



The Sheath

General Meeting
June 23, 2017

Time: Doors open at 6:45PM
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

There will not be a skill session this month

Doors are open at 6:45

Board Meeting at 6:45 – all members are welcome

Meeting plus Show and Tell Table at 7:30pm followed by:

Speaker: Peter T. Lin of Diamond Orchids

Opportunity Table by Peter Lin

Speaker: Peter T. Lin, Proprietor of Diamond Orchids, will be presenting "Compact Vandaceous Species and Their Hybrids"



Peter started growing orchids over 35 years ago, but then stopped due to school and starting a career. It wasn't until about 14 years ago that the orchid "bug" came back and he is now heavily involved once again! He is an accredited judge with the American Orchid Society, and a hybridizer of mini-catts. He enjoys meeting with other orchid enthusiasts, and can often be found at various orchid shows and societies around the country.

Due to limited growing space, Peter likes to specialize in miniature orchids, both species and hybrids, and has received numerous AOS awards. His interests in orchids include Dendrobiums, Angraecoids, and Neofinetias. He is also known as "Mr Sophronitis" as he has a passion for growing and collecting them. He maintains a collection of a thousand or more orchids at his home in Southern California in 3 small greenhouses, outdoors, as well as an offsite greenhouse.

Member News



A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO Anne Abramson, Jean Agpoon, Robert Agpoon, Ellis Bigelow, Rene Biggs, Ginger Creevy, Mike Drilling, Joe Einos, Hoda Hassan, Sung H. Lee, Olga Ostrovsky, Ron Parsons, Paul Simon, Horst Wend, and Paul Satara Bever

And A Warm Welcome To Our Newest Members:

Connie Hu, A'na Satara, and Paul Satara Bever

Refreshments:

Thanks in advance to all those planning to bring in refreshments for the June meeting – we really appreciate your contributions! Be sure to pick up a free raffle ticket from Eric Levenson. Also, we're still looking for a volunteer to be in charge of the refreshments.

Membership Renewal

We have sent several reminders to all who have not yet renewed their membership. We would enjoy having you renew and being part of our POS activities. However, if you decided not to renew for 2017, please send a quick email to the membership chairman at janwar@sbcglobal.net, and he promises not to send you any more reminders. A renewal form is further down in the Newsletter.

Help Wanted!!

We are looking for a Correspondence Secretary, as well as a member to be in charge of Refreshments.

POS Now On Twitter and Instagram

Thanks to member Isis Trenchard, we now have accounts on Instagram and Twitter.

Our instagram account can be found here: <https://www.instagram.com/peninsulaorchidsociety/>

And our twitter account at: <https://twitter.com/peninsulaorchid>

If you're interested in photography and want to help the club as well, you can send your orchid pictures to her at: Isis Trenchard <ijtrenchard@gmail.com>, or at peninsulaorchid@gmail.com and she will see they get onto our page.

The President's Corner

The spring's shows are long over and the growing season is upon us. My *Laelia purpurata*'s are starting to bloom as well as many others that don't get the recognition they deserve. It's mid-June and your plants are screaming to be fertilized.

Also, when you are dividing up your plants make sure to put a plant aside for our auction!

Notes On The Filoli Flower Event – From Mike Rector

The POS orchid display at Filoli was really great (see below), and the organizers and attendees all had rave reviews for it. Rex did a great job, as usual, placing the plants for a beautiful arrangement. We were in the kitchen this year which gave us a lot of room for people to view. There were about 1300 people each day visiting the Flower Show.

Thank you to: Rex Castell, Jeff Trimble, Mike Drilling, Chaunie Langland, Tom Mudge, Gloria Bygdnes, Dean Haas, Abraham and Kimmy Chih, Paul and Phyllis Chim, Mark Khoo, Jasmine and Ken and Amy Jacobson. Mike Drilling gave a talk about Orchid culture that was well received.

Here's one side of the four-sided display



Editor's Notes



I was happy to see one of those charming rupicolous laelias on our table last month. I'm very fond of these orchids, as well as the small Tolumnias that Eric Levenson sometimes brings in, and I wanted to know how he grows them in our area (and without a greenhouse). He was kind enough to pen the following for us:

Have you shared my orchid growing experience of successfully growing a particular species for 2 or 3 years only to find that you "did something wrong" and killed the plant despite faithful and consistent culture?

This has happened to me several times and I've become a true believer that for many species, when you repot and what media you use can be critical (just as wiser growers have reminded me). This has led me to favor genera and species that don't need to be repotted often due to deteriorating media. Especially favored by me are genera and species that grow in nothing but rocks. Two of such genera that I have grown successfully (so far) are some of the Rupicolous laelias, Hadrolaelias, and Tolumnias.

I'm not experienced enough to give firm advice on how to grow these plants, but I can tell you what has worked for me under the inflexible conditions I have in Los Altos.

First inflexibility, the microclimate ... in Los Altos, where I live, several years of tracking temperatures shows routine summer temps between 90-100F, and not infrequently over 100F; and winter lows often between 30-40F. Usually temperatures are idyllic in Los Altos, but not always.

Second inflexibility, I have no greenhouse so all my plants rotate between in-doors under lights in winter, and outside in a shade house in the summer. So it is a great relief to find beautiful orchids that are happy growing in rocks, rarely requiring repotting, and can stay outside most of the year tolerating these temperature extremes. Tolumnias and Rupicolous laelias, including *L. briegei*, *L. milleri* and *L. forneri* that I grow, seem to be happy growing this way in Los Altos. Some of the Hadrolaelias I grow also seem happy including *Laelia sincorana* and *L. jongheana*.

My Tolumnias, Rupicolous laelias and the Hadrolaelias mentioned above grow in 100% lava stones about ¼" in size over 1 or 2 styrofoam peanuts in clay pots. In summer I water these plants every 2-3 days with rain water and occasional weak fertilizer ... more often if temps soar. And I don't hesitate to mist them. I continue that treatment until temps drop below the low 40's when I bring them inside under lights and reduce water to about every 5-6 days until temps once again rise over about 40F.

If this seems interesting to you there is an excellent article on Rupicolous laelias in the American Orchid Society. "Orchids", April 2001 which you can find at: http://sonomaorchids.com/?page_id=2535.

In Memory

Judy Evans

Our good friend, Judy Evans, passed away in her home on June 7th, after a long illness.

She was a member of the Board of Directors of the Peninsula Orchid Society for many years, in the position of Corresponding Secretary. She was a terrific and beautiful lady; volunteering her help for many of the POS activities. We especially loved her for taking on Chez POS duties at our annual show (planning, buying, and especially cooking) to feed all the volunteers and vendors. This picture was taken in the kitchen while she was working at our 2016 show, and if you didn't know her, you can easily see why she will be so missed. A twinkle in her eye, always a smile; she just made everything seem easy.

Our sympathies go out, especially, to her loving husband, Clint, who has been a long-time member, friend, and volunteer for POS.

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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 Mike Rector at mrector@verizon.net

Membership renewals

Annual membership fees are due in January; If you haven't renewed yet, they can be paid by check or cash at the meeting, or on the website using Paypal at: <http://penorchidsoc.org/membership.html>. The membership form is below.

2017 Peninsula Orchid Society

Membership Application or Renewal

Mail to: Janusz Warszawski – POS 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 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 shared.

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.

Upcoming Events:

37th Annual Santa Barbara Orchid Estate Summer Open House July 14-16, 2017

****Guest Author: Thomas Mirenda-FRIDAY & SATURDAY ONLY****

July 14-16, 2017, Friday & Saturday 8 AM to 5 PM; Sunday 9 AM to 4 PM

Held at Santa Barbara Orchid Estate, 1250 Orchid Drive, Santa Barbara, CA93111

San Francisco Orchid Society 2017 Orchids in the Park Summer Show & Sale July 22 & 23, 2017

Saturday And Sunday From 10:00 Am - 5:00 Pm at The Hall Of Flowers, County Fair Building In Golden Gate Park, 9th Avenue At Lincoln Way, San Francisco, California

You can be a part of our show by volunteering at:

<http://signup.com/go/3SZoBA>

Tickets & information:

GENERAL: \$5

SENIORS (65+): \$4

<http://www.orchidsanfrancisco.org/orch.../orchids-in-the-park/>



POS Auction is on Saturday, September 16th, 2017

World Orchid Conference, November 8-12th, 2017

Guayaquil Convention Center, Guayaquil, Ecuador

Info at info@woc22.com

POS show and sale is January 27, 2018



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UPCOMING WEBINARS

Vanilla: Growing, Harvesting & Curing with Jim Reddekopp

Thursday, June 22, 2017 @ 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM EDT *Members only*

There's nothing vanilla about **Jim Reddekopp** other than everything he lives and breathes, of course. Join Jim, the owner of the first commercial vanilla operation on the 'Big Island' of Hawaii, as he shares his failures and victories of growing, harvesting, and curing the world's most delicate orchid blossom.

Register now using this link: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/5538096413604700930>

American Orchid Society: Greenhouse Chat with Ron McHatton

Tuesday, July 11, 2017 @ 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM EDT *Everyone invited*

Please join Ron McHatton, American Orchid Society Director of Education and Science Officer, who will discuss a variety of topics on orchid culture based on question submitted by attendees. Please send your questions to stillisch@cox.net by Sunday, July 9th.

Register now using this link:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7631180625618853635>

Note: After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

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