

THE SHEATH

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE PENINSULA ORCHID SOCIETY

FRIDAY, JULY 28



Sarcochilus Kulnura Rusty 'Red Robin'
grown by Mariko Nagashima

"GIVE IT A REST"

Marni Turkel will be presenting her talk on orchids that need a dry rest. This presentation will explain some of the factors behind this dry rest and how to bloom orchids that need them.

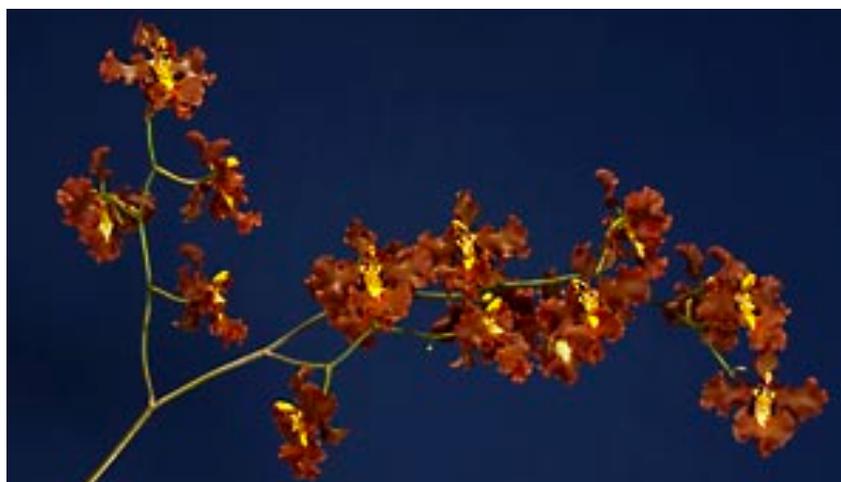
MEMBER NEWS

Orchid Talk:

Marni Turkel (pronounced tur KELL) is a native of the San Francisco Bay Area and has been growing orchids since 1980. She grows in four greenhouses in Santa Rosa with approximately 1250 sq ft of growing space. Her main interest is in miniature species but plenty of larger plants have crept into the collection as well. Marni has been a contributor to Orchids magazine with her series called 'Well Worth the Space' and 'Give It a Rest'. Her articles have been translated into Dutch, German, Portuguese and Swedish for international publication. Photographs of her plants have been feature in articles noted orchid publications including Orchids Magazine, Orchid Digest, Richardiana, The Orchid Review, and The Australian Orchid Review. She currently shares her photographs and knowledge on OrchidsForum.com and FaceBook.

Starting in 2009, Marni expanded her work with orchids to include propagation of orchids from seed and has set up a flasking lab of her own to take the process from start to finish and sell flasks of many of the orchids species in her collection. After working for over 43 years as a potter, she has retired from ceramics to pursue orchids full-time.

This meeting, Marni will present "Give It a Rest". Many plants receive a dry rest period in their native habitat and this talk explores some of the factors involved. Learn a bit about weather patterns and the "make it or break it" effect a dry rest period can have on growth and flowering of particular species. You'll see some plants that many people find hard to bloom and find out how to get a great blooming by giving them what they need.



MEMBER NEWS

Birthdays:

Wishing a very happy birthday this month to Anna Chai, Amanda Kass, Lisa Pace, Jung Hee Ra, Deadra St. Clair, and Neal Winslow!



Show and Tell:

If you plan to attend via Zoom and want to share pictures of your orchids at the meeting, please send up to 4 photos to Mark Khoo (mklkhoo@gmail.com) and be prepared to share. You may also prepare a slide presentation or stage a display, photograph it and talk about your various plants.



Cypripedium reginae 'Lion's Den', grown by Leo Kusber

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

DAN WILLIAMSON

Coming up in October your orchid society is going to put on a one day show at the garden center. There will be several vendors and member sales. This is a good time to go through your collection and decide which plants you can put on the sales table, either as a donation to the society or to sell on your own account. I know that I have several large divisions that should go to a new home to make room for new plants.

When selecting plants for sale you don't want to pick plants that have just been repotted, they should be established with new roots. You also don't want to pick plants that are struggling. If you do have plants that are not doing well for you and you want to move on to someone else to make room for plants that will do better, you can offer to give them to someone else that is willing to take care of them.

Trading and sharing plants is a great way to ensure the survival of plants in our collections. That's all I have for this month, get your plants ready for the show and sale in late October!



Sarchochilus xiao, both grown by Tom Mudge

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 28 - Peninsula Orchid Society Meeting

At the San Mateo Garden Center, 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo, CA 94403, starting at 7 pm. Doors and Zoom open at 6:30 pm. Our speaker this month is Marni Turkel and opportunity table plants will be provided by New Earth Orchids.

July 29-30 - Orchids in the Park

Located at the Hall of Flowers in Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, CA. Buy tickets here: <https://ti.to/san-francisco-orchid-society/orchids-in-the-park-2023>

August 6 - Orchid Learning Day

A free event on Sunday at the San Mateo Garden Center, 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo, CA. There will be presentations, an orchid judging demonstration, and small orchid auction! Presented by the AOS Pacific Central Judging Center, and sponsored by the Gold Coast Cymbidium Society and Peninsula Orchid Society.

August 25 - Peninsula Orchid Society

At the San Mateo Garden Center, 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo, CA 94403, starting at 7 pm. Doors and Zoom open at 6:30 pm. Our speaker will be Mary Gerritsen, who will be presenting "Orchids of the Rio Negro". She will also provide our opportunity table plants.

2023 Board of Directors

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Do you have something you would like to include in the next newsletter?

Send an email to penorchidsoc@yahoo.com!

Meeting Agenda

6:30 PM - Zoom/SMGC opens

7:00 PM - Marni Turkel

8:00 PM - Announcements

8:10 PM - Show and Tell

No skill session this meeting!

Opportunity Table - New Earth Orchids

Reminder

Our general meetings are the fourth Friday of every month, except for December when it's the third Friday.

ORCHID LEARNING DAY

PRESENTATIONS

- Phalaenopsis Care and Repotting
- Growing Cymbidiums Outdoors
- *Laelia anceps* Care
- Growing Orchids Outdoors

Sunday, August 6

1 - 5 PM

Free Admission

San Mateo Garden Center

605 Parkside Way

San Mateo, CA

ORCHID JUDGING DEMO

- By judges of the American Orchid Society

VERY SMALL ORCHID AUCTION

- To benefit AOS Pacific Central Judging Center



Presented by the AOS Pacific Central Judging Center
Sponsored by the Gold Coast Cymbidium Society
& Peninsula Orchid Society

If you have not renewed your membership for 2023, please send in this form to join or online at our website: <http://penorchidsoc.org/membership.html>

2023 Peninsula Orchid Society
Membership Application or Renewal

Write checks payable to: POS

Mail to: Steve Proschan – POS Membership
326 El Paseo, Millbrae CA 94030

(Membership chairperson for 2023 is Olga Ostrovsky - checks are being mailed directly to the treasurer)

Member Information (Please Print):

Name(s) (1) _____ BirthMonth _____
(2) _____ BirthMonth _____

Address: _____
_____ ZipCode _____

Phone: _____

Please Note: We need your current e-mail address to send you *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 except in an annual directory sent only to current POS members.

E-mail: (1) _____
(2) _____

Type of Membership:

- Individual \$20.00 Household membership additional \$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 re-new before the end of January each year.

Membership Chair's area

Date paid _____ Check No. and amount _____
Receipt No. _____ Cash Amount _____

JUNE SHOW AND TELL



Clockwise from top left: *Laelia purpurata* (Leena Wang), *Potinara Lady's Century 'Rose Rhapsody'* (Ken Jacobsen), *Cattleya Fascelis* (Dan Williamson), and *Laelia sincorana var. coerulea* (Anthony Rivera)



Top to bottom: *Xylobium foveatum* (Leo Kusber) and *Epidendrum falcatum* (Tom Waugh)



Clockwise from top left: *Masdevallia veitchiana* 'Goliath' (Anna Chai), *Masdevallia* Red Shine 'Shela' FCC/AOS (Anna Chai), *Sophrolaelia* Minipet 'Little Flame' (Anthony Rivera), and *Potinara* Orange Tower x *Brassolaeliacattleya* Carolina Orange D'Or (Tom Waugh)

ORCHIDS IN MONTANA

LEENA WANG

Earlier this month, I got to visit Glacier National Park in Montana. While I was mostly there to hike, I also planned to visit several sites throughout the park specifically for orchids.

What I didn't expect was to see orchids on almost every trail that I hiked! It seemed like there was a much larger density of orchids in Montana, compared to where we are in California. They were growing in a variety of environments, from chapparral-like areas and forests to lakesides and bogs. In all, I saw 11 different species of orchids, which completely exceeded my expectations for the trip.



Clockwise from top left: *Cypripedium montanum*, *Neottia cordata*,
Goodyera oblongifolia, and *Neottia banksiana*



Clockwise from top left: *Platanthera dilatata* var. *albiflora*, *Platanthera huronensis*,
Platanthera stricta, and *Platanthera unalascensis*