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Dendrobium transparens
(Paul Asente)

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NEWSLETTER OF THE PENINSULA ORCHID SOCIETY

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

SUSAN GUTIERREZ

Hello Everyone,

We had a good September meeting with Mary Gerritsen speaking about orchids that can be grown outdoors in the Bay Area. There were very nice plants on the show and tell table. Thanks to Mary for providing commentary. We had a great raffle table and there were some very happy attendees taking home plants they won! Thank you to all those that purchased tickets.

I'm sorry for the technical difficulties that we have had with our computer at the last few meetings. A big thank you to Bill Weaver for all his help during the meetings. Our computer expert, Tom Waugh, is working to resolve the issue. Thank you, Tom.

We are still in need of members to run for vacant board positions. The slate of nominees will be submitted at the October meeting and voted on by the membership at the November meeting. We really need to have a President and Vice President. Please consider helping our Society. If you are interested or want more information, please contact Chaunie - chaunieaos@gmail.com or me susangebrs@gmail.com. If we don't have a President, our Society will not be able to continue.

Our upcoming auction on October 24 is still in need of volunteers. There is a need for runners, door monitors and help with clean up. You may contact Dennis Olivas - d.olivas@comcast.net to volunteer.

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

We could use help in setting up and putting away tables and chairs for our meeting. The doors open at 6:30 and all help is appreciated.

I look forward to seeing you on October 23. Bring a friend!

Susan

GO BIG!

GROWING LARGE SPECIMEN AND DISPLAY ORCHIDS

SPEAKER: KEN JACOBSEN

Ken was first introduced to orchids by his uncle in the 1960's and has been growing orchids for well over 50 years. His collection includes lots of Cattleyas and Laelias, Cymbidiums, Oncidiums, Odontoglossums, Lycastes, Masdevallias, and other genera. Ken and his wife, Amy, enjoy travelling to all areas of the world where orchids are grown, visiting the local growers, and seeing various species in the wild. Together, Amy and Ken have over 5000 orchids, not counting seedlings (and there are a lot of seedlings!).

Ken is a judge in the AOS judging program, was a judge in the CSA judging program, and is a past AOS trustee.

This month, Ken's talk will cover examples of specimen and display orchids, issues with growing and displaying these plants, selection of appropriate orchids to attempt to grow big, and the culture of big plants.





COME AND JOIN US IN OUR

ORCHID AUCTION!

October 24th, 2026
Auction begins 1:30 pm

**Bidder registration and auction
preview 1:00–1:30 pm**

San Mateo Garden Center
605 Parkside Way, San Mateo
Peninsula Orchid Society
www.penorchidsoc.org

MEMBER NEWS

REFRESHMENTS FOR THE ORCHID AUCTION

The board is looking for members to donate refreshments to the auction – refreshments would be for both volunteers and attendees. Any refreshments donated for the auction will be greatly appreciated!

BE AWARE OF FRAUDULENT EMAILS

Please be aware that we have noticed phishing emails impersonating some members of our board.

If you receive any messages from emails that appear to be from Susan Gutierrez, Sylvia Darr, any board members, or POS/GCCS, that ask for gift cards, donations, or money, do not respond or click on any links in the email.

These requests are fraudulent and are not from us.



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. Please include the plant names and clear pictures.

Happy birthday to James Baxter, Oliver Hamto, Linsie Hu, David Shen, Helena Wee, and Daniel Williamson!



Masdevallia Bay Breeze 'Empress'
(Helena Wee)

Meeting Agenda

6:30 PM - Garden Center doors open

7:00 PM - Zoom Meeting opens

7:00 PM - Ken Jacobsen

8:00 PM - Announcements

8:10 PM - Show and Tell

Opportunity Table - Ken Jacobsen

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

Treasurer: Dan Williamson

Membership Chair: Lolita Kwan

Ways and Means: Dennis Olivas

Director at Large: Sylvia Darr

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!

SEPTEMBER SHOW & TELL

Many thanks to Paul Asente, who took photos of the show and tell!



Paraphalaenopsis serpentilingua x *labukensis* (Joseph Centoni)
Gongora galeata (Bill Weaver)
Paphiopedilum Saint Swithin (Paul Sheetz)
Dendrobium cuthbertsonii (Anna Chai)



Dendrobium victoriae-reginae 'Maxen' HCC/AOS (Anna Chai)
Miltonia spectabilis v. *moreliana* (Anthony Rivera)
Laelia pumila (Bill Weaver)
Cattleya bicolor (Helena Wee)