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NEWSLETTER OF THE PENINSULA ORCHID SOCIETY

PENINSULA ORCHID SOCIETY

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

SUSAN GUTIERREZ

Hi everyone,

Planning for the spring show and sale is under way and **we need your help to make it a success.**

We need volunteers for the following positions:

- 1. Volunteer Coordinator** - Responsible for making sure that we have volunteers signed up to staff the various areas (i.e., room set-up, member sales plant check in, show plant check in, ribbon judging assistants, AOS judging assistants, member sales set up, entrance table, show room monitor, vendor room monitor, exit door security, membership outreach, hospitality helper, take down and clean up) This is not a complete list, but you get the idea of the scope of help needed.
- 2. Hospitality Coordinator** - Determine what food and drinks are needed for hospitality for vendors and volunteers. Coordinate hospitality helpers.
- 3. Member Sales Coordinator** - Check in member sales plants and set up member sales area.

The more help we have, the easier it will be to have a successful show and sale. If you are interested in helping out, please contact me by email: susangebrs@gmail.com. You can also talk to me at the February meeting.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Susan

FEBRUARY SPEAKER

Our February speaker, Tom Mudge, will be speaking on "Outdoor Vanda Growing in the Bay Area". Tom has been growing orchids for almost 40 years, and is a past President of the Peninsula Orchid Society.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

This is a friendly reminder that it's time for annual membership renewal!

Individual Membership: \$30.00

Family Membership (Entire Family at One Address): \$40.00

Individual Membership, Spouse of Life Member: \$15.00

You may pay by PayPal on our website, at <http://penorchidsoc.org/membership.html>.

If you have any questions, please contact us at penorchidsoc@yahoo.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 27 - Peninsula Orchid Society Meeting

At the San Mateo Garden Center. Doors open at 6:30 PM, Zoom opens at 7:00 PM. Tom Mudge will be presenting "Outdoor Vanda Growing in the Bay Area".

February 26 to March 1 - Pacific Orchid Exposition Show and Plant Sale

73rd Annual San Francisco Orchid Society Presents:
Pacific Orchid Exposition Show and Plant Sale

ORCHID OBSCURA

County Fair Building
1199 9th Ave.
San Francisco, CA

Preview Night:
Feb 26, 2026 6-9pm
(Must be 21 and older)

Feb 27 - Feb 28, 2026 10am - 5pm
March 1, 2026 10am - 4pm


www.orchidsanfrancisco.org
Discounted advance tickets available online

March 19-22 - Santa Barbara International Orchid Show

At the Earl Warren Fair Grounds in Santa Barbara, CA. Purchase tickets at:
<https://www.sborchidshow.com/show-tickets>

April 18-19 - Peninsula Orchid & Gold Coast Cymbidium Society Show and Sale

At the San Mateo Garden Center. There will be vendors, member sales, potting demonstrations, educational talks, AOS judging, and more! For more information, see the poster on the following page.




THE PENINSULA ORCHID SOCIETY &
GOLD COAST CYMBIDIUM SOCIETY
PRESENT

ORCHID SHOW & SALE

APRIL 18 (\$3 ADMISSION)
9 AM TO 4 PM

APRIL 19 (FREE)
10 AM TO 4 PM

**VENDORS,
MEMBER SALES,
EDUCATIONAL TALKS,
AOS JUDGING,
AND MORE!**



**SAN MATEO GARDEN CENTER
605 PARKSIDE WAY, SAN MATEO, CA**

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.

Happy birthday to Sandi Gaunt,
Eric Levenson, Tom Mudge, Julita Pacumio,
and Pierre Pujol!



Meeting Agenda

6:30 PM - Garden Center doors open

7:00 PM - Zoom meeting opens

7:00 PM - Tom Mudge

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.

2026 Board

President: Susan Gutierrez

Recording Secretary: Leena Wang

Treasurer: Dan Williamson

Ways and Means: Dennis Olivas

Director at Large: Sylvia Darr

Director at Large: Ken Jacobsen

Director at Large: James Shao

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