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NEWSLETTER OF THE PENINSULA ORCHID SOCIETY

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

SUSAN GUTIERREZ

Happy New Year. I hope you all had an enjoyable holiday season.

This month we will have Tyler Albrecht as our speaker. He will be discussing orchids in the Oncidium Alliance.

There are a couple of exciting events happening in the next two months:

On January 31, the Gold Coast Cymbidium Society will be holding its live collector's auction at the San Mateo Garden Center. This is a fun event with many fabulous cymbidiums up for auction. For more information, go to the GCCS website (www.goldcoastcymbidiumsociety.org)

From February 27 through March 1, the San Francisco Orchid Society will be holding the annual Pacific Orchid Exhibition at Golden Gate Park. This is another event not to be missed. For more information, go to their website (www.orchidsanfrancisco.org)

We are currently in the planning process for our annual show and sale on April 18-19, which we are co-hosting with GCCS. We are in need of lots of help to make our show and sale a success. There will be an electronic sign-up available for volunteers for the days of the show/sale. I hope that you will be able to spare some time to help out. In addition to the actual show dates, we need assistance with planning and the advance work that needs to be done. If you are interested, please let me know.

Cheers to another good year filled with orchid education and new additions to our collections!

Susan

JANUARY SPEAKER

Tyler Albrecht was born and raised in Silicon Valley but currently resides in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountains in Loomis with his wife Dana and two children Reece and Reagan. Having always expressed an interest in plants, just like his father. The two of them would often go to the local nurseries every weekend and find something new and exciting to bring home. Tyler's father is initially responsible for introducing him to orchids with his small collection of Cymbidiums that grew so well outside all year at their Campbell CA home. Soon after Tyler had also begun to branch out into other genera and dove headfirst into Paphs and Phrags. It was at this time that regular visits to see Lillian Severin, Dennis Olivas, Gerardus Staal and The Rod McCellan Co in San Francisco. Ever eager to learn more, Orchid Clubs were introduced and as a Junior in High School, Tyler was elected Vice President of The Malini Orchid Society in Cupertino CA.



After graduating High School, Tyler attended Foothill Junior College to complete his lower requirements for a transfer to a Cal State School, at the same time earning a Certificate in Nursery Management from the Foothill Ornamental Horticulture Department. Completing a degree in Enology and Viticulture from Fresno State University, Tyler began working in that field as a vineyard manager and enologist for small private vineyards in the Santa Cruz Mountain AVA. After a couple years, a call came to help out at the family business and to this day Tyler still is working as an owner of a high end aquarium and pond service and installation company.

Having grown orchids for nearly all his life, with a short break after college, Tyler has been growing for over 30 years and is now a judge with the AOS at the California Sierra Judging Center.

This month, Tyler will be presenting "Oncidiums - More Than Dancing Ladies and Chocolate", a shallow dive into the Oncidium Alliance.

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 23 - Peninsula Orchid Society Meeting

At 7 PM at the San Mateo Garden Center, 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo, CA 94403. Tyler Albrecht will present "Oncidiums - More Than Dancing Ladies and Chocolate". The source of the opportunity table plants will be announced at the meeting.

January 31 - Gold Coast Cymbidium Society Annual Auction

Doors will open at 1 PM, at the San Mateo Garden Center, 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo, CA 94403. Visit <https://www.goldcoastcymbidiumociety.org/> for more details.

February 7 - Diablo View Orchid Society Annual Show and Sale

At Cal State University Concord Campus, 4700 Ygnacio Valley Rd, Concord, CA 94521. Public opening from 10 am to 4 pm.

February 26 to March 8 - Pacific Orchid Exposition Show and Plant Sale



73rd Annual San Francisco Orchid Society Presents:
Pacific Orchid Exposition Show and Plant Sale

ORCHID OBSCURA

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

Preview Night:
Feb 26, 2026 6-9pm
(Must be 21 and older)

Feb 27 - Feb 28, 2026 10am - 5pm
March 1, 2026 10am - 4pm

www.orchidsanfrancisco.org
Discounted advance tickets available online

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 this month. Include the plant names and clear pictures.

Happy birthday to Diana Hallesy,
Goldie Klein, Linda Locatelli, and
Mariko Nagashima!



Meeting Agenda

6:30 PM - Garden Center doors open
7:00 PM - Zoom meeting opens
7:00 PM - Tyler Albrecht (via Zoom)
8:00 PM - Announcements
8:10 PM - Show and Tell
Opportunity Table - TBA

Reminder

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

2026 Board

President: Susan Gutierrez
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Do you have something you would like to include in the next newsletter?
Send an email to penorchidsoc@yahoo.com!

DECEMBER POTLUCK

Some photos from our December meeting holiday potluck - thank you to all members who brought a dish and attended!





