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NEWSLETTER OF THE PENINSULA ORCHID SOCIETY



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

DENNIS OLIVAS

There were 23 members, 2 guests (Jenna and Kevin) physically at the meeting and 6 on zoom. Ramon de los Santos did a great presentation on Phalaenopsis of the Philippines. We learned of where the species were located and of their dry and wet cycles. Not all had the same cycles. Thank you Ramon.

I would like to encourage all paid members to attend physically at the meetings to enjoy talking with one another, view the beautiful blooming plant table and participate in the raffle table.

The raffle table, consisting of 30 plants, was donated by Leo Kusber. The last plant was donated by Chaunie Langland. It was a blooming Paphiopedilum Cocoa Lovely Oliver.

MEMBER NEWS

This month's meeting is March 28 at 7:00 pm, with the doors and Zoom opening at 6:30 pm. Tyler Albrecht will be speaking (virtually) on Australian Dendrobiums. Opportunity tables will be provided by D&D Flowers.

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 Clarice Hampel, C. Todd Kennedy, Margery Mayer, Michael Melo, Anna Margarita Quiroz, Roey Shaviv, Isis Trenchard, and Carol Zoltowski!

Cover: *Dendrobium speciosum* Atherton x Star of Riverdale 'Goldie',
grown by Roey Shaviv

MARCH 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 the small collection they both tended to had grown to several dozen and then a private collection was purchased from an estate that increased the plant count to a couple hundred plants. At this point 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 associate judge with the AOS at the California Sierra Judging Center.



APRIL SHOW AND SALE

This year we will continue to have a joint GCCS/ two-day show- Saturday and Sunday (April 5-6) at the San Mateo Garden Center, with orchid vendors selling plants in the main hall, and member sales happening in the garden area.

Please help us make the show a big success by:

1. Volunteering to help run the show. Volunteers are needed for the following tasks: set up, take down, admissions table, security, food service, member sales, cashiers, speakers, show room plant entry, ribbon judging, show room monitors, AOS judging assistance, and other tasks. We will need all the volunteers we can get. Please sign up at the SignUp Genius link here: **<https://tinyurl.com/AprilShowVolunteer>**. If you have questions, reach out to Onor Cheung at: **onor.cheung@gmail.com**
2. Entering your plants in the Show. We will have both ribbon and AOS judging again this year. We will need volunteers to help with plant entry as well as with ribbon judging on Friday evening.
3. Selling Plants in Member Sales. Selling your plants in Member Sales is the easiest way to clear out excess plants, and make money for both you AND the club. Plants of any size are welcome. And remember that you don't have to only sell plants; orchid 'accessories' such as clean pots, books, media, fertilizer, etc. are also welcome. You can bring just a few things to sell or a whole table full, whatever you want. See the instructions attached to this newsletter to tell you how to do the member sales.

We need ALL of YOU to pitch in and make this show a success! Contact Dennis Olivas or Ann Benninger (**gccs@benninger.com**) if you have any questions about how to participate or volunteer.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH

FRI
28

Peninsula Orchid Society Meeting

Doors and Zoom open at 6:30 pm. Meeting begins at 7:00 pm, at 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo, CA 94403.

SAT - SUN
29-30

Sonoma County Orchid Society Show & Sale

From Saturday to Sunday, at 1351 Maple Ave, Santa Rosa, CA 95404. See flyers for more details!

APRIL

SAT - SUN
5-6

POS & GCCS Show and Sale

See flyer attached for more details. At the San Mateo Garden Center, 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo. \$3 admission on Saturday and free admission on Sunday.

FRI - SUN
11 - 13

Santa Clara Valley Orchid Society Orchid Show & Sale

Visit <https://www.scvos.com/scvos-2025-show-sale> for more details

FRI - SUN
11 - 13

Sacramento Orchid Society Orchid Show & Sale

See flyer below and <https://www.sacramentoorchids.org/> for more details

Orchid Show and Sale

April 5 9AM-4PM

\$3 Admission

April 6 10AM-4PM

FREE



**Beautiful Show Orchids
Orchid Nursery Sales
Member Sales**

**San Mateo Garden Center
605 Parkside Way
San Mateo, CA**



**Presented by the Gold Coast Cymbidium
Society and Peninsula Orchid Society**

~The Sacramento Orchid Society Presents~

76th ANNUAL ORCHID SHOW & EXOTIC PLANT SALE

"ORCHIDS IN PARADISE"



Door Prizes
Demonstrations
Numerous Displays
Expert Advice
Orchid Sales
Exotic Plant Sales

Friday, April 11, 2025 | 6:30PM-9PM
Saturday, April 12, 2025 | 10AM-5PM
Sunday, April 13, 2025 | 10AM-4PM

Pre-sale Tickets \$10
\$13 at the door, \$25 for two
Kids under 16 are free!
Tickets Link:
www.sacramentoorchids.org/tickets

Carmichael Elks Lodge #2103
5631 Cypress Ave
Carmichael, CA 95608

Preview Event April 11, 2025 6:30-9:00PM
Food, Wine & Early Access to vendors
and experts
\$40 presale, \$45 at the door
Includes show entry for all days

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Meeting Agenda

6:30 PM - SMGC/Zoom doors open
 7:00 PM - Tyler Albrecht
 8:00 PM - Announcements
 8:10 PM - Show and Tell
 Opportunity Table - D&D Flowers

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
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Do you have something you would like to include in the next newsletter?

Send an email to penorchidsoc@yahoo.com!

FEBRUARY SHOW & TELL



Clockwise from top left: Cattleya Tropical Sunset 'Oceans Heaven' x Cattleya Tokyo Magic '6-1' AM/AOS (Tom Waugh), Paphiopedilum Cocoa Lovely Oliver (Chaunie Langland), and Rhyncholaelia Siam Delight x Amazing Thailand (Alex Cain)



Clockwise from top left: *Aerangis fastuosa* (Yufei Cheng), Dendrobium Bardo Rose
 ‘Berowa’ AM/AOS (Susan Gutierrez), and Dendrobium Double Zip (Chaunie Langland)



Clockwise from top left: Dendrobium Tosca 'Sharaz Ice' (Tom Waugh), *Laelia anceps* Marble Queen (Janett Hawley), Laeliocattleya Quest's Sexy Eyes 'SVO' x Laeliocattleya Mari's Love 'SVO' HCC/AOS (Roey Shaviv), and *Laelia anceps* Tamara (Janett Hawley)