



The Sheath

General Meeting

April 28, 2017

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: Dan Newman, Proprietor of Hanging Gardens Nursery will be presenting "Dendrobiums: Jewels of the East"



Dan started growing orchids in 1982. His first successful subject was a Dendrobium hybrid bought as a tiny seedling at a lei stand in the Honolulu Airport. When that plant finally grew up and bloomed a few years later, he was hooked! By 1996 he had 350 orchids in a one-bedroom apartment. That year he moved his plants into a rented commercial greenhouse in San Francisco. He took over the large species collection of his friend and orchid mentor, Walter Teague, and his hobby evolved into his nursery, Hanging Gardens. Dan started growing orchids full-time in 2000, and moved to a larger greenhouse in Pacifica a few years later. Most of his plants are cool to intermediate growers (really warm growers are challenging in Pacifica, but it's hard to resist trying a few). Species orchids make up his core collection and most of his sale stock. He also grows a variety of "companion plants", which share the natural habitats of orchids. Dan joined the San Francisco Orchid Society in 1987 and served as its president in 1996/97. In recent years, he has spoken on a variety of topics to orchid societies in California and elsewhere.

"Dendrobium is one of the largest and most complex orchid genera of Asia, Australia, and the Pacific, encompassing a great number of horticultural gems among its 1000-plus species. People often ask how to grow Dendrobiums. For such a diverse group of plants, occurring in habitats ranging from the monsoonal foothills of the high Himalayas to the perpetually cool alpine grasslands and steamy lowland swamps of equatorial New Guinea, from the tropical forests of remote Pacific islands to the temperate, seasonal regions of southern Australia, there is no simple answer. The talk will focus on several popular sections of the genus, starting in the Himalayas and Southeast Asia and working southward to New Guinea and the Pacific, with photos of representative species and discussion of their culture in the context of the habitats where they

There will not be a skill session this month

Doors are open at 7:00
Meeting plus Show and Tell
Table at 7:30PM followed by:

**Speaker: Dan Newman of
Hanging Gardens Nursery**

Topic: Dendrobiums

**Opportunity Table by Dan
Newman**

originate. The goal of the presentation is to share my interest in these fascinating orchids and provide useful information about their cultivation.”

Member News



A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO Greg Corrales, Don Creevy, Cassandra Gaunt, Mike Green, Pam Hoffman, Carl Jukkola, Mark Khoo, Japheth Ko, Jackie Krstulovich, Tanya Lam, Eric Langland, Elizabeth Lee, Melly Metcalf, Lisa Taylor, and Pauline Wong.

Refreshments:

Thanks in advance to all those planning to bring in refreshments for the April meeting – we really appreciate those snacks! Be sure to pick up a free raffle ticket from Eric Levenson. Also, we're still looking for a volunteer to be in charge of the refreshments.

Help Wanted!!

Our Vice President, Neal Winslow, has left the area, and we are looking for someone to replace him in this position. This is your chance to pick and meet with our speakers, and to decide on our skill sessions. Neal has already lined up several speakers, so you will have time to work into the position. Neal has done an outstanding job for our society and we can't thank him enough for the work he's done for the POS. We wish you the very best in your new home, Neal!!

POS Now On Twitter and Instagram

Thanks to member, Isis Trenchard, we now have accounts on Instagram and Twitter.

Our instagram account can be found here: <https://www.instagram.com/peninsulaorchidsociety/>

And our twitter account at: <https://twitter.com/peninsulaorchid>

If you're interested in photography and want to help the club as well, you can send your orchid pictures to her at: Isis Trenchard <ijtrenchard@gmail.com, or at peninsulaorchid@gmail.com and she will see they get onto our page.

Membership renewals

Annual membership fees are due in January; If you haven't renewed yet, they can be paid by check or cash at the meeting, or on the website using Paypal at: <http://penorchidsoc.org/membership.html>. The membership form is attached to this newsletter.

Editor's Notes:

Scott Barrie of Barrita Orchids gave a wonderful presentation on Sarcophilus last month. If you missed getting one from the Opportunity Table and you are not going to Australia soon, you can order these from Fred Clark of Sunset Valley Orchids; he is the largest provider of Barrita Sarcs in the U.S. Also, Chris Mendes of The Tiny Jungle has some available at her Daly City greenhouse: 169 First Avenue, Daly City, CA PH: (415) 623-4079. They are open Saturday from 11am to 3pm (but good to call first).

In case you caught the Sarc bug, Fred Clark was kind enough to let us reprint these growing tips from his site:

Here are the basic requirements for moisture, temperature and light needed for good culture:

- Sarcophilus need to be watered in a way to keep the medium slightly moist. They don't have pseudobulbs to store water so it's the leaves and roots that are responsible for this function. I water them every 2-3 days in summer and once a week in winter. Sarcophilus need a well drained potting medium as watering will be frequent; I have found a mix of medium orchid bark and perlite to be ideal.
- The summer temperatures should range from 75-85 degrees during the day and 60-70 degrees at night with winter temperatures from 60-75 degree days and 45-55 degree nights.
- The plants prefer light levels of 1500 to 2000 foot candles (fc). In hot humid conditions the plants benefit from increased shading, air movement and watering, as this helps keep the foliage cool.
- Sarcophilus generally flower in late: April and early May; I am always reminded that Mother's day is not far off when I see the first blooms.

Auction: (The auction is a great help in funding our speaker program, etc.)

The POS's annual auction will be on Saturday, September 16, 2017; 5 short months away! Start preparing now!

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!

As you divide and repot your orchids this spring, keep the following tips for our September auction in mind:

Bidders prefer orchids in bloom. If your plant isn't blooming at auction time, **take a picture when it does bloom** and attach it to the auction label so bidders know what they are getting.

Special plants get the highest bids. Rare species or hybrids, awarded or award quality flowers, and well grown blooming sized plants receive the most attention from bidders.

Information maximizes interest. Can your orchid grow outdoors? Does it bloom more than once a year? Do the flowers last a long time? Are the flowers fragrant? Is it unavailable from commercial growers? Does it sell for a fortune on the internet? Etc., etc. Write it all on the auction label.

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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 Tom Mudge at tjmudge@yahoo.com

Pictures from the March Meeting Show and Tell Table. *Thanks to all of you who brought your plants in - we had a super table, as usual!*



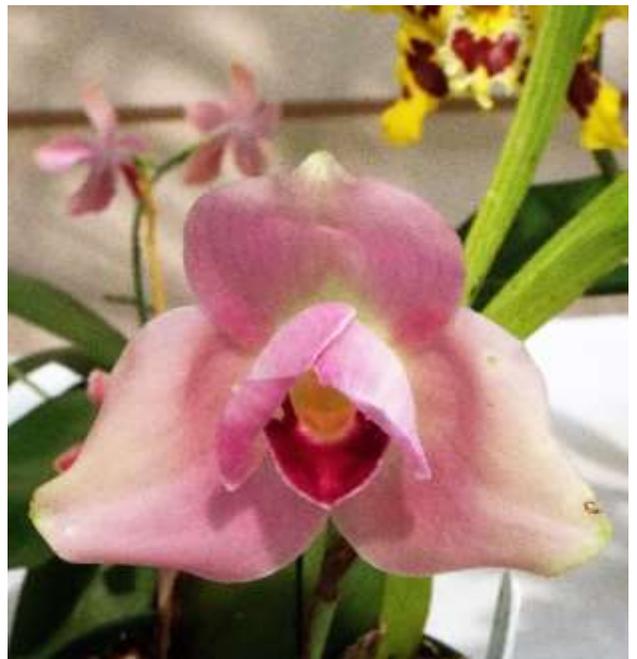
Odm (nobile x Victoria Village)



Cym Hot Sox – Barry Zimmerman



Lycaste Chita Sunset 'Red Glory', AM/AOS
Chaunie Langland



Lycaste Sunray - Chaunie Langland



Den Bardo Rose 'Berowrs' AM/AOS – Anna Chai



Cym 'Cutie' (Mad Hatter x Kalimpong) – Trudy Hadler



Oda. (nobile x Oda 'Victoria Village) brought in by Janusz



Lc. Miss Wonderful – brought in by Bill Weaver



Sarc. Kulnara xxx - brought in by Pierre Pujol



Slc Circle of Life – Bill Weaver



Phal hieroglyphica brought in by Eric Levenson



Masd brought in by Pierre Pujole



3 Odm (Odm nobile x Odm Robert Strauss) - Janusz



Jumellea brought in by Linda Tripp



Lc. Clar Hancock 'Sagan'



Odc. Tiger Hambruh cross – Paul & Phyllis Chim



Masdevallia veitchiana "Cow Hollow" AM/AOS brought in by Asuka



Soph. coccinea 'Anna' brought in by Anna Chai



Phrag. April Fool brought in by Sharon Langan



Oda. Wearside Sunshine



Cym. Brought in by Jeff Trimble



Cym. Valya Craig 'Sutherland' AM/AOS, brought in by Barry Zimmerman

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**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 _____

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.

Upcoming Events:

Gold Coast Cymbidium Show: Saturday, April 22nd and Sunday April 23rd from 10AM to 4pm
 The Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Avenue, Redwood City, CA

Santa Cruz Orchid Society ‘Spring Orchid Seminar Speaker’s Day’ Saturday, May 13, 10am – 3pm
 Live Oak Grange, 1900 17th Avenue, Santa Cruz

- Four talks by judges from the Pacific Central Judging Region
- Plants for Sale
- Demonstrations

Time	Topic
10:30 – 11:00	“Everything Cymbidiums” – Weegie Caughlin
11:15 – 11:45	"Spare bedroom...Orchidarium & Miniature Orchids in Terrariums" -- Jim Heilig/Amy Chung
11:45 – 1:15	Lunch
1:15 – 1:45	“Orchids in Medicine” – Joanne Whitney
2:00 – 2:30	“Lycastes, A Perfect Fit for Coastal California” -- Scott Collins

Orchid Society of California Mother’s Day Weekend show and sale : May 13 & 14, 10am – 5pm April23
 666 Bellevue Ave., Oakland, CA (next to the Lake Merritt Botanical Gardens)





April 18, 2017 at 8:30PM EDT

Greenhouse Chat with Ron McHatton

Join Ron McHatton who will discuss a variety of topics on orchid culture based on question submitted by attendees. Please send your questions to stillisch@cox.net by April 16th. Registration link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3650501029842583043>.