



The Sheath

May General Meeting

Date: May 27, 2016

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 of Hwy. 92
The Garden Center is located between 26th and 28th
Avenues
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 6894, San Mateo, CA 94403-6894

Speaker this Month:

Title: Good Growing Forum

The meeting this month will be a culture session on:

Potting Materials, Water, and Fertilization presented by our expert panel of POS members: Tom Mudge, Pierre Pujol, and Ken Jacobson.

This is your chance to learn from the best... Bring your questions, and be prepared to learn a lot.

Skill Session:

Ask an Expert: 7:15 p.m. in the Rose Room.

Carol Zoltowski, an American Orchid Society Judge, will offer a presentation on "Choosing Orchids for your Collection". "I have been growing orchids as a hobbyist for about 20 years. As I obtained a greenhouse some eleven years ago now, I began to focus my attentions on species, whatever I could grow and whatever I liked - not always the same things!"



Skill Session at 7:15 PM
Choosing Orchids for your collection by Carol Zoltowski
Meet in the Rose Room

Meeting plus Show and Tell
Table - 7:45PM followed by:

Speaker: Good Growing
Forum, an expert panel
Tom Mudge, Pierre Pujol & Ken
Jacobson.

Opportunity Table by:

April Speaker:

Thank You to Keith Davis for his in depth talk on; "Growing Award Winning Cattleyas." Keith stressed how important roots are. "You cannot produce high quality blooms without an excellent root system." "Every growth should have live roots, not just the front 3 or 4 bulbs." "Blooms are a luxury to the plant, and only when there are excess carbohydrates stored in the plant." "To encourage a good root system use shallow pots, use larger sized mix up to 1/2 the pot's depth to encourage good aeration." "Use intermediate sized mix in the next layer and smaller sized at the very top".

Some important tips Keith gave us are to use a good fertilizer, light should be about 5000 ft candles and use a good insecticide like Safari when struggling with bad bugs.

For more information about Keith, visit Keith's website at: www.keithdavisorchids.com



President's Corner

POS Annual Auction is on Saturday, September 17th. Mark your calendars!

Auction Tips:

Good grooming is a key to high auction bids. You wouldn't try to sell your house without cleaning it up, or your car without washing it, so why should your auction plants be any different? Repot them with new potting media. Trim off dead or damaged leaves. Remove dried-up old flower spikes. Replace or rewrite faded plant labels so the new owners can read them.

Plan ahead. There are only 113 days left between our May meeting and the auction. Decide early which orchids you will be auctioning off. Take photos when they bloom. Download and start filling out your auction list and auction tags.

Keep using the Show & Tell Table at each meeting for free advertising. Most of the auction bidders come to our monthly meetings.

If you plan to divide your blooming orchid prior to the auction, just write “**AUCTION**” on the show & tell label and the person describing it will emphasize this to the audience.

Help Still Wanted

You enjoy the sights and fragrances of the plant table. You soak up orchid expertise from our speakers. You eat like royalty from our improved snack table offerings. You revel in the congeniality of your fellow members, and are no doubt wondering what you can do in return for all these benefits? Fear not, there are several opportunities available!

Sheath Editor: Mike Rector has created a newsletter template that should allow a new volunteer to take over seamlessly and with a great low effort to high praise ratio. Do a little, get appreciated a lot. What’s not to like? Seriously, cut, paste, and clear your guilty conscience in a few easy steps.

Food Coordinator: Thanks to all members who have been filling in. Perhaps one of you would like to be king or queen of the culinary heap by becoming our Food Coordinator? Make coffee, put out cups, clean up later, nothing difficult or time consuming required.

Bus Tour Organizer: The wheels of the orchid tour bus will only go round and round if someone steps up to organize the trip. A calendar, a few polite phone calls, and a willingness to share your plans with our membership is all that is required.

See the president or a board member at the March meeting to find out more or to volunteer for any of these positions.

New Features It pays to get to the meetings early!

Beginners / New Members Forum: 7:00 p.m. in the main meeting room. Starting with the March meeting, there will be a forum for beginners and new members led by our head of membership, Janusz Warszawski. All topics of interest to beginning orchid growers are fair game. Attend the forum a few times, and you won’t be a beginner for long!

Ask an Expert: 7:00 p.m. – 7:15 p.m. in the main meeting room near the podium. You have questions, and our orchid expert has answers (or knows how to find them). “How often should I water?” “What’s causing the spots on my orchid’s leaves?” “When should I repot this?” “Why won’t this flower?” “How should I grow this?” Any and all orchid related questions are welcome. If you have questions about an orchid with pest or disease problems, please bring the plant in a plastic bag and keep it isolated from other orchids at the meeting.

Miscellaneous:

Many thanks to all those who helped to transform our April snack table into a gourmet feast. Let's keep up the great work in May. Remember, all those bringing in snacks are entitled to a free strip of raffle tickets. This month's raffle table looks very desirable, with Cattleyas available nowhere else. So bring a snack and boost your chances of winning big!

Member News

A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

Margaret Boomer, Gloria Bygdnes, Rex Castell, Kun Young Chu, Patricia Coney, Stuart Dalton, Judy Evans, Annie Green, Nancy Hardesty, Ken Jacobsen, Pat Kajikawa, Stephen Kirby, Christine Kradjian, Eunyong Kwon, Pingyu Liu, Steve Proshan, Sue Rose and Susan Tong.

New Members:

Welcome to Marilyn Krieger our newest member. Be sure to meet and greet her at the next meeting.

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.

Membership:

Membership Renewals:

Annual membership dues are now past due. 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. (See attached form)

Orchid Supplies!

Supplies for sale. We will have Orchidata orchid bark for sale at the [April](#) meeting. The product grades are labeled Classic (fine), Power (medium) and Power+ (coarse), and are packaged in 40 liter bags (approximately 20 lbs.). This is a very good opportunity to get this very popular orchid planting mix at "members only" prices. In addition we will have pots, bamboo stakes, labels, ties, razors blades and pens.

Our thanks to Sylvia Darr, Marron Honigman and Stanley Fuelscher, members of POS and GCCG, for helping us with this very valuable service.

Purely Organic

Remember during the presentation, Keith Davis mentioned Purely Organic, super fertilizer, Mike Drilling is currently ordering a batch. Please contact Mike if you would like to be included in the bulk purchase. mike.drilling@gmail.com

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**Interested in a specific topic or speaker or skill session?
 POS members are welcome to make suggestions for speakers or topics for our meetings, and also for our skill sessions before the meetings. Please send your suggestions to Neal Winslow nwinslow4@comcast.net**

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Thank you to all who supported our Orchid Display at Filoli last week. Filoli, every year has an event called Mother's Day Flower Show. Some of the Bay Area's best floral designers participate in creating displays that fill up the old mansion. This year is the Centennial Celebration, 1916 to 2016. The theme this year was; "California Then and Now". Rex Castell named our display, "Orchids Across Time", to go along with the theme. Someone was supposed to put in hybridizer dates for the orchids on display. But that someone dropped the ball... Well there is always next year.



There were about 6000 visitors over the 3 and a half days of the event. Sunday alone had 2950 visitors. It was wall to wall people. All dressed very nicely and enjoying Mother's Day. Everyone that walked into our assigned area exclaimed, Ooooh and Ahhhh and sometimes Amazing! So many compliments and expressions of joy. The committee chair, Judy Bloom, for the event gave us so many thanks, it was embarrassing. She even spoke at the Governing Board Meeting and mentioned the Peninsula Orchid Society as an outstanding contributor.

We handed out many of our POS meeting invitation postcards to people that inquired. I hope that we can attract new members to our meetings.



Photo in the Butler's Pantry

Orchid contributors included; Tom Mudge, Gloria Bygnes, Neal Winslow, Rex Castell, Janusz Warszawski, Judy and Clint Evans, Ana Chai, Ken and Amy Jacobsen.

Ken and Amy, cut a large bunch of spikes off their glorious Cymbidiums. Rex borrowed a green patinated Urn borrowed from Filoli collection to display them all.

Rex Castell did a wonderful job of setting up the display, using his artistic powers as a designer to coordinate the plants to their fullest effect.



Rex at work



Another View

Thank you to the people that volunteered to watch over the plants in the show. Rex Castell, Amy and Ken Jacobsen, Neal Winslow, Janet Rector, Janusz Warszawski, Mark Koo, Chaunie and Eric Langland

I am sure that all POS contributors that attended enjoyed the show as well.

Upcoming Events & Announcements:

Commercial Greenhouse Space for Rent in
Bollinas at California Orchids, 515 Aspen Rd.
3318 square feet, \$1100.00/month plus % of utilities
Expanded metal benches, overhead watering system
Under bench misting system
Hot water heat under bench + Back up heater
Automatic Ridge vent
Contact Mary at California Orchids
mnisbet@pacbell.net
(415) 868-0203

May 21st & 22nd , 2016

9:00 am to 3 pm

D & D Flowers Spring Open-house

At the new location on

169 1st Avenue

Daly City, CA 94014

(D&D Flowers is not open to the public except during the spring and fall scheduled open houses)

Directions 280 South from San Francisco: Take the Eastmoore exit and veer to the right onto Sullivan Avenue. At the stop light, make a right onto Washington Street (service station on the right and Krispy Kream Donut at opposite corner). Go over the freeway, through Junipero Serra Blvd to San Pedro (Catholic Church at intersection). Make a left onto San Pedro and continue through Mission Street between Bank of America and Wendy's. At the stop sign, make a left onto 1st Avenue. Greenhouse is on the right hand side of the 3rd house with the red garage and a sign reading Demattei Nursery. Enter the gate of the chain link fence with red lattice on the left hand side of the red garage.

Directions 280 north of Hicky Blvd.: Take the Pacifica/Eastmoore Avenue exit and veer to the right to the Eastmoore Avenue exit. At the stop light, you would like to be on the 2nd lane to the left. Turn left onto Junipero Serra Blvd and at the stop light; make a right turn onto

San Pedro Road. Then continue through Mission Street between Bank of America and Wendy's. At the stop sign, make a left onto 1st Avenue. Greenhouse is on the right hand side of the 3rd house with the red garage and a sign reading Demattei Nursery. Enter the gate of the chain link fence with red lattice on the left hand side of the red garage.

Please drive safely. Limited street parking so please car pool. Do not park within the chain link fence.

Mahalo for your cooperation!!!!!!

Dennis

Home and greenhouse for sale in Vista, CA

Guy Wrinkle passed away 3 years ago and for the last year and a half, his wife has been trying to sell the property. Anyone interested in an acre with a 3000 + sq ft greenhouse and shade house with RO system for the greenhouse?

The address is 2140 Warmlands Ave., Vista, Ca. 92084. Google that and the listing will appear.

Jacque Wrinkle
310-256-1726

NOBLE EMERY (1919-2016)

Noble emery of Napa passed away recently at home with family at his side. Noble has been in declining health and decided on his own terms that enough was enough and that he was "ready to leave".

Ed. Note: Those of us who supported the SFOS, POE Show, will never forget Noble. He was always there, ready to work and always had a smile and encouraging word.



Cattleya coccinea
Tom Mudge



Slc. Tropical Song x L. anceps



Wilsonara Aloha Sparks
Janusz Warszawski



Missed the tag

Pictures from the April Meeting - Show and Tell Table

Thank You Super as Usual!



Renanthera bella
Chaukie Langland



Mycaranthes pannea 'Kayla Langland',
CCM/AOS and Lycaste Nathalie Cely
'Samantha Weeks', AM/AOS



Renanthera imschootiana
Chaukie Langland



Milt. Morris Chestnut
Neal Winslow



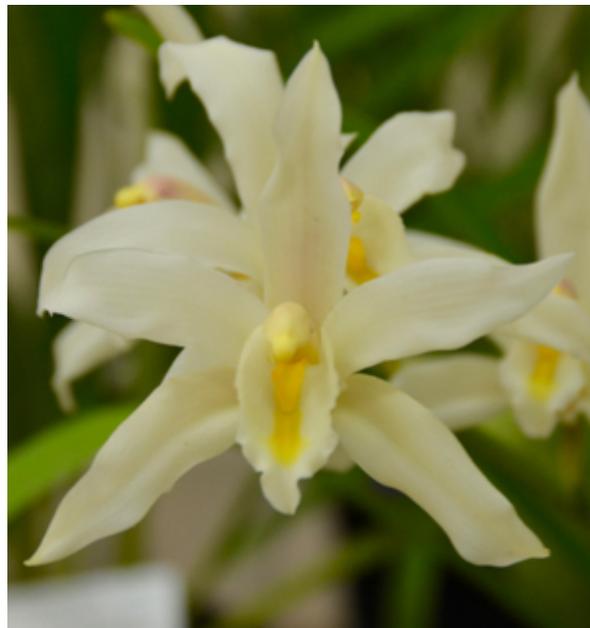
A nice selection of *Cattleya intermedia* brought in by Amy Chung



Bulbophyllum purpureorchis
Eric Levenson



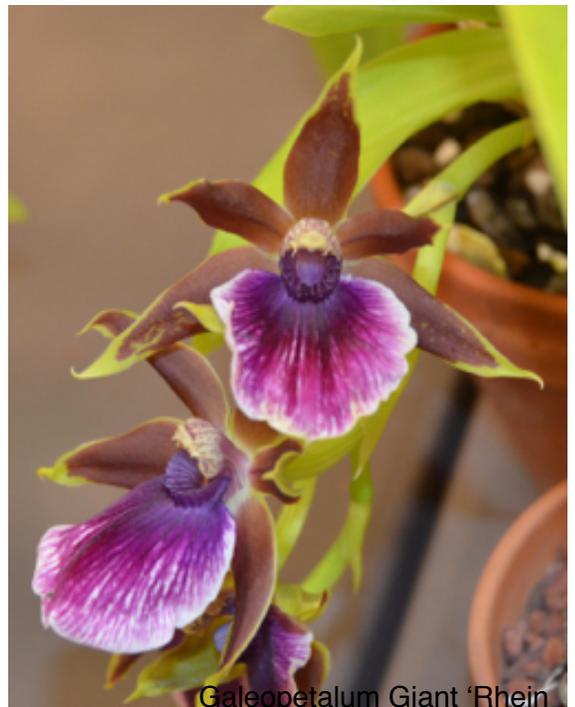
Cymbidium devoniana
'Park Victoria' 4n
Barry Zimmerman



Cymbidium eburneum 'Starlight'
Burmese form
Barry Zimmerman



Ascofinetia
Cherry
Blossom



Galeopetalum Giant 'Rhein
Harlequin'
Eric Levenson



Renanthera no name
Chaunie Langland





Masdevallia Carousel
Asuka



Dendrobium canaliculatum
Mike Drilling



Gourmet tacos and chicken brought
in by Rex Castell



Carol Klonowski was pretty
happy about it all - and glad to



Our Prez, our speaker and our
VP



Anna was there!



Asuka brought in some great plants to
sell



Jung and Carol checked out Asuka's plants



Cymbidium Spotted Leopard 'Winston'
Rex Castell



Some seek to discourage the lady with the camera



Left:
Fabulous
member
sales table
Right: Paph.
primulinum 'Ark', AM/
AOS - Margaret and
Terry Boomer - was
on the S&T table, but
this photo was taken
the previous Monday
at the AOS judging

Thank you Chaunie for the Pictures!

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 _____