



The Sheath

General Meeting
May 26, 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

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: Dennis Olivas

**Topic: Laelia Anceps And
Its Hybrids**

**Opportunity Table by Dennis
Olivas**

**Speaker: Dennis Olivas, Proprietor of D&D
Flowers will be presenting
"Laelia Anceps Species and Its Hybrids"**



Dennis Olivas was born on the island of Kauai, Hawaii. As a lad, he helped his mom grow her orchids and got hooked. When he joined the Future Farmers of America, his project was raising and selling these beautiful and exotic plants. In 1980 he moved to the mainland and swore off the orchid family - but not for long - as he was introduced to Rod McLellan's Acres of Orchids. From there his whole life became one downward spiral. First he filled his home with upwards of 6,000 plants. Later he leased a greenhouse space for his ever-burgeoning orchid collection. Since he's a glutton for punishment, his collection grew, overflowing the 3,000 sq. ft. greenhouse in Half Moon Bay (and now in Daly City). Dennis has been President of the Peninsula Orchid Society, San Francisco Orchid Society, Diablo View Orchid Society, and the Santa Cruz Orchid Society. He is an accredited judge of the American Orchid Society. Dennis belongs to more than 14 orchid societies and tries to assist them whenever possible.

Member News



A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO Margaret Boomer, Gloria Bygdnes, Claudia Case, Rex Castell, Kun Young Chu, Patricia Coney, Stuart Dalton, Judy Evans, Annie Green, Nancy Hardesty, Ken Jacobsen, Pat Kajikawa, Stephen Kirby, Christine Kradjian, Thomas Lau, Steve Proschan, Li Juan Puzar, Sue Rose, Susan Tong

And A Warm Welcome To Our Newest Members:

Magda Youssef and Shiraz Zack Kanga

Refreshments:

Thanks in advance to all those planning to bring in refreshments for the May 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 moved out of the area, and we are looking for someone to replace him in the 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.

We are also looking for a member to be in charge of Refreshments.

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.

Tom's Latest Auction Tips: (The auction is a great help in our funding for speakers, etc.)**POS Annual Auction is on Saturday, September 16th. Mark your calendars!**

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. If you have a smart phone, you have a camera, which means there is no excuse for not snapping a quick photo of your blooming orchids.

Divide, Repot, Repeat! You need to do it anyway, so why not get paid? If a friend asks for a division, tell them that they can have one.....by being the highest bidder at the POS auction! If you have a monopodial orchid that cannot be divided (Phalaenopsis, Vanda, Angraecum, etc.), twist or cut off any keikis that have sufficient roots (approximately 4 inches of root total), pot or mount them, and voila! Another auction entry created.

Be bold. What plants in your collection would other orchid growers want the most? These are the ones to enter. The goal is to help our society by creating bidding frenzies, not to bore bidders to death with unlabeled chain hardware store leftovers.

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.

Use 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 this emphasize this to the audience.

POS Volunteers and Plants Needed For The Filoli Flower Show!

Have fun and help out your society. As described at the last meeting, we will be displaying our orchids at the famous Filoli Mansion - one of the finest remaining country estates of the early 20th century.



"We invite you to join us for the Filoli Flower Show when the entire House comes alive with dozens of exquisite floral designs and elegant table settings.

Floral designers interpret our theme "Time Began In A Garden: A Centennial Celebration."



Picture of the POS 2016 Exhibit at Filoli



If you would like to help us and have your orchids displayed in our exhibit, please let me know and I can either help pick them up or you can deliver. Setup would take place on Thursday, June 1st. Call or email me and I can tell you how to deliver your plants to the Mansion. Or, I am willing to meet somewhere and will deliver them to the Mansion. Rex Castell will be decorating the kitchen area early so we need to plan this in advance.

Friday thru Saturday, June 2nd to June 4th, we will need one or two people to help watch the area and make sure that no one touches or disturbs the plants and display. We will have 2 to 4 hour shifts available. Hours are 10am to 5pm Friday thru Sunday. Then, clean up after 5pm on Sunday. In order to schedule the working times please call or email to set up a time you would be available to participate. While on duty you will be able to let everyone know how great POS membership is, and encourage them to visit and/or join us.

While you are at Filoli for your shift, you will have the opportunity to see the rest of the exhibits, tour the 16 acres of gardens and grounds, eat at the café, and shop for plants & specialty items at the Clock Tower. (General admission to the show is normally \$35.00 – but free to the volunteers).

Thank you!

For more information or to volunteer please contact me:

Mike Rector

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Dr. Holger Perner, 55, beloved husband of Wenqing Perner and father of Isabell and Stefanie Perner, passed away suddenly in his adopted home of Chengdu, China following a short illness.

Dr. Perner's last talk at our society was in 2013 when he presented a well received "Armchair Tour of China". One of Holger's main interests was orchid conservation. He propagated endangered and newly discovered species and made them available for sale. This reduces the incentive to over collect orchids from the wild and allows them to survive even if their native habitat is destroyed.

He held down multiple jobs to pursue his goals, including that of a senior counselor at Huanglong National Park in Songpan County, Aba prefecture, co-founder of Hengduan Biotechnology, a small company devoted to the development of ex situ methods of Chinese orchid conservation and cultivation, and a project to develop and commercialize the tissue culture of blueberries. Holger taught locals to plant blueberry seedlings with the help of his wife, and in doing so, transformed the local economy of villages in the vicinity of Huanglong, Sichuan. He was a local hero in these communities. His last project was to develop cranberries as a cash crop for the high mountain populations of Aba prefecture, and the week before his untimely death, was collecting and analyzing soil samples to determine suitability for this new agricultural venture.

Holger and his wife Wenqing are well known in the international orchid community, where Holger was a featured speaker at national and international orchid meetings. Holger and Wenqing also led multiple Botanic Nature Tours in Sichuan, Yunnan and other parts of China, introducing the flora of this incredibly diverse ecology to botanists and naturalists from many parts of the world.

Holger and Wenqing had poured all of their savings back into their business, and with Holger's passing, Wenqing now finds herself without life insurance, or savings, two young daughters to educate, as well as responsibility to the staff of Hengduan Biotechnology. Wenqing wants to carry on Holger's legacy, continue the Hengduan Biotechnology business and the nature tours.

Many have asked how they can help Wenqing, and thus we have set up this fundraising campaign to help with her family expenses. Any and all donations are most appreciated. The primary goals are to provide funds for the education of Isabell and Stefanie. It was Holger's goal to have both of his daughters receive their high school and college educations in Germany; Wenqing pledged to Holger that she would try to carry out his wishes. Please help in any way that you can.

Thank you for your kindness and support,
If you would like to send a check or money order,
Please make it payable to: Wenqing Perner

and mail it to:

Mary Gerritsen
541 Parrott Drive
San Mateo, CA 94402

All monies will be deposited into Wenqing's USA bank account.

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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

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 below.

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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:

D & D Flowers & Tiny Jungle Nursery Spring Orchid Sale May 20th & 21st, 2017

9:00 AM to 3:00 PM 169 1st Avenue, Daly City, CA 94014

to be held in conjunction with

San Francisco Orchid Society Repotting Clinic May 20th & 21st, 2017

11:00 AM and 1:00 PM on both days

SFOS Repotting Demonstration and Clinic to be held by Tom Perlite on Saturday and Florence Inserto on Sunday. Bring your plants for repotting. Learn how to properly repot and divide your orchids. Bark and pots will be provided at a nominal price.

San Francisco Orchid Society 2017 Orchids in the Park Summer Show & Sale JULY 22 & 23, 2017

Saturday And Sunday From 10:00 Am - 5:00 Pm at The Hall Of Flowers, County Fair Building In Golden Gate Park, 9th Avenue At Lincoln Way, San Francisco, California

[You can be a part of our show by volunteering at:](#)

<http://signup.com/go/3SZoBA>

Tickets & information:

GENERAL: \$5

SENIORS (65+): \$4

<http://www.orchidsanfrancisco.org/orch.../orchids-in-the-park/>



Orchid Digest Speakers' Day, June 15, 2017 -- Huntington Library & Botanic Garden, San Marino, CA

POS Auction is on Saturday, September 16th, 2017

World Orchid Conference, November 8-12th, 2017

Guayaquil Convention Center, Guayaquil, Ecuador

Info at info@woc22.com

POS show and sale is January 27, 2018