do. Please think about it!

Susan Tong has been the food coordinator for the past five years. The duties are:

1. Prepare coffee and hot water first
2. Clean the table, place food, napkins, plate, etc. on the table.
3. Record the name of who brings food.
4. Clean up after the meeting.
5. Place everything back to the lockers.

So, if you are interested in doing this job please contact Tom. Susan will not attend The February meeting so someone can step up this month!

Happy Birthday! We salute you, whether you celebrate or not. Weegie Caughlan, Stanley Fuelscher, Sandra Garritano, Sandi Gaunt, Tony Gee, Rita Giles, Donna Horn, Michael Kwong, Matilda Kwong, Eric Levenson, Tom Mudge, Pierre Pujol, Linda Tripp, John Twomey.

Welcome New Members

Ellis Bigelow, Kevin Block, Richard Copeland, Sandra Garritano, Scott Kudo, Michael Kwong, Mathilda Kwong, Javier Perez-Sanchez, Shannon Simmons, Deadra St. Clair and Lisa Taylor

Membership Renewals:

Annual membership dues are due in January; they can be paid by check or cash at our monthly meetings, on the website <http://penorchidsoc.org/membership.html> using Paypal, or mailed to the address provided in the 2016 Membership Renewal form, attached to this Newsletter. There are no changes to the fee scheduled for 2016. Please update your contact information, especially email addresses.

As an incentive to renew on time, POS is again providing free Garden Pruners to everyone who renews no later than the March meeting in person or by mail. All new members for 2016 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 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.

UPCOMING ORCHID SHOWS AND SALES

February 26-28, 2016 Pacific Orchid Exposition (see attached flyer)

POE, 3 Hours Gets You Free Admission

The San Francisco Orchid Society hosts the Pacific Orchid Exposition, the largest orchid Show and Sale on the West Coast. For this to be a success, they rely on volunteers. Volunteering for a 3-hour shift, can earn you free admission to the Pacific Orchid Exposition. Volunteers are needed for Security, Plant Hotel, Ticket Sales, and Vendor Support. POE takes place on February 26 - 28

March 5th & 6th Napa Valley Orchid Society Show - Out of This World Orchids

March 18 & 19, 2016. Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers Show & Sale. 1400 Roosevelt Avenue, Redwood City, CA. Set-Up and Plant entry Friday 10:00AM – 6PM; CSA, AOS and ribbon judging starts at 7PM. Show and Sale open to the public **Saturday only** from **10AM to 4PM**. Cultural seminars, outstanding plants and exhibits, sales by members and plant raffles throughout the day. For more information visit the web site at

http://www.goldcoastcymbidiumgrowers.com/orchid_show_sale

April 2 & 3 Sonoma County Orchid Society Show - Orchids In Art (see flyer)

64th Annual Pacific Orchid Exposition Explores History, Tradition and Folklore with "A Legacy of Orchids"



(San Francisco, Calif., Oct.5, 2015) --- The 2016 Pacific Orchid Exposition, taking place February 26-28 at Fort Mason in San Francisco, has chosen "A Legacy of Orchids" as the theme for its 64th annual show.

Orchids are one of the oldest plant species and date back thousands of years. Their legacy and importance in society throughout history have been noted in the *Aras* Pacis of Ancient Rome and in the *Materia Medica*, which is the oldest known Chinese pharmaceutical text.

The plant has long been a symbol of refinement, wildness and exotic discoveries, but it also represents more than just an object of beauty. For many, orchids hold special memories while others can be remnants of places and native ecosystems which sadly have been lost.

The historical significance of orchids can be further depicted in the *Angraecum sesquipedale* (pictured above) which is the official image of the 2016 show. This remarkable plant's roots are traced back to naturalist Charles Darwin who discovered ties between its extremely long spur and a pollinator moth with a proboscis, or a head appendage, long enough to reach the nectar.

The Pacific Orchid Exposition boasts over 150,000 beautiful orchids from around the world and features docent tours, orchid potting demonstrations, cultivation tips and a diverse array of orchids for sale.

The event showcases intricate exhibits from local, national and international orchid growers, as well as vibrant displays from Orchid Societies around California. Plus, throughout the weekend there is a silent auction featuring fabulous items to bid on like wine, art, trips, and more.

The Pacific Orchid Exposition, which is the largest orchid show in the United States, is hosted by the San Francisco Orchid Society (SFOS), a 501 (c) (3) organization whose mission is to foster the culture and cultivation of orchids and to promote orchid education to its members and the public. The SFOS proudly supports local horticultural conservation efforts, including research and preservation efforts at the Conservatory of Flowers, the U.C. Botanical Garden at Berkeley and many other orchid conservation groups.

Who: San Francisco Orchid Society
What: 64th Annual Pacific Orchid Exposition, "A Legacy of Orchids"
When: February 26-28, 2016
Fri. & Sat.: 9am-6pm, Sun.: 10am-5pm
Where: Fort Mason Center's Festival Pavilion, San Francisco, Calif.
Tickets: General Admission: \$14 advance online/\$15 at the door,
Seniors (65+): \$11 advance online/\$12 at the door
3 Day Pass: \$25
Children 16 and under are free
Info: Call 650.548.6700 or visit www.orchidsanfrisco.org
Social Media: Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/PacificOrchidExpo>
Twitter: <https://twitter.com/PacOrchidExpo>

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Sonoma County Orchid Society

Proudly Presents Our Annual

Show & Sale

*'Orchids
in
Art'*

April 2nd & 3rd

Saturday 10am - 5pm

Sunday 10am - 4pm

Admission \$8.00

Santa Rosa Veterans Building, 1351 Maple Ave, Santa Rosa, CA
(Across from the Fairgrounds) www.sonomaorchids.com

Current Officers

President - Tom Mudge
Vice President - Neal Winslow
Recording Secretary - George Spangler
Corresponding Secretary - Judy Evans
Membership - Janusz Warszawski
Treasurer - Sharon Langan
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Director at Large - Anne Abramson
Director at Large - Eric Levenson
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2016 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 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 _____

