



# *The Sheath*

March General Meeting

Date: March 25, 2016

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  
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Speaker this Month: Neal Winslow

**Title: Growing Odontoglossums/Masdevallias and other cool growing orchids**

Neal, and his wife Sue, started growing orchids in the 70's, starting with phalaenopsis orchids from the Rod McLellan Co. on the end of his kitchen table. When there wasn't enough room for Neal and Sue to eat dinner they built a small greenhouse on the driveway. In the early 80's Neal left his job at SRI to take over the houseplant business at a local nursery. Of course, orchids were heavily featured at the 3000 sq ft greenhouse that housed the houseplant business. After only a few years, the nursery was sold for development and Neal took a job with Zoecon Corp where his friend Gerardus Staal worked. Neal worked in Herbicide Development at Zoecon/Sandoz Crop Protection

**Skill Session at 7:00PM**

**Meeting plus Show and Tell  
Table - 7:45PM followed by:**

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growing orchids

Opportunity Table by: Neal  
Winslow

until the facility closed 16 years later. In the meantime, Neal and Sue rented growing space from Robert Wescott/Herb Hagar, and later Bob Jones in

Watsonville, and sold orchids at orchid sales and fairs. The long drive to Watsonville each weekend eventually wore them down and they built a

greenhouse at their East Palo Alto home. Initially Neal grew Cattleyas and other warm growers, but over time switched to growing primarily Miltoniopsis and SLCs under intermediate conditions. About four years ago, Neal switched over to growing cool growers, especially Odontoglossums, which he had always wanted to grow.

The talk will include discussion on cool conditions, culture, plants to grow, and some tips on selecting Odontoglossum alliance plants for other temperature ranges.

**The plant table will include plants suitable for intermediate and cool conditions.**

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Thank you to Jeff Trimble for his February great talk on Cym. Hybridizing.



## President's Corner

**POS Annual Auction Tips** As you divide and repot your orchids this spring, keep the following tips for our September auction in mind:

**Bidders prefer orchids in bloom.** If your plant isn't blooming at auction time, take a picture when it does bloom and attach it to the auction label so bidders know what they are getting.

**Special plants get the highest bids.** Rare species or hybrids, awarded or award quality flowers, and well grown blooming sized plants receive the most attention from bidders.

**Information maximizes interest.** Can your orchid grow outdoors? Does it bloom more than once a year? Do the flowers last a long time? Are the flowers fragrant? Is it unavailable from commercial growers? Does it sell for a fortune on the internet? Etc., etc. Write it all on the auction label.

### Help Wanted:

**Sheath Editor:** Want to know the inside scoop before everybody else? Interested sharing your cutting and pasting skills with the world, and endearing yourself to orchid growers throughout the Bay Area? We are still in search of a newsletter

editor. Mike Rector is filling in admirably at the moment, but someone needs to step up to this crucial job on a longer term basis.

**Food Coordinator:** If you noticed the lack of coffee and haphazard snack placement at last month's meeting and want something done about it, this may be the perfect job for you. In just a few minutes per month, you can help keep our membership nourished and caffeinated.

**2017 Orchid Show Chair:** Ever wanted to be the Big Cheese, the Head Honcho, Large and In Charge? This is your opportunity! The good news is that the bulk of this job is keeping your many eager and capable specialty chairs on track. No experience required! For the less power-hungry, there is an option to share responsibility as a Co-Chair.

See the president or a board member at the March meeting to find out more or to volunteer for any of these positions.

### New Features

**Beginners / New Members Forum:** 7:00 p.m. in the main meeting room. Starting with the March meeting, there will be a forum for beginners and new members led

by our head of membership, Janusz Warszawski.

All topics of interest to beginning orchid growers are fair game. Attend the forum a few times, and you won't be a beginner for long!

**Ask an Expert:** 7:00 p.m. – 7:15 p.m. in the main meeting room. You have questions, and our orchid expert has answers (or knows how to find them). “How often should I water?” “What’s causing the spots on my orchid’s leaves?” “When should I repot this?” “Why won’t this flower?” “How should I grow this?” Any and all orchid related questions are welcome. If you have questions about an

orchid with pest or disease problems, please bring the plant in a plastic bag and keep it isolated from other orchids at the meeting.

**Miscellaneous**

Word on the street is that other orchid societies are out-snacking us. Not eating more, but providing more and varied treats for member consumption each month. We have a regular group of generous providers, but it would be nice to get some new people involved. So with a little less slacking, we can enjoy much more snacking. Remember, all those bringing in snacks are entitled to a free strip of raffle tickets.

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Interested in a specific topic or speaker or skill session? POS members are welcome to make suggestions for speakers or topics for our meetings, and also for our skill sessions before the meetings. Please send your suggestions to Neal Winslow [nwinslow4@comcast.net](mailto:nwinslow4@comcast.net)

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## Member News

### **A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY:**

Frank Blomquist - David Erskine - Nancy Francis - Ritsuko Furuya - Diana Gross - Evelyn Jones - C. Todd Kennedy - Jasen Liu - Margery Mayer - Su McMurtry - Javier Perez-Sanchez - Anna Margarita Quiroz - Paul Reeve - Roey Shaviv - Isis Trenchard - Carol Zoltowski

## Refreshments:

Thank you to all that brought treats. Thank you very much!

## Editor's Corner:

This is my first month as Sheath editor and I'm beginning to realize exactly what big shoes I have to fill. I hope that I can continue to provide a quality newsletter and that you will bear with me while I learn the ropes.

## Coming up:

May 5-8, 2016

As mentioned by Tom Mudge at the February meeting the POS, we would like to participate in the 2016 *Filoli* Mother's Day Flower Show. This year's theme is "California Then and Now 1916 - 2016". They are highlighting the Centennial Celebration of the building of the mansion. The 12 a gardens this time of year are spectacular and covered in Tulips. This years committee will be made up of, Neal



Winslow, [nwinslow4@comcast.net](mailto:nwinslow4@comcast.net), Mike Rector, [mrector@verizon.net](mailto:mrector@verizon.net), and Rex Castell. Rex is our designer, he has really done a wonderful job of putting together a display worthy of a gold medal.

Again this year we will have the Butler's Pantry available for us to decorate as we want.

If you have orchids in bloom and would like to display, please contact either Neal or Mike. If you would like to help set up or tear down. Please contact Mike. We will also like to have one or two people available to work the show during the day. This helps to answer questions by visitors. Last year there were over 600 people per day coming by. They were all amazed by our exhibit and we received many compliments. We were also able to advertise for our Society. Dates: Installation - 4 May during the morning. Show 5 - 8 May. Take down after 4 pm on Sunday May 8th. Place Filoli Estate, 86 Cañada Road, Woodside, CA. Working at the show gets you free entry to the show which is a \$30 value. Another possibility would be to have a potting demonstration at the Greenhouse area of the Estate.

## September

This is our month for our annual auction. Be prepared.

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## Upcoming Events around California:

### March 18 & 19, 2016. Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers Show & Sale.

1400 Roosevelt Avenue, Redwood City, CA. Set-Up and Plant entry Friday 10:00AM – 6PM; CSA, AOS and ribbon judging starts at 7PM. Show and Sale open to the public Saturday only from 10AM to 4PM. Cultural seminars, outstanding plants and exhibits, sales by members and plant raffles throughout the day. For more information visit the web site at [http://www.goldcoastcymbidiumgrowers.com/orchid\\_show\\_sale](http://www.goldcoastcymbidiumgrowers.com/orchid_show_sale)

**March 26, 2016 California Orchids Spring Sale** 515 Aspen Road, Bolinas 9 AM - 4 PM 415-868-0203 [info@californiaorchids.com](mailto:info@californiaorchids.com) [www.californiaorchids.com](http://www.californiaorchids.com)

**April 2 - 3, 2016 Sonoma County Orchid Society Show & Sale- "Orchids in Art"** Sat. 10 am - 5 pm; Sun. 10 am - 4 pm admission - \$8.00 Santa Rosa Veterans Building 1351 Maple Ave. Santa Rosa, CA across from the Fairgrounds. [www.sonomaorchids.com](http://www.sonomaorchids.com)

**April 2 & 3, 2016 21st Annual Central Coast Orchid Show & Sale "Orchid Foolery"** Sat. 9-5; Sun 10-5 South County Regional Center 800 W. Branch St., Arroyo Grande, CA Admission: \$6 Children 12 or under- Free Show info: 805-929-5749 [fcos.org](http://fcos.org) 805.801.6850/805.343.2455 Sponsored by Five Cities Orchid Society

**April 9 - 10, 2016 Sacramento Orchid Society 69th Annual Orchid Show & Plant Sale "Orchids in Your Own Back Yard"** Sat. 10-5, Sun 10-4 Scottish Rite Temple 6151 H Street Sacramento, CA 95819 [www.sacramentoorchids.com](http://www.sacramentoorchids.com) 916-489-3263 Admission - \$8 Free Parking - Demonstrations-Classes-Door Prizes

California Sierra Nevada Judging Center  
The California Sierra Nevada Judging Center has its 2016 awards online for your enjoyment. <http://www.csnjc.org>

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## *California Orchids Spring Sale!*

**Saturday, March 26th**

**9am-4pm**

**Huge variety of Orchids!  
Ferns, Bromeliads, Tillandsias  
Pots, bark, cork and other supplies**

**515 Aspen Rd**

**Bolinas, Ca. 94924**

**(415) 868-0203**

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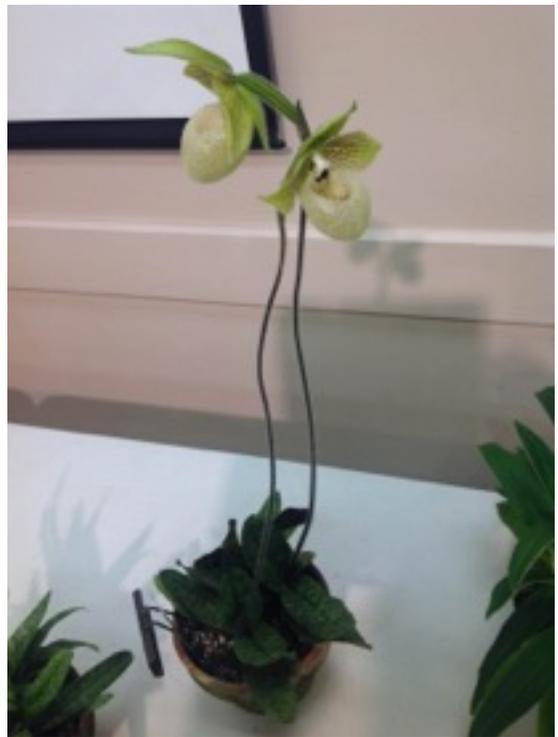
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**Pictures from the February Meeting - Show and Tell Table Thank You Super as Usual!**

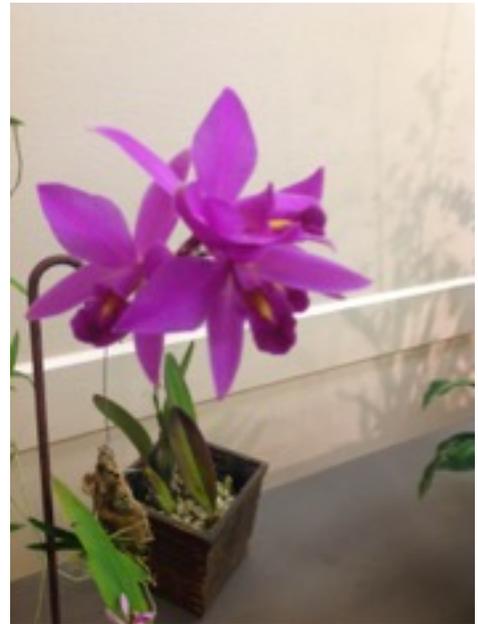


Our great opportunity table.









Fantastic Photos by:

**Thank you all for being a Member of the POS**

**Abraham Menicx**