

*Angraecum sesquipedale*,  
grown by Helena Wee



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NEWSLETTER OF THE PENINSULA ORCHID SOCIETY

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

SUSAN GUTIERREZ

Hello Everyone,

We had a good March meeting. Ron Parsons, spoke about his recent trip to Australia and showed fabulous photos of orchids in the wild. Thanks Ron for an interesting talk. We had a great show and tell table as well filled with lovely orchids.

Our Spring Show and Sale that we are co-hosting with Gold Coast Cymbidium Society is next weekend, April 18 -19. We need your help to make it a success. (I know I keep saying that, but it is true!) We are in need of volunteers for both Saturday and Sunday with many more open spots on Sunday. Please spare a few hours of your time to help out. You can sign up online at: <https://signup.com/go/QPkfBua>

Donations of baked goods and snacks are appreciated. You can drop them off anytime on Saturday or Sunday.

Upcoming Orchid Shows this month:

**April 24 - 26, 2026**

Napa Valley Orchid Society Show

Napa Senior Center

1500 Jefferson St, Napa, CA 94559

**April 17 - 19, 2026**

Sacramento Orchid Society Show

Carmichael Elks Lodge

5631 Cypress Ave, Carmichael, CA 95608

Our speaker this month will be Tim Culbertson. He will be discussing "Masdevallias You Can Actually Grow". Tim will also be bringing masdevallias for sale. Opportunity table plants are from Sunset Valley Orchids.

I hope to see you next weekend at the Spring Show and Sale and at our monthly meeting on April 24.

Susan

# APRIL SPEAKER

TIM CULBERTSON

One of my passions has always been plants. I began growing orchids as an offshoot from working at Longwood Gardens in Philadelphia just after college. From the very beginning it was all about Paphs, particularly awarded and select clones of historic importance, of which my collection numbers nearly 3000. I currently manage the paphs at Sunset Valley Orchids, and do hybridizing in a wide range of genera. I am an accredited judge with the American Orchid Society, and have served in various capacities with various orchid societies in California and on the East Coast. I love meeting other people who like orchids too, and doing so often finds me traveling to shows, vendors, and peoples' greenhouses to see the latest and greatest in new hybrids and to get the best orchid gossip. I like to be involved in plants as much as possible: in addition to Longwood, I've worked at the Smithsonian Institution tending to their orchids, and for years for the United States National Arboretum, collecting rare plants and documenting cultivated species and hybrids for their herbarium. In short, I really like plants.

For your meeting, I'll be sharing a presentation entitled "Masdevallias You Can Actually Grow." It's been such a pity that these absolute gems trace most of their heritage to cold-growing, cloud forest species. Some modern hybridizers are pushing back on those temperature requirements to make new Masdevallia hybrids which are compact, floriferous, colorful, and that grow and bloom in normal intermediate conditions in mixed collections. These plants are easy to grow and flower, are vigorous, and have low demands on light and fertilizer, and as such are wonderful plants! I will help to identify important species in the backgrounds of historically important and modern Masdevallias, as well as discuss the different directions of breeding warmth tolerance. By the end of this presentation, you will have a new appreciation of what goes into breeding trends for these types of plants, as well as an appreciation of their beautiful flowers and ease-of-growth.



# MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

This is a friendly reminder about 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](mailto:penorchidsoc@yahoo.com).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **April 17 - 19 - Sacramento Orchid Society 77th Annual Orchid Show**


April 17 (preview night) from 6:30PM to 9:00PM, and Saturday April 18th from 10:00AM to 5:00PM and Sunday April 19th from 10:00AM to 4:00PM. At the Carmichael Elks Lodge #2103, 5631 Cypress Ave, Carmichael, CA 95608. For more information, please visit: <https://www.sacramentoorchids.org/new-events>

### **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. Sign up to help at: <https://signup.com/go/QPkfBua>.

### **April 24 - 26 - Napa Valley Orchid Society Show**

At the Napa Senior Center, 1500 Jefferson St, Napa, CA 94559. Orchids, orchid-adjacent plants, and supplies will be for sale. Demonstrations on orchid care will also be held. From 10 AM to 4 PM on Saturday and 10 AM to 3 PM on Sunday. For more information, visit: <https://www.thenapavalleyorchidsociety.org/>




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!**



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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 Lynne Gentry,  
Mike Green, C. Todd Kennedy, Mark Khoo,  
Eric Langland, and Katy Waugh!



## Meeting Agenda

6:30 PM - Garden Center doors open  
7:00 PM - Zoom meeting opens  
7:00 PM - Tim Culbertson  
8:00 PM - Announcements  
8:10 PM - Show and Tell  
Opportunity Table from Sunset Valley Orchids

## 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  
Membership Chair: Lolia Kwan  
Ways and Means: Dennis Olivas  
Director at Large: Sylvia Darr  
Director at Large: Ken Jacobsen  
Director at Large: James Shao  
Past President: Dennis Olivas

Do you have something you would like to include in the next newsletter?  
Send an email to [penorchidsoc@yahoo.com](mailto:penorchidsoc@yahoo.com)!

# MARCH SHOW AND TELL

Pictures taken by Paul Asente



*Paphiopedilum* Agnes Wong, grown by Linsie Hu



*Cymbidium* Yoko Takai 'Hatfields 4N x Karen Hawaiian 4N, grown by Susan Gutierrez



*Epidendrum* Butterfly Kiss, grown by Helena Wee



Clockwise from top left: Cymbidium Saigon Sunrise Woodside (Sylvia Darr),  
Sarcochilus Sweetheart 'Edith' x Enid 'Hercules' (Natalia Margulis),  
Phalaenopsis 'Expressions' (Paul Asente)



Clockwise from left: *Cymbidium* (Jollity x *parishii*) Sterling (Sylvia Darr),  
*Cymbidium parishii* (C. Todd Kennedy),  
*Dendrobium Nobile* hybrid (Paul Asente)