

AUGUST 2025

# THE SHEATH

NEWSLETTER OF THE PENINSULA ORCHID SOCIETY



Brassocattleya Gulfshore's Beauty 'Green Dean' 4N  
HCC/AOS x Epc. Lime Sherbet 4N (Paul Asente)

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

DENNIS OLIVAS

Unfortunately I attended the meeting for about 20 minutes and had to leave. Thank you Dan Williamson, VP, who conducted the rest of the meeting. There were 23 members in attendance and 3 guests. The raffle table was donated by Leo Kusber and D & D Flowers.

We are approaching our fall show on October 4 & 5, 2025. We will need all the help from our members for set up on Friday the 3rd, security during the 4th & 5th (4 hour shifts please) and cleanup after 5 pm on Sunday the 5th.

Please contact me, Dennis Olivas, at [d.olivas@comcast.net](mailto:d.olivas@comcast.net) to volunteer. Mahalo!

Future orchid events. Please save the dates for the fall orchid shows/events:

**October 4 & 5, 2025: Peninsula Orchid Society Show & Sales**

San Mateo Garden Center

605 Parkside Way, San Mateo, CA 94403

**October 17, 18, & 19, 2025: Fall Orchid Festival**

Gold Country Orchids

390 Big Ben Rd, Lincoln, CA 95648

**November 7 & 8 2025: Carmel Orchid Society Fall Orchid Market**

Community Church of Monterey Peninsula

4590 Carmel Valley Rd, Carmel, CA

# **CALL FOR BOARD NOMINATIONS**

We are in need of members to volunteer to serve on the Board of Directors for 2026. There are a number of vacancies that need to be filled. Vacant positions will be announced at the August meeting. If you would like to help the Society, please consider serving on the Board.

## **MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON NEEDED FOR 2026!**

This board position has responsibilities for keeping a spreadsheet of members and their contact information and for sending out a reminder to those who forget to renew. Also to arrange for people to sit at the membership table at our shows and to attend board meetings, usually held via Zoom. It does not require a lot of time, though an enthusiastic membership chair is welcome to up with ideas on how to attract new members.

Olga will be retiring from her position as membership chair at the end of this year. She has served us for four years and it is time for another member to take a turn. It is a great way to get acquainted with more of our members!

# AUGUST SPEAKER

Diane has been growing orchids in one way or another since high school. Her interest in orchids led to a degree in molecular biology and an early career in plant biotechnology. Her collection has grown and shrunk through moves to Oklahoma, The Netherlands, Iowa and finally back home to the Bay Area and a career in DNA sequencing technology.

Her local orchid society is Diablo View Orchid Society where she had held the office of both President and Vice President and is currently a Board member. She is an Associate Judge for the American Orchid Society.

She currently has one temperature-controlled greenhouse and two outdoor growing areas in Oakland. This month, Diane's talk will be on "Zygopetalum species and hybrids".



# OCTOBER SHOW

This October, Peninsula Orchid Society will hold a two-day show- Saturday and Sunday (October 4-5) at the San Mateo Garden Center.

Please help us make the show a big success by:

1. Entering your plants in the Show. We will have both ribbon and AOS judging again this year. We will need volunteers to help with plant entry as well as with ribbon judging on Friday evening. **The orchid that wins “Best in Show” will receive a donated plant from Ken Jacobsen (valued at over \$50).**
2. Selling Plants in Member Sales. Selling your plants in Member Sales is the easiest way to clear out excess plants, and make money for both you AND the club. Plants of any size are welcome. And remember that you don't have to only sell plants; orchid 'accessories' such as clean pots, books, media, fertilizer, etc. are also welcome. You can bring just a few things to sell or a whole table full, whatever you want. **See the instructions attached to this email to tell you how to do the member sales.**
3. We need ALL of YOU to pitch in and make this show a success! More information will be sent out on how to volunteer in future newsletters and emails.

# JULY SHOW & TELL



All Angraecoids are grown by  
Janett Hawley.

*Angraecum magdalenae*

Angraecum White Emblem  
(*didieri* x *magdalenae*)



*Angraecum magdalenae*

# 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 this month. Include the plant names and clear pictures.

Wishing a very happy birthday this month to Svetlana Chebatar, Zachary Coney, Susan Hamilton, Edmond Hon, Viktoriia Kolotovska, David Kurzrock, Leo Kusber, Marianne Mollenauer, Mike O'Meara, Katy Waugh, Alisha Westerfeld, and Nathalie Yanzel!



## Meeting Agenda

6:30 PM - SMGC doors open  
7:00 PM - Zoom opens  
7:00 PM - Speaker: Diane Bond  
8:00 PM - Announcements  
8:10 PM - Show and Tell  
Opportunity Table - D&D Orchids

## 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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