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November General Meeting

Date: November 24, 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 Hwy 92, turn South. The Garden Center is located between 26th and 28th Avenues.



This month's meeting is also our yearly business meeting and election!

Speaker this Month: Ask the Experts!

This month we will have a number of experts available to enlighten you on an topic. You may sit with one group the entire time, or you may move from group to group as you wish. This is your chance to ask all of the questions you want in an informal setting. Remember the only silly question is the one no one asks!

Here is a selection of topics that will be covered:

- Water quality
- Pests and Diseases
- Diagnosing culture problems
- Internet resources

Meeting Agenda

- No Skill Session*
- Annual Business Meeting and Election
- Show and Tell Table - 7:45PM
- Ask the Experts Night
- Opportunity Table by: TBD

Election of the 2018 Board of Directors

Following is slate. The vote is for all or none.

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| President | Eric Levenson |
| Vice President | Chaunie Langland |
| Recording Secretary | George Spangler |
| Corresponding Secretary | Helena Wee |
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| Ways & Means | Tom Mudge |
| Membership | Janusz Warszawski |
| Director at Large | Abraham Wang |
| Director at Large | Amy Chung |
| Director at large | Isis Trenchard |
| Past President | Jeff Trimble |

Membership

The Board voted to set the Individual Membership fee for 2018 at \$20.00, and the Family Membership at \$30.00. If you pay on-line using Paypal or credit cards, you will already notice these changes. Membership Applications or Renewal form also reflect these changes, and will be available in the December Newsletter.

2018 Show and Sale

Our 2018 Show and Sale will take place January 27 and 28 with set-up, ribbon judging, AOS judging and CSA judging taking place on Friday, January 26th. We always have the best volunteers of any show in the area - it is fun to come and work a few hours at the show in any of the areas. Just contact the show chair for the area where you want to volunteer. We still need several show chairpersons too. To volunteer for one of the open positions please contact Chaunie Langland [\(510\) 494-8850](tel:5104948850) chaunie.langland@earthlink.net or Mike Rector [\(650\) 366-3401](tel:6503663401) mrector@verizon.net .

2018 Show Chairs:

Co-chairs of the show: Chaunie Langland and Mike Rector

Admissions: George Spangler

Advertising: Chaunie Langland

AOS and CSA show photography: Chaunie Langland

Hospitality: Rex Castell

Judging: Ken Jacobsen

Member Sales: Sue Rose

Membership: Janusz Warszawski

Plant Check-in: OPEN (you must be very knowledgeable about orchids and very methodical)

Plant Hotel: OPEN - a fun sit-down job with lots of socializing

Plant Placement: Jung Hee Ra

Presentations: OPEN - line up the speakers for our seminars - mostly taken care of before the show

Raffle: Olga Ostrovsky

Security: OPEN - arrange schedule for volunteers

Set-up: OPEN - make sure everything is brought over from storage, follow table diagram, direct volunteers so set-up is done in a logical order

Take-down: OPEN - direct everyone in putting items away and loading for return to storage

Treasurer: Sheila Fritz

Vendors: Mike Drilling

Show Schedule:

| Friday January 26 | Saturday January 27 | Sunday January 28 | Monday January 29 |
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| set-up begins at 10 AM, the day ends at 10 PM. | show opens at 10 AM and closes at 5 PM | show opens at 10 AM take down is followed by dinner for volunteers and vendors | show materials returned to storage |

Member News

A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

Mimi Campbell, Annie Chan, Sylvia Darr, Marron Honigman, Chaunie Langland, Elizabeth Lasensky, Ben Merfalen, Tom Pickford, Mike Rector, Frank Toyosaki, Jiann Sheng Toyosaki, Bill Weaver, Doris Yu, and Taik K. Yun!

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

New Members: Chen-Hao Hsu

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 Peninsula Orchid Society of San Mateo

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Upcoming Orchid Events

February 9 - 11, 2018

Newport Harbor Orchid Show and Sale "Romancing the Orchid"
Westminster Mall, 1025 Westminster Mall, Westminster, CA

February 22 - 25, 2018

San Francisco Orchid Society "Pacific Orchid Exposition"
San Francisco Hall of Flowers, 1199 9th Avenue, San Francisco, CA

March 9-11, 2018

73rd Santa Barbara International Orchid Show The World's Greatest Show - Orchids!"
9 AM - 5 PM
Earl Warren Showgrounds - Santa Barbara, CA.
AOS Spring Members' Meeting to be held in conjunction with the Show. For more information, check the website: <https://sborchidshow.com/>

Orchid Conservation Alliance Newsletter

Dear OCA Friends,

The News on several fronts:

Dracula Reserve Fundraising: To my pleased amazement, between your donations and Orchids in the Wild trips, the Dracula Reserve fund stands at \$81,342 today. I am optimistic that we will actually reach our goal of \$110,000 by the end of the year. A few months ago I could hardly imagine it. In years past we have never raised more than \$46,000 for a reserve project. So I hope that those of you who have not donated yet this year will step up to the best of your ability and help out. Our funds will purchase 275 acres of Ecuadoran forest harboring the world's best collection of Dracula orchids. And I hope that those of you who have already donated can be counted on to make another donation before the end of the year. Remember, all of these donations will be doubled by the Rainforest Trust and are fully tax deductible. Donations can be sent to the OCA at the address below or made through our website's Donate button at <https://orchidconservationalliance.org/>.

Orchids in the Wild trips for 2018: In 2018 we will have trips to Chiapas, Mexico, in April, to North-west Yunnan, China, in May-June, and to Colombia in November. The Chiapas itinerary is now posted on our website; it includes 15 days of orchids, pyramids, and amazing scenery. Its price will be posted ASAP. The Yunnan trip targets Chinese cypripediums and the Colombian trip will focus

on the spectacular orchids of the northern Andes, several nurseries, and a visit to a new OCA sponsored reserve. Details will be published on our website as soon as they are available. Reservations are being accepted now; a \$500 deposit, payable to OCA and sent to our address below, holds your space on any of these trips. Note that the Chiapas trip is strictly limited to 14 travelers due to lodging restrictions at one of the isolated reserves we will visit.

In an editorial, The New York Times noted that:

There is alarming new evidence that insect populations worldwide are in rapid decline. As Prof. Dave Goulson of the University of Sussex, a co-author of a new insect study, put it, we are "on course for ecological Armageddon" because "if we lose the insects, then everything is going to collapse" (NYT, Oct. 29, 2017)

In 2013 the OCA donated \$30,000, which was doubled by the Rainforest Trust, to expand Reserva Serra Bonita in Brazil's Atlantic Rainforest. This reserve in Brazil's Atlantic Rainforest, see <http://orchidconservationalliance.org/projects/project-serra-bonita/> was created by Vitor Becker and Clemira Souza with the specific goal of protecting Brazilian insect populations. From his life's work as a Brazilian entomologist, Becker was well aware of the decline in insect populations. The OCA visited, saw the project and the orchids that would also be protected by the reserve, and decided to help with expansion of the reserve. Wherever there are good orchid populations there are also good insect populations; both are indicators of a healthy ecology.

Next year I will be making an effort to write more frequent newsletters. Sometimes these will include orchid biology, sometimes conservation news, and sometimes videos of our trips. It would be great if you would let me know what you would like to hear or see! I'm taking two courses, video production and video editing. Here is a link to my first 5 minute trip video: <https://youtu.be/PKDC2j-y Js>. It's subject is the OCA trips to the Rio Negro.

Please remember our website's donate button at <https://orchidconservationalliance.org/> and don't forget the Amazon Smile program <https://smile.amazon.com> which feeds us a trickle from your Amazon purchases, costing you nothing.

Happy Thanksgiving to all,
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D. Purple Splash (Dave Kurzroch)



C. Orange Fantasy (Ken & Amy Jacobsen)



Dialc. Silver Toy x *L. anceps* 'SVO'
(Chen Hao Hsu)



Paph. In Charm Topaz 'Little Charmer'
(Jeff Trimble)



Odcdm. Everglades Elegance 'Nancy Lee'
HCC/AOS
(Janusz)



Hknsa. Koolau Sunset 'Sheer Delight'
HCC/AOS
(Bill Weaver)



L. Pacavia x L. purpurata (Bill Weaver)



Arpophyllum alpinum (Asuka)



Paph. Leo Kusber 'Lion's Den'
(Leo Kusber)



Paph. In Charm Topaz 'Little Charmer'
(Jeff Trimble)