

JULY 2026

Thunia Veitchiana,
grown by Todd Kennedy



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NEWSLETTER OF THE PENINSULA ORCHID SOCIETY

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

SUSAN GUTIERREZ

Hi Everyone,

We had a good turnout at our June meeting, with 24 members attending in person to hear Peter Lin's talk on Aerangis, Angraecum and Aeranthes. We also had a good display on the show and tell table.

I am looking forward to our July speaker, Lourens Grobler from Afri Orchids in South Africa. It will be an interesting talk on the non-angraecoid orchids of Africa. He will be providing plants for the Opportunity Table.

Lourens will be a vendor at the Orchids in the Park in San Francisco on July 25-26. Hopefully you will have a chance to get to the show and see beautiful orchids on display and buy beautiful orchids to take home!

It is time to start planning for next year's POS board. We are in need of members to volunteer to run for a board position and help to shape the activities of the Society. If you are interested, please send me an email (susangebers@gmail.com) or talk to me at the meeting. We will announce the slate at the October meeting and hold the election at our annual meeting in November.

We also need to have someone to take on the position of Coordinator for the Orchid Auction to be held in October. If you are interested, email me or talk to me at the meeting.

Be sure to bring your plants for show and tell. Fill out a tag with both the plant's name and your name for inclusion in the newsletter.

We could use help in setting up and putting away tables and chairs for our meeting. The doors open at 6:30 and all help is appreciated.

I look forward to seeing you on July 24. Bring a friend!

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE NON-ANGRAECOID ORCHIDS OF AFRICA

JULY SPEAKER: LOURENS GROBLER

Lourens has been growing orchids since he was 10 years old. He now co-owns Afri Orchids, nursery specialising in species from around the world. The collection includes approximately 4000 species and a few hybrids. He is co-author of *Field Guide to the Orchids of Northern South Africa and Swaziland*, published in 2008. He has been an accredited South African Orchid Council Judge since 1998.

This month, Lourens will present his talk: An Introduction to the Non-Angraecoid Orchids of Africa.



Lourens with his wife, Jolisa

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 25 - 26 - Orchids in the Park

Saturday from 10 AM to 5 PM and Sunday from 10 AM to 4 PM. At the San Francisco County Fair Building. For more information and to purchase tickets, see the poster on the following page or visit <https://orchidsanfrancisco.org/orchids-in-the-park>.

August 1 - California Sierra Nevada Judging Center, Speaker's Day

Saturday from 8:30 AM to 4 PM. Speakers, vendors, and even a live auction! For more information, please see the poster on the following pages.

October 20 - Huntington Fall Orchid Event

From 10 AM to 7:30 PM at the The Huntington Library & Gardens, 1151 Oxford Rd, San Marino, CA. There will be lectures, orchid sales, and a happy hour with an auction and dinner. Register online at <https://www.orchiddigest.org/202-speakers-day>.



ORCHIDS IN THE PARK

JULY 25 & 26

@SF COUNTY FAIR BUILDING

1199 9TH AVENUE, SAN FRANCISCO CA 94122



**TICKETS
ON SALE!**

Advanced tickets
Recommended



**ORCHID
DISPLAYS &
VENDORS**

Workshops, Plants &
More



**ALL AGES
WELCOME**

Educational & Family
Friendly activities

MORE INFO & TICKETS
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CSNJC PRESENTS SPEAKER'S DAY 2026

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

Speakers and topics:

ROY TOKUNAGA, H&R Orchids-'Dendrobiums'
FRED CLARKE, Sunset Valley Orchids-'Catasetum'
FRANCISCO MIRANDA, Miranda Orchids, 'Brazilian
Cattleyas'

CARMICHAEL ELKS LODGE, 5631 CYPRESS AVE

8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

AOS JUDGING STARTS 9:00 AM

**ADVANCE TICKETS \$10 FOR AOS MEMBERS AND CSNJC
SUPPORTING SOCIETIES
\$30 NON-MEMBER OR AT THE DOOR**

Orchid Vendors:

GOLD COUNTRY ORCHIDS
PAPH PARADISE
IN-SITU ORCHIDS
D&D FLOWERS
SUNSET VALLEY ORCHIDS
MIRANDA ORCHIDS

ALSO OUR FAMOUS LIVE AUCTION



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 Anna Chai,
Natalia Margulis, Bridget McGuigan,
Lisa Pace, Jung Hee Ra, and
Neal Winslow!



Meeting Agenda

6:30 PM - Garden Center doors open

7:00 PM - Zoom meeting opens

7:00 PM - Lourens Grobler

8:00 PM - Announcements

8:10 PM - Show and Tell

Opportunity Table - Afri 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: Lolita 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!

JUNE SHOW & TELL

Many thanks to Paul Asente, who took photos of the show and tell plants this month!



Masdevallia Peach Fuzz 'Golden Giant' FCC/AOS (Dan Williamson)

Rossioglossum williamsianum (Todd Kennedy)

Paphiopedilum Lynleigh Koopowitz (Chaunie Langland)

Cattleya grandis (Todd Kennedy)



Cattleya Canhamiana 'JG' AM/AOS (Chaunie Langland)

Cattleya leopoldii var. *purpurea* x *Schomburgkia Brysiana* 'Bolin' (Bill Weaver)

Laelia purpurata 'Bright Stripe' x 'Great Stripe' (Helena Wee)

Beallara Big Shot 'Pink Leopard' (Paul Asente)