

The Sheath

November Meeting

Date: November 25, 2011

Time: Doors Open 7:00 PM

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

Skill Session at 7:00PM

Orchid ICU

Meeting plus Show and
Tell Table - 7:45 PM
followed by

Speaker: **Gerardus B.
Staal, PhD -
Bulbophyllums**

Opportunity table by
Gerardus Staal

Bulbophyllums

Gerardus B. Staal, PhD

Gerardus is a Dutch native with a masters degree in tropical agronomy and a doctorate in entomology. He worked as a research entomologist for a Bay Area company involved in the development of novel insect control agents, based on the insects hormonal system, several of which are still marketed today.

He retired from entomology in 1990 and started devoting more time to several aspects of orchid culture, including the culture of rare species, in vitro propagation and hybridization. Flasks with seedlings have been available under the Peninsula Hybrids label. Many AOS quality awards were obtained for novel hybrids in the Odontoglossum, Pleurothallid and Cattleya alliances as well as several CBR's for species new to the judging system. One novel trigeneric hybrid got the name Staalara Gerardus, recently also a novel hybrid combination was named Gerardusara.

Gerardus is a Past President of POS, served on the board of several local orchid societies in the bay area, served a term as president of the national Pleurothallid Alliance and was a member of the AOS research committee. He still frequently lectures on pest and disease control in orchids, and on Masdevallia, Dendrobium, Epidendrum, orchid propagation and Bulbophyllum.

Gerardus will share his in-depth knowledge about Bulbophyllums. This is a very informative lecture that will provide much needed information to all orchid growers, from the novice to the expert.

Gerardus will also provide some wonderful plants for the opportunity table. Sure to please.

Skill Session: Orchid ICU

Several experts will be available to look at your orchids that you have questions about. If apparently diseased or infested with pests, please enclose in a plastic bag. You may only need to bring one leaf.

Notice of Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of Members of Peninsula Orchid Society, Inc. shall be called at 7:45 PM on Friday, 25 November 2011 at San Mateo Garden Center, 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo CA. To be conducted is the election of officers for 2012 and such other business properly arising. All members in good standing as of the date of the meeting are allowed to vote and present business before the meeting.

Mike Rector
Recording Secretary

All members in good standing and in attendance at the November meeting will be asked to vote on each of the following proposed changes to the POS by-laws.

Proposed changes to the Bylaws of the Peninsula Orchid Society

Article II. Board of Directors.

Current Bylaw:

Section 4. Meetings. The Board shall meet upon the second Wednesday of each month and from time to time at the call of the President, at a time and place determined by the President, or at a date, time and place determined by written request of five members of the Board. The Board shall meet with those persons elected to serve on the Board for the following year, in the month of December for the purpose of making report of the condition of the Society.

Proposed Bylaw:

Section 4. Meetings. The Board shall meet at least 4 times per year at times to be determined by the board, and from time to time at the call of the President, at a time and place determined by the President, or at a date, time and place determined by written request of five members of the Board. The membership of the society shall be informed of the meeting times and places by publication in the society newsletter ("The Sheath"), or by email, no less than 14 calendar days prior to the date of said meetings.

Article III. Officers.**Current Bylaw:**

Section 4. Qualification. Only members in good standing are eligible for nomination to serve as officer. No officer, with the exception of the Treasurer, is eligible to be elected to more than two consecutive terms in any office, but may continue to serve until a successor is elected.

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Article IX. Amendment.**Current Bylaw:**

These By-Laws may be amended upon written motion signed by no fewer than five members in good standing, and presented to the Recording Secretary who shall publish the motion to the membership and the motion shall be voted upon at the next Annual Meeting of members, but in no case in fewer than ten days after publication of the motion. No second is required and a simple majority vote of a quorum of members shall be sufficient to approve the motion.

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Aerangis cryptodon 'Flight of Sandies' Cordelia Wong



Laelia gouldiana
Fred Shull



Laelia x eyermaniana
Fred Shull



Cattleya alliance hybrid
Jasen Liu



Soprocattleya Beaufort 'Elmwood'
Anna Chai



Laeliocattleya Candy Kitchen
'Cotton Candy' Barry Zimmerman



Miltassia hybrid
Janusz Warszawski



Ascosenda Princess Mikasa
Janusz Warszawski



Dendrobium hybrid
Mangala Kishen



Encyclia cochleata
Anne Riegel



Catasetum expansum
Paul Reeve



Bulbophyllum mirum
Ginette Sanchou

Proposed Slate of Officers for 2012 - voting takes place at our November meeting

President: Mike Drilling

Vice President: Chaunie Langland

Treasurer: Sharon Langan

Corresponding Secretary:

Recording Secretary: Mike Rector

Membership Chairperson:

Ways and Means: Dan Williamson

Director at Large: Joseph Kautz

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AOS Corner

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What's new at www.aos.org?

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Lynn Fuller, Chair

AOS Affiliated Societies Committee

Upcoming Events

Nov. 25 Peninsula Orchid Society Annual Business Meeting

Nov. 26 & 27 Orchid Society of Santa Barbara Fall Show and Sale. Held at the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History. Museum admission charge includes the show. For more information go to www.orchidsb.net.

Jan. 7 - 8, "Orchids Under The Oaks" at Alden Lane Nursery 10 AM - 4PM, Alden Lane Nursery, 981 Alden Lane, Livermore, CA. Contact Sue at (925) 447-0280- or sue@aldenlane.com. Click on Upcoming Events on their Website www.aldenlane.com.

January 28th & 29th Peninsula Orchid Society Show and Sale, Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Ave, Redwood City - 10 AM to 5 PM both days - orchid show, presentations and demonstrations, member sales area, and vendor sales area. Adult admission only \$5. Seniors, disabled, and children 12-16 admitted for \$3. Parking is free.

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Maxillaria lankesteri
Ginette Sanchou



Phalaenopsis speciosa 'Ci'
Cordelia Wong



Phalaenopsis mariae
Tom Mudge



Galeopetalum Rhein Harlequin
Eric Levenson



Phalaenopsis violacea 'Blue Genes'
Cordelia Wong



Lockhartia lunifera
Paul Simon



Masdevallia Highland Fling
Jasen Lui



Neostylis Lou Sneary
Chaunie Langland



Bulbophyllum Purple Slipper
Chaunie Langland



Pycopsis Mem. Bill Carter
Dan Williamson



Angraecum didieri
Chaunie Langland



Phalaenopsis violacea coerulea
Fred Cox



Phalaenopsis maculata
Tom Mudge

Member News



A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO: Mimi Campbell, Marron Honigman, Virginia Jensen, Chaunie Langland, Elizabeth Lasensky, Chris Mende, Tom Pickford, Mike Rector, Taik Kwun Yun, and Paul Ziegler.

Greenhouse closing - Cattleya Species For Sale

Thirty year Peninsula Orchid Society member Ted Wuerthner is closing his greenhouse. There are 15 mature, blooming cattleya species available. All plants need repotting. Email twuerth@earthlink.net for a list.

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Ionopsis
Tom Mudge



Pleuroballis tripterantha
Mary Gerritsen



Platystele species
Mary Gerritsen



Masdevallia dalessandroi
Mary Gerritsen



Pleuroballis tripterantha
Mary Gerritsen



Diodonopsis erinacea
Mary Gerritsen



Masdevallia ventricularia
Mary Gerritsen



Masdevallia Circus Lights
Mary Gerritsen



Masd. Thumbellina
Mary Gerritsen



Den. schneiderae var.
major
Mary Gerritsen



Masdevallia rubiginosa
Mary Gerritsen



l. Barkeria
scandens

r. Phrag.
Hanne
Popow



r. Phrag.
Calurum
The Phrags
opened the
day after
the
meeting!
Chaunie



Out and About: Diablo View Orchid Society October Meeting

The Diablo View Orchid Society had the good fortune to have Jason Fisher as their October speaker, his topic being *Neofinetia falcata*. The first orchid I ever entered in our show was *Phragmipedium*. Jason Fisher, hybridized by Jason's father Jerry Fisher, so I had to go.

DVOS holds their meetings in Concord. It was a slow two hour drive for me from my job in Santa Clara. Fred and Cordelia had a faster drive of eighty minutes from San Jose. Definitely, if you go, take another person so you can use the carpool lanes on the bay side of the East Hills. There are many places to eat dinner close to the meeting site.

Jason gave a skill session on repotting Neofinetias, then the Show and Tell table was presented. As does San Francisco Orchid Society, DVOS provides incandescent lights and the show & tell orchids are held up to the more flattering light so that the true flower colors can be appreciated.

We broke for refreshments and Cordelia and I headed to Jason's sale table. We each bought a *Phragmipedium*. Jason Fisher seedling and Jason humored us and signed our plant tags in English and in Japanese.

Jason's presentation on Neofinetias included information on the different leaf shapes, leaf variegation patterns, the different points on each plant that receive appreciation by the Japanese, the flower colors, culture information, Japanese culture and history surrounding Neofinetias, how the ranking chart is organized, and anecdotes from the big show and sale held annually. Jason lived in Japan for several years, teaching English.

This talk tied in well with the presentation given by Satomi and Shigeru Kasahara of Seed Engei at Carmel Orchid Society in August of 2009. I took notes at their talk, so you can find a little more detail in the August 2009 issue of *The Sheath*.

However, I still don't understand why I have two *Neofinetia falcatas* (Shutennau and an unnamed white one) blooming in November. Both Jason and Satomi said that the *Neofinetia falcatas* all bloom in the late spring to early summer.



Basket of *Neofinetia falcata* varieties Musia Stagg



Diablo View Show and Tell Table



Unnamed *Paphiopedilum charlesworthii* hybrid Carol



Odontoglossum hybrid Barbara



Potinara Russian Laquer Esther Costa



Brassocattleya hybrid Miki Ichianaji



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December 2011 Meeting

Though I did announce that there would be no December meeting, I was wrong. We will have our December meeting on Friday, December 16th. We will have a Pot Luck and Bingo night. This will give us all a chance to visit without having that pesky Mike Drilling asking us to be quiet! Dennis Olivas has agreed to be our Bingo caller so we are sure to have a fun evening.

For Bingo you will want to bring a plant to add to the prize table. It doesn't have to be one of your darlings - you can buy one some place for this event if you prefer. Everyone who plays is guaranteed to win at least once.

We will still have our Show & Tell table, but we will not be presenting it. Instead, if you see a plant you would like to know more about, you may find the owner and have a chat. No, you may not choose your Bingo winnings from the Show & Tell table!

Details in the December newsletter. I will "assign" food groups by the first letter of your last name, but if you want to bring something from a different classification, feel free.



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*Volunteer sign-up sheets for our
January show will be available at
November meeting.*

*Please sign up to help POS have
another great show!*

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