

JULY 2025

# THE SHEATH

NEWSLETTER OF THE PENINSULA ORCHID SOCIETY



*Cephalanthera austiniae*

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

DENNIS OLIVAS

I'm sorry for not being at the June general meeting. Thank you Dan for conducting the meeting. Thank you Chaunie, Pierre and Ken, our speakers panel to answer questions from the membership. There were 28 members at the meeting room. The beautiful raffle table was donated by Pierre Pujol, Ken Jacobsen, Leo Kusber and D&D Flowers in which the POS collected \$85. Thank you James for getting the plants from D&D Flowers.

We are having a Fall Show on October 4-5, 2025. Set up will be on October 3. A successful show depends upon the memberships participation. We will need committee chairs and volunteers to support these committees. At the July meeting, we will have signup sheets to fill these positions. See you at the July general meeting.

Mahalo!

Future speakers:

August 22nd - Diane Bond on Zygopetalums species and hybrids

September 26 - Jeff Trimble on Miltonia species and hybrids

## MEMBER NEWS

If you would like your pictures to be in the next month's newsletter, send them to our email by the end of the second Friday of the month. Include the name and clear pictures.

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



# TERRY BOOMER

Terry Boomer, Senior AOS Judge, passed away on April 30 following a long illness. Terry had joined the Pacific Central Judging Center in the early 1980s. He mentored a number of student judges in his years with our judging center.

Terry was born in 1943 in Oakland, CA. He met his wife Margaret, who survives him, at a dance at San Francisco State in 1965. They were married for 54 years and have one daughter. Terry is also survived by their son and grandchild. Terry was very fond of cats and the population at their household ranged from one to five, with three currently in residence.

He and Margaret had an orchid and carnivorous plant business, Boomer's Orchid Ark, for 30 years. Terry was an excellent grower and he and Margaret earned 64 AOS awards, including a CCE and an FCC, over 41 years of entering plants for AOS judging. Forty-seven of the awards were for Paphiopedilums, Terry's first love in orchids. Terry served as President at Peninsula Orchid Society (1984) and at Orchid Society of California in the early 1980s and again from 2010 to 2013.

Terry taught high school science for 37 years, then went on to serve as a substitute science teacher for another 17.

He was known for writing songs for his coworkers to celebrate their birthdays and retirements and having everyone sing along. He took a group of students on a science camping trip to Death Valley during spring break for several years,



Terry at a Peninsula OS meeting in December 2015

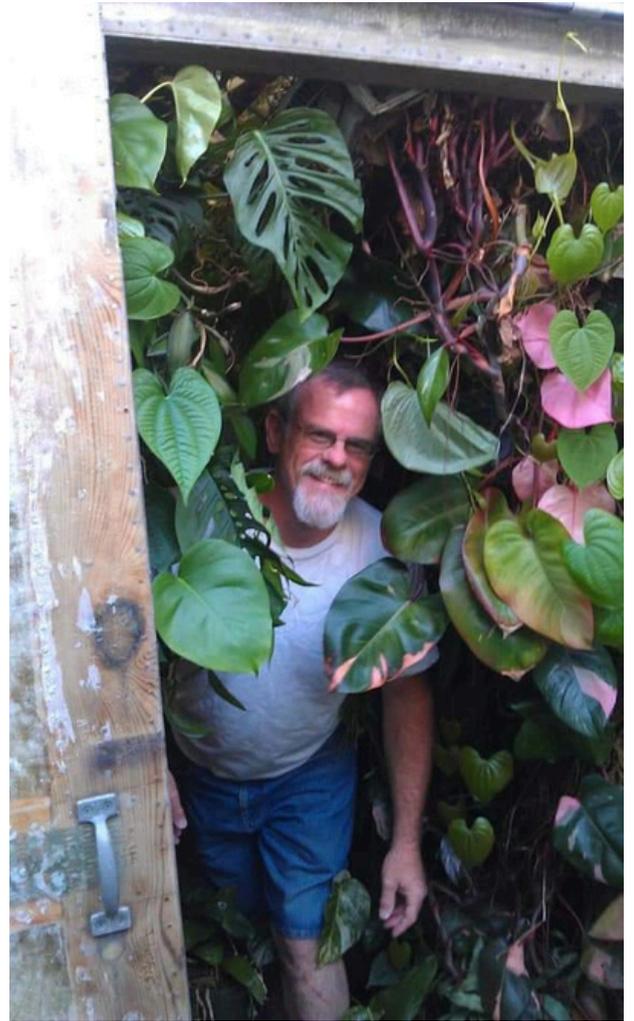
concentrating on the flowers and plant life found in the park. When the bus became too expensive for the trip, he found a nice campground in Point Reyes National Seashore for the spring break trip, again concentrating on the flowers in the area and whatever the kids could pull out of the creek for examination under the microscope. He was known as Mr. Science around the high school.

# JULY SPEAKER

Bill Weaver was a plant geek starting at an early age, dumpster diving at the local nursery looking for cuttings and plants that he could rescue. When he went away to college, he took along his terrariums of carnivorous plants. That was where he “met” his first orchid. It was an un-named white Cymbidium purchased at a drive-in theater flea market. This led to an ever-growing collection of orchids under lights in his little Palo Alto apartment.

Moving to Sunnyvale, once he filled up his back yard, he started renting space in HalfMoon Bay. Over 15 years now, he has expanded to over 10,000 square feet there. After 37 years as a Customer Engineer at Hewlett Packard, Bill has retired and makes his ‘orchid money’ helping other growers with their greenhouses and repotting. He grows mostly Cymbidiums, Laelias, and other cool growing orchids. Over the years Bill’s plants have been awarded HCC, AM and one FCC from the American Orchid Society as well as several CCM and CCE awards for his giant specimen plants. He also has a lovely orange Cymbidium named for him.

This month, Bill will be presenting "Orchid Pests and Diseases".



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## JULY

### July 18-19: Cal-Orchid Summer Hummer

- New Laelia anceps seedlings (from cell packs to 2.75" pots)
- Vencors: Suwada, Tokyo Orchid Nursery and Laurens Grobler (Afri Orchids)
- For more information, please visit <https://www.calorchid.com/>

### July 26-27: Orchids in the Park (see flyer below)

- Tickets at: <https://www.orchidsanfrancisco.org/events.html>
- Vendors, member sales, interactive demonstrations

## OCTOBER

### October 17-19: 9th Annual Huntington International Orchid Show and Sale

- Tickets at: <https://www.orchidsanfrancisco.org/events.html>
- Vendors, member sales, interactive demonstrations

### Meeting Agenda

6:30 PM - SMGC doors open

7:00 PM - Zoom opens

7:00 PM - Speaker: Bill Weaver

8:00 PM - Announcements

8:10 PM - Show and Tell

Opportunity Table - To Be Announced

### Reminder

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

### 2025 Board

President - Dennis Olivas

Vice President - Dan Williamson

Recording Secretary - Leena Wang

Treasurer - Steve Proshan

Director of Membership - Olga Ostrovsky

Director of Ways and Means - Mark Khoo

Director at Large - Susan Gutierrez

Director at Large - Alex Cain

Director at Large - James Shao

Past President - Ken Jacobsen

Newsletter Editor - Leena Wang

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ORCHID DISPLAYS

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SAN FRANCISCO ORCHID SOCIETY PRESENTS

# ORCHIDS IN THE PARK

**SF County Fair Building**

1199 9<sup>TH</sup> AVE, SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94122



JULY 26 - JULY 27

[WWW.ORCHIDSANFRANCISCO.ORG](http://WWW.ORCHIDSANFRANCISCO.ORG)



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# JULY SHOW & TELL



**Cattleya (Sophronitis) Arizona**

Thank you to Chaunie Langland, Pierre Pujol, and Todd Kennedy for providing the images.

Apologies for the lack grower labels for this month's show and tell section.



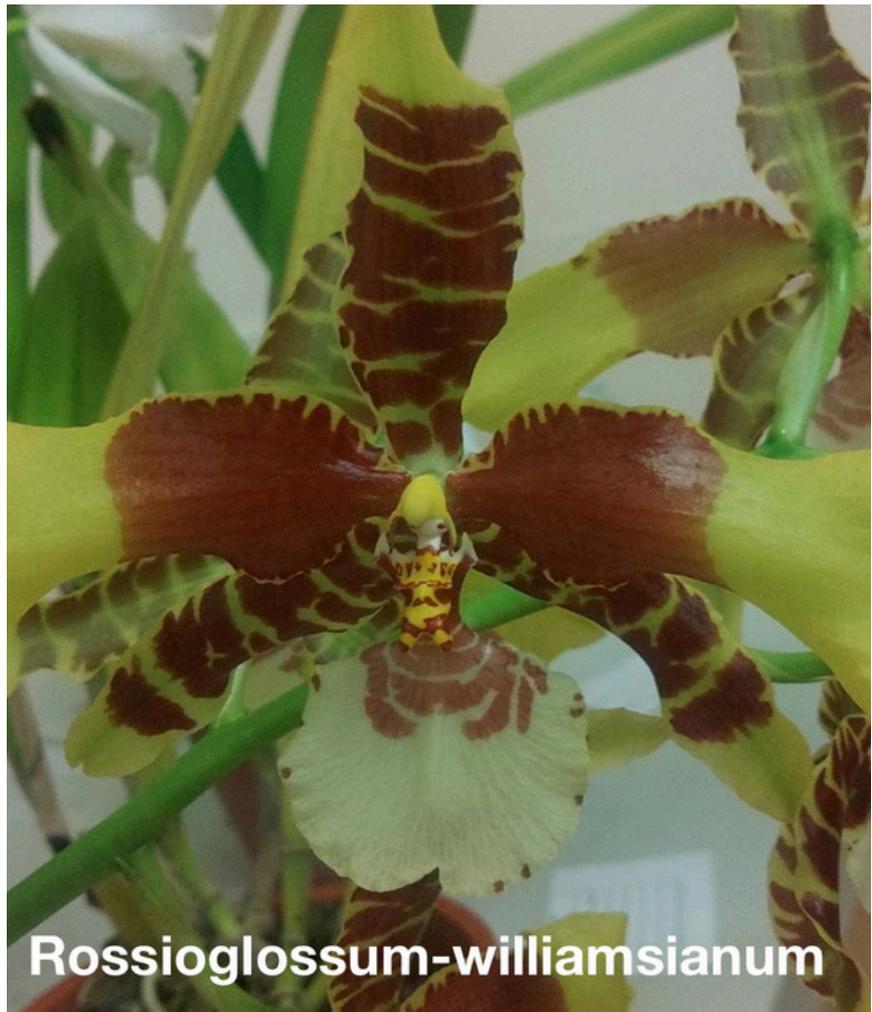
**Zygostates lunata 'Zorro' HCC/AOS**



**Cymbidium Kurunda 'Carls' AM/AOS**



*Rhipidoglossum millarii*



*Rossioglossum-williamsianum*

