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NEWSLETTER OF THE PENINSULA ORCHID SOCIETY

FEBRUARY 28



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

DENNIS OLIVAS

We had a successful January meeting with 35 in person members. The election and Bylaw changes were ratified. We had a beautiful members blooming orchid display covering 2 8' and 2 6'tables. Thank you Todd Kennedy and Ron Parsons for introducing them. I would like to encourage in person meetings throughout 2025.

Our guest speaker, Kathy Barrett, did a great presentation on the influence of commercial orchid growers in California. She was very informative and entertaining with lots of energy.

Thank you Susan Gutierrez for handling the raffle ticket sales. We made \$95 on plants donated by D & D Flowers.

A very special thank you to Mark Khoo for pursuing and acquiring a storage space at the garden center. This will save the society about \$2,000 a year. Mark, Pierre Pujol, Bill Weaver and Olga Ostrovsky transferred the storage materials from the old facility to the new one as of January 26th. Thank you for your hard work. I will organize a group to go through our storage materials to see if we could discard unnecessary items. We should take into consideration keeping historical materials. Maybe we could take photographs of some items and digitize them along with the old photographs before discarding them.

Our next speaker on February 28th will be Ramon de Los Santos on Orchids of the Philippines.

# MEMBER NEWS

Our upcoming meeting is February 28 at 7:00 PM, in the San Mateo Garden Center, where Ramon de Los Santos will be presenting “Phalaenopsis species of the Philippines”. Ramon de los Santos is an accredited Judge of the American Orchid Society and the California Sierra Nevada Judging Center Awards photographer. He started growing orchids at an early age of 14 in the Philippines and was an avid photographer in high school. While in college, he was hired as the club secretary of the Philippine Orchid Society and later became a Director of the Board and awards photographer for Waling-Waling magazine. His photos of orchids have graced the front cover of the Orchids Magazine, the official magazine of the American Orchid Society, and won several, as the photographer, on the special orchid awards for the American Orchid Society.

We will hold a raffle for the opportunity table plants. The raffle plants will be donated and the donor will announced at the meeting.

If you would like your pictures to be in the next month’s newsletter, send them to our email by the end of the second Friday of the month. Include the name and clear pictures.

Wishing a very happy birthday this month to Weegie Caughlan, Sandi Gaunt, Eric Levenson, Tom Mudge, Julita Pacumio, and Pierre Pujol!



Cover: *Phalaenopsis hieroglyphica*, grown by Chaunie Langland

# JANUARY SHOW & TELL



Clockwise from top left: *Burrageara Nancy Carpenter* (Tom Waugh), *Phragmipedium Incan Treasure* (Chaunie Langland), *Rhyncattleanthe Qing Ming Beauty* (Catherine Obillo) and *Sophrocattleya Cosmos 'Laina'* AM/AOS (Anna Chai)

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## FEBRUARY

**SAT**  
**8**

### **Diablo View Orchid Society Show & Sale**

From 10 am to 4 pm, at 4700 Ygnacio Valley Rd, Concord, CA 94521.

### **Open Greenhouse: Ken Jacobsen & Pierre Pujol**

From 9:20 am to 3 pm, at 12511 San Mateo Rd, Half Moon Bay, CA 94019.

**FRI**  
**28**

### **Peninsula Orchid Society Meeting**

Doors and Zoom open at 6:30 pm. Meeting begins at 7:00 pm, at 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo, CA 94403.

**FRI - SUN**  
**28-2**

### **Pacific Orchid Expo - Orchids in the Clouds**

From Thursday (Preview night) to Sunday, at 1199 9th Ave, San Francisco, CA 94122. Buy your tickets at:  
<https://www.orchidsanfrancisco.org/events.html>

## MARCH

**FRI - SUN**  
**7-9**

### **Santa Barbara International Orchid Show**

From Friday (Preview night) to Sunday, at 3400 Calle Real, Santa Barbara, CA 93105. Buy your tickets at: [sborchidshow.com](http://sborchidshow.com)

**SAT - SUN**  
**29-30**

### **Sonoma County Orchid Society Show & Sale**

From Saturday to Sunday, at 1351 Maple Ave, Santa Rosa, CA 95404. See flyers for more details!



# Diablo View Orchid Society

## Orchid Show and Sale

Saturday February 8, 2025  
10am – 4pm

- Displays of beautiful orchids
- Orchids and native plants for sale
- Educational talk on orchid care and culture



Photo credit: Henry Shaw

**Cal State East Bay, Concord Campus**  
**4700 Ygnacio Valley Rd, Concord**

Admission \$7, \$5 with this card

Children 12 and under free

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# Open Greenhouse

Who: Ken Jacobsen & Pierre Pujol

(650) 704-5239

(650) 255-9012

When: Saturday, Feb 8 from 9:30 AM until 3 PM

Where: 12511 San Mateo Road,  
Half Moon Bay

(behind the Phalaenopsis vendor in the front)

Standard Cymbidiums, Asian Cymbidiums,  
Mexican Laelias, Australian dendrobiums,  
Standard Cattleyas, and more

Many in bloom!

(BYOB: Bring Your Own Box)



72nd  
Annual

San Francisco Orchid Society Presents:

Pacific Orchid Exposition Show and Plant Sale



**Orchids  
In the  
Clouds**

County Fair Building  
1199 9th Ave.  
San Francisco, CA

Feb 28 - Mar 1, 2025 10am - 5pm  
March 2, 2025 10am - 4pm

Preview Night:  
Feb 27, 2025 6-9pm  
(Must be 21 and older)

77th Santa Barbara  
INTERNATIONAL ORCHID SHOW

# EXOTIC GARDENS

March 7th-9th, 2025

9AM-5PM

EARL WARREN  
SHOWGROUNDS

[sborchidshow.com](http://sborchidshow.com)







## Meeting Agenda

- 6:30 PM - SMGC/Zoom doors open
- 7:00 PM - Ramon de Los Santos
- 8:00 PM - Announcements
- 8:10 PM - Show and Tell
- Opportunity Table

## Reminder

Our general meetings are the fourth Friday of every month, except for December when it's the third Friday.

## 2025 Board

- President - Dennis Olivas
- Vice President - Dan Williamson
- Recording Secretary - Leena Wang
- Correspondence Secretary - Open
- Treasurer - Steve Proschan
- Director of Membership - Olga Ostrovsky
- Director of Ways and Means - Mark Khoo
- Director at Large - Susan Gutierrez
- Director at Large - Alex Cain
- Director at Large - Open
- Past President - Ken Jacobsen
- Newsletter Editor - Leena Wang

Do you have something you would like to include in the next newsletter?

Send an email to [penorchidsoc@yahoo.com](mailto:penorchidsoc@yahoo.com)!