



Marin Orchid Society

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June President's Letter



Greetings MOS Friends,

It's June already! Remember how we looked forward to June because it meant summer vacation was just 2 weeks away? Then we started working and there were no more summer vacations.

With the various building projects completed, I now have a freshly painted house, a new patio, a place for my BBQ, and an outdoor table. I used my BBQ for the first time since 2019! A delicious rib steak and tasty grilled veggies. As soon as the table and chairs are organized, it will be great to have dinner out there regularly. Even nicer if the wind will die down a bit.

With the patio project done, I hoped to move on to build a growing area with overhead cover and automated watering and move my outdoor plants there. Alas, a good piece of that planned area is filled with about 1300 pounds of cabinetry and other kitchen components destined for the condo that's being refurbished. IKEA could not deliver all the parts at once so they are being stored as they are shipped. Fortunately, the *cymbidiums* are enjoying being in the garden. They receive a regular watering from an automated system and a good amount of sun and shade during the hot part of the day. They probably enjoy being with their non-orchid cousins and showing their flowers to the passers by on the pathway behind my house.

Indoors, the rapid shift to warmer days is affecting the kitchen window plants. The trays dry much more quickly and the leaves on some of the plants look like they are receiving too much light. I tried moving those more inwards but the light is more intense now. Perhaps I need to consider window coverings to filter the light.

However, despite the seemingly warmer conditions, there were some surprises. I have a squid orchid or *Epi. Green Hornet (lancifolium)* which has put up two spikes, one with 5-6 nice green flowers and a number of unopened buds, and another with numerous buds. This may be the first of these that I've bloomed. Two other *epidendrums* are blooming as well. Unfortunately, those plants have very long inflorescences so the flowers are way up towards the top of the windows. There's also a *mini-cattleya* that is putting out a sheath so there may be a bloom there. A sister plant I bought for my grandson has just bloomed. My grandson's plant put out two very large deep red flowers ... really quite nice. Those two plants are from Fred Clarke's Sunset Valley Orchids.

Our June, July and September meetings will be virtual meetings, on Zoom only. The June and July meetings are hosted by Mount Baker Orchid Society. PLEASE NOTE LATER MOS START TIME. You'll see connection details in the upcoming Back Bulbs. We will likely continue our partnership with Mount Baker as that has proved valuable in opening up our speaker pool. The virtual meeting format allows us to obtain speakers from farther away. Right now, MBOS and MOS equally share the meeting load. For those meetings where we are the host, we will have in-person meetings. Our usual meeting place at BioMarin has not yet reopened. However, it appears that Kol Shofar will be available for our meetings. Plus, they have an awesome AV setup.

While MOS will not have an August meeting (we are working on a possible BBQ as we have done in the past), Mt Baker will have an August meeting where MOS members are welcome.

Speaking of which, very few MOS members attended the May meeting. I'm curious why but also saddened that you missed a really great presentation by Brandon Tam from Huntington Gardens. MBOS recorded the presentation. I have a link for it but I'm awaiting an OK from Brandon to share it (I have concerns regarding copyright). As soon as I have an OK, I'll provide you with a link.

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.

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

If you'd like to share your plant during the meeting, 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

June Speaker - Carol Beule Topic: *Neofinetia (Vanda) Falcata*



Carol Beule is an EMMY award winning Costume Designer with a Master of Fine Arts in both Costume and Lighting Design from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. She was a professional Costume Designer from 1974 until her retirement in July of 2017, and has designed for Film, Commercials, Theatre productions and TV shows. She lived in NYC the first 15 years of her career.

Carol has grown orchids only since moving to Southern California in 1992. Growing outside with no greenhouse in Studio City at the edge of the San Fernando Valley is always problematic. With temperatures ranging from 28 to 118 Fahrenheit, and humidity as low as 7% at times, it is a challenge. It has been her quest to find out what will and will not bloom and prosper under these circumstances. She has recently added 2 mini-greenhouses to her growing area which has allowed her to succeed at growing these plants. Both humidity and heat are major factors in their good growth.

In her search to find the perfect plant for her growing area, Carol discovered *Neofinetia (Vanda) falcata* and various other species that thrive outside in Southern California. Carol grows various forms of *Paphiopedilum*, *Phalaenopsis*, *Cattleya*, *Laelia*, *Dendrobium*, *Lycaste*, *Asian Cymbidiums* and *Rossioglossum* on her patio.

Neofinetia, *Fuukiran* to the Japanese, has a 300 year+ history in Japan and South East Asia. They can be grown along side many outside orchids and depending on the variety, can be placed among *Cattleyas* or *Phalaenopsis*. The trick is, to know where they are best grown to bring out their various attributes! Growing these plants is as complicated, at times, as is the Japanese esthetic of beauty that is exhibited in their presentation. It is a combination of bonsai display talents and orchid culture that yields the greatest results.

Carol is a fully accredited AOS Judge, the 1st VP of the Orchid Society of Southern California, and heads the committee that creates the Society's

display for the Huntington's annual October Orchid Show. She has attended five meetings of the JFS group in Hamamatsu, Japan.

Her website: firsthousefurnishings.com can be visited to see the *Neofinetia* and *Cymbidium* presentation pots she now makes full time to display these plants.



About the June 28 Virtual Meeting

Please Attend our Virtual Zoom Meeting at 7:20 pm

We invite you to attend our June Virtual zoom meeting - a joint meeting with the Mount Baker Orchid Society. NOTE NEW START TIME.

Please note the changed start time for this month's meeting: 7:20 PM. (Not 7 PM or 6:45 pm as in the past.) As part of our ongoing Zoom partnership with Mount Baker Orchid Society, they will be the Zoom host of this month's meeting, so we are on THEIR schedule. **Carol Beule will begin her presentation at 7:30 or shortly after.**

To log in and join the Joint Zoom Meeting with Mount Baker Orchid Society click below:

[Zoom with MBOS](#)

After the speaker concludes her talk, you must SIGN OFF the above Zoom link and re-sign in below to continue with the MOS meeting.

[MOS June Zoom meeting](#)

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

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+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)
Meeting ID: 821 5873 3163
[Local Number](#)

May Speaker Review

Brandon Tam: Huntington Orchid Collection

We were delighted to welcome Brandon Tam as our speaker at our May 24 meeting. Brandon oversees the orchid collection at the Huntington, San Marino, CA which is quite a big deal as it comprises over 10,000 orchids. He oversees day to day horticultural operations including acquisition, maintenance, propagation, conservation and supervision of 40 volunteers.

He talked to us about the Huntington and more specifically about the Huntington Orchid Collection. As many of you know the Huntington comprises a library, an art museum and botanical gardens. He discussed the history of the Huntington and more specifically the history of the orchid collection, noting that in the 1930s, the orchid collection had to be sold to raise money and wasn't revived until the 1980s. Today the Huntington's orchid collection includes 2200 different hybrids and over 1,500 different species. The Huntington's species collection ranks second among the most species-diverse orchid collections at world botanical gardens. Much of the Huntington's collection comes from donations of outstanding collections (such as *Cymbidium Pauwelsii* "Kessander" CCE image below) as well as targeted acquisitions. *Paphiopedium*, *Phragmipedium*, *Cymbidium* and *Cattleya* are species that are well represented in the collection. Brandon also noted that the orchid collection is complemented by books on orchids and botanical drawings and paintings found in the Huntington Library and Art Museum, respectively. These resources along with others, such as a herbarium, are an invaluable resource for researchers. The Huntington also acts as an AOS judging center, provides meeting spaces and is home to Orchid Digest.

Please see President's letter for potential access to Brandon's talk.

The Huntington and its orchid collection sound like a great place to visit. I, for one am looking forward to a visit there, hopefully sometime soon. Click here to view their website: [The Huntington](#)

Submitted by Patricia Olson



AOS Corner, June 2022



Noteworthy: if you enjoy listening to FREE Podcasts, check out In Defense of Plants, with a new episode released each Sunday by ecologist and botany enthusiast Matt Candalias. Episode 371, released Sunday May 29, is about The Million Orchid Project at Fairchild Tropical Botanical Garden (home of the American Orchid Society) in Florida. This episode has a lively interview with Dr Jason Downing, who discusses how the project was conceived and is being executed, by involving everyone from children to students to city planners, in orchid research and conservation efforts. Over 400,000 Orchids have already been placed in parks and city spaces throughout Miami, and the initiative is spreading across the U.S. Click here to listen to podcast: [In Defense of Plants](#)

Orchid Care

AOS has a wealth of information for growers on their website, titled: [Orchid Care](#)

Frequently Asked Questions

Where do I cut the spike?

Of all of the more commonly available orchids, only *Phalaenopsis* (the moth orchid) will re-bloom from its old spike. *Phalaenopsis* will generally re-bloom given a little extra care. Read more: [Where Do I Cut the Spike](#)

How do I water my orchid?

Avoid overwatering which leads to the demise of many more orchids than underwatering. Constant wetness will cause the roots to rot, which leaves the plant without a means for taking up nourishment which then causes the

leaves to droop and will eventually kill the plant. Read more: [How Do I Water my Orchids](#)

How do I feed my orchid?

Orchids need to be fed regularly. Growers suggest using a "balanced" fertilizer such as 20-20-20 that includes all "necessary trace elements." Read more: [How Do I Feed My Orchid](#)

**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: plant entry by 6:30pm. AND the 3rd Sunday of each month at Dueling Dogs Brewing Company, 3030 Barrett Park Lane, Lincoln CA; Plant entry at 8am; judging starts at 8:30am. Questions? Contact Lynne Murrell: lynne.murrell@outlook.com

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!

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| When | June 07, 2022 8:30pm EDT Tuesday | RECORDED WEBINAR | June 28, 2022 8:30pm EDT Tuesday | RECORDED WEBINAR |
| Topic | Bulbophyllums of the Philippines A Survey of Endemic Species | Judging Bulbophyllums The Finer Points of Judging this Diverse Genus | Greenhouse Focus Mounting Orchids Made Easy | Mounting Orchids Prepping, Care, and Best Practices |
| Presenter | Jim Cootes Australia-based Botanist, Author, Lecturer and Orchidologist | Charles Wilson Use Webinar Filter JUDGING | Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer | Michael Coronado Use Webinar Filter CULTURE |

REGISTRATION IS EASY <http://www.aos.org/orchids/webinars.aspx>
 Cannot make it on the scheduled date or time? No need to worry.
 Register now and view on your time schedule.

Check out the timeless collection of Recorded Webinars on the AOS website.
 Greenhouse Chat Webinars are indexed by topic for future viewing.
 Send your Greenhouse Chat questions and photos to: greenhousechat@aos.org

The Orchid Conservation Alliance Requests Help to Protect the Dracula Reserve



The Dracula reserve is a conservation area in Northern Ecuador, near the border with Colombia. This is a lush green landscape of forests and mountains currently covering over 2800 acres. This region is the center of diversity for the orchid genus *Dracula*, for which the reserve was named. Since the establishment of the reserve in 2015, the *Dracula* reserve is now known to contain an incredible diversity of flora and fauna, many of which are endemic to the valley in which the reserve resides. Early surveys of the *Dracula* reserve identified over 160 different orchid species from 55 different genera, and this list continues to grow. Recent discoveries include two new mouse species (*Pattonimus ecominga* and *Chilomys georgeledecii*), shrew opossums, new frogs (e.g. *Hyloscirtus consciencia*, and *Pristimantis* sp.), toads and lizards (*Anolis dracula* and *Echinosaurus fischeri*). Of great interest to the OCA, the reserve also contains new orchid species, including *Scaphosepalum zieglerae*, *Pleurothallis chicalensis*, *Trevora* sp., *Pseudolepanthes bihuae*, and *Lepanthes tulcanensis* as well as several new *Lepanthes* and *Pleurothallis* sp. yet to be described. Biological field research is being carried out here by several national and foreign institutions, and there are sure to be more exciting discoveries as they explore this incredible

place.

But today, the very survival of this reserve is threatened by illegal mining. (See images here: [Prevent destruction](#))

Please send your tax deductible donation to us: Via the SUPPORT/DONATE TAB on our website: Click here: [Orchid Alliance donate](#) or by a check made out to: Orchid Conservation Alliance and send to Mary Gerritsen, 541 Parrott Dr., San Mateo, CA 94402

Looking forward to your much needed support for this critical project, Peter Tobias, President, Orchid Conservation Alliance



San Francisco Orchid Society Summer Sale

Orchids in the Park

July 30 & 31, 2022, 10-5 pm
San Francisco County Fair Bldg.
1199 9th Avenue, San Francisco

Orchids in the Park
San Francisco Orchid Society's
Summer Sale Event

July 30 & 31, 2022
10am to 5pm

San Francisco County Fair Building
1199 9th Avenue (near Lincoln Way)
Next to the SF Botanical Gardens in Golden Gate Park



Tickets will be available at the door
and online from
www.orchidsanfrancisco.org



June 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 June 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](#)
[May Show & Tell](#)
[June 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



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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 July 7, 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](#)
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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.



2022 Marin Orchid Society Calendar

our meetings will continue to be Virtual until further notice

June 28: Virtual Meeting - Speaker Carole Beule, Neofinitias (Vanda)
July 1-4: Marin County Fair (To Be Determined)
July 26: Virtual Meeting - Soeaker Melissa McCormick from Smithsonian Inst.
August 28: No regular meeting - summer BBQ
September 27: Virtual Meeting - Marni Turkel, Winter's Rest
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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