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NEWSLETTER OF THE PENINSULA ORCHID SOCIETY



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

DENNIS OLIVAS

March was quite challenging as I was out of town from March 11-30. Mahalo to all who have taken the responsibilities to make our organization work. Ken for heading the general meeting, Leena for getting the newsletter out, Susan for handling the raffle. Tyler Albrecht for his presentation. If I missed someone I'm sorry.

James Shao, Mark Khoo and I reorganized the POS materials in the new storage space at the garden center. The materials mostly likely used on rare occasions or not was place in the back while materials that will be used for shows and monthly meetings stored up front. We kept the metal shelving just in case we have to vacate the storage room.

We will need volunteers to work at the POS table on May 4, 2025 at the Garden Center. We will push on membership and will have some plants for sale.

Thank you all for volunteering to work at the Joint GCCS & POS Show and Sales.

PAT MATSUE KAJIKAWA

Pat Matsue Kajikawa, born on the island of Oahu, recently died of natural causes in Sunnyvale, California. She preceded her husband Clarence and is survived by her daughter, Lisa and son, Lance. As a teacher, she taught grades K-2 and later English as a Second Language. Both Pat and Clarence grew cymbidiums since the mid-1980s. They attended the Santa Barbara International Orchid Show every year and many other orchid shows until the passing of Clarence in 2005. They were active members of the Malihini Orchid Society, Santa Clara Valley Orchid Society, and the Peninsula Orchid Society.

Cover: *Coelogyne cristata*, grown by Leena Wang

APRIL SPEAKER

Our speaker this month will be Dennis Olivas on “Orchids 101...Everything you wanted to know about orchids”.

Dennis Olivas was born on the island of Kauai, Hawaii. As a lad, his helped his mom and aunt grow their orchids and got hooked. He joined the Future Farmers of America and his project was raising and selling these beautiful and exotic plants. In 1980 he moved to the mainland and swore off the orchid family; not for long as he was introduced to the Rod McLeallan’s Acres of Orchids’. From there his whole life became one downward spiral. First he fills his home with upwards of 6,000 plants. Later he leased a greenhouse space for his ever burgeoning orchid collection. Glutton for punishment, his collection grew overflowing the 3,000 sq. ft. greenhouse in Half Moon Bay.

With the help of his close friends, from the Bay Area, Napa and Fresno, they moved his obsession to a 3,000 sq. ft. greenhouse in Daly City in November of 2013. A whole new ball game of learning how to raise orchids, still without heat but in an area that gets more sun and higher temperatures, good water year round. Currently, Dennis rents 5,500 sq. ft. unheated greenhouse space as his collection increases.

He was President for the Peninsula Orchid Society, San Francisco Orchid Society, Diablo View Orchid Society and the Santa Cruz Orchid Society. He also served as vice-president, board of director, show chairman, membership and many other committees in these societies. He is an accredited judge of the American Orchid Society for over 30 years. Dennis belongs to over 14 orchid societies and tries to assist them whenever possible.



He traveled throughout the United States to speak to numerous orchid societies and garden clubs. He even traveled to Brazil to speak there. Throughout the years since 1988, he has been a vendor in up to 20 shows a year throughout California and Nevada. Although Dennis maintained a business as D&D Flowers, his real job was working for a large corporation in the Bay Area. He retired from the corporation in 2014 after 32 years of service,

The presentation will include live demonstrations, questions & answers, and a PowerPoint presentation.

MEMBER NEWS

Our next meeting is April 25th at 7:00 PM, with the Garden center doors opening at 6:30 PM. Our speaker is Dennis Olivas, who will talk on “Orchids 101...Everything you wanted to know about orchids”.

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 Amanda Burgoon,
Nancy Chang, Don Creevy, Lynne Gentry,
Mike Green, Sharifa Jan-Silva,
Carl Jukkola, Mark Khoo,
Japheth Ko, Eric Langland,
Elizabeth Lee, Mitchell Schneider,
and Katy Waugh!



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.

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

APRIL

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

**FRI
25**

POS Monthly Meeting

At the San Mateo Garden Center, doors open 6:30 pm and meeting begins 7:00 pm. Dennis Olivas on "Orchids 101", opportunity table TBA.

Meeting Agenda

6:30 PM - SMGC/Zoom doors open

7:00 PM - Dennis Olivas

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.

2025 Board

President - Dennis Olivas

Vice President - Dan Williamson

Recording Secretary - Leena Wang

Correspondence Secretary - Open

Treasurer - Steve Proshan

Director of Membership - Olga Ostrovsky

Director of Ways and Means - Mark Khoo

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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 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**



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& 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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www.sacramentoorchids.org/flyer

MARCH SHOW & TELL



Clockwise from top left: Dendrobium Gillieston Gold 'Natalie' (Paul Asente), Cymbidium Red Cross (Paul Asente), Brassolaeliocattleya Burdekin Wonder 'Perfection' (Natalia Margulis), and Pleione Ueli Wackernagel 'Pearl' (Anthony Rivera)