

# The Sheath

## Hang it up!

Date: June 27

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 Hwy 92, turn South.  
The Garden Center is located between 26<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>  
Avenues.

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

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Terry Boomer

## Dan Newman on Growing orchids mounted and out of pots

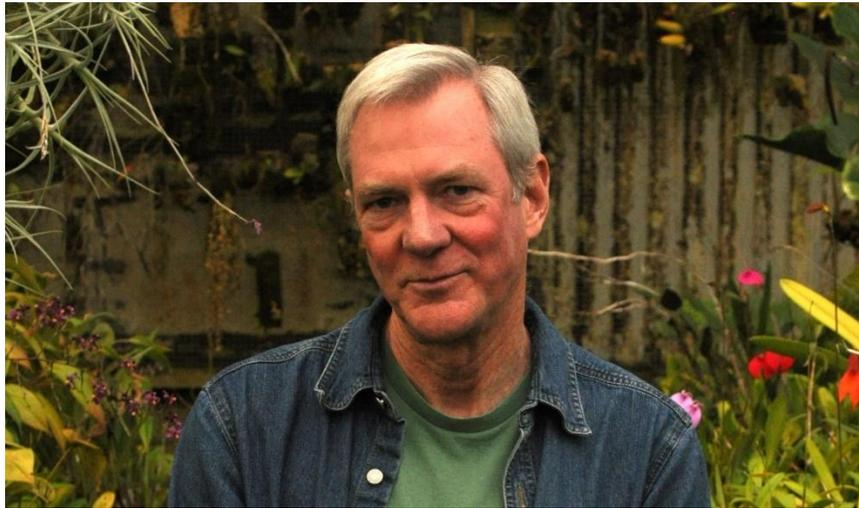


*Epiblastus basalis*

People who love to grow orchids are lucky the orchids are so adaptable. No plant naturally evolved to live in a pot, yet that is the way most orchids are cultivated. Many species can be induced to thrive in pots on a bench, but there are significant holdouts that demand special treatment. These include the many types of orchids that send their leafy growths upward but their flowers sideways or downward, those where the vegetative growth extends in the wrong direction for pot culture or otherwise defies containment, and still others that assert their epiphytic nature by refusing to grow well unless their roots are exposed to air and/or light.

Accommodating the needs of these special cases can help the grower maintain a healthier and more diverse collection.

The presentation will offer a look at a sampling of orchid species that benefit from alternatives to traditional pot culture, with discussion of cultural techniques and a brief demonstration, as time permits. A handout with information about sources for "out-of-pot" materials will be available.



Dan Newman grew up in Southern California and first got interested in orchids as a teenager, following a visit to the greenhouse at the Los Angeles County Arboretum. After reading an article in Sunset magazine and devouring the few orchid books available at the local public library, he mustered the resources to order three species orchid plants from Orchids by Hausermann in Illinois: *Brassavola cucullata*, *Brassia gireoudiana*, and *Paphiopedilum venustum*, whose exotic shapes and markings in one of the books' illustrations had captivated him. Unfortunately, conditions in his childhood bedroom were not ideal, and those early subjects soon made the ultimate sacrifice, providing an early lesson in how not to grow orchids.

Years later, on a vacation to Hawaii in 1982, Dan bought a tiny hybrid *Dendrobium* seedling at a lei stand in the Honolulu Airport. His bright San Francisco apartment turned out to be a better orchid environment, and when the *Dendrobium* grew up and bloomed for the first time, he was hooked! By 1996 he had 350 orchids in the same one-bedroom apartment, and had developed an appreciation for plants that don't take up much space. That year he moved his orchids to a rented commercial greenhouse in San Francisco. He acquired the diverse species collection of his friend and orchid mentor, Walter Teague, and his hobby evolved into his nursery, Hanging Gardens. Dan started growing orchids full-time in 2000, and soon moved to a larger greenhouse in Pacifica. He currently has 12,000 to 15,000 plants (a very rough estimate). Cool to intermediate growers are easiest in the coastal climate, but he tries to push the envelope as far as it will go. His collection includes a few hybrids but is mostly made up of species, his first love.

Dan is a member of several orchid societies in the bay area including the Peninsula Orchid Society. He joined the San Francisco Orchid Society in 1987, and served as its president in 1996/97. In recent years, he has spoken on various topics at orchid society meetings in California and elsewhere in the U.S.

The opportunity table will be provided by Hanging Gardens.

## Meeting Photos

Due to the AOS judging, there were no name tags and plant tags for me to record until after judging. As a result, I didn't get very many photos. (Photos by Dan Williamson)



Vanda Petite Bouquet  
Trudy Hadler



Cattleya Canhamiana v. Coerulea 'Azure Skies'  
Bill Weaver



*Paphiopedilum hennisianum* ('Half and Half' x self)  
Dan Williamson



Cattlianthe Orange Crush '#1'  
Bill Weaver



Vanda (Paki x Bill Burke)  
Dan Williamson



Paphiopedilum Lynleigh Koopowitz  
Tanya Lam



*Rodriguezia leeana*  
The Boomers



*Phalaenopsis luddemanniana* v. *deltonii*  
Chaunie Langland



Unknown Maxillaria  
Dennis Olivas



Encyclia Summer Perfume 'Tropical Tinge'  
Tanya Lam



Cymbidium Sweet Devon 'Sweet'  
Tanya Lam



Unknown Dialalinea Hybrid  
Sharon Langan



Epicyclia Mabel Kanda 'Green Leaf'  
The Boomers



*Laelia superbiens* 'Alba'  
Bill Weaver



Vanda Pachara Delight 'Pachara' FCC/JOGA,  
AM/AOS  
Tanya Lam



*Angraecum dideri*  
The Boomers



*Cymbidium cooperi* 'Plush'  
Jeff Trimble



*Cyrtorchilum retusum* 'Memoria Gerardus Staal'  
Jeff Trimble



*Paphiopedilum philippinense*  
Mike Drilling



*Cymbidium canaliculatum* 'Alice'  
Jeff Trimble

## Member News



A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO Anne Abramson, Rene Biggs, Ginger Creevy, Mike Drilling, Joe Enos, Patrick Hoe, Olga Ostrovsky, Ron Parsons, Jill Rodder, Paul Simon, Tina Truong, Carol Karwatt, Jan Bridgham, and Christine Durgin!

Thank you to everyone who brought in refreshments! They are always appreciated!

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Susan Tong who fell and hurt herself in May.  
Our best wishes for a speedy recovery!

## Editor's Corner

As some of you are already aware, this will be my last issue as newsletter editor. My family is moving to Atlanta, Georgia where my wife will join Emory University Hospital. I have had a wonderful 6 years with the Peninsula Orchid Society and I have enjoyed my time on the board, working at the annual show, and as newsletter editor. The members, board members, and show volunteers have been fantastic to work with and I will miss you all. I will be moving many of my plants with me to Georgia, which promises to be an adventure. I wish everyone health and success with orchids!

## Awards!

Please let me know if one of your plants has received an award, I would love to announce it here.

## Library

Anna Chai has donated a copy of her limited edition (personal) book My Life With Orchids to our library. She brought a copy in one time a few years ago and we all tried to get a good look at it, but were thwarted by the number of people interested and the limited amount of time. Now you have the opportunity to take it home with you for a month. Anna put this book together to inspire others to aspire to improve their orchid culture, their understanding of what makes an orchid high quality, and to document her years of orchid growing.

Anna's book includes photos of most of her AOS awarded orchids, copies of news articles about her and her orchids, and other interesting items. Most of the pages are devoted to her awarded orchids and include a photo, the award, and the description of the orchid as written by the AOS judges. If you pay close attention and think about what you are looking at, you may gain a stronger direction in your own orchid growing.

**Normally you would visit our librarian to check out this book. We do not have a librarian right now since Rex Castell has retired from his years of service to the society.** Therefore, Chaunie has taken charge of loaning out and keeping track of Anna's book. Please contact her prior to the meeting if you would like to borrow the book. Call (510) 494-8850 or email [chaunie.langland@earthlink.net](mailto:chaunie.langland@earthlink.net). If needed, you will be placed on the waiting list.

**Please contact Todd if you are interested in the librarian position!**

## The AOS Corner- From the desk of Laura Newton, Affiliated Society Chair

The Spring AOS Members' Meeting in Minnesota was a huge success! Our sincere thanks go out to the members of the Orchid Society of Minnesota for hosting this event. Speaking of Members' Meetings, we are thrilled to announce that our Fall Meeting "Orchid Spooktacular" will be held in the Orlando area, October 29<sup>th</sup> - November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Our official hotel is the Sheraton Orlando North. Make plans now to join us in Florida! *Something is brewing...come and be a part of it!*

There is more exciting news! The fee for a digital membership has been reduced to \$40 per year; a savings of \$25. Please encourage your members to take advantage of this new membership level!

Have you been participating in our webinars? We are hosting webinars on various topics each month. This month it will be on *Orchids Plus*, our new and innovative award program that has both an online and offline version for searching through all AOS awards. Ever wondered what a really good awardable flower looks like? Now is your chance to see the program in action. This webinar is open to both members and non-members, so spread the word!

The most important advice that I can give all of you is to be enthusiastic about your passion for growing orchids. Let your society members know all of the wonderful things that you gain from being a member of the American Orchid Society! As an AOS representative I give a 5-10 minute talk at our monthly meetings on at least one significant piece of information from the website and one article that I particularly enjoyed from our magazine.

If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, on how to help build your society with the AOS please don't hesitate to contact me.

Lastly, we are always looking for motivated people with great ideas to join our committee, so if this interests you, come and help us grow the AOS.

## Classifieds

If you have any plants or orchid related items to sell, donate, 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. Photos will only be included on the email version of the newsletter.

### **6-ft Light Rail 3.5 System (L5408), All Season 400 Watt HID Light System (L5445) and 2 replacement HPS 250w bulbs**

Sue Rose has a light rail, a brand new motor never opened, the light and 2 replacement bulbs. I did use them, but not new motor and new light bulbs. Best Offer.

[http://www.charleystgreenhouse.com/index.cfm?page=\\_search&s=lights&PageNum\\_newsearchQuery=3&varShowPer\\_custom=12&varOrderby\\_custom=ProductId&varSorting=ASC&varColumns=3&mtype=3](http://www.charleystgreenhouse.com/index.cfm?page=_search&s=lights&PageNum_newsearchQuery=3&varShowPer_custom=12&varOrderby_custom=ProductId&varSorting=ASC&varColumns=3&mtype=3)

### **Water Filter and two replacement filters**

Sue Rose has a water filter that goes on a water line and two replacement filters. Best Offer Interested parties, for either item, can contact Sue at 650-209-5161. Buyers will need to pick up items in Los Altos.

Classifieds can also be placed on our Facebook page and our website.

## Upcoming Events

### **July 19-20<sup>th</sup> D&D Flowers Grand Opening Open House**

9am-3pm at the new location 169 Daly City, CA 94014.

Directions 280 South from San Francisco: Take the Eastmoore Avenue exit and veer to the left onto Sullivan Avenue. At the stop light, make a right onto Washington Street, go over the freeway to San Pedro (Catholic church at the intersection). Make a right onto San Pedro and continue through Misson Street between Bank of America and Wendy's Burger. At the stop sign, make a left onto First Avenue. Greenhouse is on the left hand side of the 3<sup>rd</sup> house with the red garage and a sign reading Demattei Nursery. Enter the gate of the chain link fence with red lattice to the left hand side of the red garage.

Directions 280 north of South City: Take the Eastmoore Avenue exit and eventually you would like to be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> to the left hand side lane at the stop light. Make a left hand turn onto Junipero Serra Blvd and at the stop light make a right hand turn onto San Pedro Road. Continue through Misson Street between Bank of America and Wendy's Burger. At the stop sign, make a left onto First Avenue. Greenhouse is on the left hand side of the 3<sup>rd</sup> house with the red garage and a sign reading Demattei Nursery. Enter the gate of the chain link fence with red lattice to the left hand side of the red garage.

Limited street parking so please car pool. Do not park within the chain link fence.

Mahalo for your cooperation!!!!!!

### **August 1-3<sup>rd</sup> 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Hilo Orchid Show and Sale**

SYMPHONY OF ORCHIDS! At Edith Kanaka'ole Stadium. Displays, demonstrations, orchid sales, and orchid-related products. Refreshments, entertainment. \$5 donation; keiki under 12 free. 808-333-1852 or [www.hiloorchidsociety.org](http://www.hiloorchidsociety.org).

### **August 2-3<sup>rd</sup> Orchids in the Park**

New, earlier date! This show has been held in September in the past. Save the date!

### **August 2<sup>nd</sup> 2014 Sierra Nevada Speaker's Day**

9AM - 5PM at Odd Fellows Hall, 1831 Howe Ave. (at Alta Arden), Sacramento, CA 95825. Tickets in advance \$10 AOS member or affiliated society member from Sue Wedegaertner \$20 at the door members, \$25 non-members See <http://www.csnjc.org/> for vendors and speaker information.

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*Remember, our meeting is June 27<sup>th</sup>!*

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