

DECEMBER 2025

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NEWSLETTER OF THE PENINSULA ORCHID SOCIETY



*Dendrobium Enobi Purple 'Little Plum',  
grown by Tom Waugh*

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

DENNIS OLIVAS

Let's welcome and support our officers and board members for 2026. They are as follows:

**President:** Susan Guterriez

**Vice-President:** vacant/Please we do need a volunteer

**Secretary:** Leena Wang

**Treasurer:** Dan Williamson

**Membership Chairperson:** Moeed Fawad

**Ways and Means:** Dennis Olivas

**Past President:** Dennis Olivas

**Board members as follows:** James Shao, Sylvia Darr, Ken Jacobsen

There were 24 members in attendance and 4 on Zoom. Thank you all! Thank you for those who stayed for the auction. We netted \$433 to add to our treasury.

My tenure as president for the POS is coming to an end. I would like to thank all of you for your support. I will serve on the board as ex-president. I will also serve as Ways and Means Chair. I will find ways to bring in supplies at the monthly meetings to sell to members. With the board's support, I would like to purchase plants/get donated plants to have a monthly silent auction.

## 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.

# DECEMBER MEETING

There will be no show and tell and plant raffle. In lieu of a general meeting on December 19, 2025, the Gold Coast Cymbidium Society and the Peninsula Orchid Society would like to invite the members to a social gathering potluck. You may bring your spouse or a guest.

Please respond to Dennis Olivas at [d.olivas@comcast.net](mailto:d.olivas@comcast.net) before December 12th, 2025, whether one or two will be attending.

Both societies will provide roast chicken and ham. Also, we will provide water, coffee, tea, dinner and dessert plates, cups, napkins, and dinnerware. We would like the members whose last name begin with the following alphabet to bring enough to serve 15 people:

**A to D:** Hors d'oeuvres

**E to I:** Salads

**J to R:** Hot dishes like scallop potatoes, mac and cheese, etc

**S to Z:** Desserts

Setup will begin at 6 pm, Hors d'oeuvres 6:30 and dinner at 7. For entertainment we will have a gift exchange. You may choose to participate or not. Believe me, it is fun! Bring a wrapped orchid or orchid related gift costing no more than \$20 for each in attendance. We will give you a ticket for each gift you bring. After dinner, we will start pulling tickets. Each person will pick a gift and quickly unwrap it. The next person can either pick an unwrapped gift or steal one that was already unwrapped. An item can be snagged only twice as it belongs to the last person who snagged it.

We would appreciate it if you all would help to clean up at the end of our fun night!

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## **December 19 - Peninsula Orchid and Gold Coast Cymbidium Society Meeting**

Setup will begin at 6:00 PM, at the San Mateo Garden Center, 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo, CA 94403. We will have a potluck and a gift exchange (bring a wrapped orchid or orchid-related gift costing no more than \$20)!

## **January 10 - Ken Jacobsen and Pierre Pujol's Open Greenhouse**

From 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Please text either Ken or Pierre (see flyer below) to reserve a time slot due to parking restrictions and to reserve plants before the sale.

## **January 31 - Gold Coast Cymbidium Society Annual Auction**

Doors will open at 1 PM, at the San Mateo Garden Center, 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo, CA 94403. Visit <https://www.goldcoastcymbidiumsociety.org/> for more details.

## Open Greenhouse

Who: Ken Jacobsen & Pierre Pujol

(650) 704-5239

(650) 255-9012

When: Saturday, Jan 10 from 9:00 AM until 3 PM

Standard Cymbidiums, Asian Cymbidiums,  
Mexican Laelias, Australian dendrobiums,  
Standard Cattleyas, and more

Many in bloom!

(BYOB: Bring Your Own Box)

You must text in advance to reserve a time slot due to parking restrictions.

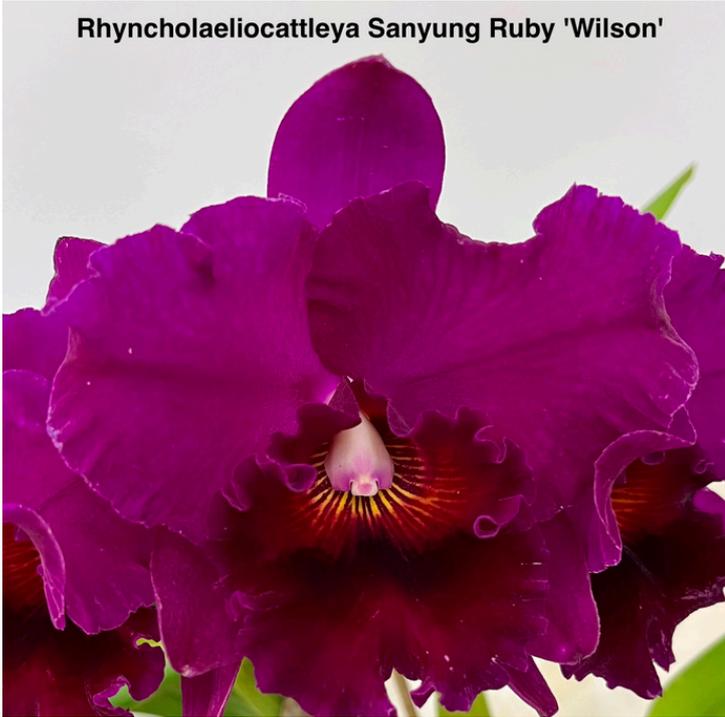
When you have a reserved slot, directions and parking instructions  
will be provided.

Plant lists are available, and plants can be reserved before the sale.

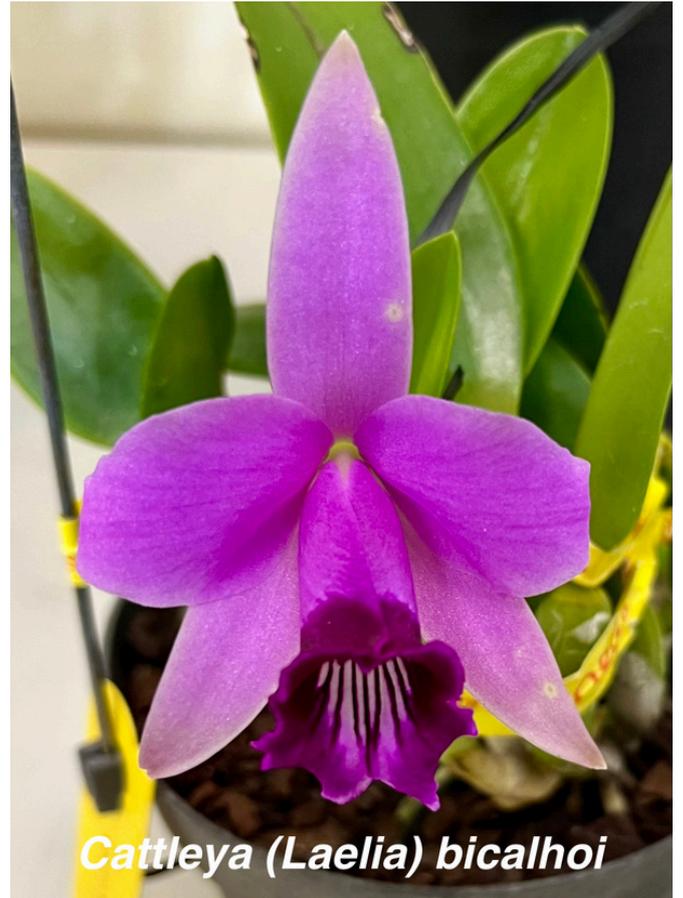
Contact Ken or Pierre for plant lists.

# NOVEMBER SHOW & TELL

Rhyncholaeliocattleya Sanyung Ruby 'Wilson'



grown by Catherine Obillo



*Cattleya (Laelia) bicalhoi*

grown by Linsie Hu



*Miltoniopsis Sun Glow 'Amazing'*

grown by Norma



*Cattleya Durban Rose X Rhyncholaeliocattleya Oconee Circle*

grown by Chaunie Langland



**Stanhopea Midnight Ramble 'Aaron' FCC/AOS**

grown by Dan Williamson



**Rhyncholaeliocattleya NP Gold 'Monkey Butt'**

grown by Natalia Margulis



**Gomesa (Synonym Oncidium) forbesii 'Belmont'**

grown by Anna Chai



**Dendrobium Rutherford Starburst**

grown by Tom Waugh

# 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 Kathy Barrett, Clint Evans, Hai Merfalen, Patricia Papa, Edith Rodriguez, Dave Tatro, Janusz Warszawski, Tom Waugh, Miva Wong, and Audrey Young-Tarter!



## Meeting Agenda

6:00 PM - Setup

6:30 PM - Hors d'oeuvres

7:00 PM - Dinner

For entertainment: Gift Exchange

**No Zoom or Show and Tell**

## 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](mailto:penorchidsoc@yahoo.com)!