

AUGUST 2026

Phragmipedium Don Wimber,
grown by Chaunie Langland



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NEWSLETTER OF THE PENINSULA ORCHID SOCIETY

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

SUSAN GUTIERREZ

Hi Everyone,

We had a very good July meeting with 34 members attending in person to hear Lourens Grobler speak about South African Orchids. The Show and Tell table was full of blooming plants. Thank you to everyone who brought in orchids to share.

Save the date, October 24, 2026 for the POS Orchid Auction. Dennis Olivas has volunteered to be the coordinator for the event. Details will be coming soon. In the meantime, start going through your collection to see which orchids you might be willing to part with.

Members are needed to serve on the board in 2027. The positions of President, Vice President, Membership Chair and Director are available. If you are interested in helping your society, please email me at susangebrs@gmail.com. You can also speak with me or Chaunie at the meeting for more information.

Pierre Pujol will be speaking at our August meeting on how to successfully grow cymbidiums. He will also be providing plants for the Opportunity Table.

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 August 28. Bring a friend!

Susan

GROWING CYMBIDIUMS SUCCESSFULLY

SPEAKER: PIERRE PUJOL

Pierre has been growing orchids for the past sixteen years, starting in his backyard in Redwood City and later expanding to an unheated greenhouse in Half-Moon Bay. He uses his life science education, natural curiosity, and thirst for new challenges to care for his collection and create new hybrids.

Overall, Pierre's plants have won more than a hundred AOS and CSA awards, many of which for his own cymbidium hybrids, including the prestigious Ernest Hetherington award for the most outstanding cymbidium awarded in 2024. His display at the POE show in San Francisco received the Orchid Digest Corp. show trophy given for high quality, good taste and great design.

Originally from France, Pierre lived and worked in Europe, China and the USA as an executive in Healthcare companies. He was also a high-level competitive athlete in running and triathlon events.



ORCHID AUCTION

Refreshments are welcome and appreciated!

Date: Saturday October 24, 2026

Place: The San Mateo Garden Center, 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo.

Time: Plant check- in from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM
Bidder registration and plant preview from 1:00 PM to 1:30 PM
Auction starts at 1:30 PM

2026 Auction Plant Registration Rules for members:

- 1) Plants must be established, healthy, insect and disease/virus free.
Plants not in optimum condition will be rejected. Any discrepancies after the close of the auction will be between the seller and buyer of the individual plant. POS will not be responsible.
- 2) Plants without a registered name or cross will not be accepted.
- 3) We will accept up to 10 plants per person which should be supplemented by 2 or more donation plants to the POS.
- 4) Registration of plants to be auctioned will be cut off at 150 plants, including donations.
- 5) Register your plants ASAP to insure a spot in the catalog
- 6) Please send separate pictures of each plant and its flower to James Shao at jamesmsss55@gmail.com, the sooner the better. It does take time and effort to compile the auction catalog.

Conduct Rules:

- 1) No plant will be allowed into the building the day of the auction unless it is in the catalog or otherwise pre-approved.
- 2) There is no cost to register for bidding and receive a numbered paddle.
- 3) Bidders may not check out until the last item is auctioned, the auction is concluded, and auction accounting has been completed (this can take 15 minutes, please be patient). No lines may form that block the view of auction auditors, the treasurer, or the record keepers.
- 4) San Mateo County sales tax on their purchases will be paid by the bidders at check out.
- 5) Itemized receipts to bidders may not be available at check out, so please keep your own backup tally of your successful bids.
- 6) Payments may be made by cash (exact change), check, credit/debit card, Apple Pay, PayPal, Google Pay, or Samsung Pay.
- 7) Plants may not be removed from the auction room by the buyers until the buyer has checked out and payment has been received.
- 8) All bidders must be present in the auction venue. Private arrangements between a remote buyer and a designated bidder are allowed, however, payment must be made for all purchases at the auction, plants must be picked up immediately after purchase, and POS will not be responsible for any shipping or delivery arrangements or costs.
- 9) Questions? Contact d.olivas@comcast.net

Abbreviations and Terms Used In the Catalog:

BB: Back Bulb **MP:** Mother Plant or Division of MP **GB:** Mature Bulb with Green Leaves
G: Recent Growth **MS:** Meristem or Mericlone **RA:** Reverse Auction from the SMB
SMB: Sellers Minimum Bid **SEV:** Seller's Estimated Value

CMV/OSRV Negative: Indicates seller has stated plant tested negative for Cymbidium Mosaic Virus and Odontoglossum Ringspot Virus within the last 90 days.

The ID column identifies the supplier of the auction plants:

An index of identifiers will be listed below. Alphabetic characters (AA) identify individual suppliers. Sale plants are denoted by AA-NN, where the numeric part (NN) is used for accounting purposes. Donations are indicated by D-AA-NN.

The identifiers and corresponding donor/seller names are:
 Examples:

AYT Audrey Young-Tarter **IFJ** Florence Inserto **RNJ** Ron Norris and Jason Douglass,
BW Bill Weaver **JB** Jim Baxter **KJ** Ken Jacobsen

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 9-10 - Fall Orchid Market, Carmel Orchid Society

Orchid and companion plants for sale, orchid displays, growing lectures, and repotting demonstrations. Please visit <https://www.carmelorchidsociety.org/events/> for updates on additional information.

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>.

October 24 - Peninsula Orchid Society Auction

Auction begins at 1:30 PM, at the San Mateo Garden Center. Refreshment donations for the auction are welcome and appreciated. Please see details above for more information.

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. Please include the plant names and clear pictures.

Happy birthday to Zachary Coney, Shin Hsieh, and Judy Lau!



Meeting Agenda

6:30 PM - Garden Center doors open

7:00 PM - Zoom meeting opens

7:00 PM - Pierre Pujol

8:00 PM - Announcements

8:10 PM - Show and Tell

Opportunity Table - Pierre Pujol

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

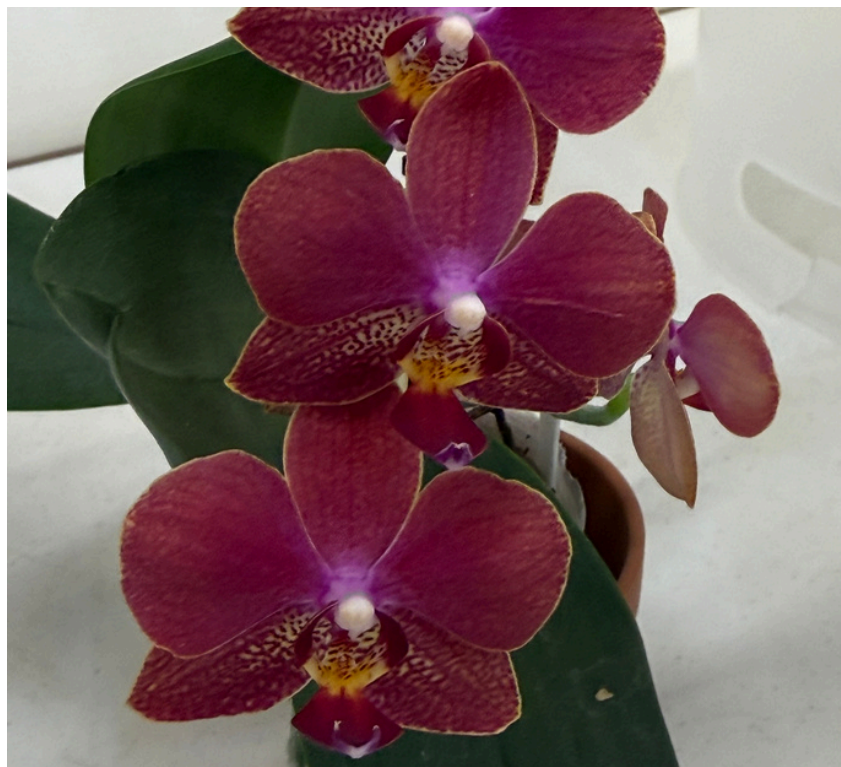
Do you have something you would like to include in the next newsletter?
Send an email to penorchidsoc@yahoo.com!

JULY SHOW & TELL

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



Chiloschista segawae (Linsie Hu)
Cynorkis gibbosa (Helena Wee)
Vanda falcata 'Manjushage' (Tom Waugh)
Vanda falcata Yodonomatsu (Anthony R.)



Dendrobium Yaya Victoria (Natalia Margulis)
Chaubardia heteroclita (Chaunie Langland)
Phalaenopsis hybrid (Paul Asente)
Prosrhyncholeya Chief Green Sky (Linsie Hu)