

THE SHEATH

December General Meeting

Date: December 19, 2008

Time: 7:45 PM General Meeting

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 3rd Friday this
month only!**

7:15 PM

**Wine and Cheese
Reception**

followed by

Show and Tell Table

Guest Speaker:

Ron Coleman

Opportunity Table

White Oak Orchids

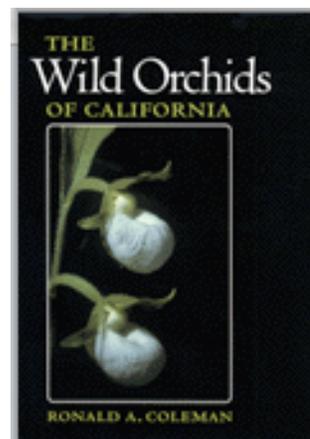
**Show sign-up sheet
on the back table**

The Best of the West, Native Orchids of the Western US

Speaker Ron Coleman

Ron Coleman, a retired electronics engineer, currently lives in Tucson, AZ. He has been growing orchids in a green house for over 30 years and his plants have won several American Orchid Society awards such as CCM, HCC and AM. Ron has served as president of the Ventura County and Thousand Oaks Orchid Societies. His interest in native orchids dates from a chance discovery of *Corallorhiza mertensiana* in Washington in 1972. He is a published author with over 30 orchid articles to his credit, most dealing with native orchids. They have appeared in the American Orchid Society Bulletin (know Orchids), The Orchid Digest, Fremontia, Selbyana, and Madrano. Ron is the author of *The Wild Orchids of California*, published in 1995 and *The Wild Orchids of Arizona and New Mexico*, published in 2002. He co-authored the orchid

treatment in *Arizona Rare Plant Field Guide* prepared by the Arizona Rare Plant Committee, and was co-author of two orchid genus treatments in the *Flora of North America*, Vol 2, published in 2002. Ron's photographs appear in many books and magazines. He is currently working as an editor on the the planned revision to the Jepson Manual Flora of California and will write major portions the orchid treatment. He enjoys searching for wild orchids wherever he may be and has found them in various habitats in Europe and much of North America. His talk will feature the most spectacular and beautiful of the western North American Native Orchids.





Cypripedium californicum



Hexalectris revoluta



Hexalectris warnockii



Dichromanthus cinnabarina



Hexalectris grandiflora



Cypripedium fasciculatum



Cypripedium montanum



Calypso bulbosa



Dichromanthus confusa

Native Orchids of the Western
US

Photographs by Ron Coleman
Speaker for December, 2008

Election Results

Our annual election of society officers and board members was held at our November meeting. These fellow members have generously agreed to give some of their time to running the business and organizational side of the club and have been gratefully elected by the members of the POS.

President:	Ken Jacobsen
Vice President:	Mike Rector
Recording Secretary:	Rebecca Grubbs
Treasurer:	Trudy Hadler
Accountant:	Sue Rose
Corresponding Secretary:	Judy Evans
Ways and Means:	Paul Reeve
Membership:	Chaunie Langland
Directors at Large (4 positions):	Mary Gerritsen
	Carol Zoltowski
	Randall Takemoto-Hambleton
	Brett Francis

Editor's corner - Easy to Grow?

How often, in catalogs, articles, talks, and just talking with other hobby and professional growers have you heard that a particular orchid is "easy to grow"? I have been pondering, exactly what does that mean? I sent out a questionnaire, via e-mail last July, to answer that very question and here are some of the results: Phals are among the easiest to grow and flower. Phals are among the most difficult to grow, flower, or even to keep alive. And so it went, for almost every genus. Different experiences for different members. The only type of orchid that showed up consistently in the difficult column, but never in the easy column were Disas. I couldn't recall what they looked like and had to go to the Web, as, for obvious reasons, they don't appear on the Show and Tell table all that often.

Twenty-seven members gave their time to respond to the survey. They ranked themselves as: 10 novice growers; 10 intermediate growers; and 5 advanced growers (2 did not answer that question). One question was too hard to answer for most people - What is your favorite orchid? Some were able to make these choices: Maxillaria tenuifolia, Maxillaria, Cattleya, Blue Cattleya hybrids, Phalaenopsis hainanensis, Phalaenopsis, Cypripedium californicum, Masdevallia, Beallara Diana Dunn, long petaled Phragmipediums, and Phragmipediums.

I asked which orchids are DOOMED if they enter your house? The answers were many: Disas, Paphs, all cool growers, Masd., Phals, Phal. hybrids, Dendrobium cuthbertsonii, Odontoglossums, Pleurothallids, Cymbidiums, Miltonopsis, and slipper orchids.

Another question, which I won't cover this month, was "What type of orchids did you really want to be able to grow and bloom, but initially had trouble mastering? How did you discover what you needed to change?" People who answered this question should consider offering to give skill sessions. If a type of orchid has always been easy for you, maybe you are just lucky! If you have successfully overcome difficulties in your own growing situation to become successful with a type of orchid, then you are probably an expert on growing that type of orchid and have some wonderful advice to share with the rest of us.

President's Corner

For our December meeting, we are fortunate to have a well known guest speaker, author and naturalist, Ron Coleman of Tucson Arizona. Internationally recognized for his work and publications on native orchids of the Western US, Ron will entertain us with his spectacular photographs and tales of hunting the native orchids of Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho, Nevada, Arizona, Colorado and New Mexico. While the terrestrial orchids of the US are not as well known as many of the cultivated orchids we grow, there are some absolute gems in our woods. The slipper orchids (*Cypripediums*) are among the most elegant, and three species grow in California. There are other jewels such as the *Calypso* orchid and the stunning *Dichromanthus* species. This is a great introduction to our native orchids, and must for our membership. In previous years we have had "Native Orchid Tours" led by Ron Parsons, and our membership has enjoyed finding native orchids in the hills of the Bay area. Plans are underway for another Native Orchid Tour this spring.

We do not have a skill session planned for this meeting, but rather a wine and cheese reception and a chance to chat with and meet our speaker before his talk. For the naturalists in our society this is a great time to talk with one of the leading native orchid specialists in the US. The opportunity table this month is provided by White Oak Orchids.

See you there!

Mary Gerritsen
President, POS.

Member News

Welcome to new member Daniel Williamson!



A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO: Weldon Wilson, David Dunn, Gwen Watson, Janusz Warszawski, Alberta Wilmunder, Larry Wright Jr., Fernando Aspiris, Carolyn Countryman, Celine Dion, Carol Iverson, Diane Reeve, Linda Merrifield, David Tatro, and Ba Thu Nguyen.

January Board Meeting

The January Board meeting location is not known at "press" time. Please call the newsletter editor if you are interested in attending the meeting to learn the date and place. The board meetings are open to all members. 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.

Upcoming Events

December 7 - Winter Open Greenhouse Sale- Orchid Mania 11am-3pm 717 Paris St. San Francisco

December 10 & 11 - "Orchids Under the Oaks" at Alden Lanes Nursery- 10 AM- 4PM - 981 Alden Lane, Livermore, CA 94550 www.aldenlane.com

December 13 & 14 and 20 & 21 - Orchid Design Holiday Open Greenhouse - see poster below.

January 17 & 18 - Peninsula Orchid Society Annual Show and Sale - 10AM - 5 PM - Admission \$5 or \$3 - FOR MORE INFORMATION, READ THIS NEWSLETTER.

January 31 - San Diego County Cymbidium Society Annual Auction - starts at noon, see poster below

March 5-8 57th Annual Pacific Orchid Expo, "GREEN...WITH ENVY" Fort Mason Center, Preview: Thurs. 5th 6:30 p.m. - 10 pm; Show hours: Fri. 10 am - 6 pm; Sat. 9 am - 6 pm; Sun. 10 am - 5 pm. More information in the January and February *Sheath*.

Remember - no POS meeting in January, but you are more than welcome to attend the Gold Coast Cymbidium meeting that will be taking place instead.



**San Diego County
Cymbidium Society**



Annual Orchid Auction
Saturday, January 31, 2009

All Types of Orchids!
Preview at 11 a.m. Auction at 12 noon

Woman's Club of Carlsbad
3320 Monroe Street
Carlsbad, CA 92008

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Auction Chairperson: orchldy2@mac.com or 760-732-0055

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Culture class 6:30 p.m. - General meeting 7:00 p.m.



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2009 Show and Sale - January 17 & 18

Our show flyer is enclosed featuring a water color by Diana Gross. We'd also like to thank Mary Gerritsen for the great job she did in creating the flyer. For our show to run smoothly, we need lots of volunteers. Please contact the committee chairs (next page) for one or more of the opportunities below. We will also have a sign up sheet at the December meeting for you to add your name to. A little background on the show as well as a description of what jobs we need to have done before, during, and after the show is given below.

This annual show and sale provides an opportunity for our members to display their blooming plants and have them judged by accredited AOS and CSA judges. It also lets members (and guests) view many beautiful plants and discuss their culture with other growers. There will be 9 vendors selling plants as well as a member sales table this year. We also have several seminars scheduled throughout the weekend that will cover many aspects of growing orchids, a membership table, a raffle table and a plant "hotel".

FLYER DISTRIBUTION: First, we need volunteers to help us distribute our show flyers. We try to put our show flyers anywhere and everywhere we can (with permission). They do a wonderful job encouraging people to attend the show. We will have flyers available at the December meeting, so if you can help distribute them, please be sure and take some. Take them to your workplace, church, your dentist, community bulletin boards, or wherever you think they will help spread the word.

SET UP: Set up is Friday, January 16th. We will be setting up the display and sales areas. The tables get covered with plastic covers and skirting and the lighting must be set up. We also have to set up the admissions, membership and raffle areas. This work starts at 1:30 PM and we work throughout the afternoon and evening.

ADMISSIONS: This job requires you to greet the guests, take their "donation" and keep track of how they heard about the show. It is a sit down, social job.

MEMBERSHIP AND RAFFLE TABLE: This is also a sit down, social job. You tell people about our meetings and events. You sell the raffle tickets, and hand out culture sheets and invitations to our meetings. All sounds pretty easy, huh?

SECURITY: This is a stand up, social job. It is important to everyone that the plants in the show display area are not disturbed and we don't want any plants to enter or leave the display area. We need volunteers to keep a watchful eye on this area. Also, food and drink are not allowed in the display room. Volunteers in this area also get to talk to our guests... talk about orchids.. what else. It's easy and it's fun.

PLANT HOTEL: The Plant Hotel is a hot spot. This is a stand up and sit down social job. The hotel is where the visitors can keep their plants while they continue to enjoy the show and sales area. There is **no charge** to the guests (but there is a tip jar) and the job requires taking their plants, putting them in a box with their name on it, and giving them back when they return to leave. Again, you will get to talk to people and have fun.

HOSPITALITY: Carol would love to have one or two volunteers to help (especially at noon to 1:00 PM) keep the volunteers and vendors fortified with drinks, snacks, and lunch. This is a stand up job that requires someone willing to have the other volunteers and vendors really happy to see them.

TAKE DOWN: On Sunday, at 5:00 PM we need help with the take-down. This requires volunteers to help with security, keeping an eye on the front doors as people leave. We also need volunteers to help take down what we put up on Friday, and load the vehicles that will be taking our "stuff" back to the storage facility.

Thanks to Rene Biggs for allowing me to borrow all of this text from last year's newsletter! You did an awesome job writing this up Rene!

2009 Show and Sale - January 17 & 18 (continued)

Volunteer shifts normally are 3 to 4 hours, though arrangements can be made for shorter or longer shifts. You are welcome to volunteer for multiple shifts or multiple jobs.

Working at the show is always a lot of fun. Even in my non-active member years I would work a shift at the show and I always enjoyed it. If you have any questions about these jobs or if you would like to sign up to help, please call any of the committee chairs. We're happy to answer any of your questions.

When you report for your shift, please report to the area you will be working, or find the chairperson for your area.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Show Chair: Sue Rose 650-322-9853

Admission: Gloria Bygdnes 650-368-6475

Advertising/Publicity: Jackie Becker 650-322-2270

Advertising Flyer: Mary Gerritsen 650-348-6492

Awards/Trophies: Mary Gerritsen 650-348-6492

Classes: Su McMurtry 650-367-7515

Displays: Paul Reeve 650-366-3251

Hospitality: Carol Zoltowski 415-657-3222

Judging: Todd Kennedy 415-664-8851

Member Plant Sales: Anna Chai 650-592-7263 and Amy & Ken Jacobsen 650-508-8308

Membership/Raffle: Ginette Sanchou 650-361-8658 and Sue Rose 650-322-9853

Photos: Brett Francis 650-369-2329

Plant Entry: Gerardus Staal 650-328-2404 and Katie Walden 650-593-1981

Plant Hotel: Chaunie Langland 510-364-2274 & Susan Tong 510-651-7153

Set Up: Rene Biggs 650-593-4793

Security: Mike Rector 650-366-3401

Take Down: **OPEN - volunteer needed**

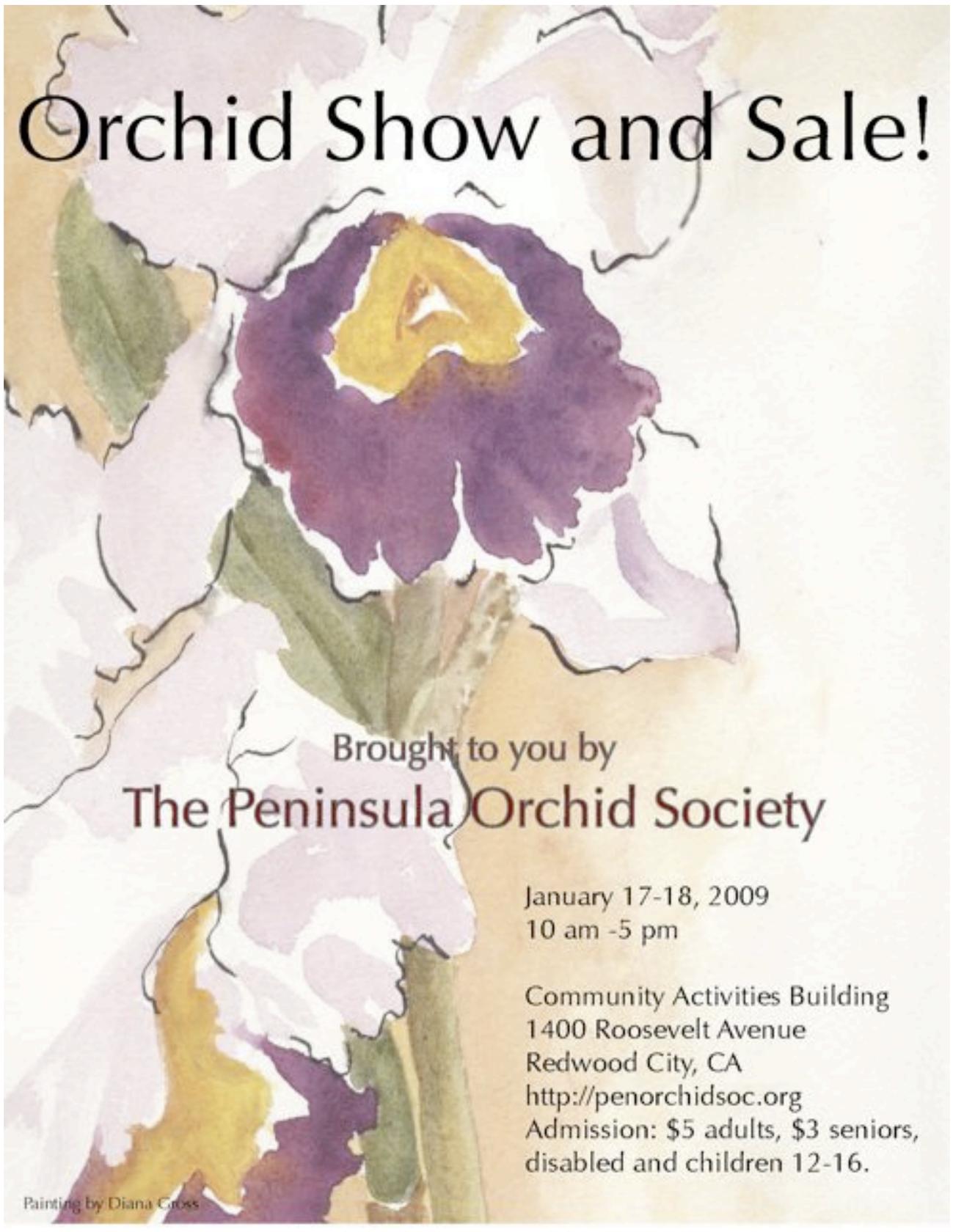
Vendor Sales: Rene Biggs 650-593-4793

2009 ORCHID DIGEST TROPHY

If you are interested in trying for the Orchid Digest Corporation Trophy at our 2009 show, you must contact our show chair, Sue Rose, by December 19 to participate. Space is limited and offered in a first request basis. The exhibit space for each entry is a 30"x30" area (card table size). This trophy is offered only to noncommercial exhibitors and judged per ODC rules for high flower quality and excellence of culture.

MEMBER PLANT SALES

We will have a member sales table set up at the show. If you would like to bring orchids to sell they may be dropped off at the Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Avenue in Redwood City, on Friday, Jan 16th from 2:00PM to 8:00PM. or before noon on Saturday January 17th. All plants will require a sales tag and an inventory list (both tags and lists will be available at the December meeting). There is no limit to how many plants you can bring to sell. Seventy-five percent (75%) of the sales will go to the seller and twenty-five percent (25%) will go to the Society. All plants must be healthy and free of disease and pests. The POS reserves the right to refuse any plant for sale. The POS is not responsible for any plants that may be lost or damaged. All unsold plants must be picked up by 5:30PM on Sunday, January 18th.



Orchid Show and Sale!

Brought to you by
The Peninsula Orchid Society

January 17-18, 2009
10 am -5 pm

Community Activities Building
1400 Roosevelt Avenue
Redwood City, CA
<http://penorchidsoc.org>
Admission: \$5 adults, \$3 seniors,
disabled and children 12-16.

Painting by Diana Cross

2009 Peninsula Orchid Society Show Rules

Any person may enter orchid plants or orchid cut flowers in the show, subject to these rules. Exhibitors need not be POS (Peninsula Orchid Society) members. Plants and flowers for exhibition at the show shall be delivered to the Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Avenue in Redwood City, on Friday, January 16th 2009 between 2:00 and 6:30 PM. NO EXCEPTIONS. The show concludes on Sunday at 5:00PM. Members interested in serving as clerks in judging should present themselves before 6:45PM on Friday. The show, including sales area, will not open until Saturday morning at 10:00AM.

The show is recognized and sanctioned by the American Orchid Society, Inc. (AOS) and the Cymbidium Society of America, Inc. (CSA). There will be three types of judging: for awards and trophies issued by POS, by CSA, and by AOS. Entry forms for each society will be available at the show entry table. All plants or flowers entered at this show shall be considered for an award by AOS unless the exhibitor has clearly marked the exhibit "Not for AOS Judging". The exhibitor is obligated to pay the fee for any AOS or CSA award granted unless so reserved from consideration. All plants entered for award by AOS, CSA, or POS shall remain displayed until conclusion of the show.

All plants shall be fully dressed and ready for exhibit before entering the show premises. No space is available for this in the show building. Only exhibitors assembling a table display shall be permitted in the exhibit area before the show is opened to the public, and shall withdraw at time of judging.

Neither AOS, CSA, nor POS shall be responsible for loss of, or damage to, plants or flowers entered for exhibition in the show. Exhibits shall be the property of the exhibitor, and been so for no less than six months before entry in the show. Only healthy plants that are free of pests and disease can be accepted for entry, and the Show Chair may exclude any exhibit from the show for any reason. Exhibits shall be correctly named and correctly entered in each class. Correct entry is the responsibility of the exhibitor. There will be experienced members present to help novices select the right entry category. Exhibitors must be certain to fill out both halves of each entry card. Judges may, but are not obliged, to reassign entries to a correct class. A multiple entry may be made only in classes of those grown outdoors, grown indoors, or if a first-bloom seedling. Meristem and stem-propagated plants are not first bloom seedlings for purpose of this show.

First, Second, and Third awards (ribbons) may be awarded for any class. An award or trophy may be withheld if, in the opinion of the judges, no exhibit is worthy. In considering exhibits, judges shall apply the standards stated on Page 105 of the Handbook for Flower Shows of National Garden Clubs, Inc.

POS SHOW CLASS REQUIREMENTS

Novice: An exhibitor who has won 0 or 1 trophies at any AOS approved show. Please note that ribbons are not considered trophies when determining your current show class.

Intermediate: An exhibitor who has won a total of 2 to 12 trophies at AOS approved shows.

Advanced: An exhibitor who has won more than 12 trophies at AOS approved shows.

Open: (A) An exhibitor who grows and/or sells orchid plants or flowers as a business and earns over 50% of his/her income from such sales.

(B) An exhibitor who buys space to sell orchid plants or flowers at more than two orchid events, shows, sales, benefits, farmers' markets, etc. in the 12 months prior to the date of this show. This does not include sales at orchid club monthly meetings.

NOVICE, INTERMEDIATE, ADVANCED, AND OPEN CLASSES

Each of the four classes will be awarded for the following alliances (awarded by ribbon judging team, judging the specific class and division)

- Best Cattleya
- Best Cymbidium
- Best Dendrobium
- Best Odontoglossum alliance
- Best Paphiopedilum
- Best Phalaenopsis
- Best Vandaceous alliance (excluding Phalaenopsis)
- Best Pleurothallid alliance
- Best entry from the miscellaneous division

PERPETUAL TROPHIES

Nominated only from the Best of Class plants and Perpetual Trophy plants

Barbara Todd Kennedy Trophy Best Flower in Show

The following are chosen from 1st place ribbon plants:

Katherine Jason Trophy Best Species Larger than 8" in height, including blooms
Vallemar Gardens Trophy Best Flower in Show grown by a Novice or Intermediate
Lil Severin Trophy Best miniature species under 8 inches in height, including the blooms
Clar Hancock Memorial Trophy Best culture for an orchid plant grown by a Novice or Intermediate
Kay Rinaman Memorial Trophy Best Cypripedium Alliance in Show

The following is chosen last, after all of the other Perpetual Trophies are awarded. Needs not be a 1st place ribbon winner, but cannot already have won a Perpetual Trophy at this show:

P.O.S. Perpetual Trophy Judges' Choice

ANNUAL SHOW TROPHIES: (Awarded at the Discretion of the AOS Judges)

A.O.S. Bronze Show Medal Outstanding Orchid Exhibit, as per AOS rules/no sq. ft. restrictions
O.D.C. Bronze Show Medal High flower quality and excellence of culture in a non-commercial exhibit, per ODC rules.

SPECIAL NOVICE TROPHIES:

- Best plant grown outdoors without greenhouse (not including Cymbidiums)
- Best plant or flower grown indoors with or without auxiliary light

OTHER TROPHIES:

- Best First Bloom Seedling -Plants grown from seed to maturity. Meristem/cloned plants not eligible.
- Best specimen grown plant
- Best interpretation of the show theme

Plant Classifications

NEWSLETTER OF THE PENINSULA ORCHID SOCIETY

DECEMBER 2008

A. Cattleya alliance (hybrids C. L. Lc. Bc. Bl. Blc)

- A1. White or semi-alba
- A2. Lavender or blue
- A3. Red or orange
- A4. Yellow, green or bronze
- A5. Splash petals or peloric
- A6. Broughtonia hybrids
- A7. Epidendrum & Encyclia
- A8. Sophronitis species
- A9. Sophro-hybrids (<10" incl. flowers)
- A10. Sophro-hybrids (>10" tall)
- A11. Cattleya & Laelia species
- A12. Other species
- A13. Other hybrids

B. Cymbidium

Flower spread: standard >3.5", intermediate 1.5"-3.5", mini < 1.5"

Species

- B1. Chinese
- B2. Other

Standard hybrids

- B3. White & pastels
- B4. Red, brown, & orange
- B5. Green & yellow
- B6. Album - pure white, yellow, green

Intermediate hybrids

- B7. White & pastels
- B8. Red, brown, & orange
- B9. Green & yellow
- B10. Album - pure white, yellow, green

Mini hybrids

- B11. White & pastels
 - B12. Red, brown, & orange
 - B13. Green & yellow
 - B14. Album - pure white, yellow, green
- Other hybrids
- B15. Arching or pendulous
 - B16. Spots, stipling, & stripes
 - B17. Peloric

C. Odontoglossum alliance (Oncidiinae)

- C1. Miltoniopsis species
- C2. Miltoniopsis hybrids
- C3. Miltonia species and hybrids
- C4. Odontoglossum species
- C5. Odontoglossum hybrids
- C6. Oncidium species
- C7. Oncidium hybrids
- C8. Tolumnia (equitants), species and hybrids
- C9. Brassia species and hybrids
- C10. Other genera: species and mono-generic hybrids
- C11. Bi-generic hybrids
- C12. Tri and mlti-generic hybrids

D. Paphiopedilum alliance

- D1. Species, single flower
 - D2. Species, multiple flowers
 - D3. Species Brachypetalum or Parvisepalum section
 - D4. Complex hybrid - White & cream
 - D5. Complex hybrid - Pink
 - D6. Complex hybrid - Green, yellow & tan
 - D7. Complex hybrid - Red & brown
- Antique, primary or maudiae type hybrids*
- D8. All except flame or vini-color types
 - D9. Flame or vini-color types
 - D10. Album - Green & white types
 - D11. Phragmipedium species

D12. Phragmipedium hybrids

E. Vanda alliance

- E1. Vanda species
- E2. Ascocentrum species
- E3. Other species
- E4. Vanda hybrids
- E5. Ascocentrum hybrids
- E6. Other hybrids
- E7. Angraecum alliance species
- E8. Angraecum alliance hybrids

F. Phalaenopsis & Doritis

- F1. Species
- F2. Hybrids - White & semi-alba
- F3. Hybrids - Pink
- F4. Hybrids - Red
- F5. Hybrids - Striped & spotted
- F6. Hybrids other colors
- F7. Species and hybrids: multifloral, branching inflorescences, and/or flowers <3".

G. Pleurothallids

- G1. Masdevallia species (coccinea, macrura, veitchiana)
- G2. Masdevallia species multi-flora (sec. amanda)
- G3. Masdevallia species other, leaves >3"
- G4. Masdevallia species other, leaves <3"
- G5. Primary Masdevallia hybrids
- G6. Other Masdevallia hybrids
- G7. Dracula species, flower >3" (incl. caudae)
- G8. Dracula species, flower <3" (incl. caudae)
- G9. Dracula hybrids
- G10. Other pleurothallid species
- G11. Other pleurothallid hybrids
- G12. Dracuvallia hybrids

H. Dendrobium (Classific. Lavarack, et.al.)

- H1. Calcarifera (e.g. victoriae-reginae)
- H2. Callista (e.g. chrysotoxum)
- H3. Calypstrochilis (e.g. lawesii)
- H4. Cuthbertsoniae
- H5. Dendrobium (e.g. nobile, parishii, loddigesii)
- H6. Dendrocoryne (e.g. speciosum)
- H7. Formosae (a.k.a. nigrohirsutae)
- H8. Latouria (e.g. atroviolaceum)
- H9. Oxygolssum (e.g. vexillarius)
- H10. Pedilonum (e.g. goldschmidtianum, jacobonii)
- H11. Phalaenanthe (e.g. phalaenopsis)
- H12. Spathulata (antelope type, e.g. canaliculata)
- H13. Species and hybrids in other sections
- H14. Intersectional hybrids
- H15. Related genera 9Dockrillia, Cadetia, Diplocaulobium, Epigeneium, Eria, etc.)

J. Others

- J1. Bulbophyllum species & hybrids
- J2. Catasetum species & hybrids
- J3. Lycaste species
- J4. Lycaste hybrids
- J5. Maxillaria species & hybrids
- J6. Zygopetalum species & hybrids
- J7. Inter-generic hybrids of the Maxillaria tribe (e.g. 3-6)
- J8. Other species ,<3" including inflorescence
- J9. Other hybrids ,<3" including inflorescence
- J10. Other species > 3"
- J11. Other hybrids
- J12. Decorative foliage

K. Plants grown without greenhouse - Novice only

- K1. Plants grown outdoors (excl. Cymbidium)
- K2. Plants grown indoors

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.

For Sale: Blue Flame Heater, Brand New. (cost ~200). 10000 BTU, Natural Gas Suitable for Greenhouse or Garage. \$50 Contact Mary Gerritsen 650 348 6492 or meg570@comcast.net

For Sale: Portable Swamp Cooler, used only once. (cost \$150). Suitable for cooling small greenhouse. \$75. Contact Mary Gerritsen 650 348 6492

Free: 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.

For Sale: Charlie's Greenhouse Low-Flow Water Valve System (#6044). Includes a manual shutoff valve, a filter, an electric solenoid valve, and a pressure gauge. Brand new, never been used, bought for \$130, too lazy to return it, yours for only \$50. Contact Chaunie Langland at 510-494-8850 or e-mail at the_sheath_editor@earthlink.net

PRE SHOW TICKETS AVAILABLE

We have tickets for the show available ahead of the show date. These would be great stocking stuffers, gifts for co-workers and friends. Stop by the back table at the December meeting to purchase a few. If you can't make the meeting but would like to purchase a few, call Sue Rose at 650-322-9853.

First off the Mark!

Thank you Anne Riegel, Judy Evans, Clint Evans, and Annie Green for putting your names on the show volunteer sign-up sheet at the November meeting.

Friday Night Show Dinner information:

Dinner will be provided for judges and the official set-up crew on Friday evening. (Dinner tickets will be handed out to the set-up crew.) Others at the show site around dinner time will find many nice restaurants of all types near-by.

Calling All Novice Exhibitors!

Have you been under the impression that you would look like a fool if you entered something in the show? Do you believe that you shouldn't take your orchids out of the house until you achieve perfection and superiority in your orchid cultivation? Well, you are just plain wrong!

I entered the novice section with one plant last year. Not having entered before, I had only looked at the fabulous orchids in the previous shows without paying attention to the class. It turned out that there were less than 15 Novice entries - all of the others were at higher levels.

I was nervous on entry day, picking at old leaves on my plant all day long as it sat in my cubicle. I nervously brought my plant for entry that evening, filled out my tags, and handed the plant over. After that, I just had fun. It was very rainy and drab outside. Inside, the tables were filling with bright and beautifully colored orchids. I was just happy to be there. I was amazed to find the next day that my plant had won a blue ribbon and it's class. It was just fun.

So, give it a try - brighten up your January! All you need is a plant with these attributes:

- You have owned it at least 6 months**
- It is in flower**
- It is free of pests and disease**

Start planning your entries now! If you think you might enter a plant, be sure to stake it as it is coming into spike. Next month I will include grooming tips from Ken Jacobsen and Amy Chung.

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Friday of the month*

*Please, **volunteer** to help at the
show, January 16 (set up, plant
entry, judging), 17, and 18.*

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