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NEWSLETTER OF THE PENINSULA ORCHID SOCIETY

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

DENNIS OLIVAS

I'm sorry that I could not make this past general meeting. Thank you Dan for taking the helm again. Susan informed me that we had 28 in attendance, including one visitor who found out about us at the SMGC event. Opportunity table proceeds are \$71.

We still need volunteer for security. Members contribute to the success of our society and its functions. We need at least 12 members each day. The hours are Saturday 10 am to 2:30 pm and 2:30 pm to 5 pm. On Sunday 10 am to 1 pm and 1 pm to 4. A Sign-up Genius will be created soon to manage volunteer sign-up. In the meantime, email me at the following: d.olivas@comcast.net.

We only have 4 more meetings before 2026. Olga agreed to chair the nominations committee and already secured a member at large. The slate will be presented at the October general meeting. Elections will take place at the November general meeting.

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. If you would like to help the Society, please consider serving on the Board. We will need the following officers:

President
Vice-President
Director at Large (2)
Membership Chair
Ways and Means

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!

DONATION REMINDER

A reminder for end of the year tax planning. POS is a charity/501c3 corporation as are many churches, universities and other tax exempt organizations. There maybe tax benefits to donations including required distributions from IRA's, 401k's, inheritances, etc. Please consult your tax advisor or accountant for any such decisions.

SEPTEMBER SPEAKER

Jeff Trimble started growing orchids in 1973. His mother gave him two Cymbidiums when he moved out on his own. In the following years, Jeff got more involved in orchids. He was the Show Chairman for the Santa Clara valley Orchid Society. He has been the president for the following orchid societies; Malihini Orchid Society, Peninsula Orchid Society, San Francisco Orchid Society, Gold Coast Cymbidium Society, Sacramento Valley Cymbidium Society, and the Cymbidium Society of America.

Jeff was an Accredited judge in the Cymbidium society of America. Presently, he is also an American Orchid Society Judge. Jeff was also one of the creators of the Orchid in the Park Show/Sales. He has made over 30 hybrids of different genera including Miltoniopsis. He has a Miltoniopsis named after him that he made, and Dennis Olivas registered it. Jeff lives in Rocklin growing plants in a nine-by-eighteen-foot greenhouse.

This month, Jeff's talk will be on "Miltonia species and hybrids".

Note: Jeff will present his talk virtually, on Zoom.



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.

AOS Judging will be at 8:00 AM on Saturday.

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 *Laelia anceps* ‘Clown’ in spike (donated by Ken Jacobsen).**
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!**

We need ALL OF YOU to pitch in and make this show a success!

REQUEST FOR SNACKS & REFRESHMENTS

We will be providing Caesar salads and sandwiches for our volunteers at the show. We kindly ask members to consider bringing baked goods, snacks, or other refreshments for the volunteers. Your contributions are greatly appreciated!

If you have any questions, contact Helena Wee at: shhwee@sbcglobal.net



COME AND JOIN US IN OUR

ORCHID SHOW & SALE

Oct 4th: 10 AM - 5 PM \$3
Oct 5th: 10 AM - 4 PM Free

San Mateo Garden Center
605 Parkside Way
San Mateo, CA

Orchids, Succulents, Tropicals
www.penorchidsoc.org



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 Mary Bui-Pham, Sandra Charles, Mary Gerritsen, Amy Jacobsen, Mary Jensen, Marilyn Krieger, Dennis Olivas, Walt Roseberry, and Yang Zhao!



Meeting Agenda

- 6:30 PM - SMGC doors open
- 7:00 PM - Zoom opens
- 7:00 PM - Speaker: Jeff Trimble
- 8:00 PM - Announcements
- 8:10 PM - Show and Tell
- Opportunity Table - TBA at Meeting

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

Do you have something you would like to include in the next newsletter?
Send an email to penorchidsoc@yahoo.com!