

The Sheath

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The next meeting of The Peninsula Orchid Society is December 18, 2015 at the Garden Center, 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo, CA 94543.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m..for Set Up The Meeting starts at 6:00 p.m.

HOLIDAY POT LUCK AND BINGO!

This month we are planning an evening of fun with a Holiday Pot Luck and Orchid Bingo. Gold Coast Cymbidium Society members are invited to attend also. Bring your family, you know, the ones you usually leave at home on Friday night. Come and plan on having a great time.

The Society will provide roast turkey, ham, coffee and tea. The members are asked to contribute to the dinner by bringing a dish to share.

If your last name begins with:

- A-H please bring an appetizer
- I-M please bring a salad/side dish
- N-Z please bring a dessert

Please keep in mind that we always seem to have more than enough desserts, but not enough side dishes. If you are in the appetizer or salad/side dish group and want to bring dessert, please also bring your assigned dish.

Your dish should feed 10-12 people. Please bring it ready to serve, including serving utensils. (label your serving utensils!)

Please bring your own plate, eating utensils, napkins, glasses and whatever beverage you wish to drink,

After dinner everyone will enjoy the BINGO Games! Comedy and Bingo calling will be provided by our President-elect Tom Mudge! Everyone who plays bingo will win at least once. In order to play bingo, each player should bring one orchid or orchid

related item to donate to the game prize table. (Something nice, something you would like to have, not something you want to get rid of.) If you do not have a plant or related item to bring, a \$10.00 donation will get you into the games. We welcome any additional donation for this evening's fun. The society will also provide some plants for bingo prizes. (Please note - You do not have to bring one of your own darlings, you are welcome to buy a nice orchid at the store or at one of our local vendors.)

Bingo - if you win you don't play again until everyone has won once. Then everybody plays every game for the rest of the evening.

Due to the evening's activities there will be no skill session, sale table, show & tell or opportunity table.

The Garden Center will be open at 5:30pm, so if you want to help set up, please feel free to come early - we never turn down help!

Member News

Results of Election for next Year's Board Members - Congratulations!

President - Tom Mudge
Vice President - Neal Winslow
Recording Secretary - George Spangler
Corresponding Secretary - Judy Evans
Membership - Janusz Warszawski
Treasurer - Sharon Langan
Ways & Means - Roey Shaviv
Director at Large - Susan Tong
Director at Large - Anne Abramson
Director at Large - Eric Levenson
Past President - Mike Drilling

Happy Birthday! Kathy Barret, Shirley Chan, Clint Evans, Caroline Koss, Hai Merfalen, Dan Newman, Patricia Papa, Diane Reeve, Pam Robb, Januz Warszawski, and Audrey Young Tarter.

We salute you whether you celebrate or not.

Many Thanks to Judy & Clint Evans, Patrick Hoe & Susan Tong, Abraham & Kimmy Wang, Susan Ai, Janusz Warsawski, Carole Zoltowski, Rex Castell, Annie Green, Neal Winslow and Casandra Gaunt for refreshments at the November Meeting.

We love to eat!

In Memorium - Joseph Bellanti 1937 - 2015

Joe was a member and regular attendee of our meetings during the 90's and in this century. A native of San Francisco, he was principal partner of Bellanti Plumbing, which is why it was only upon retirement that we saw him at meetings so regularly. Joe was the most recent of a long series of POS members who worked with the Roth collection of orchids at Filoli - as a volunteer, with the Friends of Filoli.

Joe reported at least twice a week to divide, re-pot and tidy up the plants that were used as decoration in the house and the garden house. Surely the plants, which included immense Vandas and Dendrobiums brought back from Hawaii by Mrs. Lurline Roth, had not received so much attention in years. Frequent were my conversations with Joe while he teased bark off the plant roots...he said he didn't mind taking care of plants of others, as it saved having a greenhouse full of plants of his own! Joe passed away during the summer after a long convalescence that prevented him from attending our meetings for the past two years or more.

C. Todd Kennedy

THE SHOW IS COMING! ORCHIDS AROUND THE WORLD January 23 & 24, 2016!

The 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 vendors selling plants as well as a member sales area. There are several seminars scheduled throughout the weekend that will cover many aspects of growing orchids, a membership table, a raffle table and a plant "hotel".

Attention All Members! The show is a tremendous undertaking. The more volunteers the better!

Contact the following folks to volunteer for the Show

Show Chairperson - Sue Rose (650) 209-5161

Set Up - Mike Drilling (650) 692-8998

Security - Mike Rector (650) 366-3401

Admissions - George Spangler (408) 396-6561

Ribbon & Trophy Judging - Sue Rose (650) 209-5161

Membership - Janusz Warszawski (650) 964-0560

Raffle - Olga Ostrovsky (650) 759-3816

Member Sales Plant Advisory Volunteers - Barry Zimmerman (408) 724-5740

Set Up is Friday January 22, 2016 starting at 11:30 a.m.

How to Volunteer for the Show - we need to know that you are coming. Volunteer shifts are normally 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. Please sign up at the December meeting or call the chairperson for the area where you would like to volunteer. Their names are listed above and they would love to hear from you!

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

Perks for Volunteers - If you are working at least a shift at the show you are invited to have lunch in the kitchen. Coffee, tea and water are available. Everyone working a shift or more at the show is invited to the end of show dinner on Sunday following show tear-down.

Non-Volunteers - If you are not working at the show, you need to pay to come to the show on Saturday or Sunday (except to pick up your plants when the show ends). This is only fair, as many of the other members are donating their time to make this event happen. This is one of our two biggest fund raisers of the year and makes it possible for us to have speakers and opportunity tables the rest of the year.

Volunteer Opportunities 2016 Show and Sale

POSTCARD DISTRIBUTION - First we need volunteers to help us distribute our show postcards. We try to put our show postcards anywhere and everywhere we can (with permission). They do a wonderful job encouraging people to attend the show. We will have postcards available at the December meeting, please be sure and take some. Take them to your workplace, church, dentist, community bulletin boards, or wherever you think they will help spread the word. Postcards should be distributed around January 15th.

SET UP - Set up is Friday January 22nd. 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 set up the admissions, membership and raffle areas. This work starts at noon 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 & RAFFLE TABLES - These are also sit-down social jobs. You tell people about our meetings and events. You sell the raffle tickets, and hand out culture sheets and invitations to our meetings. It's FUN!

SECURITY - This is a stand-up social job. It is important to everyone that the plants in the show display area are not disturbed. 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 is not allowed in the display room (drinks with lids are allowed). Volunteers in the area get to talk to our guests, answer questions, talk about orchids. Again you will get to talk to people and have FUN!

PLANT HOTEL - 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. The job requires taking the plants, putting them in a box with guest's name on it, and giving them the

box (or boxes) when the return to leave Again, you will get to talk to people and have FUN!

TAKE DOWN - On Sunday, at 5:00 p.m. 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 need volunteers to help take down what we put up on Friday, and load the vehicles that will take our "stuff" back to storage.

We are going to hold **Ribbon and Trophy judging at 8 am on Saturday, January 23rd.** We will need POS members to attend one to two (depending on your function) training sessions for this to work. There will be three to four judging teams at the show; each team will include a clerk and two or more judges.

As usual, American Orchid Society (AOS) judging and Cymbidium Society of America (CSA) judging will take place Friday evening. In the past we have held ribbon and trophy judging immediately prior to AOS and CSA judging, which makes for a very packed schedule. We are expecting the new schedule to allow more judging time and to allow the ribbon judging clerks to note the location of the plants in each class Friday night, so less time is spent searching for the plants during ribbon judging Saturday morning. Other societies do it this way and it works very well.

Those POS members volunteering to serve as clerks will be asked to participate in a special training session about a week before the show as they are the people responsible for guiding the judging teams and filling out the judging results that are submitted to the judging chair. Please contact Sue Rose.

Ribbon and trophy judging are quite different from AOS or CSA judging, and you do not need to be an expert to participate. You will not be asked to judge any classes that contain your own entries. We hope to have a goodly number of people interested in serving on the judging teams.

Calling All Novice Exhibitors!

Have you felt ambivalent about entering something in the show? The success of the show depends on everyone entering their orchids to make a spectacular first impression for people visiting the show.

The Novice Division had more entries than the Intermediate division last year. Let's do it again! So often people come to the show, look at the nice entries, and realize that their orchids are just as good (or better) and they should have entered them. Your plants could be on the bench, winning ribbons and being admired by the crowds! You deserve this reward for all of the time and attention you give your collection.

Give it a try - brighten up your January. There are only three rules.

1. You have owned it at least 6 months.
2. It is in flower
3. 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. Clean the leaves with water, or 50/50 water and skim milk, or lemon juice. The milk or lemon juice are helpful in removing hard water deposits. Set your plant in a pot that does not draw attention away from the flowers. Dress up the planting media top with moss, hiding the growing pot, if you like. Michaels is an excellent source of inexpensive plain decorative pots and moss as well as green coated wire to support delicate inflorescences. If your plant needs to be hung, you will need to supply a fixture to hang it from. Small hanging plants can be hung from clear or solid color

vases. Pendulous orchids will need something to stand on (an upside down pot may work). For further help, call any of your fellow society members, bring your questions to the December meeting, and check out the article on Anna Chai's show preparation skill session in the December 2009 Sheath (<http://penochidsocorg/newsletters/2009-12pdf>)

2016 PENINSULA ORCHID SOCIETY SHOW RULES

Please review the following carefully, all rules will be strictly enforced in the interests of this show and fairness to its participants.

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 22, 2016 between 2:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** The show concludes on Sunday at 5:pm. The show, including sales areas, will not open until Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m.

AOS and CSA Judging

Specific entry forms must be completed and left with the AOS and CSA clerks. This is an AOS sanctioned show. All plants exhibited may be considered for AOS and CSA awards unless "NO AOS or CSA judging" is written on the entry card or display. Plants not marked for no judging may not be AOS judged at a later date on the same inflorescence. (There are special rules for some Phalaenopsis that bloom sequentially on the same inflorescence).

Just a reminder that the entry rules for AOS judging are different than for the ribbon judging in our show there is no minimum ownership time for AOS judging unless you are seeking a cultural award. So bring in your worthy plants you bought at the auction, at a recent meeting on eBay or in the parking lot and ask to have them entered for AS judging but not ribbon judging. AOS and CSA entry forms are available at the show clerk's table.

Plant Entry

Entry cards must be completed for all plants entered in competition. Plants entered in show judging must have been owned by the Exhibitor for at least 6 months. Plants incorrectly labeled or improperly entered may be disqualified for consideration for awards. It is the responsibility of the owner to enter the plant in the correct division. Questions regarding correct entry should be directed to the clerks at the plant entry table - we will do everything we can to get your entries into the correct classes.

All plants and items exhibited must remain on display throughout the show. Removal cannot begin until Sunday at 5 p.m. without making prior arrangements with Sue Rose, show chair.

The POS will provide security services during the duration of the show. However, exhibitors assume all risk and liability for their property.

Classification of Exhibitors by Skill Level

Novice: An Exhibitor who has won no more than two trophies/awards (other than ribbons) at any AOS sanctioned show. (These are the Best of Class awards. Perpetual trophies and Best of Show are not counted)

Intermediate: An Exhibitor who has won no more that 12 trophies/awards (other than ribbons) at any AOS sanctioned show.

Advanced: An exhibitor who has won more that 12 trophies/awards (other than ribbons) at any AOS sanctioned show.

Open: All exhibitors required to collect tax from sales of orchid plants, flowers or supplies during the previous 12 months; also any plants that have been boarded out. Anyone qualified for any of the other levels may enter the Open division if they prefer.

A Full List of all Show Classes will appear in the January Sheath.

2016 SHOW VENDORS:

D & D Flowers, The Tiny Jungle, Orchids and Gardens, Botanica, Orchid Design, Paphiness, Ken and Amy Jacobsen, Asbell's Orchids, Sunset Valley Orchids and Cal-Orchid

POS - COMING ATTRACTIONS

December 18th - Potluck and Orchid Bingo

January 23 - 24, 2016 POS Annual Show

UPCOMING ORCHID SHOWS AND SALES

January 15, 2016. - Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers Annual Collector's Auction. Preview 6:30 PM. Auction starts at 7:00 PM. San Mateo Garden Center, 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo, CA. For info contact: Richard Mangan at mangasz@att.net or Darrel Wong at bacyms@yahoo.com

Orchids Around the World

Peninsula Orchid Society

2016 Show & Sale



Saturday, January 23rd

Sunday, January 24th

10 am - 5 pm

Community Activities Building

1400 Roosevelt Avenue, Redwood City, CA

Admission \$5 Adults, \$3 Senior (62+), \$3 Children 12-16, Free for accompanied children under 12

Fabulous Displays of Blooming Orchids

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Demonstrations

Information: <http://penorchidsoc.org>

THE MEETING IS THE 3RD FRIDAY THIS MONTH!
DECEMBER, 18TH

THIS FRIDAY!

There will be no regular January 2016 meeting
Come enjoy and work at the Show January 23 & 24 2016!

From the Editors. We have missed the last two meetings and we will miss the December meeting too. There are no pictures in the edition as there was no one to take them. Sharon has done a wonderful job but we need a backup. Please let us know. peninsulaorchidsociety@yahoo.com. This edition is our 12th so we have completed a year. If anyone is interested in taking over please let us know.

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