

# The Sheath

## **Sergio Garcia - *Laelia purpurata* and Its Varieties**

Date: June 28<sup>th</sup>

Time: Doors open at 7:00PM

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

This month Paul Simon will do a skill session on Water Purity – TDS and pH.

The skill session starts at 7:15 in the Rose Room.

As always, you can bring plants in and get advice. Please bag any plant you suspect have bugs or disease.

## **Speaker**

Sergio Garcia from [Olompali Orchids](http://www.olompaliorchids.com/) speaking on "Laelia purpurata and Its Varieties" – a talk on the different varieties of this Brazilian species that are so popular in the United States. Its varieties are many, but most have a difficult time naming the varieties that they have in their collection.

Olompali's Website is <http://www.olompaliorchids.com/>

**The opportunity table will be provided by Olompali Orchids!**

## **Sergio Garcia's Biography**

When I was just a little boy, 7 or 8 years old, my father and I were suddenly hooked on orchids. At a home and garden show we saw a *Catasetum pileatum* and were shocked by its beauty. When we asked people where to buy that plant, we were pointed to the orchid booth of one of the most important and respected orchid growers in Brazil's orchid history - Mr. Heitor Gloeden. Soon after that initial contact, he took us under his wing and taught us about orchids.

As a native of São Paulo, I quickly learned about many orchid species. Those that I was first in touch with are still my favorites - *Cattleya*, *Laelia*, *Sophronitis*, *Oncidium*, *Paphiopedilum* and *Vanda*. I love all orchids, but these are the ones that have continued to populate my daydreams, even when I was working on the options trading floor at the Pacific Stock Exchange!

My father and I learned about orchids together, so orchid growing became a partnership with him. Today my dad is 84 years old, and we still spend hours discussing possible crosses,

preferred cultivars and plants that we still "need" to add to our respective collections. Still living in Brazil, he cultivates beautiful orchids there, while I pursue my hobby here in Northern California. I love it here. I immigrated in 1989 to Ohio. After college, my wife and I moved to California where we put down roots, made friends, and I began cultivating orchids again.

Herman Piggors, the founder of Oak Hill Gardens, taught me how to reproduce orchids in vitro, in a laboratory. I went on to learn more not only in the lab, but also about planning hybrid crosses to produce amazing orchids that are improvements over their parents. Now at Olompali Orchids, my commercial operation, we dedicate ourselves to the improvement of species and creation of special hybrids. We produce orchids with the objective of creating show type plants, with potential for becoming the next award winners.

In parallel to our own production and breeding program, we partner with two multi-generational orchid businesses in Brazil - Wenzel Orchids and AWZ Orchids. These relationships are focused on making amazing orchids available to the American orchid world. Olompali Orchids has its greenhouses in Sonoma County in the farming area adjacent to the City of Petaluma, California. We are located in the middle of Sonoma County's beautiful Wine Country, not very far from Napa Valley and the city of San Francisco - under the great micro-climate provided by the proximity with the Petaluma River, the Bay and under the amazing California sunshine.

## Board Meeting

Next board meeting at 6:15PM in the Rose Room on June 28th - just before the meeting.

## POS/SCVOS Greenhouse Bus Tour

The cost for this year's Greenhouse Bus Tour on July 20<sup>th</sup> will be \$35 and will include lunch. This will not include your entry fee into the Conservatory of Flowers, which varies from \$5 to free, depending on your age and whether you are a member in a society with free visiting privileges, such as the American Orchid Society. We will also be eating lunch on the lawn there (I believe).

While the places we will visit this year are all local, the main fun of the bus trip is to get to spend a day chatting with other people who are as passionate about orchids as you are. I hope to see a lot of you on the bus. We are getting a 47-seat bus with bathroom and air conditioning. We are combining our bus trip with Santa Clara Valley Orchid Society. There should still be room for your friends, neighbors, co-workers and relatives.

You can board the bus at two sites: 8:00 - 8:20 at the light rail station in San Jose at Curtner and Canoas Garden Rd. (pulling out at 8:30 sharp) or after 9:00 at the Brookside lower parking lot. We will be visiting Brookside first, then on to Golden Gate Orchids, San Francisco Conservatory of Flowers, and finally to Fred Shull's greenhouses in San Leandro.

We will have a couple of cars at Brookside to ferry those who would like a ride up and down the short but steep driveway between the parking lot and the Brookside greenhouses.

Brookside has a nice selection of plants, and they also sell a wide variety of pots in unusual sizes.

Golden Gate Orchids is well known for spectacular Odontoglossums, Oncidiums, Dendrobium cuthbertsonii, Masdevallias and Bulbophylums. If you are looking for that awardable plant, or just want to buy some excellent quality plants, this is your spot.

The Conservatory of Flowers in Golden Gate Park is having a special Butterflies and Blooms exhibit.

Fred Shull is well known for his wonderful collection of Cattleyas and Laelias. His greenhouses are fun to visit and he will have divisions for sale.

Here is the current time schedule:

8:30 Pickup Curtner and Canoas Garden Road Light Rail Station San Jose  
9:00 Brookside Nursery 2720 Alpine Rd Menlo Park (picking up additional people)  
10:30 Golden Gate Nursery  
12:30 Conservatory of Flowers  
2:30 Fred Shull Nursery  
4:00 Brookside for drop off  
4:30 Curtner and Canoas Garden Road Light rail Station San Jose

**Please sign up and send or bring your payment by June 30th.** Send checks and participant information to our treasurer Sharon Langan, 1614 Hudson #102, Redwood City, CA 94061.

## President's Corner

### It's the Peninsula Orchid Society NOT the Chaunie Orchid Society

Almost every year we lose a member or three due to something the society president has said or done. Unfortunately, the opportunity as president to put your foot in your mouth is ample.

The thing that mystifies me though is why the offended parties feel that POS has done something offensive to them when it was just one member. Each of you has just as much weight, as a member of the society, as the president or any other board member. YOU are the society as much as any other member. If you are a member, it is not "they", it is "we". Anyway, my apologies in advance to whomever I am destined to cluelessly offend this year. Please come and chew me out instead of leaving POS.

This year's board has decided to hold the board meetings in the Rose Room (where the skill sessions take place and the library is located) at 6:15 PM on the monthly meeting days. Members are ALWAYS welcome to attend.

We have a SERIOUS library space issue. Rex currently has to lift many heavy boxes and bags of books off the top of our library cabinets in order to open them and lift them back up when he closes the library. There is no room for new books. In some ways, it should be pretty easy to sort the books. I brought three books home and spent about 5 minutes evaluating each one. All three can easily leave the library to create space as they are all out of date, with better books being available. I would be very appreciative if as many people as possible will agree to help with this. Please send me an e-mail or call me and we will find the best date for the people willing to help.

I hope you will consider supporting the greenhouse bus tour this year. It is a wonderful thing to get to spend an entire day with other people who are crazy about orchids, whether you are interesting in buying more orchids or not.

Our VP, Eric Levenson, is looking for people to give skill sessions before our meetings. Please let him know if you will help us out. He is the tall guy introducing the speaker at the meetings.

We had a great Show & Tell table last month. Thanks to everyone who took the trouble to bring their fabulous plants in. For those of you who feel your plants aren't good enough - don't worry about it, just bring them in! Nothing will make you pay more attention to your plants than knowing others will be looking at them. And the more attention you pay to them, the better grower you will become, and the more rewards you will get for your efforts. I have learned so much from the presenters over the years, it is like getting private lessons for free.

See you soon, Chaunie

## Meeting Photos

Meeting photos are also often on the Facebook page, look for Peninsula Orchid Society if you are not already a fan of the page. You are welcome to add your photos from the meeting or from your collection to the page to share. This month there were so many wonderful plants on the show table, I did not attempt to capture all of them. Instead, due to the speaker's topic on them, I focused on the many Paphiopedilums that were brought in.

If I make a mistake crediting a plant or transcribing the name, please let me know and I will issue a correction in the next issue.

All photos by Dan Williamson.



*Encyclia cordigera*  
Fred Shull



*Brassia Rex 'Waionau Spotless'* FCC/AOS  
Todd Kennedy



*Cattleya schilleriana*  
Fred Shull



*Cattleya granulosa*  
Fred Shull



**Rhyncholaeliocattleya Dream Circle 'Beverly'**  
**Fred Shull**



**Trichodocidium John Germaske**  
**Fred Shull**



***Paphiopedilum delenatii***  
**Chaunie Langland**



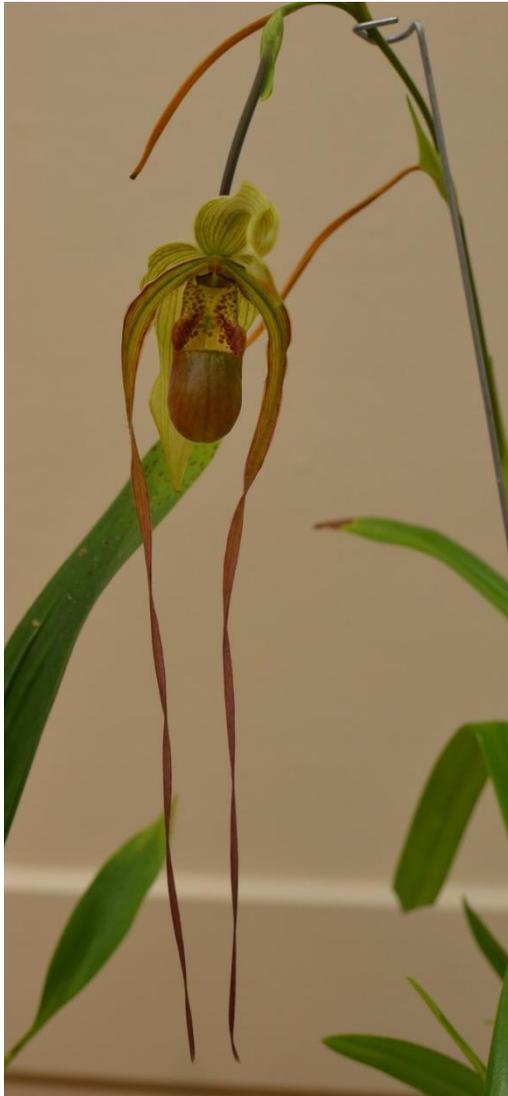
***Paphiopedilum delenatii***  
**Chaunie Langland**



***Paphiopedilum* Double Shot 'Tall Stems' x Double  
Trix 'Big Hearted'**  
**Joseph Kautz**



***Paphiopedilum hirsutissimum***  
**Chaunie Langland**



**Phragmipedium Nitidissimum**  
Chaunie Langland



**Paphiopedilum Gege's Trix**  
Mike and Annie Green



**Paphiopedilum Nimit**  
Chris Mende



**Paphiopedilum niveum**  
Trudy Hadler



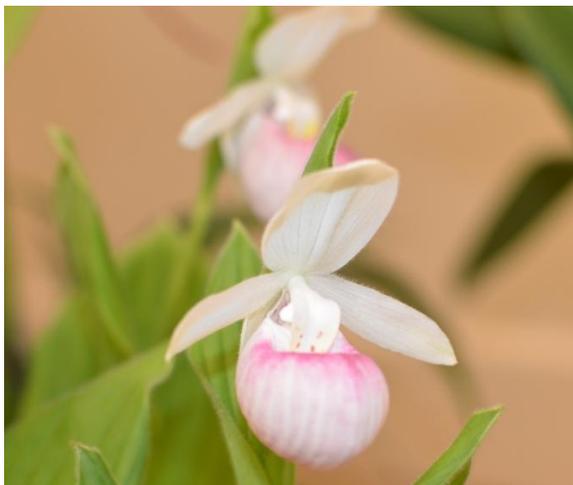
**Paphiopedilum Hiro** Julie  
Dan Williamson



*Papiopedilum primulinum* 'Deep Gold' x P. S. Gatrix 'Round Jamboree' - Chris Mende



*Paphiopedilum moquettianum* 'Pine Knot' x self  
Chris Mende



*Cypripedium reginae*  
Leo Kusber



*Cypripedium kentuckiense*  
Leo Kusber



*Papiopedilum lowii*  
Joseph Kautz



*Laelia speciosa*  
C. Todd Kennedy



*Coelogyne pandurata*  
Leo Kusber



*Dendrobium farmeri*  
C. Todd Kennedy



*Cymbidium Pinata*  
Pierre Pujol



*Lycaste aromatica*  
Chris Mende



*Bifrenaria harrisoniae*  
Amy and Ken Jacobsen



*Phragmipedium Belle Hougue Point 'Pierre' B/CSA*  
Pierre Pujol



Mary Gerritsen brought a whole stand full of plants. They are always amazing and well worth inspecting closely because there is always some unusual gem hidden amongst the showier flowers.

## Filoli Pictures

Rex, Judy and Jocelyn set up a display at the Filoli Mother's Day weekend festival of flowers using plants donated by our members, Brookside Orchids, and Paphiness.



**The main display. There were also plants on the counter behind the photographer and on the stove behind this display.**

**Photo credit: Jocelyn Jamias**



**Another view of the main display. The plants were well received by visitors and the room was frequently crowded.**

**Photo Credit: Chaunie Langland**

## Member News



**A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:** Rene Biggs, Ginger Creevy, Mike Drilling, Joe Enos, Patrick Hoe, Olga Ostrovsky, Ron Parsons, Jill Rodder, Paul Simon, and Tina Truong!

Thank you to Trudy Hadler, Gloria Bygdnes, Janusz Warszawski, Judy Evans, Annie Green, Paul Reeve, Carole Zoltowski, Jacquet McConville for bringing in refreshments! They are always appreciated!

## Classifieds

If you have any plants to sell or trade, this is a great place to list them. You can include a photo if you like and an email or phone number where you can be reached. Unfortunately, photos will only be included on the email version of the newsletter.

## Upcoming Events

### July 20 POS/SCVOS Bus Trip

Cost \$35 See the flyer on page 14 and the article starting on page 2.

### August 2-4 Hilo Orchid Society's 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Show and Sale

Edith Kanaka'ole Stadium, 350 Kalanikoa Street, Hilo. See [www.hiloorchidsociety.org](http://www.hiloorchidsociety.org) and the flyer below.

### August 3 Palomar Orchid Society's Annual Orchid Auction

At the Pavilion at Lake San Marcos. 11am – 4pm. For more information contact [posorchidsall4@gmail.com](mailto:posorchidsall4@gmail.com) or see [www.palomarorchid.org](http://www.palomarorchid.org) and the flyer on page 15.

### October 5 Peninsula Orchid Society Auction

Our auction will be on Saturday at the San Mateo Garden Center again this year. Stay tuned for more information.

### January 25-26, 2014 Peninsula Orchid Society Annual Show and Sale!

I know it seems really early to mention this, but the deadline for buying new plants that are eligible for ribbon judging, not AOS or CSA judging, is July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013. The bus trip would be a great time to get those plants!

*Orchids Around the World*



*Cattleya dowiana v. aurea*

Friday  
August 2

Saturday  
August 3

Sunday  
August 4

Edith  
Kanaka'ole  
Stadium

Hilo  
Hawaii

*Hilo Orchid Society 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Show & Sale*

<b>Daily Admission:</b> \$5 donation at the door 12 & under free	<b>Exotic Orchid Species</b> <b>Exciting New Hybrids</b> <b>Silent Auction</b> <b>Refreshments</b> <b>Entertainment</b> <b>Daily Demonstrations</b> <b>Arts-Crafts-Apparel</b>
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For more info: Please call  
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# SCVOS/POS Greenhouse Bus Tour

July 20th (2013)

Brookside Orchids

Golden Gate Orchids

Conservatory of Flowers

Fred Shull's Greenhouses

**\$35** includes lunch, does **Not** include entry into Conservatory of Flowers. Conservatory of Flowers \$5/\$3 - free if you bring your AOS membership card or other society membership that has entry privileges.

**Payment must be received by June 30th.**

Board the bus at 8:30AM at Curtner & Canoas Garden Rd. light rail station or at Brookside lower parking lot 2720 Alpine Rd., Menlo Park.

Who can come? Members, friends, family, co-workers, neighbors.

If you are tired of having your president interrupting your fascinating conversations you are having with fellow orchid enthusiasts to start the meeting, well, here is your chance to visit all you want with your other society members, meet new people to talk about orchids with, or avoid repotting for a day!

Orchids for sale at Brookside, Golden Gate and Fred Shull's.

For more information call Kristina Bell or Chaunie Langland.



THE PALOMAR ORCHID SOCIETY  
PRESENTS

# 2013 Orchid Auction



**Saturday, August 3, 2013**  
**Preview at 11:00 am**  
**Auction starts at 12 Noon**

**The Pavilion at Lake San Marcos**  
**1105 La Bonita Drive**  
**San Marcos, CA 92078**

**FREE ADMISSION AND PARKING**  
**More info at [www.palomarorchid.org](http://www.palomarorchid.org)**

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*Our meeting is June 28th!*

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