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## February General Meeting

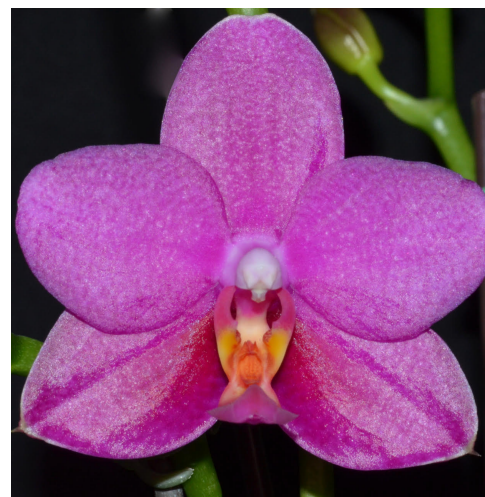
Date: February 23, 2018  
 Time: Doors open at 7:00PM  
 No skill session this month.  
 Place: San Mateo Garden Center  
 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo, CA

Take the Alameda de las Pulgas exit off Hwy 92, turn South. The Garden Center is located between 26th and 28th Avenues.

### The Uncommon Phalaenopsis

This month's speaker will be our Vice President, Chaunie Langland. A big fan of Phalaenopsis, aka Phals and Phalies, she will talk about species Phals, fragrant Phals, tiny Phals, huge Phals, and current awarded hybrids. Yes, there will be slides. She will also perform a death defying repotting for your amazement and edification. So sit close to the front if you want to see that. Or sit back by the refreshments if you are the nervous type and can't take the suspense.

Chaunie has been a member of POS for almost 20 years, having served as newsletter editor, show chair, membership chair (before the era Janusz), director, vice president and president. She is in her first year as an associate AOS judge. (That means her score finally counts!) Having retired from materials characterization at the end of 2017, she dreams of becoming current on repotting her orchids which she grows in her 8 x 16 greenhouse and outdoors. No, you cannot grow Phals outdoors!



A co-worker asked her once how to pronounce Phalaenopsis. After talking about Phals several times, the co-worker informed Chaunie that she never pronounced it the same way twice. So let's just call them Phals.

## Member News

### Sue Rose Life Membership

In recognition of her outstanding contributions to the Peninsula Orchid Society over the past 15 years, the Board of Directors of POS has voted Sue Rose a Life Membership in the Society. Life Memberships are occasionally awarded to individuals who go above and beyond the norm in support of the mission and activities of POS. Sue has in fact done more than that, serving variously as Treasurer, unofficial CFO, annual operating budget preparer, tax preparer/advisor and general financial consultant. In addition, Sue was instrumental in securing a 501(c)3 tax exempt status for POS.

Sue has worked tirelessly to make the Society successful financially, and set up Square and PayPal so that we could accept dues payments and other transactions electronically. Sue has also been a mainstay at our annual Show and Auction, handling all Sales, banking and financial transactions, and ensuring that we account for all income and expenses associated with both events. Recently Sue managed to set POS up with Google as a non-profit. This gives us free advertising and access to significant discounts on software and other items. Sue was also the person who got us interested in having a Facebook page, and we now have more than 450 Likes! Thank you for everything you have done, Sue!

### February Birthdays

Michael Bautista, Weegie Caughlan, Stanley Fuelscher, Sandi Gaunt, Donna Horn, Steve Kott, Debra Lepold, Eric Levenson, Alex Loughry, Tom Mudge, Pierre Pujol, Trine Sorensen, and Linda Tripp

### New members, signed up at the Show:

Michael and Michelle Bautista, Steve Briscoombe and Lauren Shein, Neal Krug and Joanne Volponi, Ashley Langston, Lynne Murrell, Mike O'Meara, Allan Wofchuck

### Returning members, after short absence:

Betty Chinn, James Rooney

### Membership Renewals:

Annual membership dues are due in January; they can be paid by check, cash or credit card at our monthly meetings, on the website <http://penorchidsoc.org/membership.html> using Paypal, or mailed to the address provided in the 2018 Membership Renewal form, attached to this Newsletter. **Please note the new fee scheduled for 2018. If paying by check, make it payable to POS.**

Remember, if you refer a new member, your dues are half price, and if you refer two new members your dues are free for a year! New referrals must not be current members of the POS and must mention your (current member's) name for you to get your discount (or refund).

Please update your contact information, especially email addresses (If there are no changes to the contact information, there is no need to fill out the form).

As an incentive to renew on time, POS is again providing free Garden Pruners to everyone who renews no later than the March meeting. All new members for 2018 are eligible for the free pruners throughout the year.

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## 2018 Show and Sale

Chaunie and Mike R. (show co-chairs) would like to thank all of the show volunteers. We have the best participation of any orchid society in the Bay Area. Even members who can't make meetings show up to make the show run smoothly. Thank you all! I am going to try to list you, and apologize if I leave your name off of this thank you.

Show chairs:

The show chairs deserve special recognition because not only do they work during the entire show and often on the set-up day, but they also attended one or two pre-show meetings! And you know how people feel about meetings. But this is what enables the show committee to foresee issues and come up with new ideas to freshen the show.

George Spangler, Isis Trenchard, Rex Castell, Ken Jacobsen, Sue Rose, Mike Drilling, Janusz Warszawski, Lynne Murrell, Tom Pickford, Abraham and Kimmy Wang, Tom Mudge, Jung Hee Ra, Olga Ostrovsky, and Shiela Fritz. Most of this gang did more than one job!

The following volunteers made the show run! (And many of these people did more than one job also.)

Ana Satara, Paul Satara, Dee St. Clair, Trudy Hadler, Barry Zimmerman, Anna Chai, Pierre Pujol, Kathy Parker, Diane Reeve, Paul Reeve, Bill Weever, Mary Gerritsen, Tanya Lam, Ron Parsons, Masaki Asuka, Eric Levenson, Jeff Trimble, Zach Coney, Helena Wee, Nancy Hardesty, Mark Khoo, Clint Evans, Roey Shaviv, Carrie Drilling, Paul Chim, Phyllis Chim, Pauline Wong, Rene Biggs, Margery Mayer, Anne Green, Mike Green, Joseph Kautz, Jean Lee, and the people I have missed but still thank from the bottom of my heart.

Speakers: Tom Mudge, Dennis Olivas, Weegie Caughlan, Chaunie Langland, Pierre Pujol, Dennis Olivas (yes, twice!) and Ken Jacobsen.

The American Orchid Society judges from the Pacific Central Judging Center and the Cymbidium Society of America judges from the SF Bay Area.

And a big THANK YOU to all of the exhibitors - without your beautiful plants there is no show.

We had 262 orchids entered for ribbon and trophy judging: 4 novice; 22 intermediate; 145 advanced; and 91 open.

We had 33 exhibitors: 2 novice; 8 intermediate; 16 advanced; and 7 open. A special nod of recognition to Jan Hawley who boards her orchids so was required to enter the open class with all the big guys. Thanks for showing in the toughest classes Jan!

## 2018 Ribbon Judging Results

### Novice

Class	Plant Name	Exhibitor
Cattleya	-	
Cymbidium	Cymbidium Showgirl 'Pink Blush'	Janice Valletta
Odontoglossum	-	
Paphiopedilum	-	
Vandaceous	-	
Pleurothallid	Pleurothallis deregularis	David Kell
Dendrobium	-	
Other	Dendrochilum arachnites	David Kell
Foliage	-	
<i>Best Novice</i>	Pleurothallis deregularis	David Kell

### Intermediate

Class	Plant Name	Exhibitor
Cattleya	C. coccinea 'Floriferous'	Matt Bond
Cymbidium	Cym. Geraint 'Malibu' HCC/AOS	Ann Aine
Odontoglossum	-	
Paphiopedilum	Paph fairrieanum	Trudy Hadler
Vandaceous	-	
Pleurothallid	Pleurothallis tubata	Paul Reeve
Dendrobium	-	
Other	Dendrochilum stenophyllum	Kathy Parker
Foliage	Mediocalcar decoratum	Kathy Parker
<i>Best Intermediate</i>	C. coccinea 'Floriferous'	Matt Bond

### Advanced

Class	Plant Name	Exhibitor
Cattleya	L. anceps (Feathered flame x Lineata Eleanor)	Greg Corrales
Cymbidium	East Zenith 'Misty Morn' HCC/AOS	Ken Jacobsen
Odontoglossum	Ornithocephalus montealegre	Mary Gerritsen
Paphiopedilum	Paph fairrieanum	Bill Weaver
Vandaceous	V. Pachara Delight 'Pachara'	Eric Levenson
Pleurothallid	Masd floribunda	Mary Gerritsen
Dendrobium	Dendrobium bellatulum	Mary Gerritsen
Other	Lycaste Chia Sunset 'Red Glory' AM/AOS	Chaunie Langland
Foliage	Cym dayanum 'Komatsu Nishiri'	Jeff Trimble
<i>Best Advanced</i>	L. anceps (Feathered flame x Lineata Eleanor)	Greg Corrales

### Final Trophy Results

Class	Plant Name	Exhibitor
In show	L. anceps (Feathered flame x Lineata Eleanor)	Greg Corrales
Species	L. anceps (Feathered flame x Lineata Eleanor)	Greg Corrales
Pleurothallid	Pleurothallis truncata	Asuka
Miniature Species	Ornithocephalus montealegre	Mary Gerritsen
Cypripedium	Paph fairrieanum	Bill Weaver

## Honoring our past presidents

In honor of President's Day, we wanted take a look back at all of the past presidents who have worked of the Peninsula Orchid Society. Unfortunately, this doesn't go back all the way to the beginning, which was 1937. Some of our current members have served many times as president: Mike Drilling comes in first for serving 5 TIMES. Dennis Olivas is a close second with 4 terms, followed by Todd Kennedy with 3 terms. Thank you for all of your hard work in building and maintaining this great club!



2017 Jeff Trimble  
 2016 Tom Mudge  
 2015 Mike Drilling  
 2014 C. Todd Kennedy  
 2013 Chaunie Langland  
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 2010 C. Todd Kennedy  
 2009 Ken Jacobsen  
 2008 Dr. Mary Gerritsen  
 2007 Dennis Olivas  
 2006 Mary Jensen  
 2005 Su McMurtry  
 2004 Mike Drilling  
 2003 Mike Drilling  
 2002 Elizabeth Lasensky  
 2001 C. Todd Kennedy  
 2000 Su McMurtry  
 1999 Dennis Olivas  
 1998 Dennis Olivas  
 1997 Carol Basey  
 1996 Scott N. Dallas  
 1995 Dr. Richard Pettijohn  
 1994 Dennis Olivas  
 1993 Raymond Mooren  
 1992 Roy W. Stahlhut  
 1991 Leo Kusber  
 1990 Scott Dallas  
 1989 Neal E. Winslow  
 1988 Frank McNally  
 1987 Weegie Caughlan  
 1986 Donald A. Carson  
 1985 Donald A. Carson  
 1984 Terry Boomer  
 1983 Dorothy Stevenson  
 1982 Arnold Adams

1981 Dr. Gerardus B. Staal  
 1980 Ann Cavender  
 1979 Bill Stevenson  
 1978 Dr. K. H. Lee  
 1977 Michael Roccaforte  
 1976 Frank Blomquist  
 1975 Arthur Latham  
 1974 Dr. Lawrence Vance  
 1973 Ervin Schultz  
 1972 Henry Severin  
 1971 Kay Rinaman  
 1070 Lillian Severin  
 1969 Dr. Oliver Senn  
 1968 Clar Hancock  
 1967 Albert Alberts  
 1966 Shirley Holloway  
 1965 Walter Clayton  
 1964 Bertie DeMartini  
 1963 Admiral C.J. Wheeler  
 1962 Ernie MacCarthy  
 1961 Mrs. William H. Blackburn  
 1960 Richard Stone  
 1959 Elwood Weitmann  
 1958 Mrs. Norman Fox  
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 1956 Mrs. Milton Sierioity  
 1955 Paul Brecht  
 1954 Jack Batten  
 1953 Keith Shaffer  
 1952 Walter L. Mackey  
 1951 Richard Glaetzer  
 1950 Herb Hager  
 1949 Fred Barnes  
 1948 Dr. William S. Talbot  
 1947 Albert M. Cross

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## Upcoming Orchid Events

### February 22 - 25, 2018

San Francisco Orchid Society's 66th Annual Pacific Orchid Exposition (POE)

"Curiouser and Curiouser, Orchids in Wonderland"

Gala Preview Night "Mad Hatter" Party - Thursday Feb 22nd - starts at 6pm

General Show and Sale - Friday-Sunday Feb 23rd - 25th

at Hall of Flowers (County Fair Building) in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park More information and advance tickets sales to come... [www.orchidsanfrancisco.org](http://www.orchidsanfrancisco.org)

See attached flyer.

### March 17, 2018

California Orchids Spring Sale!

515 Aspen Rd, Bolinas, CA 94924

9am - 4pm

Plenty of Orchids, all sizes, all types, Tillandsias, Ferns, Supplies

To receive a copy of the pre-order list, email: [info@californiaorchids.com](mailto:info@californiaorchids.com)

You can save money by ordering early!

For more info see [www.californiaorchids.com](http://www.californiaorchids.com) or call Mary Nisbet at (415) 868-0203

See attached flyer.

### March 9-11, 2018

73rd Santa Barbara International Orchid Show The World's Greatest Show - Orchids!"

9 AM - 5 PM

Earl Warren Showgrounds - Santa Barbara, CA.

AOS Spring Members' Meeting to be held in conjunction with the Show. For more information, check the website: <https://sborchidshow.com/>

### April 22-23, 2018

Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers Show & Sale.

1400 Roosevelt Avenue, Redwood City, CA.

Set-Up and Plant entry Friday 10AM – 6PM; CSA and AOS judging at 7PM. Show and Sale open to the public Saturday and Sunday 10AM to 4PM.

For more information contact: Sylvia Darr, Show Chair - [syldarr@gmail.com](mailto:syldarr@gmail.com)





Curiouser and Curiouser!

## Orchids in Wonderland

66th Pacific Orchid Exposition  
Gala Preview Night "Mad Hatter Party" February 22  
Show and Sale February 23-25, 2018  
Hall of Flowers, Golden Gate Park  
San Francisco  
Information  
[www.orchidsanfrancisco.org](http://www.orchidsanfrancisco.org)  
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[info@californiaorchids.com](mailto:info@californiaorchids.com). You can save money by ordering early!

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## Getting to Know Your New Orchid by Chaunie Langland

Show season is orchid buying season. With all of the great vendors available at the shows you are very likely to have new orchids to enjoy. Here are the things I do right away when I bring an orchid home. It takes a lot of text to tell you about it, but once you have done it a few times you will find it takes very little time while giving you a big payback.

Now that you have that new orchid home...

- Research hybrids on the RHS website
  - Research species on the Kew website and on [orchidspecies.com](http://orchidspecies.com)
  - Record it in your spreadsheet
  - Research culture information on the internet, in books you own, by talking with POS members
- 1) Research it - hybrid.
    - 1) If it is a hybrid (the grex is capitalized on the tag) enter it in the grex name search on the RHS website <http://apps.rhs.org.uk/horticulturaldatabase/orchidregister/orchidregister.asp> and learn what the parents are. This also allows you to confirm that the name on the tag is spelled correctly.
    - 2) When entering search information into the RHS website you will simplify your search if you do not enter the genus (unless it is one not subject to constant change).
    - 3) If there is no grex name but there are two parents listed then use the parentage search on the RHS website to see if this cross is registered. Oftentimes a nursery will put the parents on the tag without the grex name to indicate that the plant is a seedling rather than a clone or meristem. If you find that this is a registered cross then record the grex name and give your plant a second tag with the grex name on it.
    - 4) Oddly, though any registered cross made with the same two parents has the same grex name, if you put the pollen parent in the cell for the seed parent and vice versa in RHS you will receive the information that no registered name was found. Traditionally the tag should have the seed (or pod) parent first and the pollen parent second, but that is not always the case or the breeder may have reversed them for your plant. Reverse the positions of the two parents if you get a null result on the first try.
    - 5) If no registered name is found, then record the grex name as unregistered hybrid. Check again in the future to see if someone has registered it. If you have this plant awarded by the AOS and the cross is not registered then you will contact the hybridizer if possible and either they will register it or they will give you permission to name it.
  - 2) Research it - species
    - 1) If it is a species the grex name should not be capitalized.
    - 2) Go to the Kew website [http://wcsp.science.kew.org/prepareChecklist.do;jsessionid=421B665EEBE7B302CFD791DB6551267B.kppapp05-wcsp?checklist=selected\\_families%40%40032010220182310307](http://wcsp.science.kew.org/prepareChecklist.do;jsessionid=421B665EEBE7B302CFD791DB6551267B.kppapp05-wcsp?checklist=selected_families%40%40032010220182310307) and with a little bumbling around you should be able to determine the current recognized genus for your species orchid. This will also help you to correct tag spelling errors.
  - 3) If you are unable to find any information on your plant the label may have spelling errors or a very old name that is no longer in use. Google is often a great help. Type in the name on the tag and it will often bring up the correctly spelled name. Be careful though, some plants have been so consistently misspelled that they have a huge online presence in their correct spelling and their incorrect spelling. Take those spellings back to the RHS website or the Kew website and you will be able to determine which one is correct.

- 4) Record it
  - 1) Genus, grex and, if present, clonal name.
    - 1) If there is a clonal name on the tag then the plant is either a clone, meristem or division. Ethically you must keep this clonal name with the plant.
    - 2) What if it says Cymbidium Mountain Maid 'Carol Z.' x self? Then there is no clonal name associated with your plant. It is a seedling from a plant that was crossed with itself.
  - 2) Date purchased, seller, price paid and if you like include parentage
  - 3) Years from now you will thank yourself for doing this!
  
- 5) Research culture information
  - 1) There is a lot of cultural information available on the internet to be found just by typing in the plant name.
  - 2) For species information Jay Phal's Orchid Species is a great place to check. <http://www.orchidspecies.com> Be careful though, while you are looking through there you may find more orchids that you just have to have!
  - 3) Many nursery websites have excellent cultural information.
  - 4) Feel free to call the person or business you bought the plant from. Growers love to share information!
  - 5) Remember that there are people at our orchid society who can help you also and are glad to do so.

The more time you put into learning about the orchids you own, the better your growing results will be and over time you will develop an idea of which parents are likely to produce the flowers you love. This will allow you to choose seedlings that are worth the time and effort it takes to grow to blooming size plants.

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2018 Peninsula Orchid Society  
Membership Application or Renewal

Write checks payable to: POS  
Mail to: Janusz Warszawski – POS Membership  
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Member Information (Please Print):

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(2) \_\_\_\_\_ BirthMonth \_\_\_\_\_

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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 \$20.00                       Additional Member same household \$10.00  
 Payments can be made by Paypal on POS website [penorchidsoc.org/membership.html](http://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.

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Membership Chair's area

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