

Dendrobium Nobile Hybrid,
grown by Paul Asente



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NEWSLETTER OF THE PENINSULA ORCHID SOCIETY

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

SUSAN GUTIERREZ

Hello Everyone,

We had a very successful show and sale this year. There was good attendance both days, and all of our presentations were very popular. Our member sales were very strong with 21 members selling a total of 715 items. POS and GCCS will share approximately \$5,000.00. The show had 108 plants exhibited. Two POS members won AOS awards - Chaunie Langland and Natalia Margulis. Congratulations to all who won ribbons and AOS awards.

Thank you to all of the members who volunteered their time to help make this show a success. Some did double and even triple duty!

Todd Kennedy, James Shao, Mariko Nagashima, Helena Wee, Paul Asente, Tom Waugh, Dan Williamson, Ron Norris, Jason Douglass, Jim Baxter, Mary Gerritsen, Chaunie Langland, Bill Weaver, Norma Ng-Yep, Sylvia Darr, Mark Khoo, Lolia Kwan, Janusz Warszaski, Dan Colton, Onor Cheung, Ann Benninger, Audrey Young-Tartar, Olga Ostrovsky, Joseph Kautz, Margaret Boomer and Boomer, Elizabeth Storti, Martha Skalak, Diane Winters, Florence Inserto, Jeff North, Steve & Lisa Chen, Pat Olsen, Hsiu-Mei Chen, Cora Gadduang, Nhung Dam, Vincent Cedillo & Craig.

I am sorry if I missed your name. Your help was appreciated!

Our April meeting was very well attended and we had eight new members present. Tim Culbertson gave a great talk about masdevallias and had lovely plants for sale. We also had a very nice show and tell table.

Our speaker for May will be Ceajay Palanco, discussing how to repot your cymbidiums without breaking the bank.

Be sure to bring your plants for show and tell. Please fill out a tag with both the plant's name and your name for inclusion in the newsletter.

I look forward to seeing you on May 22. Bring a friend.

Susan

MAY SPEAKER

CEAJAY PALANCA

Ceajay Palanca is a Bay Area orchid grower known for his work with Cymbidium hybrids and his involvement in regional orchid societies and exhibitions. Ceajay has been growing orchids for over 30 years, beginning in 1995 when he received his very first orchid. What started as a hobby quickly developed into a lifelong passion for orchid culture and exhibition.

A dedicated orchid enthusiast, Ceajay primarily grows Cymbidiums, *Dendrobium speciosum*, Oncidiums, *Laelia anceps*, Cattleyas, Zygopetalums, Sarcochilus, and other cool-growing orchids, with a focus on producing vigorous, high-quality plants through practical and affordable culture methods. He has exhibited American Orchid Society award-winning plants and is a student judge with the Pacific Central Judging Center, reflecting his commitment to orchid education, judging, and horticultural excellence. Ceajay is recognized for his interest in hybridizing and registering Cymbidium hybrids.

At this month's meeting, Ceajay will present a demonstration on **Breaking the Pot Without Breaking the Bank: Dividing Cymbidiums with Affordable, Easy-to-Find Supplies**: Cymbidium culture and division techniques, media selection, and practical, cost-effective growing methods using materials readily available from local garden centers and hardware stores.

Ceajay is also involved in raising and showing rabbits, traveling around the country to shows.



UPCOMING EVENTS

July 25 - 26 - Orchids in the Park

Saturday from 10 AM to 5 PM and Sunday from 10 AM to 4 PM. At the San Francisco County Fair Building. For more information and to purchase tickets, see the poster on the following page or visit <https://orchidsanfrancisco.org/orchids-in-the-park>.

NEW MEMBERS

Elizabeth Brenner

Deborah Dong

Carolyn Fairman

John Floyd

Christian Gellrich

David Grinberg

Shin Hsieh

Lana Hur

Arthur Kao

Stephen Kirby

Jessica KnappAu

Judy Lau

Linda Locatelli

Bridget McGuigan

Catherin McGuigan

Hoa On

Paul Sheetz

Denise Smurthwaite

Jeannie Tam

Kaitlin Tan

Felipe Vences

Sylvia Ventura

Vanessa Ventura

Brian White

Sim Wu





ORCHIDS IN THE PARK

JULY 25 & 26

@SF COUNTY FAIR BUILDING

1199 9TH AVENUE, SAN FRANCISCO CA 94122



**TICKETS
ON SALE!**

Advanced tickets
Recommended



**ORCHID
DISPLAYS &
VENDORS**

Workshops, Plants &
More



**ALL AGES
WELCOME**

Educational & Family
Friendly activities

MORE INFO & TICKETS
www.orchidsanfrancisco.org



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 Rex Castell, Patricia Coney, Stuart Dalton, Annie Green, Ken Jacobsen, Stephen Kirby, Hoa On, Steve Proschan, Sue Rose, A'na Satara, James Shao, Kaitlin Tan, Susan Tong, Leena Wang, Norma Ng Yep, and happy belated birthday to Dan Colton (February)!



Meeting Agenda

6:30 PM - Garden Center doors open

7:00 PM - Zoom meeting opens

7:00 PM - Ceajay Palanca

8:00 PM - Announcements

8:10 PM - Show and Tell

Opportunity Table from Sunset Valley Orchids

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

Recording Secretary: Leena Wang

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Membership Chair: Lolia Kwan

Ways and Means: Dennis Olivas

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Director at Large: Ken Jacobsen

Director at Large: James Shao

Past President: Dennis Olivas

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

APRIL SHOW

Pictures taken by Paul Asente

AWARDS

Plant	Award(s)	Owner
Cattlianthe Siamese Doll 'Kiwi'	Best Cattleya, Amateur	Natalia Margulis
Cymbidium Hot Devon 'Bird of Paradise'	Best Cymbidium, Amateur Best Cymbidium	Elizabeth Storti
<i>Oncidium roseoides</i> 'Cavalier'	Best Ontoglossom, Amateur Best Ontoglossom	Jason Douglass
<i>Paphiopedilum</i> <i>hirsutissimum</i> var. <i>esquirolii</i>	Best Paphiopedilum Amateur Best Paphiopedilum Best Orchid, Amateur	Ron Norris
Phalaenopsis Phantom	Best Vandaceous, Amateur	Natalia Margulis
Masdevallia Bay Breeze 'Empress'	Best Pleurothallid, Amateur Best Pleurothallid	Helena Wee
Dendrobium Bibi Portilla	Best Dendrobium, Amateur	Catherine Obillo
Pleione Ueli Wackernagel	Best Other Genera, Amateur	Anthony Rivera
<i>Cattleya intermedia</i> var. <i>coerulea</i> 'Awesome'	Best Cattleya, Open Best Cattleya	Amy & Ken Jacobsen
Cymbidium Memoria Don Sakamoto	Best Cymbidium, Open	Bill Weaver
Rhynchostele Exeter Red Gold 'Bentley'	Best Ontoglossom, Open	Amy & Ken Jacobsen

Phragmipedium Grouville 'Rullands Coulee Creek' AM/AOS	Best Paphiopedilum, Open	Japheth Ko
Sarcochilus Hartmanii 'Fred'	Best Vandaceous, Open Best Vandaceous Best Orchid, Open Best Species Best of Show	Amy & Ken Jacobsen
<i>Dendrobium bronckartii</i>	Best Dendrobium, Open Best Dendrobium	C. Todd Kennedy
<i>Disa uniflora</i> 'Sunset'	Best Other, Open Best Other	Anna Chai







APRIL MEETING SHOW & TELL

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Potinara (Yellow Ball and Burana Beauty) x Tropical Aurora 'SVO',
grown by Roey Shaviv



Guarianthe skinneri, grown by Chaunie Langland



Phalaenopsis Baldan's Kaleidoscope 'Peloric', grown by Natalia Margulis