



# Marin Orchid Society

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Affiliate of the American Orchid Society



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## January President's Letter



### Greetings MOS Friends,

Happy New Year. I hope that you had a great set of Holidays in December and into January. Also, I wish you all a great 2022.

I had a great Christmas in Southern California with my family. It's fun to watch kids at Christmas; they so enjoy the magic, and the presents. This will likely be the last year Levi will believe in Santa and Evelyn is not old enough to know about Santa. She just thinks that she got a lot of neat things to play with. We enjoyed the neighborhood Christmas light displays. They have contests and

some people REALLY get into it! There was one street where all of the houses were highly decorated with lights that ran from house to house over the street. A couple of houses had their own FM radio stations so you can hear the soundtrack from the comfort of your car as you drive by.

I went to a great model train store in Westminster and picked up two more N scale engines to go along with the rest of the stock I already have. I now have 4 tracks running around my dining room table (could not put the trains around the tree because Kitsu would be chasing them ... as she stands up at the dining room table to watch the trains go by).

New Year's was quiet (I'm certain that virtually all the people in my

community were in bed by 9:30 at the latest). We did a yummy beef rib roast, cake and a nice apple crumble. And, of course, there was the Twilight Zone marathon on SciFi for all of the 1st.

I have not had much chance to do any work on my plants. The outdoor ones are just being left to their own devices as the rains have come. I've not been up to sloshing about outside; it's cold out there and I was in SoCal several times between October and December. I do have several *Cymbidiums* that are starting to put out spikes. One of those has not stopped flowering since the beginning of last year. I think one of the *Dendrobiums* is thinking about flowering; there are some little nubbies starting to show on some of the canes.

Indoors, I've been battling an invasion of ants who set up colonies in about 10 of the plants in my kitchen. They came in quite quickly because they swarmed when I watered and they were not there the previous week. These little suckers are tenacious. Ordinarily, one would just repot the plants after removing all the media. The problem here was that if I picked up the plant to take it outside then they would come swarming out and I'd have a bunch of the little beggars walking on me. I decided to try Terro ant traps and just lay them on the surface of the media. This actually works great. The colonies in all the plants were eradicated in just a couple of days.

There's nothing blooming indoors right now. The *Psychopsis* has just dropped its 13th or 14th flower. One of the *Dendrobiums* is putting out some little nubbies, just like it's brother outside. This one has not bloomed yet so it will be interesting to see what comes out.

As of now, POE is going to happen at the end of February. There's an article elsewhere in this Back Bulb. If you have plants that you think will be in flower for POE, please start prepping them for display. Naoko has done up a lovely design for our display. We would love to have your plants in POE.

While POE is happening, the annual Santa Barbara show and the Peninsula Orchid Society show have been cancelled. Sonoma County Orchid Society is planning a show and sale. I will try to get all these announcements posted on our calendar as quickly as I can.

The Show and Tell online 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.

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

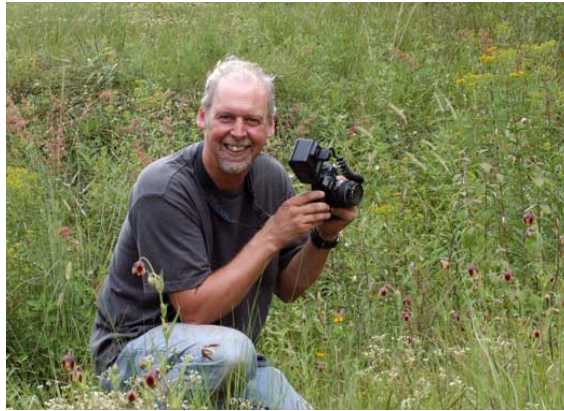
I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

Ron



# January Speaker - Ron Parsons

## Topic: Orchid Hunting on the Island of Rhodes



In spring of 2010 I traveled with my co-author Mary Gerritsen and three German friends throughout the island of Rhodes. From Rhodes, a Greek island, you can clearly see Turkey, 11 miles away. We drove to as many orchid localities as possible to locate these beautiful flowers. The main genera are *Ophrys*, *Orchis* and *Anacamptis*, but we found several other species in different genera for a total of 30 species. Although it had been a dry winter, and we did not see huge numbers of many species, the season had sped up, revealing some typically later species. This talk features the orchids seen, as well as a number of other wildflowers, and the spectacular scenery of this lovely Greek isle.

Ron Parsons has been growing orchids for more than 45 years, and has been interested in species orchids for most of that time. Ron loves to photograph orchids and most other flowers whenever he can, whether it be on trips to see them in nature or in collections. He loves to travel to see orchids in the wild, and does so as often as possible.

Ron has more than 90,000 digital images, most of which are of orchids, and still retains a slide library that exceeds 100,000 botanical images. He has 4000 published photos that have appeared in magazines, periodicals, journals and books. Ron has co-authored four botanical books, all with Mary E. Gerritsen. The first two, published by Timber Press, are *Masdevallias*, *Gems of the Orchid World* and *Calochortus*, *Mariposa Lilies and their Relatives*. The third book, a large, luxurious, 18.5 pound, two-volume set, *A Compendium of Miniature Orchid Species* was published by Redfern Natural History Productions in January of 2014. The most recent is *The American Orchid Society Guide to Orchids and their Culture* which was released early in 2019.



# About the January 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: January 25, 2022 Meeting officially starts at 7:00 pm PST. PLEASE join the Zoom meeting well ahead of time so that you are settled in. To join Zoom Meeting click here: [MOS January Zoom meeting](#)

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](#)

One tap mobile

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+13462487799,,82158733163# US (Houston)

Dial by your location

+1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Meeting ID: 821 5873 3163

[Local Number](#)

## AOS 2nd Orchid Culture Speakers Day Explore the Virtual World of Vandaceous Orchids January 29, 7:00 a.m. - 1:00 pm PST - \$30

With so many Orchid events being cancelled why not sit back in the comfort of your living room and learn all about how to successfully grow Vandas!



The AOS is proud to announce that we have four distinguished speakers on selected aspects of the Aeridinae and Angraecinae (commonly referred to as the Vanda and Angraecum Alliance) which follows our ORCHIDS magazine supplement on the Aeridinae. Enjoy the day with these delightful speakers:

- 1) Kim Fedderson of Fair Orchids: Yes, you can grow Vandaceous Orchids at Home
- 2) Jason Fischer of Orchids Limited: The Culture and History of Vanda falcata (formerly Neofinetia)
- 3) Bob Fuchs, Pres. of RF Orchids: The Latest Trends in Vanda Hybridizing
- 4) Brenda Oviatt from Botanica Ltd.: Angraecoids: Conservation and Culture.



## AOS Corner, January 2022

I am ringing in the New Year with a resolution to kill fewer Orchids than I did in 2021. Actually, I kind of lost count, but I am resolved to be a better grower, more attentive to the special needs of my Beauties. One of the ways is by registering for educational opportunities such as the AOS Orchid Culture Day listed above! And all within the safety of my own living room.

**FOUR MONTHLY AOS ORCHID JUDGINGS are Now Available:  
Please wear a mask and respect social distancing.**

. Pacific Central Judging Center hosts two monthly:

The 1st Tuesday of each month, during the regular SFOS monthly meeting at the Hall of Flowers, Golden Gate Park; Next judging is Tuesday February 1, 7pm.

AND the 3rd Saturday of each month at Filoli Historic House & Garden, 86 Canada Road, Woodside CA. NEXT Judging is Sat. January 15, 9am. Questions? Contact James Heilig [heiligja@msu.edu](mailto:heiligja@msu.edu)

- California Sierra Nevada Judging Center (CSNJC) hosts 2 monthly - The 1st Wednesday of each month during the regular Sacramento Orchid Society meeting at Oddfellows Hall, 1831 Howe Avenue, Sacramento; Next judging is Wednesday, February 2, 5pm

AND the third Sunday of each month at Dueling Dogs Brewing Co, 3030 Barrett Park Lane, Lincoln CA. NEXT judging is Sunday January 16, plant entry at 8am; judging starts at 8:30am. Got Questions? Contact Lynne Murrell: [lynne.murrell@outlook.com](mailto:lynne.murrell@outlook.com)

### UPCOMING MONTHLY WEBINARS

AOS continues to offer Webinars. To view a Webinar, REGISTRATION is REQUIRED, and it's as easy as going to this link: [aos webinars registration](#) You can join live either on your computer or by phone. ALL webinars are recorded and available to view at your leisure. GREENHOUSE CHAT Webinars are indexed by topic for future viewing.

Until we meet again, hopefully SOON, stay healthy and Happy Growing.

### Webinars-Coming Attractions!



When	January 11, 2022 8:30pm EST Tuesday	January 18, 2022 8:30pm EST Tuesday	February 15, 2022 8:30pm EST Tuesday	February 23, 2022 8:30pm EST Wednesday
Topic	Miltoniopsis	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	A Guide to Modern LED Lighting How to set up an indoor grow area	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>
Presenter	Mark Whelan Retired Professor Multi-genera Orchid Grower	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	Kelly McCracken Owner High Desert Orchids, Miniature Orchid Specialist	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer

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## 69th Annual Pacific Orchid Exhibition is back! February 25-27, County Fair Building, San Francisco

There will be thousands of orchids and plants on display with AOS judging as well as plants for sale from many local, national & international nurseries. All attendees will be required to show Proof of Vaccination and wear a mask. Single Day Admission: \$12 advance/\$15 at the door. Click here to purchase tickets. [POE tickets](#)



The 69th Annual Pacific Orchid Exposition

# Orchid Masquerade

Dates: Feb 25-27, 2022  
Preview Night: Feb 24, 2022

County Fair Building  
1199 Ninth Avenue  
San Francisco, CA



[www.orchidsanfrancisco.org](http://www.orchidsanfrancisco.org)

MOS members who have flowering orchids to display are welcome to do so - please ensure your membership is up-to-date. More details to follow.

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## 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 January Show and Tell to [marin.orchids@gmail.com](mailto:marin.orchids@gmail.com)

Click here to view:  
[July Show & Tell](#)  
[September Show & Tell](#)  
[October Show & Tell](#)  
[November Show & Tell](#)  
[January Show & Tell](#)



### Happy Chinese New Year of the Tiger, February 1, 2022

Individuals born in 1938, '50, '62, '74, '86, 2010 and 2022 were born in the Tiger Year. They are considered loyal, vivacious, impulsive and optimistic - geared for action! Chinese New Year

is the most important holiday in China. Decorating the home & businesses, sharing a big family feast, makings offerings to ancestors are popular practices.

Orchids are in the top Nine Lucky Chinese New Year Flowers and Fruits that are given as gifts and used as decoration. Oranges (abundance & happiness). Pomelos (good luck), Grapes/Plums/Kumquats (good luck & prosperity). Peach blossoms (prosperity & growth), Plum blossoms (endurance & courage), Peonies (richness & peace), Pussy Willows (growth & prosperity), Narcissus (good fortune and prosperity) and Orchids. In China Orchids have long been considered to be symbolic of 'many children' or fertility & abundance. They also signify refinement, luxury and innocence. A good day to decorate your home with orchids!



**RENEW YOUR 2022 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 2022. Marin Orchid Society membership is \$25 per household per year. MOS activities each year include: 10 meetings (7 or 8 of which feature great speakers, one which is devoted to our members), our Holiday Dinner and 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 for current members 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.



### Please support MOS!

Are you an Amazon shopper? If so PLEASE support MOS at no cost to you. AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices and shopping features as Amazon.com. When you shop on AmazonSmile, the Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to MOS. You need to click on [THIS link](#) each time you shop so put it in a convenient place: [Amazon smiles](#)

**Upcoming Open Houses, Orchid Shows, & More**



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

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**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  
Ave., San Francisco, CA  
tmperlite@gmail.com 415 467 3737

Shelldance Orchid Gardens, 2000  
Hwy 1, Pacifica, CA  
shelldance.com 650 355 4845

For supplies: Flori-Culture Orchid  
Supplies, 7621 Fair Oaks Blvd.,  
Carmichael  
flori-culture 916 333 4885



D&D Flowers, 169 First Ave., Daly  
City, CA  
d.olivas@comcast.net 925 969 1246

California Orchids, 515 Aspen Rd,  
Bollinas, CA  
info@californiaorchids.com  
415 868 0203

Gold Country Orchids, 390 Big Ben  
Rd, Lincoln, CA  
gcorchids@aol.com 916 645 8600

Paph Paradise, 390 Big Ben Rd.,  
Lincoln, CA  
paphparadise.com 209 727 5265

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## **MOS Board of Directors - Join Us!**

President - Ron Ludwig, Vice-President - Sandra Merlo, Treasurer - Naoko Nojiri, Secretary - Cathy Thompson, Members at Large - Carolyn Fisher, John Merlo, Terumi Leinow. You may reach the MOS Board by calling: 415-895-0667.

Next Board meeting is February 4, Virtual Zoom meeting, 7:00 pm. Members are welcome to attend with advance notice. Contact Ron for details.

**2022 MOS Memberships are now due. Mail your check to: Marin Orchid Society | P. O. BOX 14, Larkspur, CA CA 94977.**

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## 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](mailto:marin.orchids@gmail.com).



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## 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](http://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](#)

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## 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.



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# 2022 Marin Orchid Society Calendar

our meetings will continue to be Virtual until further notice

January 25: Virtual Meeting - Speaker Ron Parsons  
February 22: Virtual Meeting - Speaker Ray Barkalow  
March 22: Virtual Meeting - Speaker TBD  
April 26: Virtual Meeting - Speaker Bob Hamilton  
May 24: Virtual Meeting - Speaker TBD  
June 28: Virtual Meeting - Speaker TBD  
July 1-4: Marin County Fair (To Be Determined)  
July 26: Virtual Meeting - Speaker TBD  
August 28: No regular meeting - summer BBQ  
September 27: Virtual Meeting - Speaker TBD  
October 25: Auction Night  
November 23 Virtual Meeting - Speaker TBD  
December 6: Holiday Dinner TBD  
December 27: No regular meeting

[Join or Renew Your Membership](#)

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## OTHER ORCHID SOCIETIES' MEETINGS

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](http://www.sacramentoorchids.org).

First Wednesday: Santa Maria Orchid Society meeting; Veterans' Memorial Center, 313 W. Tunnell Street, Santa Maria.

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](mailto: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](http://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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