

THE SHEATH

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August General Meeting

Date: August 24, 2018
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 Hwy 92, turn South. The Garden Center is located between 26th and 28th Avenues.



Skill Session: Phragmipedium culture with Chaunie

Meet in the Rose Room at 7:10pm

With the right culture you can have some of your phragmipediums blooming more than half the year!

This Month's Program: Projects of Orchid Conversation Alliance Speaker: Steven Beckendorf

Steve will talk to us about some of the conservation projects that Orchid Conservation Alliance (OCA) has helped to fund and about how conservation groups are chosen for funding assistance by OCA. When land is purchased for orchid habitat conservation, not only are the orchids of interest saved, but also all of the other native flora and fauna in that area are protected.

Opportunity Table

Will come from Hanging Gardens

Steve started growing orchids in the early 1980s and quickly became fascinated by *Odontoglossums* and their close relatives because of their beauty and variety. They had a glamorous past as the most sought after plants in the orchid frenzy that gripped Europe in the 19th century. In addition, excellent hybrids were available from growers and hybridizers on the West Coast.

He soon realized that few of the species in this group were readily available and began collecting them for propagation and use in hybridizing. His attempt to find unusual or lost species has led to many trips to the cloud forests of Mexico & South America.

He is passionately involved in orchid conservation and is a member of the AOS Conservation Committee and a director of the Orchid Conservation Alliance (OCA).

As a geneticist and developmental biologist, Steve has worked on the mechanisms that define tissues and organs in early embryos. He is Professor Emeritus of Molecular and Cell Biology at the University of California, Berkeley. Because of this background, Steve has been interested in several of the scientific aspects of orchids, including molecular taxonomy and deceptive pollination strategies.

Finally, Steve is a Judge in the Pacific Central Judging Region. He has numerous AOS awards.

Dinner with the speaker!



We will have a no host dinner with our speaker at California Pizza Kitchen (they have many things other than pizza!) at the Hillsdale Mall. You will want to approach the mall from the back and park on the back side. Please let Chaunie know if you will be attending so she can ask for a large enough table. chaunie.langland@earthlink.net or 510-364-2274.

Member News

August Birthdays

Dina Chen, Zachary Coney, Scott Dallas, Susan Hamilton, Edmond Hon, Scott Kudo, David Kurzrock, David Ma, Lynne Murrell, Mike O'Meara, Janet Rector, Jeff Trimble, Kimmy Wang

New members

Clarice Hampel, Lynn Gentry



POS Annual Auction is on Saturday, September 15th

Do not forget! Stick a Post-it Note on your mirror, tie a string around your smart phone, whatever it takes. If someone invites you to another event, turn the tables on them and bring that person to the auction instead.

Tell everyone! Tell friends, family, co-workers, acquaintances, social media followers, enemies, frenemies, etc. about the auction! Where else can they get an orchid for a dollar? Plus studies show that social interaction is good for you, so in a sense, auction attendance is the key to a healthy life.

We need volunteers, particularly to help with plant entry starting at 10:00 a.m. If you cannot come until later, we still need your help. No experience required.

Auction Tips

- **It is crunch time!** There are **only 22 days left** between our August meeting and the auction. You should have received an email for the POS with auction list and plant labels forms attached. If you would like hard copies instead, they will be available at the August meeting.
- **Fill out and submit your list of plants.**
 - If you fill out your auction plant list on your computer, email it to Chaunie at the following email address: chaunie.langland@earthlink.net
 - If possible, send pictures of each plant in flower along with the list, but keep the picture sizes down to no more than 200 KB each.
 - If you will be filling out a pen and paper hard copy of your list, you can give it to Chaunie at our August meeting, or mail it to her the old fashioned way at the following address: *Chaunie Langland, 878 Cashew Way, Fremont, CA, 94536*
 - The earlier you submit your lists and pictures, the more bidders you can attract, and more bidding means higher prices!
- **Remember, let's all try to keep the quality and desirability of our plant entries high.**
- **Save your money!** Oatmeal for breakfast, Ramen for lunch and dinner, and tap water to drink will make you a lean, mean bidding machine come auction time. Need coffee? Brew your own! With all the money you save, you will be able bid freely at the auction. Alternatively, if you enter highly desirable plants of your own to be auctioned off, you may be able to fully finance your auction bidding spree with the proceeds. Just think, an afternoon of auction fun and you go home with an armload of new orchids, and the net cost to you might be nothing!
- **Remember, the auction helps our society.** You like the POS. That is why you are reading this in the first place. Remember that the auction and the show are the only two sources of funds to keep our society going. Entering plants for sale helps the society, but donating plants helps even more. Plus there is no limit to the number of donation you can make! Also, bidders, there is no crime in getting a bargain, but don't forget that you are helping your society with every bid you make, and the higher the bid, the more you help.
- **Do one last grooming.** Trim dead or yellowing leaves, wipe off hard water stains, stake wayward flower spikes, etc. Remember the old sayings, "if your orchids look stunning, bidders come running" and "if your orchids look like trash, don't expect to get much cash".
- **See you at the auction!**

2019 Show and Sale

January 26-27, 2019

Do you have an idea for the theme for our January 2019 show? Please send it to chaunie.langland@earthlink.net

The 2019 show committee is forming. Chaunie Langland has volunteered to be show chair again this year. Most of the work of the show committee is organizing before the show. A lot of this work is just as easily done during the summer and early fall as later in the year. Now would be an excellent time to volunteer to become one of the show chairpersons. Mike Drilling has already volunteered to be the Vendor chair and started contacting vendors in June. Chair person positions available as of the time this was written are: hospitality (kitchen), plant hotel, raffle table, set-up, security, admissions, advertising, presentations, and plant placement. If you are the chair person you are only responsible for organizing your area - you do not have to work in your area during the entire show time, and if you can get your volunteers lined up and trained you don't even need to come to the show if you have other places you have to be.

Another position that needs to be filled is **2020 potential show chair**. Ideally the show chair has worked in several of the other chair positions and so understands how the show works. When someone without experience gets roped into being the show chair because no one else will do it, we tend to have a rough show. The first year Chaunie was show chair she relied on a lot of help and advice from Rene Biggs, then took it on again the next year to try to do a better job. It would be good if someone(s) would step up to learn the show chair job for next year, because no one does this job three years in a row so there will be a different show chair in 2020!

A little about each position:

Hospitality - has food out for lunch and dinner on Friday, breakfast and lunch on Saturday and breakfast, lunch and dinner on Sunday. The chair doesn't have to do all this and there is absolutely no requirement that anyone working in the kitchen do any cooking. Everything can be purchased ready to eat. You will have a budget to work with.

Plant Hotel - open from 10 AM to 5 PM both days, store the plants for show attendees while they visit the show or continue shopping, help people get their purchases out to their cars if they need assistance. Arrange for volunteers to cover the shifts and make sure we advertise in The Sheath in December and January for boxes and newspaper.

Raffle Table - collect a plant from each vendor and arrange attractively for the raffles each day. If you have time to get other donations for the baskets great - if not, A-OK. Up to you how you want

to do it. Arrange for volunteers to sell raffle tickets during the show 10 AM to 4 PM Saturday and 10 AM to 3 PM Sunday.

Set-up - interface with the show site to arrange table set-up (we have the floor plan from previous years), round up volunteers, make sure either Mike Rector or Bill Weaver are available to set the lights up, arrange to get the show equipment from the storage unit to the show on Friday morning before set-up begins.

Security - schedule volunteers to cover the show area and exit door during the show - also give them a little training. 10 AM - 5 PM Saturday and Sunday.

Admissions - schedule volunteers to take admissions money, answer questions, and find out how the guests heard about the show. 9:45 AM - 4:30 PM Saturday and Sunday.

Advertising - help determine whether we can afford Bay Area News Groups advertising, design or have someone design the Facebook ad, design or have someone design the show poster, post information on many free sites on line, have the posters and postcards printed by the end of October.

Presentations - we always provide 4 presentations on Saturday and 3 or 4 on Sunday for show attendees. It is not difficult to find volunteers to make these presentations. Your job is to request that people (vendors and members) give presentations, schedule them at a time they prefer and get the information to the webmaster (Chaunie) and the newsletter editor (Isis) by mid December.

Plant placement - on Friday, plant entry day, carry the plants from the entry table and arrange the plants on the main show tables. This requires rethinking and rearranging during the day and early evening as there is no way to anticipate what types of orchids will be coming in.

Two more things - there is no requirement that only one person be the chair of each responsibility. There is no reason we couldn't have different hospitality chair for each day, or for each meal type - you would just need to plan together. Or we could have one hospitality chair and have different people responsible for different kitchen responsibilities. Also, remember that you don't have to do all of the work organizing your area, you can form a team with other POS members and divide up the responsibilities. You just need to be willing talk to or call or email people and get them to join you - many people with help out if they are given a little encouragement. It's all good!

Meeting Refreshments



We appreciate and want to thank anyone who brings snacks to our POS meetings. However, all POS members are also expected to help out with refreshments, setup and cleanup at monthly meetings based upon the first letter of your last name.

Check the calendar below for the monthly meeting corresponding to your last name.

For EXAMPLE:

Members whose last name starts with the letter range A - B would bring snacks to the meeting in **January**.

Please bring snacks such as baked goods, nuts, fruit or veggie sticks, crackers & cheese for the next meeting. A jar/can of nuts, a pound or two of fruit (dried or fresh) or cheese, a dozen cookies, or a box or two of crackers is an appropriate amount.

And everyone who brings snacks should remember to ask the folks at the opportunity table for an extra opportunity table ticket, regardless of your last name!

2018 Refreshment Calendar:

Jan: A - B

Feb: C

Mar: D - G

Apr: H - J

May: K

Jun: L

Jul: M - Q

Aug: P - Q

Sep: R

Oct: S - V

Nov: W - Z

Dec Potluck: Everyone

Jan 2019: A - B




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Upcoming Orchid Events

August 25, 2018

End of Summer Community Orchid Sale, 10am – 4pm

541 Parrot Drive, San Mateo, CA

See attached flyer.

September 15, 2018

Peninsula Orchid Society Auction

San Mateo Garden Center, 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo, CA

12:30pm – plant preview

1pm – bidding starts

See attached auction information packet and flyer.

September 29 - 30, 2018

Fascination of Orchids International Show and Sale

South Coast Plaza Village

1621 West Sunflower, Santa Ana (across from South Coast Plaza)

10 AM - 5 PM both days

www.ocorchid.com

October 19–21, 2018

Huntington International Orchid Show and Sale Huntington Botanical Garden

1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA

10 AM – 5 PM

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 4th annual International Orchid Show and Sale. In addition, vendors will have a wide range of orchid plants and related merchandise for sale. Entry to the event is included with general admission to The Huntington. Brody Botanical Center, The Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens.

www.huntington.org

January 26-27, 2019

Peninsula Orchid Society Show & Sale

Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Ave., Redwood City, CA

February 22 - 24, 2019

The Pacific Orchid Exposition

Gala Night February 21, 2019

Save the Date and start spreading the word! Stay tuned more information to follow.

www.pacorchidexpo.org

March 15 - 17, 2019

The Santa Barbara International Orchid Show 'Orchid Magic'

Fri thru Sun 9 AM - 5 PM

Earl Warren Showgrounds, Santa Barbara

For more information: www.sborchidshow.com

**End of the Summer
Community Orchid Sale**

Orchids from the collections of local area growers
including
Masaki Asuka, Steve Beckendorf, Mary Gerritsen,
Ken and Amy Jacobsen, Lynne Murrel, Mary Nesbit
Tom Pickford, and more!
Proceeds will be donated to the

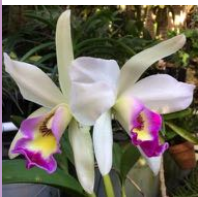
ORCHID CONSERVATION ALLIANCE
www.orchidconservationalliance.org
Preserving orchids and their habitats!

Where: Mary Gerritsen's
541 Parrott Drive, San Mateo
When: Saturday August 25
10 am - 4 pm

Items for sale will include:
orchid species and hybrids, supplies, bromeliads, pots,
mounts, other plants
Cash, checks and credit cards ok



ORCHID CONSERVATION ALLIANCE



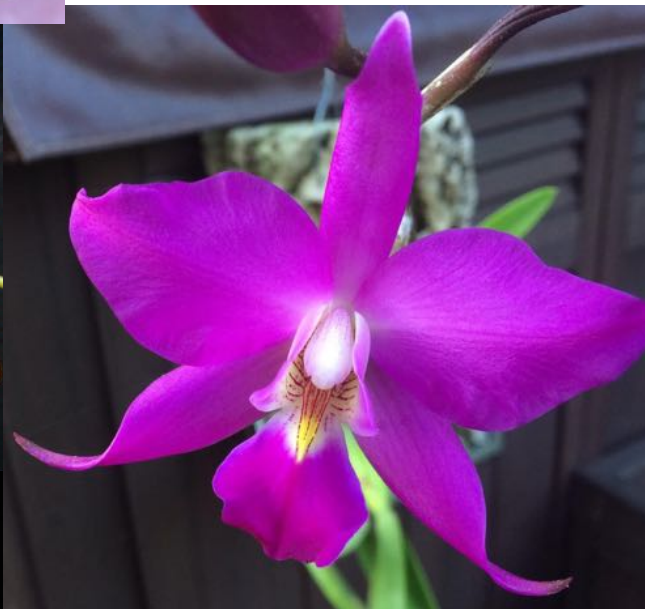
Peninsula Orchid Society Auction

Saturday, September 15, 2018

**1:00 PM to 5:00 PM (Preview
12:30 PM)**

San Mateo Garden Center

605 Parkside Way, San Mateo, CA 94543



Entertaining and fun. Open to everyone.

100's of orchids, bargain prices, many in bud or bloom.

Rare species, exotic hybrids, fragrant, some available nowhere else!

Plants for every budget, all growing conditions and all skill levels.

Auction Information

**The Peninsula Orchid Society Auction
Saturday, September 15, 2018
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

- 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. --- Plant entry (Get there early!)
- 11:30a.m. 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 10:00 a.m. and runs through 12:30 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 11:30 a.m., 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 12:30 p.m. and the auction will begin at 1:00 p.m. with our entertaining group of auctioneers 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 10:00 a.m. and runs until 12:30 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 July and August meetings, 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!!

THANK YOU CAROL AND RENE!!!

Peninsula Orchid Society Auction Entry Form - September 15, 2018

Seller's Name and phone number: _____

Orchid code - two letters and two digits, e.g. XX01, XX02 (the letters are usually your initials)

Orchid Code	Plant name or item	Minimum bid amount (if any)	Donation Y/N	

Orchid Code _____

Plant _____

Seller's Name _____

Minimum Bid _____

Comments _____

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