



Marin Orchid Society

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June 22, 2021 7:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting - with Peter T. Lin

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June President's Letter



Greetings MOS Friends,

Here we are already in June - time certainly seems to be flying by.

I apologize for the screw up with the joint meeting last month. I had expected to be able to share Mt. Baker's meeting in our meeting but it did not work out. In future, where we have shared meeting with another Society, such as Mt. Baker, you'll need to log into their meeting to see their presentation and then exit their meeting to join our meeting using our regular link. There are details elsewhere in the Back Bulb. As I said last

month, I had a busy travel schedule for June. Two thirds of that has now completed with a trip to SoCal for my grandson's 6th birthday and yet another trip to take my grandson back to his parents. We had a nice 5-day visit here. Did not do half of what I had planned but we did have some great one-on-one time.

A portion of the time was spent hunting for lizards. The kid is fascinated by lizards and snakes so he's turning over every rock and log he finds in the hope he'll find something he can catch. He did catch his first lizard on his own just a couple of days ago. The thing ran up his arm and perched on his back. Then later the same day he caught a Green Anole in the yard. This was a bit more challenging as the critter turned around, bit him on the finger, and would not let go. We finally coaxed it to release my grandson by giving

the animal a viable escape route. There was no damage to either the animal or the kid, but you can bet that being bitten by a lizard is going to be the hot topic of the playground conversation.

I'm hoping that he will be able to spend time here at least each summer.

I'm heading back down next week for my granddaughter's first birthday. She will not remember any of it, except when we show her the videos, but it's a good chance for the family to gather and to heap piles of attention on her.

I must confess though that with all the traveling, I have had no real time to do any of my planned orchid, or other plant, activities. Also, the hurricane winds have made doing any actual yard work fairly challenging. Hard to pick up branches and leaves when the wind just keeps more raining down upon you.

While the outdoor plants have hunkered down to weather the winds, it does not appear that the flowers or the plants have suffered any, except where they have been bashed by falling branches.

The indoor plants are doing quite nicely as well. These plants had been sitting in a hodge-podge of plates and saucers to contain the water. I have not moved them into large trays that each fill the shelf. This has given me more space to organize the plants and to regroup things so that the plants that want more light can be moved closer to the window while the others are moved back and put into the shade created by the sun-loving plants.

My *Psychopsis* is on its 6th or 7th bloom for this spike. The *Maxillaria* is enjoying its new spot with, at last count, 18 flowers. It does scent the kitchen quite nicely. There's only one other orchid in bloom right now. However, my *Drimiopsis* is now putting up a flower stalk. It had been doing a lot of vegetative growth but, with being rearranged to receive more light, it appears to be happier. I am seeing some nice growth on the other plants which indicates they are also enjoying the new arrangement and lighting

The Show and Tell links for all the months are elsewhere in this Back Bulb. If you would like to share photos of your lovely plants, please send the photos to the MOS email. To make them easier to find, please put "Show And Tell" in the subject line.

And, if you'd like to share your plant during the meeting, please feel free to do so. We'd love to see what you've got blooming.

If you would like to do a practice Zoom meeting so you can see how the meeting software works, please send a note to the Society's email and I'll set up something. The software is easy to use and the experience is enjoyable.

As visitors are always welcome to attend our meetings, please feel free to share the link to the meeting.

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

Ron

June Speaker Peter T. Lin "Mini-Catts: Delightful Cattleyas in Miniature"



Peter T. Lin will be presenting a talk on one of his favorite topics: Mini-Catts, also known as miniature *Cattleyas*. Peter will be sharing a fast-paced Powerpoint presentation on these charming orchids. The journey will begin with a review of the miniature species, early hybrids, and then to some of the relevant hybrids of today. He will also review how to grow these wonderful plants.

Peter started growing orchids over 30 years ago, but then stopped due to school and starting a career. It wasn't until about 14 years ago that the orchid "bug" came back and he is now heavily involved once again. He is an accredited judge with the American Orchid Society and a hybridizer of mini-catts. He enjoys meeting with other orchid enthusiasts, and can often be found at various orchid shows and societies around the country. He also has thousands of photos of his orchids that he maintains on Flickr. You can view them by clicking here: [flickr/minicatt/collections](https://www.flickr.com/photos/minicatt/collections/).

Due to limited growing space, Peter likes to specialize in miniature orchids, both species and hybrids, and has received numerous AOS awards. His other interests in orchids include *Dendrobiums*, *Angraecoids*, and *Neofinetias*. He maintains a collection of a thousand or more orchids at his home in Southern California in 3 small greenhouses, in the house under LED lights, as well as offsite greenhouses. His website: [Diamond Orchids](http://www.diamondorchids.com)



About the June Meeting

Please Attend our Virtual Zoom Meeting!

Here is the invitation information for the MOS monthly zoom meetings. I've also updated the GMAIL calendar.

Marin Orchid Society is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.
Topic: Marin Orchid Society Monthly Meeting

Time: June 22, 2021 Meeting officially starts at 7:00 pm PDT. PLEASE join the Zoom meeting well ahead of time so that you are settled in. To join Zoom Meeting click here: [MOS June Zoom meeting](#) **You will receive the Zoom link to Mt. Baker before the meeting, with detailed instructions on signing in and closing out

Every month, Fourth Tuesday 7:00 pm (except December)
Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system. Click here: [Calendar](#)

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Meeting ID: 821 5873 3163
[Local Number](#)

May Speaker Review Tom Etheridge "Odontoglossum and its Close Relatives"

Our May speaker was Tom Etheridge. Tom is an AOS judge who has been growing *Odontoglossums* for twenty-five years. The title of his talk was "Odontoglossum and its Close Relatives".



Tom first addressed taxonomy, noting that as of 2008 as a result of DNA similarities and other considerations, the genus *Odontoglossum* became part of the *Oncidium* genus. This impacted nomenclature, in that species that had previously been *Odontoglossum* 'name' became *Oncidium* 'name' except in cases when 'name' had already been taken by a previously named *Oncidium* species. For example, perhaps the most famous of the *Odontoglossum* species, *Odontoglossum crispum*, became *Oncidium Alexandra*, as *Oncidium crispum* was already taken. For *Odontoglossum* enthusiasts, *Odontoglossums* are not *Oncidiums*. The former has very distinctive and identifiable orchid forms, whereas *Oncidiums* are a very varied species having a variety of forms rather than a single classic form. Tom continued to utilize the older nomenclature throughout the remainder of his talk.

Tom threw out the provocative comment that *Odontoglossum* flowers from early 20th century look like current flowers thus raising the question of

whether, despite breeding, anything has really changed in the past 100+ years. He then discussed the three critical species used in *Odontoglossum* breeding. These include *Odm. crispum* (*Onc. alexandrae*), *Odm. nobile* and *Odm. harryanum*.

Odm. crispum was discovered by the Europeans in 1841 in the Pacho area of Columbia. As the climate of this region was similar to the climate in England, this orchid could be grown in England and became very popular there. In its native habitat the plant was more starry-flowered, more floriferous and more branched. Modern *Odm. crispum* were bred from jungle collected stock. They were easily line bred from a starry form to more rounded form possibly due to 'plastic' genetics. Wonderful forms were quickly and readily developed. A line bred polyploid happened about 1886; polyploidy makes the flowers larger, with heavier substance and they are often fuller in form, but the flower count is often reduced. Another driver in *Odm. crispum* breeding was the Victorian penchant for white weddings. *Odontoglossums* were heavily bred to create white *Odm. crispums* resulting in the loss of many *Odm. crispum* varieties. If you look at RHS pictures from the late 1800s through early 1900s, there used to be a huge variety of color in *Odm. crispum*. That this is no longer true is due to not only the wedding industry in Victorian England but also the two world wars which wiped out many collections.

Odontoglossum harryanum has a huge full fat lip (desirable) but the petals stick straight forward (undesirable). But even in the first generation of breeding got the full lip and lost the forward petals. *Odontoglossum nobile* flowers are a bit smaller than those of *Odm. crispum* but there are many more of them, often on a branched spike. *Odm. Ardentissimum* is a primary hybrid of *Odm. crispum* x *Odm. nobile*.

Other important species used in breeding include *Odm. spectatissimum*, *Odm. hallii*, *Odm. noezlianum* and *Odm. cirrhosum*. *Odm. spectatissimum* has a heavy waxy texture and spotted coloring. *Odm. noezlianum* has tiny flowers but they are red in color which carries through in breeding.

Whereas the above may be the main species that contribute to *Odontoglossum* breeding, there is one grex that is in the lineage of virtually all hybrids. This is *Odm. Georgius Rex*. It had many good features and was extensively used in breeding. The problem is that in 1913, the RHS did not require that the parent plants be named and so the grex can't be recreated. Despite this, modern breeders are trying to get back to a plant created over 100 years ago!

Tom, to further support his contention that there has not been substantial improvement in *Odontoglossum* flower quality in the last century showed some examples. For white flowers, he compared the 2008 awarded *Onc. Cascade Snow 'Solar Place'* to the 1933 awarded *Onc. Alorcus 'Purity'*. Similarly for red flowers, he compared *Onc. Diana 'Gladys'* (1914) to *Onc. Susan Preston Richards 'Solar Place'* (2008). The flowers look very similar so to him it is unclear that there has been progress in red flowers despite almost 100 years of breeding. Tom showed a further example for patterned bright flowers - *Onc. Gladys 'Invicta'* (1919) compared to *Onc. Patricia Hill 'Bright Eyes'* (2010). The presentation is similar in both plants with regard to flower number and size. As a final example for yellow flowers, Tom cited

Onc. Reve d'Or 'Brickhurst' (1931) compared to *Onc. Michael Newman 'Solar Place'* (2008) or *Onc. Mount Pinel 'Pure Gold'* (2006).

Tom noted two areas of breeding where there has been some progress. There are no orange *Odontoglossums*. In his opinion Juan Felipe Posada is making some progress. Then there are the 'black and white' *Odontoglossums* which have been very popular in the last 20 years. They are so called because the flowers are bright, clear white with clean lines between very dark colors, analogous to the harlequin *Phalaenopsis*. Examples of such breeding include *Onc. Black Diamond 'Black Beauty'* (2006) and *Onc. Roy Wittwer 'Mary's Peak'* (2003). Tom noted that breeding back onto *Odm. nobile* really seems to enhance these color forms. In Tom's opinion, this is where real progress has been made in *Odontoglossum* breeding as there was nothing like these color forms in earlier times.

Tom again commented on why there has been limited progress in *Odontoglossum* breeding. As noted previously, the two world wars had a big impact as the centers of breeding were in England and Belgium and a lot of breeding lines were lost. Unlike other genera where it was possible to rebuild breeding, this was not the case for *Odontoglossums*. Another reason is that Columbia is the main country where *Odontoglossums* grow naturally and for years it wasn't a very safe country. Finally, there are only a few regions in the US where *Odontoglossums* can be grown well (presumably without a greenhouse).

Tom next discussed *Odontoglossum* culture. These orchids like light in the 500-2000-foot candle range. They like temperatures in the 65-75 degree range during the day and around 50 degrees at night. Low temperatures at night are important for successful *Odontoglossum* growth. Higher daytime temperatures are ok if the humidity is high, and the plants experience cool temperatures at night. So, *Odontoglossums* like bright light and cool temperatures. The plants should be kept moist at all times. Humidity should be at least 60%, and very high humidity is ok. *Odontoglossums* should be fertilized regularly; they do not require a dry rest. He uses Peters fertilizer 20-20-20 which in his water (which is very good) results in TDS of 150. For potting mix, Tom recommends either 2:1 sponge rock: coir or long strand sphagnum moss, both of which are moisture retaining. Repotting generally should be done in the Fall when new growth is about 2" long. Care must be taken when repotting to not damage the new growth. Try to repot into as small a pot as possible, he usually puts mature *Odontoglossum* into 6" pots. *Odontoglossums* are reasonably pest resistant. For pests such as scale he suggests a systemic insecticide such as Bayer 3 in 1.

Tom grows his plants in a 16x25 foot greenhouse with north facing windows. He uses foggers and misters because the humidity is so low in Corvallis. He uses a Hydro fogger; he also has super fine misters below the benches for the hottest days. For those of us without a greenhouse, *Odontoglossums* can be grown in the home. He does encourage putting them outdoors in a shady spot as soon as the temperature doesn't drop below 45 degrees as they can't take frost. As long as the plants can cool off at night, they can tolerate hot days. Keep the plants moist. Indoors, keep plants in as cool a spot as possible, near an east or north window. Tom states that *Odontoglossums* are relatively easy to grow as long as you can meet their temperature requirements. He suggests trying one of the warmer growing

hybrids or species initially. Also, he notes that they have long lasting flowers.

The question was raised as to where does one acquire *Odontoglossums*. Tom suggested New Vision Orchids, also noting that Ecugenera has started breeding them [Colombian Orchid Imports](#) and sells them. There is no commercial market for *Odontoglossums*. Tom Perlite doesn't sell commercially any more. Bob Hamilton and John Leathers grow *Odontoglossums* but again don't sell commercially. There is the [International Odontoglossum Alliance](#) which publishes a newsletter; issues can be found on their website in English and Spanish.

We thank Tom for his very interesting and informative presentation. His email address is orchidcom@gmail.com

Submitted by
Patricia Olsen



AOS Corner, June 2021



Noteworthy: □ *Orchids* magazine has reinstated a Question and Answer column. It contains excerpts from the Greenhouse Chat webinars. Greenhouse Chat webinars address everything orchids, from culture to pests and diseases. Ron McHatton was recently asked what is one of the most asked questions for Greenhouse Chats? He said, “What caused these spots on the leaves?”

Ron said the question does not have a single answer. He continued...”the spots are everything from mites to scale to fungus and bacteria, sunburn and even some that are clearly virus.” His answer is not surprising! It

demonstrates that there is no one single answer to all of our orchid questions. Again, proving that orchids are not a one-size-fits-all endeavor. We keep coming back to learn more to grow our orchids better. Have you tuned in to a Greenhouse Chat?

MORE UPCOMING MONTHLY FREE WEBINARS:

AOS continues to offer free Webinars with excellent and varied content, for all levels of Orchid growers:

Greenhouse Chat Thursday, June 17th, 5:30 PM PDT

Join Dr. Ron McHatton, AOS Chief Science Officer, as he answers your questions about all things orchids. Have your questions answered by our resident orchid expert! Please send your queries to greenhousechat@aos.org two days prior to the chat. Open to all.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR THE FREE WEBINARS, so the AOS can send you the link. To register go to: [Greenhouse Chat](#)

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TWO MONTHLY AOS ORCHID JUDGINGS are Now Available:

Please wear a mask, and respect Social Distancing

- Pacific Central Judging Center is resuming judging on the 3rd Saturday of each month at Filoli Historic House & Garden, 86 Canada Road, Woodside CA. NEXT Judging is Sat. June 19, 9:00 am. Questions? Contact James Heilig heiligja@msu.edu. Come for the judging, and also tour the beautiful Filoli Gardens.
- California Sierra Nevada Judging Center's (CSNJC) next outdoor judging SUNDAY July 11 (a week later than usual, due to the 4th of July). Plant entry begins at 8:15am at Dueling Dogs Brewing Co, 3030 Barrett Park Lane, Lincoln CA.

Questions? Contact Lynne Murrell: lynne.murrell@outlook.com

Come for the judging, enjoy the brewpub, food trucks, and picnic grounds!

Spring is here, and that means it's ORCHID REPOTTING SEASON. Repotting, repotting and more repotting! And fertilizing.

Until we meet again hopefully SOON, stay healthy and happy growing!

Lynne Murrell

AOS Representative

Cattleya tigrina (synonym = *C. leopoldii*)
grown and photographed by Susan Anderson



Susan Anderson at California Orchids - Part IV



Cattleya harrisoniana x
Lc. Loog Tone



Susan



Vanda White Crane

When we had in-person MOS meetings, you could count on Susan Anderson for many things: she always greeted you by your name, warming your heart. She had spectacular displays for Show & Tell and often brought items from her collection to sell at very reasonable prices. Susan is also the first person I go to when I have orchid problem questions. We are so grateful to Susan, Lynne and Tom, pillars of MOS. Here is Susan's story in her own words.

I have been growing orchids for about 25 years. My orchid hobby started small. My husband and I were shopping for garden plants at Passanisi's Nursery in Penngrove. We ran into a neighbor who commented that I should be able to grow these orchids easily. She was talking about *Phalaenopsis*. So, I picked out two *Phalaenopsis* orchids and brought them home. When they rebloomed the following year, I was hooked. Soon I was buying different orchids, going to orchid shows, and doing a lot of reading. I eventually joined the Sonoma County Orchid Society, followed by the Marin Orchid Society. I also joined AOS and SFOS. I have been on both SCOS and MOS Boards. I was President of Sonoma for 6 years and Vice President of Marin for several years.

For many years, I had some *Cymbidiums* growing outdoors but I mainly grew orchids on windowsills. My small hobby slowly grew into over 375 plants. I

had them all over the house and in every window at my work, the Copy Shop, in San Rafael. I managed to grow and bloom them well, but I was eager to expand my growing areas. So, in 2015, when Lynne Murrell suggested that we take over part of one of Mary Nesbit's greenhouses at California Orchids in Bolinas, I jumped at the opportunity. Lynne and I share a 1300 square foot greenhouse. My orchids grow in an intermediate temperature setting. There are a lot of nice perks such as overhead and under bench watering and misting. I also have under bench heating for the cooler winter months. When I first moved my collection to Bolinas, I had tons of extra space on my benches. But soon my orchid collection grew into more than 1000 orchids. I have a large diverse collection. It is also a lot of fun being part of such a great group of growers!

I love *Cattleyas*. They make up the largest part of my collection. Their big blooms and beautiful colors are wonderful. I also grow a lot of *Dendrobiums*. These can be challenging to grow because they have a lot of different cultural requirements. I have about 100 *Paphiopedilums* and *Phragmipediums*. Many of these grow great on both windowsills and in the greenhouse. I also have *Vandaceous* orchids that seem to love the humidity and the bright light in the greenhouse. In the last three years, I have bought a lot of *Angraecoids*. They have beautiful stark white flowers that are very fragrant at night.

I love trying to grow different orchids. I love the challenge. I don't give up easily and I keep getting the same orchid over and over again. *Cymbidium tigrinum* is one of the hardest to grow for me. No matter what I do, they end up in the recycling bin. So sad. Thank goodness most do really well and make up for those that don't. All of us have sent orchids to heaven. However, when we get the culture right, the beautiful rewards are amazing!

Submitted by
Terumi Leinow
Back Bulb Editor

Show and Tell

Show and Tell



Here are links to past few months of MOS Members Show & Tell. Thank you for your outstanding submissions. Submit up to three for June Show and Tell to marin.orchids@gmail.com



Click here to view:
[February Show & Tell](#)
[March Show & Tell](#)
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AOS Video Library - Repotting



Did you know AOS has numerous videos on various topics including repotting? Go to: [AOS Video Library](#)

Welcome to the American Orchid Society video library. This library contains many useful, how-to video clips on all aspects of orchids and orchid culture. These videos are self-contained and do not require any player or other software. You may distribute them or link to them freely, but opening and closing titles and acknowledgement may not be removed.

Repotting videos include:

Repotting a Cattleya
Repotting a Phalaenopsis
Repotting a Phalaenopsis, Spanish
Repotting an Unhealthy Orchid

Other topics include: Anthocyanin, Biosduval Scale, Divide or Repot, Keikis & Air Roots, Leaf tip dieback, Potting a Keiki, Recognizing Spider Mite Damage, Recognizing Virus Symptoms, Removing a Keiki, Root Loss, Selecting an Orchid, Removing a Damaged Leaf



RENEW YOUR 2021 MOS Membership

We enjoy you as a member of The Marin Orchid Society. Our members are the best; friendly, knowledgeable, and willing to share and to volunteer for MOS activities.

It is time to renew your membership for 2021. Marin Orchid Society membership is \$25 per household per year. MOS activities each year include: 11 meetings (7 or 8 of which feature great speakers, one which is devoted to our members), our Holiday Dinner (last year a Virtual Cocktail Party on December 10,) our member summer BBQ, plus one auction with great deals on orchids and other treasures. One meeting includes our member ice cream social/fun night.

Beyond that, we create award-winning displays at the Pacific Orchid Exposition and at the Marin County Fair when these events are operative. These are great opportunities to display your orchids to huge crowds.

You can renew in a couple of ways:

- Mail your check, made out to Marin Orchid Society, to Naoko Nojiri at: Marin Orchid Society, PO Box 14, Larkspur, CA 94977.
- Or you can do it online by going to: [Marin Orchid Society Membership form](#) Simply complete the form. You can even pay via PayPal.

Marin Orchid Society is a 501(c)3 organization so some portion of your membership (and donations to MOS) may be tax deductible (please check tax regulations).

Thank you for being an MOS member. We will see you at upcoming MOS events.



Sunset Valley Orchids - Fred Clarke

The 2nd release of the 2021 new Cattleya Hybrids is ready, we have just updated the web site with many NEW items. sunsetvalleyorchids.com

The quality of the 3" Cattleya plants this year is exceptional - even better than last year! All are good-sized and beautifully grown. I am sure you will be happy with them!

The new 2021 Catasetinae plants are growing well and sizing up nicely. It's always surprising how quickly they grow in the spring! You won't believe how many new and exciting crosses are going to be listed; it has been a real challenge to write up the descriptions! Keep an eye out in late June for the new offerings.

I am always available to take your calls and e-mails, so please feel free to do reach out. I love to talk orchids. fred.clarke@att.net (760) 310-0778

All American Orchid Society members will receive an additional 5% discount on their orders (this is in addition to the existing purchase volume discounts). All you have to do is type your membership number in the box on the shopping cart page, and I'll make the adjustment to your invoice at the time of billing.



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Due to the current situation no new events will be posted until further notice.

SOME NURSERIES FOR YOUR ORCHID SHOPPING PLEASURE THAT ARE OPEN CERTAIN DAYS OF THE WEEK, BY APPOINTMENT ONLY OR TO ORDER ON LINE.

TELEPHONE OR EMAIL TO REQUEST DETAILS:

Brookside Orchids, 2718B Apine Rd,
Menlo Park, CA
brookside-orchids.com 650 854 3711

Golden Gate Orchids, 225 Velasco
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Next Board meeting is July 1, Virtual Zoom meeting, 7:00 pm. Members are welcome to attend with advance notice. Contact Ron for details.

2021 MOS Memberships are now due. Mail your check to: Marin Orchid Society | P. O. BOX 14, Larkspur, CA CA 94977.



The (Orchid) Doctor Is In!

- Have a problem plant, or maybe just need a little advice on which orchids might grow well in your conditions, when to water, or why your orchid just will not bloom?
- Ask the Doctor! Just send us an email with your orchid questions. Simply write "Orchid Doctor" in the subject line of your email: marin.orchids@gmail.com.





Useful Resources for Orchid Lovers

Useful Links:

- [Marin Orchid Society](#)
- [American Orchid Society](#)
- [San Francisco Orchid Society](#)
- [Online Orchid Species Identification](#)
- [California Sierra Nevada Judging Center](#)

American Orchid Society: AOS.org

- You may download a beginner's guide to growing orchids.
- Membership is inexpensive--digital membership is available--and includes online seminars and more.
- AOS Judging Centers Info and Locations- [AOS Judging Centers Nearby](#)



Marin Orchid Society Purpose and Vision

The purpose of the Marin Orchid Society, our Mission and Vision, is:

- To provide support for those having common interests in the appreciation and culture of orchid plants, to broaden their interests and improve their knowledge
- To acquire and distribute to the members practical and scientific information about the collection, culture and propagation of orchids
- To arrange the dissemination of information through exhibits, lectures, access to publications, and any other means, for the encouragement of orchid growing
- To cooperate in and take part in activities of other Societies with purposes similar to those of this Society.



2021 Marin Orchid Society Calendar

June 22: Virtual Meeting - Speaker, Peter T. Lin, Diamond Orchids

July 30-June 4 Marin County Fair (To Be Determined)

July 27: Virtual Meeting - Speaker, Harvey Brenneise

August 24: No regular meeting - summer BBQ

September 28 Virtual Meeting - Speaker, Peter Lin, Big Leaf Orchids

October 26: Virtual Meeting Auction with Dennis Olivas

November 23 Virtual Meeting - Digital Show & Tell

December 2 or 9 Holiday Dinner



Other Orchid Societies' Meetings

(Many of these meetings are virtual on-line meetings: check their websites for details)

First Tuesday: San Francisco Orchid Society meeting; San Francisco County Fair Building, Golden Gate Park, 9th Avenue and Lincoln Way; [San Francisco Orchid Society](#)

First Monday: Carmel Orchid Society meeting; The First Presbyterian Church, 501 El Dorado Street, Monterey; [Carmel Orchid Society](#)

First Tuesday: San Francisco Orchid Society meeting; San Francisco County Fair Building, Golden Gate Park, 9th Avenue and Lincoln Way; [San Francisco Orchid Society](#)

First Wednesday: Sacramento Orchid Society meeting; Odd Fellows Hall, 1831 Howe Ave. (921-0569), Sacramento; www.sacramentoorchids.org.

First Wednesday: Santa Maria Orchid Society meeting; Veterans' Memorial Center, 313 W. Tunnell Street; Contact Chuck Scheitaur at 937-6201

Second Tuesday: Sonoma County Orchid Society meeting; Veterans Building, 1351 Maple Avenue, Santa Rosa (across from the Fairgrounds) [Sonoma County Orchid Society](#)

Second Tuesday: Monterey Bay Orchid Society meeting; Lincoln Ave Presbyterian Church, 536 Lincoln Ave, Salinas; (831) 663-3953

Third Monday: Orchid Society of California; Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Avenue Oakland; [California Orchid Society](#)

Third Tuesday: Coastal Valley Orchid Society; Lompoc, CA; [Coastal Valley Orchid Society](#)

Third Friday: Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers meeting; San Mateo Garden Center, 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo; Weegie Caughlan at goldcoastcymgrowers@gmail.com.

Second Friday: Napa Valley Orchid Society; 7:00 pm at Napa Senior Activities Center 1500 Jefferson St. Napa CA 94558. www.nv-os.org

Fourth Friday: Peninsula Orchid Society, 7:00 pm, San Mateo Garden Center, 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo. [Peninsula Orchid Society](#)

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