

The Sheath

October Auction Meeting

Date: October 24, 2008

Time: 7:00 PM Annual Auction

Place: San Mateo Garden Center

605 Parkside Way, San Mateo, CA

Take the Alameda de las Pulgas exit off of Hwy. 92.
The Garden Center is located between 26th and 28th
Avenues

Mailing address: P.O. Box 6894, San Mateo, CA 94403-6894

**The 4th Friday, not the
last Friday!**

Volunteers please
arrive at **4:00 PM**

**Plant and item check-
in from 5:00 PM to
6:30 PM**

**Bidder registration
begins at: 5:00 PM**

**Auction begins at 7:00
PM**

Cash or checks only

This month our meeting will be devoted to our Annual Auction. The Society welcomes and greatly appreciates all donations since this event is our main source of income for paying our expenses through-out the year.

Auction Plants and Items will be accepted beginning at 5:00 PM. **Items must be presented for check-in by 6:30 PM - including pre-registered plants and items. No exceptions.** Particulars about how many plants you can sell or donate, etc. are listed on page 4. Items should arrive for check-in already tagged with their auction code number (if pre-registered), orchid code, your name, and minimum bid (if any). If you don't pre-register, be sure to write your 4 digit auction code on your plant tag when you receive your numbers.

The list of pre-registered items (as of press time) can found on pages 2 and 3. The updated list of pre-registered items can be found at <http://d.penorchidsoc.org/category/auction/items>.

If you would like to donate plants to the auction, or have any questions, please contact Brett Francis, Mary Gerritsen, or Rene Biggs. The POS reserves the right to refuse any plant or supplies offered for auction. Plants should be established and must be disease and insect free. Please bring only plants that you would bid on.

We are fortunate to have as our auctioneers this year **Ken Jacobsen** and **Jeff Trimble** assisted by a multitude of great volunteers - picking, running, recording, serving refreshments, as well as check-in and receiving payment. We will also have a wonderful **silent auction** - including a fabulous Victorian-style Orchid Stand. Be sure to check it out! If you don't want it, you could buy it for the editor.

You may want to bring a box or two with you, to take home all of your new found treasures.

Refreshments will be served - you are still welcome to bring goodies with you and receive your 5 strips of opportunity table tickets at the November meeting.

Auction Code	Vendor Code	Plant/Item	Minimum Bid	Size
		from Ann Bailey Stuart		
1001	AB01	Den. helix x williamsonii	\$20	6" pot
1002	AB02	Bulb umbellatum	\$5	6" basket
1003	AB03	Brassavola Kiilani Stars	\$5	mounted
1004	AB04	Paph spicerianum	\$5	3.5" pot
1005	AB05	Den Patriot Beauty	\$5	6" pot
1006	AB06	Paph St. Albans	\$5	4" pot
1007	AB07	Bulb. lepidum x medusae	\$5	6" basket
1008	AB08	Den formosae x tobaense	\$5	6" pot
1009	AB09	B. pandurata x Burfordiense	\$5	8" basket
1010	AB10	Box 2 plants: L. purpurata var analeta and C. labiata	\$5	3" & 3.5"
		from Chaunie Langland		
1011	CL01	Charley's greenhouse valve assembly - new	\$50	
1012	CL02	1 gal. Waterwise 4000 countertop water distiller - used - exc. cond.	\$20	
		from Mike & Annie Green		
1013	AG01	Max. Tenuifolia	\$5	3" pot
1014	AG02	Brassia Haleahi Spidy	\$5	5" pot
1015	AG03	Ascocentrum miniatum 'Kai Gold'	none	6" pot
1016	AG04	Bulbophyllum Jersey	\$5	4 1/2" pot
1017	AG05	Dendrochilum Debbianum	none	3" pot
		from Japenth Ko		
1018	JK01	Masd. Machu Picchu 'Makawao Surprise' AM/AOS	\$10	3-4"
1019	JK02	Masd. Maui Sunset 'Orange Ice'	\$5	3-4"
1020	JK03	C. loddigesii f. coerulea 'Blue Sky' AM/AOS	\$10	5-6"
1021	JK04	C. harrisoniana 'Street Wise' HCC/AOS	\$10	5-6"
1022	JK05	Blc. Mahina Yahiro 'Ulii' AM/AOS	\$10	6"
1023	JK06	Blc. Murray Spencer 'Armroy's Dark Star' FCC/AOS	\$10	5-6"
1024	JK07	Blc. Zul	\$5	5"
1025	JK08	Lc. Canhamiana 'Azure Skies' AM/AOS	\$10	4"
1026	JK09	Coelygne Mem. Louis Forget	\$5	4"
1027	JK10	Bulb. sumatranum 'A-dorbidi' AM/AOS	\$10	4"
1028	JK11	AOS Bulletin Dec. 1997 through Nov. 1998, missing one	none	
		from Tanya Lam		
1029	TL01	Den spectabile	\$20	1 gal
1030	TL02	Bc. Maikai 'Mayumi' HCC/AOS (nodosa x bowringiana)	\$15	6"
1031	TL03	Blc. Nacouchee 'Mission Valley' AM/AOS	\$18	5"
1032	TL04	Lc. Gold Digger 'Orchidglades Mandarin'	\$18	6"
1033	TL05	Epi difforme var alba	\$18	4.5"
1034	TL06	Lc. Gold Digger 'Orchidglades Mandarin'	\$15	
1035	TL07	Den anosmum var alba	\$20	5"
1036	TL08	Den anosmum var Lillian Sparks	\$20	6.5"
1037	TL09	Phaius grandifolius var alba	\$20	1 gal
1038	TL10	Cyr. ventilabrum	\$20	5"

Auction Code	Vendor Code	Plant/Item	Minimum Bid	Size
1052	MG01	New – Blue Flame Ventless Heater – still in box from Anna Chai	\$50	
1053	AC01	Lc. Reid Patrick ‘Blue Beard’	\$5	8”
1054	AC02	Dendrochilum glumaceum	\$10	8”
1055	AC03	Coel. trinervis	\$5	6”
1056	AC04	C. intermedia v. aquinii	\$5	6”
1057	AC05	Den. yukidaruma ‘King’ AM/AOS	\$5	5”
1058	AC06	Bulb. corunculatum	\$10	6”
1059	AC07	Coel. Carolyn Sue ‘Loma Canyon’	\$10	6”
1060	AC08	Coel. Mem. W. Michalitz ‘Amy’ AM/AOS	\$10	6”
1061	AC09	Ada. aurantiaca	\$10	4”
1062	AC10	Lyc. Absolutely Stunning	\$10	6”
1063	AC11	Dendrochilum wezelii	\$5	3”
1064	AC12	Bollea Coelestis	\$5	3”
1065	AC13	Masd. coccinea ‘Royal Purple’	\$5	3”
1066	AC14	Masd. coccinea ‘Ston’ HCC/AOS	\$10	3”
1067	AC15	Masd. coccinea ‘Greenston AM/AOS’	\$10	3”

Donated from vendors at Orchid Fest:

Auction code	Plant/Item	Donor
1039	Cattleya walkeriana	Gold Country Orchids
1040	Masdevallia redwing	J and L Orchids, Easton Ct
1041	Masdevallia Angel Frost x Highland Fling	J and L Orchids, Easton Ct
1042	Masdevallia Angel Heart	J and L Orchids, Easton Ct
1043	Masdevallia Copper Cherub	J and L Orchids, Easton Ct
1044	Epidendrum blepharoclinum	Ecuagenera
1045	Epidendrum lockharioides (synonym aporum)	Ecuagenera
1046	Epidendrum brassivolae	Napa Valley Orchids
1047	Maxillaria sophronitis	Napa Valley Orchids
1048	GSL (Cattleya. x Guarianthe x Sophronitis) Memoria Doug Lace Roseminha	Cal Orchids
1049	Cymbidium Daddy’s girl	Cal Orchids
1050	Bifrenaria tyrianthina	Andy’s Orchids
1051	Pescatorea lehamannii	Andy’s Orchids

The editor does not guarantee that the spellings are correct for the plant entries. They have not been checked.

Cash or checks only - sorry, no credit cards

2008 Peninsula Orchid Society Auction (repeated from September issue of The Sheath)

Members, Friends and Fellow Orchid Enthusiasts:

The POS annual orchid auction has been a must-attend event for those in the orchid community in the San Francisco Bay Area. Every year, hundreds of orchid species, and orchid hybrids, as well as orchid books and magazines, greenhouse supplies, gift baskets, wine have been auctioned off to the highest bidder. This event is a major fund raiser for the POS, and funds generated from this event support the various activities of the Peninsula Orchid Society, including our speaker and skill sessions, our library acquisitions, and plain and simple things like renting the building where we hold our regular meetings.

As many of you have regularly attended the auction know all too well, the event starts off with a daunting array of plants and assorted items that must be auctioned by the close of the meeting. Some years the auction has started at 7 pm and continued until near midnight, with the items at the end of the auction going for as little as a dollar.

Based on feedback from our members, our auctioneers, our board members and our volunteers, this year we would like to modify the auction a little to achieve the following goals:

- ★ An outstanding selection of orchids and orchid related offerings to the attendees.
- ★ The opportunity for attendees to view the items to be auctioned before the event so that they can plan for those species, hybrids or other items they are really interested in.
- ★ For all of the items in the auction to be sold by 10:30 PM.

Based on the above, the board of the POS has made the following recommendations for the auction:

- 1) The total number of lots (single plants, box of plants, books, other related items, or collection of items) not to exceed 250.
- 2) Members may donate or sell (on consignment) up to a total of 20 plants/lots. The maximum number of plants/lot that any member can sell is 10; however, for example if a member wants to donate 15 lots and sell 5, that works too. Or donate 20 and sell 0! You can also combine two or more plants as a single "lot", Please consider donating plants, the proceeds support the POS. Plants are sold on consignment: 25% of the proceeds will go the POS and the owners will receive a 75% check by mail after the auction. All sales are subject to sales tax which will be collected by the POS.
- 3) If at all possible, members should pre-register the plants/lots they want to sell or donate by email to: the_sheath_editor@earthlink.net, using the form provided in this newsletter. If you don't have email you can mail the form to Chaunie Langland, 878 Cashew Way, Fremont, CA 94536.
- 4) Closing date for early submission of electronic or RECEIPT of snail mail lists is the MONDAY (October 20) before the auction.
- 5) There will still be the opportunity to bring plants or lots that have not been pre-registered, but all members should note that pre-registered plants or lots will be sold first.
- 6) The POS will accept donations in excess of the 250 cap but will reserve the option to use the donations in opportunity tables at subsequent meetings

All pre-registered items can be viewed on line at this url: <http://d.penorchidsoc.org/category/auction/items>

Plant tags are available on page 10.

Member News



A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO: Jim Baxter, Sharon de Wit, Ruthie Stryker, Isabelle Block, Bill Borter, Pat Proctor, Esther Cummings, Valerie Gray, Jon-Michael Irvin, Echo Hsu, Gill Yee, Eva Basa, Cher Dinishak, Linda Hyde, Gary Jones, Fred Cox, and Anne M. Riegel.

Belated Happy Birthday wishes to two of our past presidents - Dennis Olivas and Mary Jensen, both born in September.

*Our condolences to **Anne Reigel** whose husband passed away in September.*

Meeting Refreshments

Earn 5 free strips of Opportunity Table Tickets by bringing refreshments to any of the meetings! Your fellow members love all kinds of goodies. Please see either Olga Ostrovsky or Rebecca Grubbs for your “thank you” strip of opportunity tickets!

Oopsie!

I am pretty sure (but not positive) that two people gave me lists of orchids for the auction at the September meeting. However, when I got home I could only find one - from Annie. If you gave me your list at the meeting, my sincere and groveling apologies and please call me right away - Chaunie at 510-494-8850.

Upcoming Events

October 18th – 19th: Diablo View Orchid Society Orchid Show and Sale, World of Orchids; 320 Civic Dr, Pleasant Hill; Sat. 9AM - 5 PM, Sun 10AM - 4PM. Admission \$2

October 25 - Coastal Valley Orchid Society of Lompoc Orchid Expo and Sale - Lompoc Library - 10AM to 4PM - FREE admission. For more information www.coastalvalleyorchidsociety.com or call 805-736-3020.

October 28 - Marin Orchid Society Fall Auction - Marin Art and Garden Center, 30 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. in Ross. Silent auction 6:30 pm followed by live auction at 7 pm. Wine, cheese and other refreshments provided! Auction paddles \$2.

November 1 & 2 - Santa Barbara Orchid Estates Fall Open House. An annual event for the Central Coast. (800) 553-3387 <http://www.sborchid.com/events.php>

November 8 & 9 - Orchid Society of California Show and Sale - Lakeside Garden Center in Oakland - 10AM to 5PM each day, FREE. Plants must be entered by 8PM on November 7 for judging. There will be a plant drawing every hour. The awards ceremony will begin at 5:30 PM Saturday, with hors d'oeuvres and soft drinks. You may bring your own wine. Tickets are \$5.00 per person or \$10.00 per person after 2:00 PM Saturday, 11-8-08. For more information go to www.OrchidSocietyofCalifornia.com

November 22 & 23 - Orchid Society of Santa Barbara Fall Show - 10 AM at SB Museum of Natural History, 2599 Puesta del Sol Road, Santa Barbara. <http://www.orchidsb.net/calendar.htm>



Coastal Valley Orchid Society
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Proudly Presents the Third Annual

Orchid Expo & Sale

This Year's Theme
'Orchids for Everyone'

Saturday, October 25, 2008

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Lompoc Public Library

The Grossman Gallery

Come see surrounding Central Coast Orchid Society displays, local grower displays, how to grow outdoors, on a window sill, and in a greenhouse and learn about the Wonderful World of Orchids

Orchids for Sale by Central Coast Orchid Nurseries & Societies

Potting and mounting demonstration
11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Orchid Artwork on display

Accredited judges from the prestigious American Orchid Society (AOS) will be judging orchids beginning at 12 p.m. and the public is invited to observe the entire judging process!

Admission is FREE!

www.coastalvalleyorchidsociety.com

For more information contact Phil Rietz at 805-736-3020, Eileen Whitty at 805-733-2073, Jim Kotsybar at 805-740-1926 or Van Bivans at 805-735-4541

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**Orchids
on
Parade
2008**

**Orchid Society of California
Show & Sale**

FREE ADMISSION

Lakeside Garden Center
666 Bellevue, Oakland 94610
700 feet south of Children's Fairyland

Saturday, Nov 8
Sunday, Nov 9
10:00 AM to 5:00 PM



Information:

OrchidSocietyofCalifornia.com

Peninsula Orchid Society Auction Entry Form - October 24, 2008

Seller's Name and phone number: _____

Orchid code - two letters and a number, e.g. XX01, XX02 (the letters are usually your initials) (see pages 12 & 13 for new procedures!)

Orchid Code	Plant name or item	Minimum bid amount	Donation Y/N	Pot size

Editor's Corner

Last year I bought a large Ascocenda. Really large. A plant over 2 feet tall, with two blooming keikis, two new keikis, and roots hanging down over 2 feet long. And my greenhouse is small - 6 x 8 ft. I decided that I would sell this plant at the auction this year. I pulled the shade cloth back away from the roof over this orchid in August to bring it into bloom. It was in bud with one open flower two days before our September meeting. Things were looking good for finding a new home for it.

Then I virus tested it - I didn't want to risk selling an infected plant. Boohoo. It tested positive for CymMV (Cymbidium mosaic virus). I also tested my very favorite blue Ascocenda - in bloom with perfect looking leaves and I was planning to bring it for show-and-tell. It tested positive for CymMV also. I wondered (with two data points it is very easy to draw a straight line) if Vandaceous orchids had some property that caused them to give false positives on this test. (The other four orchids I tested that day were negative.) It was wishful thinking, of course. I asked Ken Jacobsen about it at the meeting. He told me if the test is positive, it's positive. If it's negative, well, that might not be true. Tom Perlite said the same thing during his talk at the meeting.

This was very helpful for my frame of mind. I was having a hard time moving those two orchids out of my greenhouse. So, the next day I hung them from my birch tree - halfway between the greenhouse and the garbage can. They will complete their journey when they have finished blooming.

Meanwhile, I still had eleven test strips and pouches from my purchase of twenty-five tests from Agdia. (<http://www.agdia.com>) So, in addition to moving my two Ascocendas, I tested my other five vandaceous orchids. One had CymMV, one had ORSV (Odontoglossum ringspot virus) and one had both. It was easy to carry the non-bloomers to the garbage can. So, out of eight vandaceous orchids I have three left. I also tested various other orchids showing possible virus type leaf discolorations plus my Sharry Baby, with 7 spikes on it, which had been within couple of feet of the big Ascocenda. All tested negative. Thank heavens I don't have to completely empty my greenhouse!

The virus tests cost about \$5 per test. I have, in the greenhouse, indoors, and outside, about 160 plants. All of them need to be tested. However, one money saving idea we learned at the virus testing skill session that Amy and Ken Jacobsen put on, was to put samples from 5 plants in one test pouch, if you think they are not infected. If you are right, you just saved \$20. If you are wrong, you just spent an extra \$5.

Once I test my entire collection (except the tiny ones that would require the entire plant for the test), I vow to follow Amy and Ken's practice of testing all newly acquired plants. Vendors can't test every plant they sell. Not all hobby growers have bought into this testing program. (Awareness is still growing.) It is the responsibility of each person to protect their own collection.

While Agdia has a web site, you actually have to call them at 1-800-622-4342 to order your test kit(s). They sell kits containing supplies for 5, 25 or 250 tests. Their kits have a one year shelf life - in your refrigerator. http://www.agdia.com/cgi_bin/catalog.cgi/13300 You could use the unclassified ads section in *The Sheath* to find other members to go in with you on a large test kit.

Another option is to send your labeled and individually packaged tissue samples to Critter Creek Labs in Lincoln, CA. <http://www.crittercreeklab.com> or (916) 645-7111. They also offer testing for BYMV virus found in *Masdevallias* and allied genera.

Chaunie

Car Pool Corner

Have more fun! Talk about your orchids all the way to the meeting! Carpool with other members. You can advertise for a ride or offer a ride to and/or from the meeting. It's up to you whether you want to share gas costs, trade driving, whatever. Send your car pool ad to the_sheath_editor@earthlink.net by the 5th of the month.

Unclassifieds

Members may advertise orchid related items. The ad is free. E-mail your ad to the_sheath_editor@earthlink.net or mail to 878 Cashew Way, Fremont, CA 94536. Be sure to include your name and phone number. Ads must be received by the 5th of the month to be included that month's newsletter.

The tables I wish to give away are made of redwood, but they have become gray over the years. They are still quite sturdy. One is 3' H X 2' D X 5 1/2' L and the other one is 1' H X 2' D x 5 1/2' L. They will hold 8 or 9 med. large cymbidium pots each easily. If you are interested, please call Nancy at 650-321-3302(H) or 650-224-9837(C) to arrange for pick-up.

November Board Meeting

The November Board meeting will be held on Wednesday the 12th at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mary Gerritsen, 541 Parrott Drive, San Mateo. The board meetings are open to all members and we'd like to encourage you to attend. If you have any issue that you'd like brought to the board, but cannot attend, you can call any board member and they will present your issue for you.

Membership - please do not renew until January

Please remember NOT to renew your membership until January or February. Sue likes to keep this year's and next year's money separate, and our fiscal year begins in February, so your check will not be cashed until next February, no matter when it is received.

No January meeting - but there is a great alternative

Due to the scheduling negotiations for our show in January, we will not have a meeting on January 23, 2009. Instead, Golden Gate Cymbidium Society will hold their meeting on our usual date. January seems like a pretty good time to drop in on the Cymbidium group, so why not plan to go to their meeting as a guest - if you aren't already a member.

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Seller's Name _____
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Time to dry out!

You may remember the talk we had from Marni Turkel last year titled "Give It A Rest". Halloween to St. Patrick's Day or so, some of your orchids need little or no water if you want them to bloom later in the year. I followed Marni's advice and did this with my Phaius last winter, with resulting nice flowers this summer (too bad the aphids thought so also).

While we don't have anyone (as far as I know) who takes great notes during our speaker's talks, Marni gave this talk for Diablo View recently and there is a nice summary, written by Brad Piini, in their October newsletter. <http://www.diablovivos.org/NewsLetter/2008/Oct2008.pdf>.

Included in her list is Neofinetia falcata, which I remember from her talk at POS. I thought I had let my mind wander and heard wrong - that maybe she had said of course not Neofinetia. My culture sheet from the Baker's shows 3" of rain in the "dry" months for Neofinetia in the wild. I am not the most successful POS member when it comes to blooming Neofintia falcata, though I did get one to flower after moving it to a brighter spot on advice from another POS member. I am curious if those of you who are Aces do give your Neofinetias a dry rest over the winter? What other plants do you recommend be given a dry rest?

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