



# *The Sheath*

**October General Meeting**

**Date: October 27, 2017**

**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 Ave.  
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 6894, San Mateo, CA 94403-6894

## **No Skill Session**

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

Speaker: Tom Mudge

Title: A Little Knowledge is a  
Dangerous Thing

Opportunity Table by: Tom Mudge  
as well some of Sharon's plants



**Speaker this Month: Our own Tom Mudge**

Tom's topic will be, "A Little Knowledge is a Dangerous Thing -  
Thirty Years of Growing and Killing Orchids"

Tom is a current member and past president of the POS, and a Charter Member of the International Phalaenopsis Alliance. He has been fortunate to have traveled extensively and seen orchids growing in the wild and in cultivation on six continents. He has grown orchids indoors and out for over 30 years, and has learned a few things (usually the hard way) in the process.



## President's Corner

We have lost our Newsletter editor and friend Sharon Langan. She passed away too soon. It seems that the good ones always go first. She was one of our hardest workers for the club and we will miss her warm humor. Mike Rector will take over temporary editorship of the newsletter for now. Isis Trenchard has tentatively agreed to take on the responsibility.

Her orchid collection is in the hands of the POS and we will be selling them to our Members during our October meeting. Sharon had quite a collection of good plants including many very expensive Lycastes from Cal-Orchid. We will miss Sharon; As a friend and fellow orchid enthusiast.

Jeff Trimble

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## Nominations now open for 2018 Members of the Board of Directors

The election is coming up fast, the election of officers and directors for the POS. At the October meeting, you will have a chance to nominate someone (including yourself) for one of the open positions. So come on and join the party!

Here is the current status of our nominations so far:

1. President – Open
2. Vice President – Open
3. Recording Secretary – George Spangler (I)
4. Corresponding Secretary – Helena Wee (N)
5. Treasurer – Eric Levenson (I)
6. Ways & Means – Tom Mudge (I ?)
7. Membership – Janusz Warszawski (I)
8. Director at Large – Abraham Wang (I)
9. Director at Large – Open
10. Director at Large – Isis Trenchard (N T)
11. Past President – Jeff Trimble
12. Librarian - Open (Do we still want to have a Library?)

Keys: I=Incumbent, N=New to position, ?=Unknown if they wish to continue, T=Tentative

Job descriptions:

### President

1. Run the regular meetings
2. Schedule and run the board meetings
3. Ensure the filing of government-mandated forms and reports, including taxes
4. Ensure the overall management of the affairs of the Society
5. Interface with the Garden Centers about meeting schedules and set up, and issues that may arise.
6. Appoint chairpersons for ad hoc committees as required, in particular the Show Chair.

### Vice President

1. Schedule speakers and skill sessions and make sure that the opportunity table is stocked
2. Host speaker dinners (If required)
3. Run meetings and board meetings in the absence of the President

### **From the Board of Directors**

The POS is in desperate need of your help. As some of you may have already heard, Sharon Langan passed away recently. In addition to being a wonderful person, she was the POS's newsletter editor, opportunity table ticket seller, cashier, photographer, frequent board member and all-around amazing volunteer.

You will recall that just a few months earlier, Judy Evans, another marvelous person, passed away. Judy was the POS's long time corresponding secretary, board member, cook at our annual show, and another all-around fantastic volunteer.

Dedicated volunteers like these are difficult to find, but the success of our society is almost entirely dependent upon them. Many of the rewarding aspects of our society that we may take for granted are only possible through the work and commitment of our volunteers.

Losing one exceptional volunteer within a year presents a real challenge. Losing two of our best could be catastrophic unless others are willing to step up and take their places. The remaining board members are stretched thin as it is. It is unfair and unrealistic to ask those already doing so much to do even more.

Many of you already volunteer occasionally or at specific POS functions, and for that we thank you, but we really need you to make a greater commitment to help our society.

Please volunteer for a position on next year's POS Board of Directors. We are a friendly bunch and need your help to keep our society the fun, interesting and enjoyable organization that we all enjoy.

Thank you

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

Robert Anderson Jr. Carol Armendariz, James Baxter, Angela Chen, Connie Hu, Richard Mangan, Kathryn Parker, George Spangler, Abraham Chih Wang, Helena Wee, and Barry Zimmerman.

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

**New Members:** Dina Chen and Angelique Fry, joined the Society at the Auction.

## In Memoriam



It is with great sadness to announce that our dear friend and POS board member, Sharon Langan, passed away suddenly at her home in Redwood City, of natural causes on Friday, September 22. Sharon was a huge asset to our Society. In her own quiet unassuming way, Sharon was always kind, in good humor, and a pleasure to be around and able to accomplish various helpful tasks as assigned.

### Comments on Sharon from Chaunie

Sharon first caught my attention years ago when I noticed the similarities between us. Sharon/Chaunie, Langan/Langland and we both loved Phragmipediums. And Lycastes. I always enjoyed the beautifully grown orchids she brought for Show & Tell.

Sharon used to come to the meetings with her neighbor and friend Rose Marie Pfanenstiel. Eventually Rose decided to focus on another hobby, but Sharon was devoted to her orchids and became involved in volunteering on the POS board.

Sharon served as a Director at Large in 2010 and moved up to Treasurer in 2011. And 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016. She also gave her time during our meetings selling raffle tickets, and volunteered at our show and our auction.

Sharon handled working at LAM Research, volunteering with POS, meeting with her Saturday lunch group and successfully battling breast cancer all at the same time. Her tenacity and strength of personality allowed her to take all this in stride and keep moving forward.

Her plan was to retire soon, if she could ever stop giving in to her boss's pleas to just stay a little longer. She had hip surgery, shortly before she passed away, planning to take up hiking again when she retired.

Sharon's brother John has generously donated her orchid collection to POS.





### Estate Orchid Sale

Sharon's brother John Langan donated her orchids to the POS. Several members volunteered to help remove her orchids from her apartment.

Most of her orchids were cooler growing and were either in her apartment or on her balcony.

We are selling Sharon's orchids at the October meeting

### POS 2017 Auction Update.

This year's auction was another big success. Our total plant sales were slightly below last year's very high level, but due to an increase in the number and quality of donated plants, we actually raised over \$500 more to help fund our speakers and other expenses for the coming year. None of this would have been possible without the generous assistance of our many volunteers.

#### POS offers profuse thanks to:

- Rene Biggs and Mary Jensen for testing, running and troubleshooting the computers and keeping track of everything.
- Mike Drilling, Dennis Olivas and Tom Mudge for auctioneering.
- Isis Trenchard and Olga Ostrovsky for delivering plants to bidders, plant entry and setup.
- Anne Abramson for greeting and paper bid recording.
- Helen Wee for chalkboard bid recording and plant entry.
- Rex Castell for keeping the volunteers deliciously well fed and hydrated.
- Chaunie Langland and Susan Tong for plant entry and general assistance.
- George Spangler for promotional work, set up and general assistance.
- Diane Reeve for kitchen help and general assistance.
- Jeff Trimble for donated plant storage and promotional work.
- Trudy Hadler and Janusz Warszawski for cashiering and plant entry.
- Janusz Warszawski for all the post-auction accounting and check distribution.
- All those who spread the word, either by putting up posters, telling people, or through social media.

Anyone else who helped in large ways or small that was not mentioned above. A final thank you goes out to all of our auction participants, and particularly our donors. With your support, the society is in much better financial footing and able to cover costs without deficit spending. A particular thank you goes out to Neal Winslow, this year's largest donor. His donated plants raised over \$400 for the society.



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Upcoming Orchid Events

October 20 - 22, 2017

The Huntington Botanical Gardens 3rd Annual International Orchid Show  
Friday through Sunday, 10am – 5pm

The Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens - Brody Botanical Center 1151  
Oxford Road San Marino, CA 91108 626.405.2100

Theme: Orchid Artistry

Celebrate the amazing diversity of orchids—a vast family of more than 22,000 species in 880 genera—as hundreds of exotic blooms compete for honors at The Huntington’s 3rd annual International Orchid Show and Sale. The event will showcase lush displays by local and regional orchid societies and international growers, and vendors will have a wide range of orchid plants and related merchandise for sale. General admission.

For more information: <http://www.huntington.org/orchidshow> email: [btam@huntington.org](mailto:btam@huntington.org)

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Saturday, October 21, 2017

23rd Annual Fall Native Plant Sale by the Yerba Buena chapter of the California Native Plant Society - 1pm - 5pm - Miraloma Park Improvement Club - 350 O'Shaughnessy Blvd, San Francisco, California 94127

To take advantage of the Winter rains, Fall is the time for planting! The Yerba Buena Native Plant Sale is an opportunity to find a variety of native plant species that aren't readily available at garden centers. Our focus and offerings, as always, will be native plants local to our chapter area: San Francisco and northern San Mateo County, including Montara and San Bruno Mountains. These are the species already adapted to our area's climate, soils, and habitats-- and are also important to our local wildlife. Growing locally native plants in your garden is an important way to attract pollinators, including native bees, butterflies, moths, and birds for your pleasure and their benefit. Provide for endangered species, such as by growing host and nectar plants for the Green Hairstreak butterfly. Enhance corridors for native wildlife

- - Use less water (thereby less energy pumping that water)
- - Save money on utility bills
- - Reduce the use of fertilizers and pesticides
- - Have a beautiful, colorful, lively garden
- - Inspire your neighbors to do the same!

Free Parking, and the 44-O'Shaughnessy Muni bus stops out front. Check out our new website:  
<http://cnps-yerbabuena.org>

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Saturday, October 21, 2017 The Fall Plant Exchange 12pm - 4pm 4500 Lincoln Ave, Oakland

The Plant Exchange, a registered 501(c)(3) organization, is a community and a celebration that encourages resource sharing, reuse, recycling, and organic living. Our mission is to encourage green practices and support Oakland's designation as one of the greenest cities in the country. The premier program of The Plant Exchange is its semi-annual, free, one-day event where gardeners, landscapers, urban farmers, educators, and enthusiasts all come together to exchange plants, equipment, tools, and information about ways to make our urban environment more sustainable, aesthetic, and healthy.

The event also features gardening demos, food trucks, a live band, raffle prizes, and more! And, it is all free to everyone.

For more information: call: (510) 866-8482, email: [connect@theplantexchange.com](mailto:connect@theplantexchange.com) or Visit the website at: [www.theplantexchange.com](http://www.theplantexchange.com)

November 4 - 5, 2017

Santa Barbara Orchid Estate

Fall Open House & Annual Silent Auction Sat 8 AM - 5 PM, Sun 9 AM - 4 pm:  
1250 Orchid Drive, Santa Barbara, CA.

The Annual Silent Auction is held every year in conjunction with the Fall Open House giving an opportunity to bid on first-releases of select and newly awarded cultivars, rare plants, and glorious specimens. The auction list should become available the beginning of October, so make sure you are signed up ahead of time - see <http://sborchid.com/auction.php>.

For more information, call 800-553-3387, or check the website: <http://www.sborchid.com/events.php>

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November 8-12, 2017

22nd World Orchid Conference Guayaquil, Ecuador - [www.woc22.com](http://www.woc22.com)

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November 10 - 11, 2017

Carmel Orchid Society's Fall Orchid Festival

9 AM - 4 PM at the Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula 4590 Carmel Valley Rd,  
Carmel, CA. [www.CarmelOrchidSociety.org](http://www.CarmelOrchidSociety.org)

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