



Marin Orchid Society

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Affiliate of the American Orchid Society



April 26, 2022 7:00 p.m.

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April President's Letter



Greetings MOS Friends,

I hope you are all well and enjoying the lovely spring weather. Most of the mornings are still a bit too chilly for a morning walk without a jacket, but now that the clocks have shifted, Kitsu and I can enjoy our evening walks without a flashlight.

My time has been overly occupied. Besides overseeing the renovation of a condo, I'm also engaged in work at my house. I recently replaced my stove several weeks ago and added a microwave/rangehood. The latter was no small task as the cabinet above the stove had to be

removed, cut down by about 6 inches, then put back up after resizing the area. As the cabinet was shortened I need new doors and to stain them to match the existing cabinets. Next comes countertops, new flooring, ceilings painted and front deck refurbished. I am hoping to have that all done this year.

Outdoors, the patio extension has begun. I'm adding about 15' of paving and extending the existing paving several feet towards the fence; probably adding a total of 175 square feet. All my plants that occupied this space had to be relocated to my yard for the interim. I hope this will be completed by the end of April.

Then comes the painting. The house has not been painted in the 30 years since it was built. I finally chose a color for the body and am vacillating on colors for the trim and doors. The painting starts on May 9 and everything from around the house to at least 5' back needs clearing for the painters.

Moving all my plants out shows me that the *cymbidiums* are resilient little buggers. Quite a few of the larger ones are in bloom and the smaller ones are literally busting out of their pots; they more attention. I'm looking forward to seeing a couple of miniature cymbidiums almost ready to bloom for the first time.

Indoors, I have the nice fragrance of coconut from the *maxillaria tenuifolia*. There are several *epidendrum* flower spikes coming ready, a *bulbophyllum falcatum* with about half its flowers open, and a *zygopetalum* opening its flowers soon. Add to that an aloe that has a 15" flower spike starting to show its buds and the drimiopsis (which I just found out is toxic) that rarely goes out of flower.

I need to do some rearranging of the indoor area so that I can fit in the 5 new plants, all miniatures, that I've acquired over the past 6 weeks. Of course, when I get to the point of having the new countertops put in, that whole area will need to be disassembled to clear the space.

On a more serious note, I've noticed that the attendance at our monthly meetings has been steadily decreasing. I know that some people are not comfortable with virtual meetings, and perhaps others burning out on them. But I wonder if there might be other reasons. As the restrictions necessitated by the pandemic have been greatly loosened, we are now able to have in-person meetings; though not at BioMarin as yet. In fact, our upcoming meeting in a couple of weeks will be a hybrid meeting with the in-person portion happening at Kol Shofar. The next several meetings after April will be hosted by the Mount Baker Orchid Society. If you'd like, we can arrange to still have in-person meetings although the actual presentation will be shown on a screen.

I expect that we will continue to have hybrid meetings for the foreseeable future. There will be some members who are not comfortable being in groups. We will likely continue our partnership with Mount Baker as that has proved valuable in opening up our speaker pool. And, the virtual meeting format allows us to obtain speakers from much farther away.

MOS has always been a very social group. I think many of us miss the "rubbing of shoulders" that was our norm before the pandemic. I hope we will be able to rekindle that as our lives once again normalize.

I am interested in hearing your thoughts as regards the meetings. If you've not been attending, why are you not joining the meetings? Do you not find the format engaging? Are the speakers not to your liking? Are you just burned out with virtual meetings? If you have suggestions, the Board would love to hear them. So, please send a note to the MOS email account and let us know what you would like to see, do, hear, whatever.

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. Of course, if you plan to attend the April meeting **please bring your plants to the meeting for a live Show & Tell!**

Please, if you send photos to be added to the Show and Tell site, and if you will not be at the meeting to talk about them, add a short description to the photo in the email.

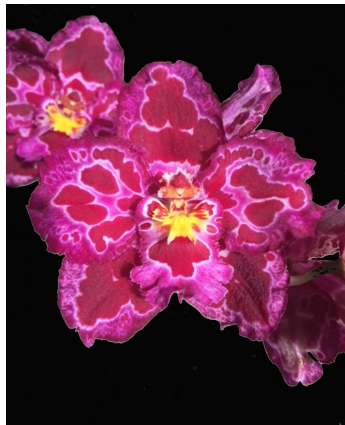
And, if you’d like to share your plant during the meeting, please feel free to do so. We’d love to see what you’ve got blooming.

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

Ron

April Speaker - Robert Hamilton

Topic: Orchid Craze: History of the Rise & Fall of Orchid Raising & *Ondontoglossum* and *Pleurothallids*



Bob and his partner John Leathers have been cultivating and growing orchids in the Bay Area since 1975, and have received special recognition AOS awards for propagation and hybridization. The Orchid Craze is a talk on the rise and fall of orchid raising. It is an attempt to show the enormous appetite for all things nature that began in the 19th and carried over into the 20th century. It was the result of the discovery of nature and the natural world, a time when science began to overwhelm the dogma of the Nicene Creed. Which is to say, the acceptance of nature and science. Bob's talk is both historical as well as contemporary. He will also discuss *Ondontoglossums* and *Pleurothallids*.

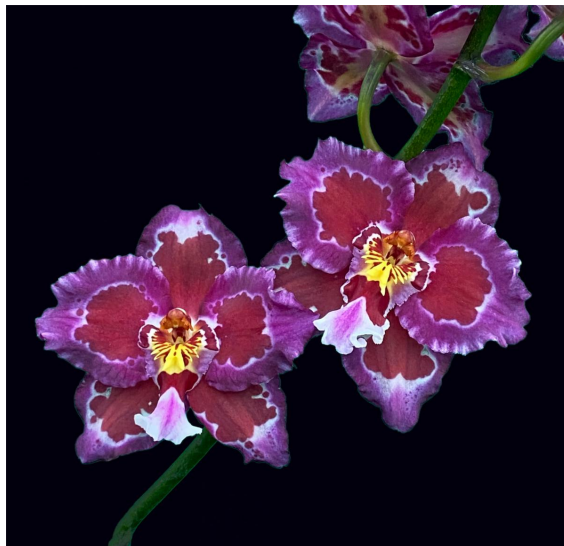
About Bob in his own words:

I was born in Berkeley, CA in 1946 to parents who were also raised in Berkeley. I attended Berkeley schools with an interest in chemistry and physics. My career began at UC Berkeley as a scientific glassblower specializing in electron tubes and lasers. My career changed when I became Principal Development Engineer for two successive semiconductor research facilities, the Microfabrication Laboratory and its successor, the Marvell

NanoFabrication Laboratory. These shared research facilities served and continue to serve several hundred engineers and scientists offering them a complete tool set for creating microelectronic devices and "chips". In the last two decades Microlab alumni are responsible for donating two new buildings for the UC Berkeley campus, Sutardja Dai Hall and the Jacobs Institute for Design Innovation.

After meeting my partner, John Leathers in 1975, we embarked on the hobby of raising cool growing Andean orchids with an emphasis on new hybrids. We've made numerous treks to Central and South America documenting habitat and species. We currently maintain 3250 square feet of greenhouse in Pacifica, California as well as growing in our first glass greenhouse, in our Berkeley home's backyard. We do our own propagation and laboratory work.

Note: Bob will be bringing plants from his extensive private collection, for our raffle.



Top image: Oda Starlight x Patricia Hall. Bottom image: Oda Tiffany x Joe's Dream Amethyst

About the April 26 Meeting: In-person and Virtual

Please Attend our In Person or Virtual Zoom Meeting at 7:00 pm

We invite you to attend our In-person meeting to not only meet renowned hybridizer Bob Hamilton, but also for a chance to win a plant he will be supplying for our opportunity table:

Congregation Kol Shofar
215 Blackfield Drive
Tiburon, CA

Here is the 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: April 26, 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 April Zoom meetinge](#)

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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Dial by your location

+1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Meeting ID: 821 5873 3163

[Local Number](#)



Raffle Draws are back!!

Win one of Bob Hamilton's orchids at our April meeting. Many people have enjoyed a visit to his greenhouse. Chose from 12 - 16 extraordinary plants. Donate \$1/ticket. If unable to attend, make arrangements with an attendee to purchase tickets for you. They preview the opportunity table and send photos; then let them know what you'd like if a winner. Or, just take a chance at what they will pick for you. Hope to see you at the meeting or Speaker Dinner before.

Cathy Thompson

March Speaker Review Plant Hormones and Orchids: Knowing and Managing them for Better Results with Ernesto Sandoval

Plant Hormones Demystified

We were delighted to learn all about “Plant Hormones, How and Why They Work for Propagation and Growth”. Ernesto is the Director Manager of the UC Davis Botanical Conservatory. He generously shared his Powerpoint presentation with MOS so you can view at your own leisure. .



Click here: [Plant Hormones How and Why They Work for Propagation and Growth](#)

Thank you Ernesto!

Submitted by Patricia Olson

AOS Trophy & Silver Certificate for MOS Award Winning Display at POE - We Are Fabulous!!



MOS won 11 major awards. Congratulations once again to Lynne Murrell, Tom Pickford, Judy Carney & Carolyn Fisher



AOS Silver Certificate

plus Best Display award from San Francisco Orchid Society.

MOS Award Winning Display to appear in Orchid Magazine!!



AOS Trophies

Read AOS Corner below for description of AOS point system for Best Display

AOS Corner, April 2022

The spring orchid shows and sales have been a rousing success, thanks to your support and obsession with Orchids.

A further note about MOS' award-winning display at POE: it not only won the AOS Trophy, it won an AOS Silver Certificate....for the first time in my recollection. Here's how this works: the AOS Judges at the show review all of the displays, and each judge fills out the below Official Ballot for the AOS Show Trophy. Educational value and creativity may be part of the consideration. The display earning the highest average score, as long as it is

over 80 points, receives the AOS Show Trophy... which MOS has frequently done in the past. BUT...a positive score of 85 to 89 points by $\frac{3}{4}$ of all of the judges, qualifies for a Silver Certificate. (Over 90 is a Gold Certificate... something to strive for!) Very few displays receive a high enough score to qualify for a Silver Certificate... so CONGRATS to Naoko and Brian for design and implementation, and to Susan for arranging all of the plants in a manner which is pleasing and has an appropriate color flow. And to all of those who displayed their Beauties, and to the great volunteers who helped!

This also means that a photo of MOS Display will appear in Orchids Magazine!

(sample) **OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR AOS SHOW TROPHY**

Entry No. _____ is the most outstanding exhibit of this Show and merits the following points:

POINT SCALE #12

General Arrangement 35 ____

Quality of Flowers 35 ____

Variety 20 ____

Labeling 10 ____

TOTALS 100

NO AWARD ____

A total score of 80 points or more constitutes one vote for this Entry towards the AOS Show Trophy. Should the best Entry receive less than 80 points, the Judge should indicate on this ballot, NO AWARD. Ballot must have a score and be signed to count.

Signature _____

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. NE Questions? Contact James Heilig: heiligja@msu.edu

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

The 1st Wednesday of each month at Oddfellows Hall, 1831 Howe Ave, Sacramento. AND Sunday April 24 (a week later than usual due to Easter on 4/17) at Dueling Dogs Brewing Company, 3030 Barrett Park Lane, Lincoln CA; Plant entry at 8am; judging starts at 8:30am. Questions? Contact Lynne

Shows, Plant Sales and Other Events

There are still great opportunities to enhance and expand your Orchid collection this spring (also see flyers)

- California Orchids (Mary Nisbet) - Spring SALE - Saturday April 16, 515 Aspen Road, Bolinas
- Gold Country Orchids (Alan Koch) and Paph Paradise (Dave Sorokowsky) - Spring Open House April 22, 23 & 24, 9:00 to 4:00, 390 Big Ben Road, Lincoln (See their website for free plant and discount offers.)

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.

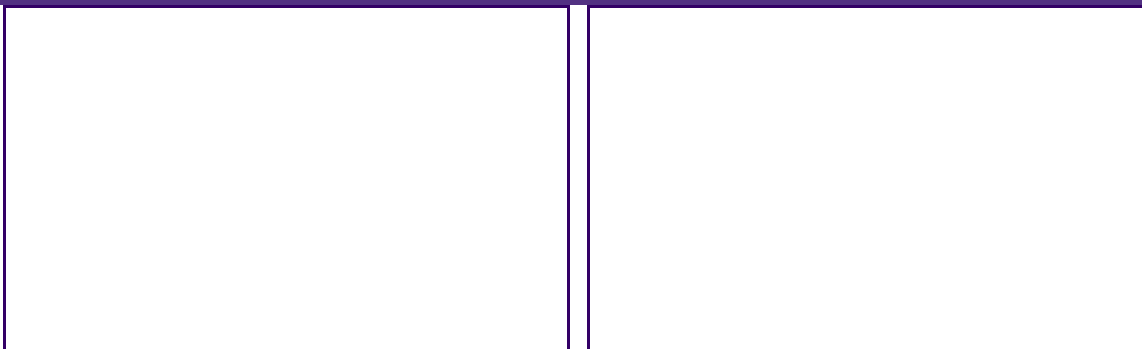
Until we meet again, hopefully SOON, stay healthy and Happy Growing.

Lynne Murrell

Webinars-Coming Attractions!				
				
When	April 19, 2022 8:30pm EDT Tuesday	April 27, 2022 8:30pm EDT Wednesday	May 04, 2022 8:30pm EDT Wednesday	May 17, 2022 8:30pm EDT Tuesday
Topic	More on Modern LED Lighting Answering Your Questions	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	The Birds, the Bees and the Orchids Pollination in the Orchid World	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	Doug Martin AOS Accredited Judge, Member- Native Orchid Conference	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer



We are not the only ones who enjoy *Cymbidiums!*





Dark-eyed Junco nest with eggs
in a Cymbidium Orchid
San Anselmo CA
March 31, 2022

Brian Beard, MOS member and photographer extraordinaire, places his *cymbidiums* on his hillside with oak trees and more. Last month, he was delighted to find a Junco bird nest with 4 eggs nestled among them! Its surrounded by a 6' deer fence and lots of predator barriers.



They all hatched! Photo taken 4.9.22. Junco are birds of the ground who hop around the base of trees and shrub. Mother bird does all the incubation and both parents feed the chicks. Hatching to fledgling is about 10-13 days.



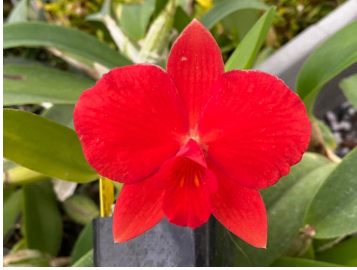
California Orchids Spring Sale! Saturday, April 16, 9-4 pm

Mary Nisbet is having her ever popular Spring Sale. Lots of Orchids! In and out of flower, seedling to specimen sizes, mounted orchids and potted orchids, orchid supplies, happy, healthy plants. NEW Things: Rhipsalis (epiphytic cactus), Birds Nest Ferns, Bromeliads (gorgeous big ones) Tillandsias (many sizes).

515 Aspen Road
Bollinas, CA
415 -713-0203
email: info@californiaorchids.com
Masks Required

Gold Country Orchids and Paph Paradise Spring Open House & Sale, April 22, 23, 24

Spring Sale by two of our favorite growers:
Alan Koch of Gold Country Orchids and Dave Sorokowsy, Paph Paradise. A three day event from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. 390 Big Ben Road, Lincoln, CA



MOS Members - PLEASE BRING BLOOMING ORCHIDS TO APRIL 26 IN PERSON MEETING FOR SHOW & 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 April Show and Tell to marin.orchids@gmail.com

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



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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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



VectorStock

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



MOS Board of Directors - Join Us!

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

Next Board meeting is May 5, 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

April 26: In Person Meeting - Speaker Bob Hamilton
May 24: Virtual Meeting - Speaker Brandon Tam, Huntingdon Orchid Collection
June 28: Virtual Meeting - Speaker Carole Beule, Neofinitias in Japan
July 1-4: Marin County Fair (To Be Determined)
July 26: Virtual Meeting - Speaker Melissa McCormick from Smithsonian Inst.
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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