

The Sheath

Peninsula Orchid Society San Mateo, CA Vol. 3 of 2015

Next Meeting of Peninsula Orchid Society is March 27, 2015 at the Garden Center, 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo, CA 94403. Doors open at 7:00 p.m.
Skill Session at 7:00 meeting at 7:30.

OUR FEATURED SPEAKER for the March meeting is Carol Klonowski. Carol has been growing orchids since the 1980s when a Berkeley friend gave her a Cattleya. The plant bloomed with three big dark-lavender very fragrant flowers. Carol built a greenhouse to accommodate the precious plant, and, consequently needed more orchids so that this plant would not be lonely. So, she purchased more. Another friend gifted her with a membership in the Orchid Society of California in Oakland, and it has been a passion ever since.

Carol can recall attending monthly meetings at OSC and Diablo View Orchid Society when orchid legends such as the late Frank Fordyce and the late Dick Emory would be available to answer the many questions an eager hobbyist would have.

Carol has served as Director, Vice President, and President of OSC for most of the past two decades. She is also an Accredited Judge with the AOS California Sierra Nevada Judging Center and has served several years as their webmaster. We have seen Carol at many Peninsula Orchid Society meetings.

This talk covers the recent 21st World Orchid Conference (WOC) in Johannesburg, South Africa, and presents an overview of that most unique country's orchids. From the well-known Disas to rarer but no less interesting Bartholinas, and from fynbo, montane and savannah habitats, we will explore why South Africa was chosen as the host nation for this prestigious event. Also, Carol will offer a preview of the next WOC in Guayaquil, Ecuador, and detail reasons why everyone should want to attend.

SKILL SESSION- Ken Jacobsen. Ken will demonstrate the correct way to use virus test kits from Agdia to test for cymbidium-mosaic virus and Odontoglossum ring-spot virus. Some infected plants will demonstrate that they have the virus, but some will not. It is a good idea to check your collection from time-to-time to make sure you don't have any hidden carriers waiting to infect your other orchids. Ken will talk about the best method to test a large number of plants, for the least money. There may be some test supplies

available at the meeting for \$6 per test, or you may bring your freshly cut leaf samples to have a test done for \$6 per test at the skill session.

OPPORTUNITY TABLE - Dennis Olivas (D & D Flowers)

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Spring Greenhouse Bus Tour! The spring bus tour is sold out. If you are on the tour please bring checks and/or cash as neither The Orchid Zone or Matsui will accept credit cards. Also please bring boxes for your purchases and a sweater or jacket. No cars are allowed on the tour per the instructions of two of the nurseries. If you missed out on signing up and would like to be on the waiting list please let Chaunie know. It is not unusual for someone to have to drop out close to tour time. If you find that you need to cancel, please call Chaunie at 510-494-8850 so that someone else can go in your place - you will receive a refund. If you discover on the morning of April 11th that you will not be able to come please call her cell phone 510-364-2274 so that we are not holding the bus for you. If Chaunie doesn't answer it is because she is driving, please leave your name and your message. The bus will depart at 9:00 a.m. sharp. Check out your navigating device ahead of time, if you'll depend on it to get you to the boarding site.

We'll board starting before 8:45am at the Light Rail Station at the Corner of Curtner and Canoas Garden in San Jose. Chaunie notes that the Google map is a bit off; the station is right at the noted corner. For those coming from the north take 280 to 87 South to Curtner and then turn right. If you can't see the bus please do not call. If you can't see it it isn't there yet. It's Too Big to miss! Really! We should return around 4:30 p.m.

SPECIAL THANKS - We would like to thank the eight people who generously donated their time and expertise to give educational talks at our January show. On Saturday we had Mary Gerritson on Miniature Orchids, Debra Atwood (Napa Valley Orchids) on 10 Rules of Thumb, Weegie Caughlan on General Cymbidium Culture and Chaunie Langland on Caring for Your Phalaenopsis. On Sunday we had Chris Mende (Tiny Jungle) on Slipper Orchids, Dennis Olivas (D & D Flowers) on General Orchid Culture, Tom Mudge on Setting Your Orchids on Mounts and Amy Chung (Jacobsen & Chung Orchids) on Orchids to Grow Outdoors. The talks were excellent and we appreciate all of you helping us to meet our goal of educating people about orchids.

CALENDAR OF SPRING SHOWS AND SALES

March 20-23, Santa Clara Valley Orchid Society 62nd Annual Show & Sale

Friday (sales only) 10am-9pm, Saturday 10am-9pm, Sunday 11am-4pm. Westgate Shopping Mall, 1600 Saratoga Avenue, San Jose. Free Admission Website: www.santaclaravalleyorchidsociety.org or call (408)229-2747,

March 21, California Orchids in Bolinas is having a sale from 9am – 4pm.

For more information call (415)868-0203

March 28-29, 20th Annual Central Coast Orchid Show & Sale, Saturday 9am-5pm, Sunday 10am-5pm. South County Regional Center, 800 West Branch Street, Arroyo Grande, CA. Admission \$5.00 for more information visit www.fcos.org or call (805)343-2455

March 28-29, Sonoma Orchid Society Show & Sale “A Symphony of Orchids”. Saturday 10am-5pm, Sunday 10am-3pm. Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Building, 1351 Maple Ave. Santa Rosa. Sales, Lectures, Judging. Admission \$8.00.
www.sonomaorchids.com

April 18-19, Sacramento Orchid Society “Orchid Mystique”. Saturday 10am-5pm, Sunday 10am-4pm. Scottish Rite Temple 6151 H Street, Sacramento, CA. Admission \$7.00 www.SacramentoOrchids.org. or call (916)489-3263

April 18 Cold Coast Cymbidium Growers Orchid Show & Sale. 10am-4pm. Redwood City Community Activities Building 1400 Roosevelt Ave, Redwood City, CA. Admission \$3.00. Sales, Demos, CSA and AOS Judging. www.goldcoastcymbidiumgrowers.com

May 2 & 3, D & D Flowers Spring Open house. 9am-3pm. Flyer will be in next month's newsletter.

May 9-10, Orchid Society of California Orchid Show and Sale. Saturday and Sunday 10am-5pm. Orchid display, sales culture sessions raffle. Free Admission

Neal Winslow is offering a full edition of the Thesaurus Masdevalliarum: A 21 volume Monograph of the genus Masdevallia by Carlyle A. Luer with watercolors and contributions by Anne Marie Trchslin, W. Konbiger, B. Wurstleand, R. Jenny, and published by Koniger for sale. This is the full first set, including volumes 1-19 plus 20a. This does not include the subsequent seven volumes published later (through a different publisher). All volumes are new and in the original boxes. Individual volumes in new condition sell for \$60 - \$75 each. He is asking \$1,000 for all twenty-one volumes. Contact Neal Winslow, nwinslow4@comcast.net or (650) 269-2999. Thanks from Neal, and please contact him if you have any questions.

Janusz reminds us that 2015 memberships are due (past due)! Please see attached renewal and membership form. The small stainless steel clippers are still available to members who renew before the March meeting, and to new members for 2015. Barry Zimmerman would like to caution us that you could melt the tiny tips of these clippers in a very hot torch flame (near the tip of the inner cone of the flame), for some areas of the flame are hotter than the melting point of the stainless steel alloy used to make these little gems, so you'd rapidly lose the utility of these clippers. I add that the stainless grade used to fabricate these is not temperable, so you need not quench them (I do to quickly cool them.), and as long as you don't overheat them past a dull red glow, they'll not be degraded.

Birthdays! Whether or not you observe them, we note them here: March member birthdays: Frank Bloomquist, David Erskine, Nancy Francis, Ritsuko Furuya, Diana Gross, Evelyn Jones, C. Todd Kennedy, Jasen Lieu, Margery Mayer, Su McMurtry, Anna Margarita Quiroz, Paul Reeve (now only half-gross - in years), Roey Shaviv, and Carole Zoltowski. **Happy Birthday to all!**

From your President: Ever since Dan Williamson and family departed for Georgia (The State of ..., not the Republic of ...) we haven't had a regular meeting photographer. We urgently need someone to photograph plants and people at our meetings so that we can show them in the Sheath again. This won't take fancy equipment, just a willingness to do it at every meeting.

Can someone take on this valuable responsibility?

Mike

Your editors note that we are happy to take a few photos when we attend meetings, but that we are not present at every meeting, and sometimes are present with only our phone cameras. So, make us work, make us compose those pages of pictures of our members' splendid plants, our members and speakers!

We cannot print what we do not receive. If any member receives an AOS or other award or trophy at any show this season please send the information to us. Also please tell us about shows, open houses, greenhouse tours or anything else of interest to our members.

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2015 Peninsula Orchid Society
Membership Application or Renewal
Mail to: Janusz Warszawski - Membership
1227 Monte Verde Ct., Los Altos, CA 94024

Member Information (Please Print):

Name(s) (1) _____ BirthMonth _____

(2) _____ BirthMonth _____

Address: _____

_____ ZipCode _____

Phone: _____

Please Note: We really need your current e-mail address to save postage and printing for *The Sheath*. Also, you will receive last minute information about orchid related events if we have your e-mail address. Your contact information is never sold! Thanks.

E-mail: (1) _____

(2) _____

Type of Membership:

- Individual \$22.00 Additional Member same household \$10.00
 Senior (55 and over) \$16.00 Additional Member same household \$10.00
 Payments can be made by Paypal on POS website penorchidsoc.org/membership.html

Our membership year runs from January 1 through December 31. Everyone is encouraged to renew before the end of February each year; it results in significantly less labor for the volunteers who handle membership duties.

Membership Chair's area

Date paid _____ Check No. and amount _____

Receipt No. _____ Cash Amount _____
