



The Sheath

September-Auction Meeting
Date: September 17, 2016
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 94403-6894

Don't Forget there is no regular meeting this month on 4th Friday - September

Auction Information

The Peninsula Orchid Society Auction Saturday, September 17, 2016
San Mateo Garden Center, 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo, CA 94543.

The auction is open to everyone. There will be hundreds of orchids available, often at bargain prices. Lots of awarded or award quality plants will be offered. Many orchids will be in bud or bloom. Rare species, exotic hybrids, and old favorites will all be up for bid. There will be plants for every budget, all growing conditions and all skill levels.



Auction Timetable

10:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. --- Plant entry

12:00 noon onward --- Bidder registration.

12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. --- Auction preview

1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (or until all the plants are gone) --- Auction

Plant entry starts at 10:30 a.m. and runs through 12:45 p.m. in the courtyard of the San Mateo Garden Center. Get there early! POS members may bring up to 10 plants to sell for themselves. The society keeps 25% of the auction sales price and takes care of paying the sales tax. Members and non-members may also donate as many plants as they wish, with the society receiving 100% of the sales price. This is one of our two main sources of operating funds for the year. Your donation is appreciated and tax deductible since POS is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

At 12:00 noon, bidder registration begins. The registration desk is toward the side of the room near the windows. Write your name (and email address if not a POS member) on the sign-up sheet on the desk and the person working there will give you a bidding paddle. Pretty simple!

Everyone, members, your neighbors, your friends, your co-workers or people just passing by are welcome to participate in bidding. Please tell everyone about the auction!

While the official preview time begins at 12:30 p.m., you are welcome to check out the entries as soon as you have finished registering. Each plant will have an auction code of two letters and two numbers, which the auctioneers will be using to ID the plant. You may want to make list of plants you are interested in bidding on, or just see what you like as the auction progresses.

Plant entry ends at 12:45 p.m. and the auction will begin at 1:00 p.m. with our entertaining group of auctioneers Dennis Olivas, Tom Mudge and Jeff Trimble giving you some quick information about each plant as they hold it up for bidding.

The auction moves at a fast pace. The auctioneers will ask you to hold up your paddle, with the number facing them of course, on any plant you are interested in. They will call out increasing dollar amounts and you pull your paddle down when you wish to stop bidding. If yours is the last paddle up, you win the plant! If you win, please hold your paddle up until an auction runner hands you your plant. That will give the auction team time to record your win.

You may come in at any time during the auction and register to bid, and you may leave whenever you wish. If you have won some plants, just return to the registration desk, turn in your paddle and ask for your bill. Check to make sure that all of the plants you won are on the list, and then take your bill to the cashier at the back corner of the room. We will be accepting cash, checks and credit cards. You will want to bring a box(s) to help carry your winnings.

The Society will provide refreshments at the back of the room as usual. Please feel free to bring anything you would like to share.

The fine print: All plants are auctioned “as is” with no warranty as to their health or proper labeling. All auction bids are final, with no returns accepted for any reason.

Instructions for entering plants for sale at the auction:

1. You must be a current member of Peninsula Orchid Society. You may join the day of the auction.
2. Plant entry begins at 10:30 a.m. and runs until 12:45 p.m. at the tables in the courtyard of the Garden Center.
3. You are entitled to enter up to 10 orchids for your own account. Donations are unlimited. (Donors do not need to be POS members.)
4. Orchids must be pest free and appear to be in good health to be accepted for the auction.
5. Please fill out plant tags and an auction list of your plants in advance. (email forms have been sent to members, hard copies will be available at the August meeting, or if necessary, at the auction). Please write legibly.

Attach a tag to each entry. If possible, attach a picture as well of the flowers for any orchid not currently in bloom.

Those of you that have submitted lists in advance, please bring a copy of your list to the auction for plant entry. The advance lists are for promotional purposes and the official entry needs to be submitted at the auction.

5a. You must choose a two letter and two number code for each plant. (e.g. CL01, CL02, CL03...) Most members use their initials, but any two letters will work provided they have not already been claimed by another member.

5b. You will need to supply the auction list of your entries to someone at the plant entry table in the courtyard. This information will be used to enter your plant information into the auction database.

5c. On both your list and on your plant tags you need to note your minimum bid if you require one. It may be none, or it may be any dollar amount you like. High minimums may discourage some bidders.

5d. You may also want a copy of your list for yourself. This will allow you to keep track of the amount your entries sell for. We strive to enter everything correctly in the database, but mistakes can happen!

6. You will receive a check for your plant sales, less 25% which goes to POS, typically within a month of the auction. Thanks for participating and helping your society!!

See bottom of the newsletter for a entry form, print or copy to enter orchids.



August Speaker: A great big thank you to Scott Collins for his great talk on the elegant Lycaste.



Other, non-auction items

Sheath Editor: We could still use a longer term Sheath editor. Mike Rector has been the man for quite a while now, and he could use a well-deserved break. Not sure if you want the job? Try it risk free for one month. If you don't like it, you can quit.

Treasurer: Sue Rose has been our treasurer for many years and would like to pass the baton to someone willing to help the society. A familiarity with accounting or even just QuickBooks would do the trick. Sue would show you the ropes, so the transition should be easy.

See the president or any board member to find out more about these opportunities.

Member News

A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

Ann Aine, Sandra Charles, Phyllis Chim, Pamela Chong, Mary Gerritsen, Amy Jacobsen, Mary Jensen, Sharon Langan, Dennis Olivas, Betty Peschke, Ann Stuart, Al Testa and Todd Wenderski.

We wish you all the best and many more years of good growing.

Refreshments:

Thank you to all that brought treats. Thank you very much! Anyone willing to take on the fun and helpful job of setting up the food table every month, perhaps job share with others on a month to month basis? Just send in your name and when you would like to do the setup.

Membership:

For all information regarding membership and registration please contact Janusz Warszawski, email: janwar@sbcglobal.net. You can also meet with him at the next meeting. We have a gift for you when you renew or sign-up.

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Orchid Topics By Chaunie:

Go to the AOS Fall Members' Meeting in October!

By Chaunie Langland, POS AOS Representative

The AOS (American Orchid Society) holds a members' meeting twice yearly. The meeting is organized by a sponsoring group anywhere in the country and varies in it's format. This years Fall the meeting is organized by The Huntington and it is one that will be remembered for years.

The 2016 Fall Member's Meeting will take place October 19 - 23 (you probably want to start on Friday, or Thursday evening, rather than Wednesday) at the Huntington Botanical Gardens in San Marino, California. You can drive there in 5 to 6 hours, or fly there in an hour and a quarter.

Detail and registration at <https://www.aosfall2016.com>

Why should you go? Because they have put together an incredible program of speakers, there will be an amazing orchid show, and the international selection of vendors is mouth-watering. In my opinion, you are nuts if you miss this fantastic opportunity so close to home.

The show opens to the public at noon on Friday, October 21 and runs through Sunday. Presentations (for registered participants) begin at noon on Friday, October 21 and run through Saturday. Vendors will be available during the show and during the preview party.

Fifteen speakers are scheduled. Thirty vendors have signed up - the main space is full but they are planning to open up an overflow area. Vendors will be there from the U.S., Taiwan, Malaysia, Brazil, Peru, Columbia, Ecuador, and Germany.

There is a preview and pre-sales party on Thursday evening, October 20.

For \$99. All-inclusive pass includes access to all speakers' presentations, orchid displays and sales, Thursday's Preview Party, and Vendor Presale and shuttle services between the Double Tree Hotel Monrovia, CA and The Huntington. **Admission to The Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens from Thursday October 20 – 23, 2016 is included in this package (a \$100 value). Admittance to the Orchid Show is also included in this package.**

For \$45, one day. Pass includes access to all speakers' presentations, orchid displays and sales, for one (1) day of your choice (Friday, Saturday, or Sunday). Also includes admittance to **The Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens** for that same day. Access to shuttle services between the Double Tree hotel Monrovia, CA and the Huntington. (Does not include pre-view party, which can be purchased separately.)

There are additional items you can purchase - special meal meetings. The International Phalaenopsis Alliance will be meeting here and will have a lunch with an auction.

I went to the one in Portland two years ago and had a fabulous time. Cost to attend goes up by 20% beginning October 1. Register now!

BE THERE!!

A message from our sister society, San Francisco Orchid Society:

**Help Kickstart a new orchid grower's handbook
"A San Francisco Bay Area Guide to Orchids and Their
Culture"**

Unfortunately most books about orchid growing and culture are generically written and are not climate specific to the Bay Area.

Frequently this lack of focus can lead to confusion and ultimately, disappointment.

But this is about to change...



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**The San Francisco Orchid Society is publishing a NEW BOOK:
"A San Francisco Bay Area Guide to Orchids and Their Culture"**

Spearheaded by SFOS's Vice President, Mary E. Gerritsen, this conveniently sized book will be approximately 100 pages with hundreds of color photos throughout.

Topics in this book will include:

Specific suggestions for orchid species and hybrids that you can grow on indoors on a windowsill, light garden or terrarium as well as outside in your area.
Great picks for the cool, intermediate and warm greenhouse.
Expert suggestions for how to deal with cold snaps and heat waves.
Secrets of the some of the top growers in the Bay area.
Sources for orchid supplies, local nurseries and information about local orchid societies.

The SFOS NEEDS YOUR HELP!

To create this very targeted book for the Bay area grower, the SFOS is paying for the costs of editing, layout, printing and shipping 1000 copies of the new book. We have less than 30 days to raise the funds on Kickstarter.

Find out how you can help by going to the [Kickstarter](#) page and learn the full details of this exciting new project. **WATCH THE VIDEO!**

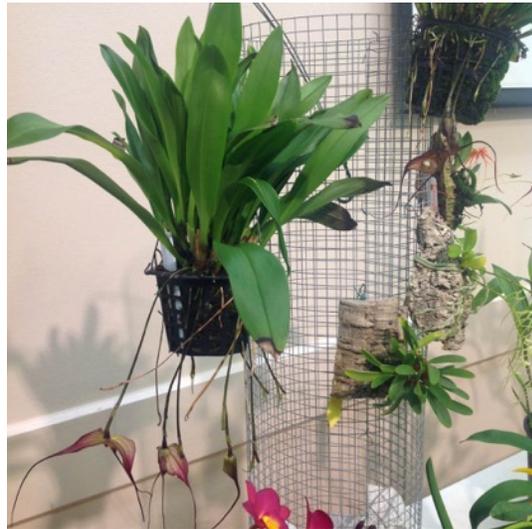
Kickstarting projects are **ALL OR NONE** funding, i.e if the goal of the project is not reached, no monies are collected, and no support goes to this project. So please, support this very worthwhile project to create a great contribution for the Bay area orchid hobbyist. Click [HERE](#) to learn more.

The August Raffle Table











Thank you to Abraham Wang for the great pictures.

