

JUNE 2025

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NEWSLETTER OF THE PENINSULA ORCHID SOCIETY



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

DENNIS OLIVAS

We had 26 members, 3 guests present at the main hall and 4 members on Zoom. The raffle table plants were donated by Leo Kusber and Dennis Olivas. There were 20 plants consisting of blooming Phalaenopsis, Miltoniopsis, Zygopetalums, Paphiopedilums and cymbidiums. We also auctioned a *Laelia gouldiana* donated by Ken Jacobsen and a Sarcophilus donated by Chaunie Langland.

I want to thank all that have attended the meetings in person. I believe it makes the society more cohesive and personable. I do understand that those attending by Zoom probably are unable to drive at night for long distances especially with the LED lamps on vehicles. I myself have difficulty especially with trucks having their lights shining straight into my eyes.

The POS table at the San Mateo Garden Center Craft Fair was covered by Olga, Dan and Mark. Although the fair was very well attended, the POS made only \$55.65 selling beautiful Phalaenopsis each with 2 inflorescences. Unfortunately, attendees did not sign up as new members. Hopefully they will remember our organization and attend the meeting to join us. Please feel free to invite family and/or friends to visit and join the society.

We, the officers and board members, agreed to have a fall show in October. I spoke to Mike Drilling to reserve the Garden Center for October 3-5, 2025. I will gather committee chairs and get discussions going. This will help us build up the treasury. This will ensure a more secure organization in future years. Specifics will be announced in future monthly newsletters and meetings.

See you at the general meeting on June 27, 2025.

Future speakers:

July 25th - Bill Weaver on Orchid Pests and Diseases

August 22nd - Diane Bond on Zygopetalums species and hybrids

Cover: Pleione formosana 'Polar Sun', grown by Leena Wang

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 Anne Abramson, Rene Biggs, Ko-Chain Chang, Cynthia Chaplin, Ginger Creevy, Emma Denton, Mike Drilling, Elaine Jek, Olga Ostrovsky, Jung Hee Ra, Lars Rosengreen, Paul Satara Bever, and Paul Simon!



LAELIA ANCEPS DIVISIONS

Ken Jacobsen has just finished his biannual repotting of his *Laelia anceps*, and has divisions available on a first come, first served basis. There are many excellent and famous plants on the list! If you'd like a copy of the list, email Ken at Kenneth.p.jacobsen@gmail.com.

JUNE PANEL

Ask your panel (Chaunie Langland, Pierre Pujol, and Ken Jacobsen) regarding orchid cultures. Send your questions to Dennis Olivas at d.olivas@comcast.net. Dennis will be accepting questions up to a week before the meeting to expedite the process.

One of this month's speakers will be 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 or answer your questions on growing Phalaenopsis.

Chaunie is a long time active member of Peninsula Orchid Society and a dead weight member of San Francisco Orchid Society, Gold Coast Cymbidium Society and Santa Clara Valley Orchid Society. She is an accredited AOS judge with the Pacific Central Judging Center. 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. Yes, this previous sentence is from an old bio and she still has the same dream. No, you cannot grow Phals outdoors here!

UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE

June 7: Orchid Digest Speakers Day (see flyer below)

- Speakers, auction, sales.
- Purchase tickets at: <https://www.orchiddigest.org/2025-speakers-day>

June 27: Peninsula Orchid Society Meeting

- Chaunie Langland, Pierre Pujol, Ken Jacobsen, “Orchid Culture” Panel
- Send questions to Dennis at d.olivas@comcast.net (up to a week before)
- At the San Mateo Garden Center, 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo, CA 94403
- Opportunity table plants to be announced

JULY

July 26-27: Orchids in the Park (see flyer below)

- Tickets at: <https://www.orchidsanfrancisco.org/events.html>
- Vendors, member sales, interactive demonstrations
- At the SF County Fair Building, 1199 9th Ave, San Francisco, CA 94122

Meeting Agenda

6:30 PM - SMGC doors open
7:00 PM - Zoom opens
7:00 PM - Orchid Panel
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!



Orchid Digest Speakers Day 2025

**Please join us for Orchid Digest Speakers Day, June 7,
2025!**

**At the Huntington Library & Botanical Gardens
San Marino, California
10:00 am to 9:00 pm**

***Featuring Lectures by Experts, Orchid Sales
Happy hour with an AUCTION and Dinner
Registration Fees include lectures and dinner!***

**Members: \$99.00 Non-members:
\$125.00 Virtual: \$40.00**

Guest Dinner: \$55.00

SPEAKERS

**Justin Kondrat, of the Smithsonian: “An Orchid Collection
for a Nation—**

**Stewardship, Engagement, and Horticulture!” Joe Ambriz:
“Orchids That Brave the**

**Elements—Growing Temperature-Tolerant Orchids” Harold
Koopowitz: “Disas—Species, Hybrids, and their Culture”**

**John McCoy: “Time Capsules from the Greatest Generation of
Southern California Orchid Growers”**

PLANT SALES

ORCHID DISPLAYS

WORKSHOPS

SAN FRANCISCO ORCHID SOCIETY PRESENTS

ORCHIDS IN THE PARK

SF County Fair Building

1199 9TH AVE, SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94122



JULY 26 - JULY 27

WWW.ORCHIDSANFRANCISCO.ORG



BECOME A MEMBER

JUNE SHOW & TELL



Clockwise from left: *Phagmipedium Nitidissimum* 'Rayber' HCC/AOS (Chaunie Langland), *Oncidium* (Lois Posey X *eximium*) 'Pacifica' (Anna Chai), and *Cattleya sincorana* v. *coerulea* 'SVO #1' (Anna Chai)



Clockwise from left: *Mystacidium* Neil McCormick 'Mae West' AM/CCM/AOS (Chaunie Langland), *Dendrobium vietnamense*, and *Cattleya* Dorothy Warne (Bill Weaver)

JUNE RAFFLE AND AUCTION



Top: Opportunity table plants at our May meeting
Bottom, from left to right: *Laelia gouldiana*, donated by Ken Jacobsen, and
Sarcochilus hybrid donated by Chaunie Langland