

MAY 2025

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NEWSLETTER OF THE PENINSULA ORCHID SOCIETY



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

DENNIS OLIVAS

Thank you all who volunteered to help at the Joint Gold Coast Cymbidium Society/Peninsula Orchid Society Show and Sales on April 5-6. We needed more volunteers but made do with those that did double and tripple shifts. There were 124 entries in the show and more that were not registered for ribbon awards. The American Orchid Society Pacific Central Judging Center granted 8 AOS awards

Our future speakers are as follows:

May 23, 2025: Carol Klonowski on the subject Tokumnia (Equitant Oncidiums)

June 27, 2025: Chaunie Langland, Pierre Pujol and Ken Jacobsen

Ask your panel regarding orchid cultures. Send your questions to Dennis Olivas at d.olivas@comcast.net. I will be accepting questions up to a week before the meeting to expedite the process.

July POS auction (Date to be determined)

MEMBER NEWS

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 Rex Castell, Patricia Coney, Annie Green, Christine Kradjian, Margery Mayer, Steve Proschan, Sue Rose, A'na Satara, James Shao, Charlotte Thunen, Susan Tong, Leena Wang, and Lily Yan!

Cover: Pleione Confusa 'Golden Gate', grown by Paul Asente

MAY SPEAKER

Our speaker this month will be Carol Klonowski, who will talk about *Tolumnias* and their culture.

Carol Klonowski has been growing orchids since the 1980's when a friend in Berkeley, California, gave her a cattleya and it bloomed out with three big, dark lavender flowers and an intoxicating fragrance. She built an entire greenhouse in her backyard to accomodate the precious plant, which only led her to buy more orchids. Then another friend gave her a gift membership to the Orchid Society of California and it's been a serious hobby and passion ever since. She can recall going to monthly meetings where orchid legends such as the late Frank Fordyce would be available to answer the many questions an eager hobbyist could ask.

Tolumnia is a genus previously known as the “equitant oncidiums”. The species, split off from *Oncidium* in 1986, has charming flowers clustered at the top of slender stems on plants that are compact. Latest hybrids have taken advantage of the many colors and patterns in these ‘Dancing Ladies’. With proper culture, these plants can be a part of any orchid collection.

Carol has served as Director, Vice President, and President of the Orchid Society of California for most of the past two decades and is currently an Accredited Judge, and on the Board of Trustees with the American Orchid Society.



A MESSAGE ABOUT THE MAY SHOW

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Thank you for joining us at the 2nd joint GCCS and POS Show and Sell. We appreciate our many volunteers who ensured the event's success. We want to give a big shoutout to our incredible volunteers for making our Show and Sell a successful event. Many of our volunteers undertook multiple shifts and tasks and provided delicious snacks to keep our energy up. Whether the tasks were room set up and clean up, room monitoring, sales assistance, ribbon judging, AOS judging, providing an educational session on orchids, assisting with event planning, food hospitality, signing up vendors, and advertisement, assisting with plant check in, greeting our visitors with a warm smile, or simply offering a helping hand, your presence made all the difference.

Alex Cain	Ivan Madrinan	Olga Ostrovsky
Alisha Westerfeld	James Shao	Onor Cheung
Ann Benninger	Janusz Warszawski	Patricia Olson
Anna Chai	Jason Douglass	Paul Asente
Audrey Young-Tarter	Jim Baxter	Ping Yu
Bill Weaver	Joel Bollinger	Richard Mizerak-Mohun
Catherine Obillo	Herbie White	Ron Norris
Chaunie Langland	Joseph Kautz	Steve Chen
Clarisse White	Kevin Hill	Steve Proschan
Cora Gadduang	Leena Wang	Susan Gutierrez
Corinna Wan	Lisa Chen	Susan Rose
Dan Colton	Mariko Nagashima	Sylvia Darr
Dennis Olivas	Mark Khoo	Tom Waugh
Diane Winters	Martha Skalak	Winnie Wang
Elizabeth Storti	Nancy Chang	Dan Williamson
Florence Inserto	Norma Ng-Yep	Zach Coney

MAY SHOW RIBBON RESULTS

SYLVIA DARR

Best In Show	Blc. Victoria Kam 'Fascination' Pierre Pujol
Best Species in Show	Cymbidium insigne 'Album' AM/AOS James Baxter
Best Miniature Orchid (<8"inc flower)	Leptoides bicolor 'Charlotte' Zach Coney
Best Orchid Grown by First Time Exhibitor	Cymbidium Rustic Bronze Ping Yu
Best Orchid Grown by an Open Class Exhibitor	Blc. Victoria Kam 'Fascination' Pierre Pujol
Best Orchid Grown by an Amateur Class Exhibitor	Cymbidium Rustic Bronze Ping Yu
Division Awards	
Best Cattleya in Show	Blc. Victoria Kam 'Fascination' Pierre Pujol
Best Cattleya in Open Class	Blc. Victoria Kam 'Fascination' Pierre Pujol
Best Cattleya in Amateur Class	Lc. Coastal Sunrise 'Lemon Chiffon' Jason Douglass
Best Cymbidium in Show	Cym Johnny Cash 'Cinnabar' Bill Weaver
Best Cymbidium in Open Class	Cym Johnny Cash 'Cinnabar' Bill Weaver
Best Cymbidium in Amateur Class	Cym. Rustic Bronze Ping Yu
Best Ontoglossom In Show	Oncostele Midnight Miracles Ron Norris
Best Ontoglossom in Open Class	Trichopellia Charles Chaunie Langland
Best Ontoglossom in Amateur Class	Oncostele Midnight Miracles Ron Norris

Best Paphiopedilum in Show	Paphiopedilum Wossner China Moon 'Norrine' Jason Douglass
Best Paphiopedilum in Open Class	Paphiopedilum Fumi's Delight Chaunie Langland
Best Paphiopedilum in Amateur Class	Paphiopedilum Wossner China Moon 'Norrine' Jason Douglass
Best Vandaceous in Show	Holcoglossum tsii Tom Mudge
Best Vandaceous in Open class	Holcoglossum tsii Tom Mudge
Best Vandaceous in Amateur Class	Ascocentrum miniatum 'Kai Gold' Zach and Pat Coney
Best Pleurothallid in Show	Masdevalia caudata 'Highland' AM/AOS Anna Chai
Best Pleurothallid in Open Class	Masdevalia caudata 'Highland' AM/AOS Anna Chai
Best Pleurothallid in Amateur Class	Masdevalia deformis Catherine Obillo
Best Dendrobium in Show	Dendrobium kingianum 'TS Samona' Anna Chai
Best Dendrobium in Open class	Dendrobium kingianum 'TS Samona' Anna Chai
Best Dendrobium in Amateur Class	Dendrobium speciosum 'Barrel' Paul Ascente
Best Other Genera in Show	Pleione veliwaekernaget 'Pearl' Anthony Rivera
Best Other Genera in Open Class	Promenacea stapeliodes sub xanthina 'Zorro' CC Chaunie Langland
Best Other Genera in Amateur Class	Pleione veliwaekernaget 'Pearl' Anthony Rivera

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY

May 16-18: Gold Country Orchids & Paph Paradise Open House

- At 390 Big Ben Road, Lincoln, CA
- See flyer below for more details (and bring flyer to receive a discount)

May 23: Peninsula Orchid Society Meeting

- Carol Klonowski, "Tolumnias"
- Opportunity table plants to be announced at meeting

JUNE

june 27: Peninsula Orchid Society Meeting

- Chaunie Langland, Pierre Pujol, Ken Jacobsen, "Orchid Culture" Panel
- Send your questions to Dennis Olivas at d.olivas@comcast.net (up to a week before the meeting)

Meeting Agenda

6:30 PM - SMGC doors open
7:00 PM - Zoom opens
7:00 PM - Carol Klonowski
8:00 PM - Announcements
8:10 PM - Show and Tell
Opportunity Table - To Be Announced

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
Treasurer - Steve Proshan
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 - James Shao
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!



GOLD COUNTRY ORCHIDS & PAPH PARADISE SPRING OPEN HOUSE

GOLD COUNTRY:

**Bring this flyer for a free plant with any \$25
purchase, or 25% off any purchase over \$150**

MAY 16 9:00-4:00

MAY 17 10:00-3:00

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390 BIG BEN ROAD, LINCOLN, CA

MAKE A DAY OF IT!

**VISIT OUR LOCAL WINERIES, RESTAURANTS
AND MICROBREWERIES**

WE RECOMMEND:

DUELING DOGS BREWERY

CIOTTI WINERY

AND MANY MORE!!!

PAPH PARADISE: NEW AND EXCITING PLANTS

**Don't miss this chance to see our most recent
additions, including some select plants not
available online or at shows**

APRIL SHOW & TELL



Clockwise from top left: *Angraecum Compactolena* (Janett Hawley), *Pleione Barbarae* (Paul Asente), *Laeliocattleya Santa Barbara Sunset* (Janett Hawley), and *Pleione Ueli Wackernagel 'Pearl'* (Paul Asente)