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NEWSLETTER OF THE PENINSULA ORCHID SOCIETY



Epicanthe Hsiang Yu Gold Coast "Sun Kiss",
grown by Natalia Margulis

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

DENNIS OLIVAS

We had 28 physical and 6 virtual attendees at our September meeting. We collected \$95 for the raffle which was donated by Anna Chai, Leo Kusber and Dennis Olivas.

We prepared an excellent show with 123 beautiful display plants and 8 American Orchid Society awards. With all the advertising, 6 vendors and the membership sales, the show had a very low attendance.

We would like to thank all the following volunteers: Dan Colton, Paul Asente, Clarice Hampel, Helena Wee, Catherine Obillo, Ron Parsons, Mary Gerritsen, Anna Chai, Bill Weaver, Audrey Young-Tarter, James Shao, Tom Waugh, Steve Proschan , Ron Norris, Jason Douglass, Todd Kennedy, Onor Chueng & family, Nicole Pang, Paul Padilla, Chaunie Langland , Joseph Kautz, Olga Ostrovsky, Janusz Warszawski, Mark Khoo, Moeed Fawad, Rene Biggs, Dan Williamson, Mike Drilling

If I forgot someone, please forgive me.

Thank you to the following for the bake goods and other goodies besides what Helena provided on behalf of the society: Onor Chueng, Jason Douglass, Ron Norris, Nicole Pang, Anna Chai

Thank you for the following vendors: Pierre Pujol, Ken Jacobsen, Alejandro Hayes, Brookside Orchids, Seed Studio LLC, D & D Flowers



Miltonia Lake Sammamish 'Windemere', grown by Tom Waugh

CALL FOR BOARD NOMINATIONS

We are in need of members to volunteer to serve on the Board 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)
Ways and Means

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.



Laelia pumila, grown by Bill Weaver

OCTOBER SPEAKER

Chaunie Langland has been a hobbyist orchid grower for more than 30 years, is a long time active Peninsula Orchid Society member, an inactive member of both the San Francisco Orchid Society and Santa Clara Valley Orchid Society, and is an accredited judge with the Pacific Central Judging Center (PCJC) of the AOS. She takes award photos for PCJC, which are published in the Orchid Pro database and in Orchids magazine. Chaunie mainly grows a variety of orchids from Latin America, with a few Asian, Australian, and African orchids in a modest greenhouse as well as outdoors in her backyard in Fremont. She can't grow or display orchids in her home due to the presence of a determined orchid-batting and -nibbling cat!

This month, Chaunie will talk about *Barkerias* and *Comparettias*, “Two Twig Epiphytes Well Worth Growing”.

Barkerias and *Comparettias* are both native to the Americas and are not widely grown. Both have long-lasting, beautifully colored flowers that grow on arching inflorescences (for the most part) and are best grown mounted. Chaunie will talk about what they are, how to find them, and how to grow them.

OCTOBER SHOW

A great big thank you to all our POS members who brought blooming orchids to the show the weekend of Oct. 4-5, 2025. The Rose room was filled with high quality blooming plants that earned 8 AOS awards and provided the public with a beautiful display of the wonderful diversity of orchid species and hybrids.

Besides AOS judging, we also involved the public in voting for their favorite orchid. We heard comments from many people that it was hard to choose and so many of the orchids were their favorites. In the end, Rene Biggs tallied the votes, the vast majority were from the public, attendees who were not POS members and did not know the exhibitors. A total of 179 votes were cast, Out of the approximately 120 orchids entered in the show, 57 (almost half the orchids) received at least one favorite vote, which is a reflection on how many great plants were on display.

Drum roll please! The winning orchid received 14 votes, *Habenaria medusa*, brought in by Mary Gerritsen. In second place with 12 votes was *Laeliocattleya* Mary Elizabeth Bohn 'Royal Flare' AM/AOS brought in by Ken Jacobsen. In third with 10 votes, was *Dendrobium victoria-reginae* brought in by Anna Chai.

To the right is a photo of Mary and Anna Chai with the winning orchid in one hand and the winning prize, *Laelia anceps* 'Clown' AM/AOS with 2 spikes, in the other. Much thanks goes to Ken Jacobsen for his generous donation of 'Clown'.



A few photos of plants entered into the show can be found on the following page.



Cattleya Pink Leopard 'Windermere'



Paphiopedilum charlesworthii



Paphiopedilum delenatii



Cattleya Streeter's Doll 'Amy's Choice'



Cymbidium Art Mendoza 'Woodside Pink'



Habenaria (Pecteilis) radiata



Rhyncholaeliocattleya Greenwich 'Elmhurst'



Cymbidium haematodes



Habenaria medusa

AOS JUDGING RESULTS

Name of Plant	Award & Points	Exhibitor
<i>Cymbidium haematodes</i> 'Seed Studio Rainbow'	HCC, 79 points	Evan Shen
Dendrobium Hsinying Chrysopense 'Noemi'	AM, 83 points	Catherine Obillo
Cymbidium Chen's Ruby 'Linsie'	HCC, 76 points	Linnie Hu
Dendrobium Martine Minet 'Mymp'	AM, 81 points	Catherine Obillo
<i>Gomesa eleutherosepala</i> 'Lise'	CCM, 84 points	Mary Gerritsen
Paphiopedilum Barbara Rechberger 'Oside's Little Lantern'	HCC, 79 points	Tim Culbertson
<i>Rossioglossum grande</i> 'Woodside'	HCC, 77 points	Pierre Pujol
<i>Cymbidium haematodes</i> 'Xi Yang Yang'	AM, 81 points	Evan Shen



Cymbidium haematodes 'Xi Yang Yang', grown by Evan Shen

**Dendrobium Hsinying
Chrysopense 'Noemi', grown by
Catherine Obillo**



**Paphiopedilum Barbara Rechberger
'Osie's Little Lantern',
grown by Tim Culbertson**

***Rossioglossum grande*
'Woodside', grown by
Pierre Pujol**



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 Carol Armendariz, James Baxter, Betty Chin, David Shen, George Spangler, Helena Wee, and Daniel Williamson!



Meeting Agenda

- 6:30 PM - SMGC doors open
- 7:00 PM - Zoom opens
- 7:00 PM - Speaker: Chaunie Langland
- 8:00 PM - Announcements
- 8:10 PM - Show and Tell
- Opportunity Table - TBA

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?
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