



Marin Orchid Society

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February President's Letter



Greetings MOS Friends,

I hope your year is going well.

February has been a busy month so far. My little Kitsu had her 8th birthday on the 4th. We celebrated with a dulce de leches cake, of which she did get a small slice and licked off the plates after we'd finished ours. I do still vividly remember the day I brought her home - not that long ago.

I'm now deeply involved in rebuilding the kitchen at one of the condos I manage. This is turning out to be a huge project because there is some water damage (the extent of which I won't know until the cabinets are out) that requires mitigation. The plan is to gut the entire kitchen back to the sheetrock and then rebuild it literally from the concrete slab to the ceiling. This project is occupying a huge amount of my time and probably will not be completed for several months. Good thing that I'm no longer employed.

Retirement is also nice in that I have the opportunity to visit my kids and grandchildren. Levi is rapidly approaching 7 and Evelyn 20 months. I'm heading down to SoCal on the 17th, returning on the 22nd, so I will, unfortunately, miss the February meeting. While I'm down there we might do a day up to the snow so the kids can play and more shopping at the train

store.

Then, of course, the remainder of that week is occupied with POE. Set up is on the 23rd. POE is the 25th thru 27th with the Gala on the 24th. Gonna be a busy week.

At least 10 of my *Cymbidiums* outdoors have started putting up spikes. One of these is a miniature *Cymbidium* that I've had for several years but which has not bloomed as yet. I'm looking forward to seeing the flowers. Another is a plant that has been in bloom for about a year so far. It's a huge plant but right now only has 2 spikes. I'm debating if this plant should be broken up, or just repotted back into the same pot with new media. It is nice to have a specimen plant but it's difficult to move about, and where it currently sits will not exist when the patio on that side of the house is rebuilt. The rest are assorted *Cymbidiums* that have been consistent bloomers over the years. Unfortunately, they are also slow at getting their blooms out so I don't think there will be anything ready for POE.

I think my ant invasion has been stanchd. I found just one plant that had ants and I've addressed that with Terro sprinkle on Formicidae-icide. That seems to have done the trick. I've found no scouts on the sink for over a week and the last watering did not raise anything from the colony that had existed there. Hopefully, that's the last of them. Ants may be useful, but not inside the house.

I have a couple of indoor plants starting to bloom. One is the *Psychopsis* which is now on number 14 or 15 of its sequential bloom set. I don't even know now when it started blooming ... but it's been quite some time. Another plant blooming is a *Dendrobium*. This plant does not have an ID but it's a keiki from a much larger plant that is growing outside. It has about 10 buds coming out. It will be interesting to see the flowers. I do not think it will be displayable for POE.

I mentioned POE several times. SFOS has confirmed that POE is happening. So, if you want to display your plants in our exhibit, please have them cleaned and prepped. I am certain you'll want to have your lovely plants viewed by the attendees.

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.

Unfortunately, I will not see you at our next meeting. We have a great speaker. I think you will enjoy the presentation.

Ron

February Speaker -Ray Barkalow

Topic: Microbial Treatments & Phytochemical Stimulants in Orchid Growing"



We welcome Ray Barkalow of First Rays and look forward to his enlightening presentation.

Ray states: "My orchid growing began when I was a Ceramic Engineering student at Georgia Tech. After about a year of volunteering at the public gardens of Atlanta Botanical Gardens - the orchid grower there gave me a big, "floofy" purple *cattleya*. It took me about two years to kill it via the typical root rot-desiccation cycle torture, and at the time, I simply "did not kill plants," so I was determined to learn more and got addicted like everyone else. In the decades since, I've learned that I am a very effective plant killer... (Isn't it true that you're not an orchid-growing "pro" until you have killed your weight in plants?)

During my professional career in the chemical industry, I travelled internationally, and put together an extensive collection of orchids from around the world, mostly purchased from street vendors and shipped back to myself on my import permit (pre-CITES). That travel schedule (averaging 13 flights a week for 3.5 years at one point) led to a great deal of experimentation, keeping plants healthy and happy during my absences, and that's what led to the development of Semi-Hydroponics.

First Rays came into being by accident, literally, courtesy of a greenhouse heater and alarm failure on a 7° F night in January of 1994. That 20-year collection of plants from around the world was a total loss. After a few months, I purchased a new heater and alarm system - wrote them off as business expenses, even though I had no idea how I'd make a business out of orchids.

Shortly thereafter, I divided the first couple of replacement plants I had purchased at the Philadelphia Flower Show, created a text-only web page listing them, and offered the extra divisions to the internet orchid community via a post to the Comp-U-Serve Gardening Forum. Within three hours I had two orders, and I knew how I'd make it a business.

I am now nearing my 50th year of orchid growing and First Rays is in its 28th year of operation, although a lot smaller than it was at its peak, before I retired from my "real job". To me, the best part about the business is the exposure it has provided, allowing me to meet and communicate with folks

from around the world on the fascinating subject of orchids. Sharing the obsession is second only to growing the plants.

In Ray's February lecture, he will introduce us to the world of microorganisms which he indicates: "play an essential role in orchid culture - both good and bad. We're used to treating "the bad guys" with chemicals to eradicate them, but may be doing more harm than good. I will provide a brief survey of the major beneficial microbes and how they can improve culture.

Many have used stimulant products like Dyna-Gro KLN or Superthrive, and wondered why they are hit-or-miss, and what they might be doing to our plants. This part of my presentation addresses those issues, as well as taking a look at other types of chemical and natural phytostimulants that can significantly benefit orchid growing."

Ray Barkalow
First Rays LLC



About the February 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: February 22, 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 February 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: [I Calendar](#)

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+1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)
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Meeting ID: 821 5873 3163
[Local Number](#)

January Speaker Review

Orchid Hunting on the Island of Rhodes with Ron Parsons

Ron Parsons, orchid photographer extraordinaire, joined us via Zoom on January 25 to talk about Orchid Hunting on the Island of Rhodes. He has been going to Europe, usually to one of the Greek islands, since 2008, to see and photograph orchids in their native habitat. It was on his first trip in 2008 to Crete that he met a German couple and their son, who were also passionate about seeing orchids in the wild. Subsequently they have traveled together throughout the Greek islands.



They were in Rhodes at the end of March through early April a few years ago. This area has the warmest mean temperature of all of Greece which meant the temperature was pleasant during this time with the added benefit of fewer people. Rhodes is the largest of the Dodecanese Islands of Greece and is roughly 50 miles long and 2 miles wide. It is very close to Turkey, 11 miles, and has been continuously inhabited by people since Neolithic times. The island is mostly limestone, and the climate is Mediterranean with wet, cool winters and warm, dry summers. The island is home to an estimated 1200 species of plants including about 20 species of orchids. Virtually all the orchids are terrestrial.

Ron showed his pictures of the many plants, both orchids and others, that he photographed during his trip. The orchids that Ron saw the most of were different species of *Ophrys*, many of which are also known as bee orchids because their pollination strategy is based on the flowers mimicking a female bee. He photographed *Ophrys dodekanensis*, that has amazingly patterned flowers, also *Ophrys ferrum-equinum*, both the normal pink flower form as well as the alba form. He showed pictures of *Ophrys scolopax* including the *subsp. cornuta*, *Ophrys fusca*, *Ophrys regis-ferdinandii* and *Ophrys fuciflora*, the latter including the *subsp. candica*, as well. One of his favorite orchids was the bee orchid, *Ophrys speculum*, commonly known as the mirror orchid due to the iridescent colors of its flowers. There were pictures of *Ophrys mammosa*, *Ophrys reinholdii* and *Ophrys lutea*. The latter orchid is very common in Europe where the plants form colonies. It is also pollinated by bees but is unusual in that the bee enters the flower backwards. Other *Ophrys* species that Ron had photographed included *Ophrys apifera*, which is one of the 4 species of 4 bee orchids found in Germany, *Ophrys umbilicata*, which has a showy green lip and *Ophrys argolica subsp. lucis* which has a very dark lip.

There were other orchid species besides *Ophrys* on Rhodes. Ron showed us pictures of one of his favorites, the 'butterfly' orchid formerly *Orchis papilionacea*, now *Anacamptis papilionacea*. He had pictures of *Anacamptis x gennarii*, of *Anacamptis fragrans*, of the very showy *Anacamptis morio* and of *Anacamptis pyramidalis*, the pyramid orchid. so-called because it's inflorescence blooms in a pyramidal shape. He had a picture of *Anacamptis sancta*, which has more of a jagged lip and lacks spotting. He also photographed a plant that looked like a natural hybrid of *Anacamptis sancta x fragrans*.

Ron also had pictures of *Orchis* species including *Orchis*

anatonica, characterized by a long spur, as well as pictures of *Orchis provincians*. *Orchis anthropophora* and *Orchis italica*, the 'Italian' orchid. This orchid is 2 feet tall and has big clusters of 2" flowers. It is found on many of the Greek islands. He showed us *Serapias bergoni*, a 'tongue' orchid as well as another tongue orchid, a *Serapias orientans* subspecies where most of the flower is the lip. He had a picture of *Neotinea maculate*. Lest you think there are nothing but orchids on Rhodes, Ron also had pictures of the species *Cyclamen repandum*, an endemic subspecies and of *Aristolochia hirta* of which there are 300 species in the genus, including some in California. He had a picture of an endemic peony *Paeonia clusli*, a subspecies of which is native to Rhodes. He showed pictures of *Dracunculus vulgaris*, also called the voodoo lily. It is a member of the aroid family including that includes calla lilies. It grows along the ground and has a two feet long flowering structure that stinks to attract pollinators. He had a picture of *Fritillaria rhodia*, a member of the lily family, where the only known wild populations are found on Rhodes. Ron showed us pictures of *Cytinus hypocistus* which is parasitic on rock roses and has an underground structure that attaches to the roots of rock roses. Another parasitic plant found in Rhodes is broomrape (*Orobanche ramosa*), a member of the family that includes Indian paintbrushes. It is a significant problem for agriculture. Most of the orchids that Ron photographed on Rhodes are not in cultivation, so a trip to Rhodes or a presentation from Ron is the best way to see them. Alternatively, you can wait for the second, new improved, edition of *Miniature Orchid Species*, written and photographed by Mary Gerritsen and him and soon to be published by Redfern Natural History Productions.

We thank Ron for his always engaging presentation and look forward to hearing from him again.

Submitted by Patricia Olson



AOS Corner, February 2022

I am ringing in the New Year with a resolution to kill fewer Orchids than I did in 2021. UPDATE: I've tossed only 6 so far...plants which were languishing with little likelihood of a strong spring recovery. I'm ruthlessly tossing the hangers-on, and it has the satisfying feeling of spring housecleaning.

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

PACIFIC 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 AND the 3rd Saturday of each month at Filoli Historic House & Garden, 86 Canada Road, Woodside CA. NEXT Judging is Saturday, February 19th at 9 a.m. Questions? Contact James Heilig: heiligja@msu.edu

CALIFORNIA SIERRA NEVADA Judging Center (CSNJC) hosts 2 monthly:

The next judging is Sunday, February 20 at Dueling Dogs Brewing Company, 3030 Barrett Park Lane, Lincoln, CA. Plant entry at 8:00 a.m., judging starts at 8:30 a.m. Undecided whether Oddfellows Hall in Sacramento will be open for regular monthly judging on Wednesday evening 3/2; if not, we will be judging Sunday, March 6 at Dueling Dogs. Questions? Contact Lynne Murrell: lynne.murrell@outlook.com

Shows, Plant Sales and Other Events

- The 2022 Pacific Orchid Expo, February 25-27 at the County Fair Building, Golden Gate park, 1199 Ninth Avenue, San Francisco
- The Santa Barbara International Orchid Show, March 11-13 HAS BEEN CANCELLED
- Sonoma County Orchid Show & Sale, March 26 & 27, Santa Rosa Veteran's Building, 1351 Maple Avenue, Santa Rosa
- The American Orchid Society Centennial Celebration, April 6-9, Biltmore Hotel in Coral Gables
- California Orchids Spring Sale, April 16, 515 Aspen Road, Bolinas

(Check websites for further information)

UPCOMING MONTHLY WEBINARS

The FREE twice-monthly Greenhouse Chat Webinars with Ron McHatton are a superb opportunity to get expert culture advice. Posted times below are EST. Click here to register: [aos webinars registration](#) and they will send you the link.

Until we meet again, hopefully SOON, stay healthy and Happy Growing. (By the way, I've included below an amusing AOS article by M.O Carpenter.)


Webinars-Coming Attractions!






Let's Grow Together!

When	February 15, 2022 8:30pm EST Tuesday	February 23, 2022 8:30pm EST Wednesday	March 16, 2022 8:30pm EDT Wednesday	March 22, 2022 8:30pm EDT Tuesday
Topic	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>	The Story of Jewel Orchids Glistening Gems of the Forest Floor	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>
Presenter	Kelly McCracken Owner High Desert Orchids, Miniature Orchid Specialist	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	Nicholas Rust Orchid hybridizer with a passion for terrestrials	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer



Congratulations to our very own Susan Anderson!

At the January California Sierra Nevada Judging, Susan was awarded an AOS Certificate of Cultural Merit for her excellent growing and blooming of *Dendrochilum pulcherrimum* 'Kodiak'. It had 5124 flowers on 122 gracefully arched inflorescences. Congratulations, Susan! Lynne Murrell



69th Annual Pacific Orchid Exhibition is back!

From February 15-27, at the 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](https://www.orchidsanfrancisco.org)

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



MOS Member Orchids Needed!

The 2022 Pacific Orchid Exposition is happening (see details above). As you all know, POE draws a huge crowd over its 3-day run. Marin Orchid Society will, as we have for a number of years, arrange a display (as shown in image). This year, our display will occupy the space just inside of the entrance (we had this same space for 2019 and 2020). This location provides a very visible space; literally the very first thing a person sees when walking into the room. So, having an eye-popping display means that the plants are shown in their best light.

Naoko has created a great design for our display and will be directing the building of it. We have almost all the parts we need to create that display. However, there is one piece missing ... your plants. All our displays use only plants grown by our active members. (Please ensure your membership is up-to-date for 2022). When you recall our past displays, virtually all of them award winning, you can appreciate the talent exhibited by our members. POE is a great opportunity to have your lovely plants, the ones you've so tenderly cared for over the years, seen and appreciated by the huge numbers of people who regularly attend. POE is also an opportunity to have your plants judged by AOS judges. A number of our members have received AOS awards at past POE's. So, please choose your best plants and bring them to the POE setup.

Here is what you need to know:

- **We need to have a list of the plants** you will bring to the display. To give us sufficient time to prepare the printed labels, please email your plant list, by **19 February**, to the MOS email account: marin.orchids@gmail.com. Please provide the full name of the plant; genus and species. Please also ensure that each plant you bring has an identifying name tag.
- Please bring plants to the Hall of Flowers at 9th Avenue and Lincoln Blvd. in San Francisco, just inside the entrance to Golden Gate Park. As parking is scarce, when you arrive, please call Ron at 415-706-1714 or Naoko at 917-686-4514. Someone will come out to bring your plants into the building.
- Plants need to be delivered to the setup between **2:30 pm and 4 pm on Wednesday, 23 February**.
- If you're unable to bring your plants to the POE site, please contact Ron or Naoko as soon as possible so we can try to arrange transport.

- Plants need to be clean and free of bugs. Remove any dead leaves. Please trim leaves with brown ends.
- If possible, please place plants into black or dark pots. If you can't do that, we will cover the pots with black cloth.
- Please ensure that your name is on the pot so that we know who they'll go back to.
- Please ensure your plants are thoroughly hydrated. They will be in the display from the 23rd thru the 27th.
- POE ends on Sunday, the 27th, at 5 pm. We will break down the display starting a little after 5 pm. Please plan to **pick up your plants at about 5:15-5:30 pm**. As the breakdown happens pretty quickly, we expect to have all the plants out of the building by about 6 pm.

We appreciate your cooperation and support for a successful MOS 2022 POE exhibit!

Ron Ludwig
MOS President



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 February Show and Tell to marin.orchids@gmail.com

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





How to Kill Your Orchids?

by Milton O. Carpenter - An Acknowledged Expert on the Subject
(Reprinted from
ORCHIDS, Bulletin of the American Orchid Society, Feb. 2014, vol. 83, #2)

I have been growing, and killing, orchids for 35 years now and it occurred to me that I should pass on to others some of the more basic, as well as advanced methods I have discovered, and in some cases “stumbled upon” to accomplish this task! **BASIC RULES** Never seek information on how to keep them alive. For example, do not try to distinguish what **KIND** of orchid you have, do not ask for help from other orchid growers, do not read Orchids, do not go to local orchid society meetings, and do not purchase the AOS handbook on orchid pests and diseases. □

RATHER OBVIOUS FUNDAMENTAL METHODS

Aside from pouring on gasoline and striking a match, consider the following: Give your orchids far too little or too much light. As most orchids like fairly good air movement, either give them none at all or a veritable hurricane. Do not worry about what particular temperature your orchids like - a good “rule of thumb” is to treat them all alike. Forget that most orchids like rather high humidity and let the humidity drop as low as it will. Never “damp down” the benches and floors on really hot days. Remember to water every orchid every day (drench thoroughly) regardless of what kind of medium or pots they are in - or very seldom water them at all, allowing the pseudobulbs (those things between the top of the pot and the base of the leaves) to become very shriveled and wrinkled. Never be concerned about the quality of the water you are using - whether it is loaded with chlorides, sulfides, or what have you.

Repot your orchids only when you have to and only “when you have spare time.” Use just about anything handy as a potting medium, it really does not matter and there is no truth to the thinking that certain types like different potting medium (that is the stuff you put in the pot). Potting in plain old dirt from your garden is a good idea. Fertilize only once or twice a year, but when you do - really pour it on, perhaps triple or quadruple the recommended strength. Try to never be concerned about insects or diseases - just let nature take its course. □

ADVANCED RULES

Because orchids prefer the full light spectrum, put them under badly discolored fiberglass or perhaps brightly colored plastic. Arrange your greenhouse or growing area near a bright city street lamp so they will not know the difference between night and day. Try to locate your orchids as near as possible to heavily traveled roads - the carbon monoxide (and other goodies) will help with your job. Keep turning each pot around about one quarter turn each day so they will become thoroughly disoriented. If it gets cold, put an unvented kerosene heater in your greenhouse - the fumes will work wonders. If it gets really cold, do not do anything – perhaps they will just go into hibernation.

When you water, always try to water late in the afternoon or, preferably, at night - the water standing in the new leaf creates unusual effects. When potting your plants, always use a pot about four times as large as the plant's roots, remembering that that is the way they grow in nature. If your plant starts to look sick, NEVER take it out of the pot to see what is happening with the roots, after all, what you cannot see cannot hurt you, can it? Should you notice some sort of insect on a plant, just put it under the faucet and wash the critters off - do not bother to check the other plants in its vicinity and do not worry about some kind of pesticide, that stuff is hard to handle properly and besides, it leaves the greenhouse smelling poorly for days. Keep your leaves clean - never spray a preventive fungicide as it leaves an ugly residue.

Always use the same knife or plant shears when cutting from one plant to another and do not bother to sterilize - if one has some sort of malady, soon they will all share! I am sure there are those of you who have discovered more unusual ways to kill your orchids, but I have only been with these plants for 35 years and I am still a' learnin'! milton@evergladesorchids.com

EDITOR'S NOTE The suggestions above are, obviously, all tongue-in-cheek but, unfortunately, we all do one or more of these at some point in our growing experience. Local societies are invaluable as sources of information relative to your specific issues. Who best to understand your local problems than others who are dealing with them. The AOS is invaluable for vetted orchid knowledge. It is true that "it is all available on the web" but that also includes the obviously incorrect as well as that which masquerades as correct. Invest in books, they are another source of invaluable growing knowledge.

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.



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Upcoming Open Houses, Orchid Shows, & More

See list under AOS Corner



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



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TELEPHONE OR EMAIL TO REQUEST DETAILS:

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Menlo Park, CA
brookside-orchids.com 650 854 3711

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

Golden Gate Orchids, 225 Velasco
Ave., San Francisco, CA
tmperlite@gmail.com 415 467 3737

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

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

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

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

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



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 March 3, 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.



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.



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 Lynne Murrell
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



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.

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.

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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