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# *The Sheath*

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## **NOVEMBER MEETING**

Date: November 28

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, and turn South.

The Garden Center is located  
between 26th and 28th Ave.

### **Mailing address:**

PO Box 6894 San Mateo, CA 94403-6894

### **Skill Session**

#### **“Selecting Plants for AOS Judging” with Chaunie Langed**

**Location:** The Rose Room from 7:10 to 7:30

There are two or more AOS judging events in the SF Bay area every month. Chances are you will need to go to significant effort to attend one of these events. Chaunie is a student judge with the Pac Central Judging Center and has spent time evaluating her own orchids at home. Chaunie will discuss how to determine when you have an orchid that might be awarded at an AOS judging session, making it worth the trip. Do not go into shock. She is going to suggest that you make a one time expenditure of \$50. At the current cost for gas, this is not a radical idea

## **SPEAKER Pierre Pujol on Orchid Culture**

Pierre is a Peninsula Orchid Society member and grower.

As many of us, Pierre started growing orchids given to him by friends and neighbors, then became intrigued by the plants and was hooked for good four years ago. Since then, his collection has grown rapidly to about a thousand plants today, many of which are Cymbidiums. The 25% non-Cymbidiums genera in Pierre's collection is expanding and comprises many genera, mostly cool to intermediate growing.

A graduate of the National Agronomical Institute in Paris, Pierre tries to use his education to understand the cultural requirements of orchids and apply it experimentally to his collection. Over the last 3 years, his efforts were rewarded by several AOS and CSA quality and cultural awards, although he modestly admits that he is still on the learning curve.

With (French) humor, simple explanations and a lot of pictures, Pierre will share how his personal experiences and understanding of basic scientific principles helped him improve his orchid growing

**OPPORTUNITY TABLE:** Plants provided by Pierre Pujol and Amy Chung Jacobsen

## Election for 2015 Board Members

The slate of board members proposed for 2015 is below. We will vote on the slate at the November meeting

<b>President</b>	Mike Drilling
<b>Vice President</b>	Chaunie Langland
<b>Treasurer</b>	Sharon Langan
<b>Membership</b>	Janusz Warszawski
<b>Recording Secretary</b>	Rosalie Dedo
<b>Corresponding Secretary</b>	Judy Evans
<b>Ways and Means</b>	Roey Shaviv
<b>Past President</b>	Todd Kennedy
<b>Director at Large</b>	Anne Abramson
<b>Director at Large</b>	Olga Ostrovsky
<b>Director at Large</b>	George Spangler

- On the topic of 2015, don't forget membership renewals for the upcoming year. Due on January 1 and gladly accepted earlier. Payments accepted in person (by Janusz Warszawski) or conveniently online through a secure Paypal transaction, at <http://penorchidsoc.org/membership.html>

**October meeting pics will be included in next edition of The Sheath**

## Thanks for the refreshments!

Janusz, Chaunie Susan Tong, Betty Chin, Gloria, Sharron

## Birthdays

### Congratulations on another spin around the Sun for:

Mimi Campbell, Sylvia Darr, Thomas Dwyer, Marron Honigman, Chaunie Langland, Elizabeth Lasensky, Chris Mende, Ben Merfalen, Tom Pickford, Mike Rector, Ami Seebode, Bill Weaver, Fawn Wong, Doris Yu, Taik K. Yun

## Welcome new members!

John Twomey, Oak Y Kim, Eunyong Kwon

## Announcements

The **December POS meeting** will be **3<sup>rd</sup> Friday, 12/19**  
An evening of food and fun with a Holiday Pot Luck and Bingo.

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**Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers**

**Cymbidium Orchid Auction**



**Friday, January 16, 2015**

**Auction 7:00 PM**

**Registration & Preview 6:30 - 7:00 PM**

**Beautiful Cymbidiums and their  
Companions, Including In Spike,  
Rarely Available, and Show &  
Award Winners!**

- 200 Plant Entries
- No Buyers Premium
- Absentee Bids Accepted

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*Cym. Tower of Fire 'Flambe'*

**Catalog & Photos will be Available after January 5, 2015 at:**

**[www.GoldCoastCymbidiumGrowers.com](http://www.GoldCoastCymbidiumGrowers.com)**

**Email Questions or Inquiries to [bacyms@yahoo.com](mailto:bacyms@yahoo.com) or call (510) 582-5896**

### **FROM THE ORCHID CONSERVATION ALLIANCE**

Dendrobium, Vanda, Bulbophyllum, Phalaenopsis, Coelogyne: Do any of these names mean anything to you? They are all Asian orchids which grow in Thailand. The OCA has arranged for an exclusive tour of Thai orchids, temples, cultural sites, conservation projects and botanical collections. The tour will be managed by Peter Williams, owner of Mae Tang Orchids in Chiang Mai, Thailand. Peter has been conducting tours for over 15 years. Mary Gerritsen took this tour earlier this year and will lead the trip next spring. The tour will run from March 20 – April 4, 2015.

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**FROM THE ORCHID CONSERVATION ALLIANCE (cont'd)**

The itinerary and the booking form are available online at [www.orchidconservationalliance.org](http://www.orchidconservationalliance.org). We have changed the **deposit deadline** to **December 15**, contrary to what it says in the itinerary. There are only 14 spaces on this tour, so don't hesitate to reserve your spot. Deposits should be sent to me at the address below.

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