



Marin Orchid Society

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October President's Letter



Greetings MOS Friends,

I hope you've enjoyed your summer. We had wonderful warm weather. Judging by the photos submitted for Show's and Tell over the past several months, many of you enjoyed fruitful growing.

Had I not been distracted by my vacation plans, I would have pruned the flower spike from my *Psychopsis*, thinking it had finally died (I've lost track of number of flowers it has produced). There are two flowers developing on the spike and it also looks as if it's greened up recently. I also

have 2 *Dendrobiums* still flowering since late August, a possible flower on one of my *Bulbophyllums*. The *Cymbidium* flowers are now fading.

My *Myrmecodia platyrea* ("ant head") is putting out new growths off the main bulb so it looks like it's creating new plants (the description says it can only be propagated by seed). I have about 15 seedlings started. When I bought the plant at POE 2022, the seller told me it was easy to grow from seed, and that certainly seems to be true. The plant puts out an average of 4 or 5 flowers a week. They look like one-inch-long white tubes, last only a couple of days, and each contains a single seed.

I mentioned a vacation. I spent a week in South Dakota; partially to do a bit of research and the rest to sightsee. The last time I was there (probably July

25, 1958) I was 4 ½ years old and spent 5 days of that trip confined to a hotel room in Custer, SD with the measles. That hotel still exists. And, I did obtain quite a bit of history that helped me reconstruct a portion of that trip. If you want to hear more of that fascinating story, you simply must attend the November meeting. I have finally seen Mt. Rushmore and Devil's Tower and I wandered about and explored the Black Hills. Plus, I did see quite a bit of wildlife; some of it quite up close and personal. I'll have a pile of photos and a few stories at the November meeting.

Please remember that the November 22 meeting is our annual member's Show and Tell where members are welcome to share their own photo moments. If you would like to do a presentation, and these do not need to be orchid related, then please let us know by sending an email to marin.orchids@gmail.com. Our November meeting will be virtual, on Zoom only. You'll see connection details elsewhere in the Back Bulb.

Our October meeting will be our annual auction. Alan Koch has agreed to be our auctioneer and to supply plants as. We will also have some plants from Sunset Valley Orchids. Overall, we should have a very nice collection of plants for sale plus a Silent Auction of several items. The auction will be a live only meeting. We will not have an online component. I hope we will see a good many of you at the auction. Please remember that our annual auctions are the sole fund-raising yearly event. Your purchases help sustain the Society, and we do appreciate your support.

Daniel is working on the calendar for next year. It may only be the beginning of October but we have only two meetings left this year so the new year does fast approach. I am certain you will agree that Daniel has done an excellent job lining up speakers for the last year so next year will be equally as exciting.

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 if you will not be at the meeting to talk about them, please add a short description to the photo in the email.

We won't display the Show and Tell during the October meeting. But we will get to them all at the November meeting. Of course, you can still view the photos anytime you'd like by following the links elsewhere in this Back Bulb.

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

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

Ron

October 25 Meeting - Live Auction



Always one of the best-loved meetings of the year! Alan not only brings a beautiful array of orchids, he offers culture tips to help you decide which ones are best for your orchid environment.

In the live auction, the bidding can get fast and competitive for coveted orchids--entertainment at its best. If you are unsure how to bid, sit next to an experienced member and watch what they do. Ask for tips.

New to auction bidding? The Silent Auction is easy but you will want to pay attention! Bids are recorded on bid sheets in front of each item BUT, when the bidding is ready to close, some experienced bidders will rush to get in the final bid on the items they want. Pay close attention!

The auction is the *ONLY* MOS FUNdraiser this year. Because our auctions have been so successful in the past years, MOS has had the budget to bring in speakers who live out of the area.

The Silent Auction will feature a tour for 6 people at Sonoma Botanicals, gift certificates to Sloats, Ace, items from Repot me, Lagunitas beer, Trader Joe's Gift Basket and more.

Remember our motto! Big high and bid often. This is a FUNdraiser and you have the opportunity to take home something for your donation. It is a win-win--you leave with the items of your choice and MOS keeps the dues low and the benefits high.

MOS Auction Night, October 25
Congregation Kol Shofar
215 Blackfield Drive
Tiburon, CA

ARRIVE at 6:30 p.m. to view auction items. Auction begin at 7:00 p.m.



September Speaker Review Marni Turkel "Give It a Rest"

Marni shared her extensive exploration of dry rest needs of orchids. She began by emphasizing the importance of understanding weather patterns - seasonal shifts, wind, precipitation in different continents.

Some clues that a plant may need a dry rest, after eliminating water quality, temperature, light, fertilizer & bush snails are: failure to thrive, failure to flower, rotting on new growth, over production of keikis, roots rot over winter are some signs they need dry rest

How to learn what plants need a dry rest? Read habitat description, check Charles Baker "Introduction to Orchid Species Culture Climate" tables. How to learn what plants need: Ask other growers, look up where the plant comes from, study weather patterns for the area, pay attention to description of habitat, trials and error.

Consideration of timing - by the calendar, by growth pattern, when leaves wither, when pseudobulb matures, just as new growth begins, as the roots emerge, after the roots emerge....it depends

Considerations of water - dryness of roots, water occasionally, mist only to prevent shriveling, humidity only, rate of change into and out of dry rest, if the temperature is less than ideal, flower damage and duration of bloom

Consideration of light, summer cloud cover, winter sun, deciduous forest, Considerations of temperature - differential between seasons, duration of low temperatures, day/night differential.

Considerations of fertilizer, decrease nitrogen before dry rest, discontinue fertilizer before dry rest, change to low nitrogen fertilizer

Marni showed a Gallery of Dry Rest Plants. Species such as *angraecum didieri*, *baptistonia sarcodes*, various *barkereria species*, *bulbophyllum kanburiensi*, *calante kawakamii*, *cattleya walkeriana*, *cuitlauzina pendula*, *cymbidium*

devonianum, *dendrobium langicornu* Ernie, *encyclia microbulbon*, *habenaria medusa*, *neofinetia falcata* 'Gojofukiran', *oncidium crispum* prieta, *phalaenopsis lobbii* and more.

President Ron Ludwig sent a link on Marnie's extensive talk to MOS members. If you did not get an opportunity to view it then and would like to do so now, please contact him and he will resend the link for your viewing pleasure.

Submitted by Terumi Leinow



AOS Corner, October 2022



AOS Members Meeting-October 26-30, Sacramento, CA Hosted by the California Sierra Nevada Judging Center, Embassy Suites, Sacramento River Front. Click to: [Register here](#)

Registration includes:

- * Welcome Cocktail Reception
- * Orchid Show Preview
- * CSNJC Souvenir Gift Bag
- * Early admission to Orchid Sales and Displays
- * Admission to two days of Renowned Orchid Speakers Sessions
- * LIVE AOS Auction & Silent CSNJC Auction

Be sure to sign up for the Saturday night GALA DINNER, following the Live Auction.

Five Excellent Speakers:

- . Dave Sorokowsky - The Evolution of Judging Standards of Paphiopedilum Species
- . Dr. Leslie Ee - Phalaenopsis violacea - Blue Breeding
- . Francisco Miranda - Improvements in Brazilian Cattleya Breeding
- . Alan Koch - Angraecums and their Relatives for the Home Grower
- . Ramon de los Santos - Notable Orchids of the Phillipines

Beautiful setting in Old Town Sacramento. Walk to the riverfront historic district with Gold Rush-era buildings, cobblestone streets and horse-drawn carriages, the best-in-the-country Railroad Museum (which offers excursion train rides), Sacramento History Museum, upscale restaurants and wine, and MORE!

Another Orchid Culture Day is coming! December 4 "Holiday with Orchids"

We will have great speakers headlined by Peter T. Lin, Diamond Orchids.

This will be a virtual event; registration will be posted shortly.

Open to AOS Members and non-members. We may even have a few surprises!

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

Things to do in the Fall:

Like spring, Fall is an important transitional season and orchid growers should be making preparations for the coming winter. As days get shorter and cooler, orchid growth will slow and in some cases, cease altogether. Unless a plant is in a crisis situation, put off any repotting until the lengthening days of spring. For many orchids, it is this change of seasonal conditions that begins flower initiation. As we move into November, be on the lookout for developing inflorescences on *Phalaenopsis*, *Cymbidium* and certain hybrids and species in other genera, and begin staking when spikes reach 6-8 inches.

If you have been summering some or all of your orchids outside, now is a good time to get your indoor growing area cleaned up and ready to welcome the returning orchids. Whether it is windowsill carts, a basement light setup or greenhouse, use diluted chlorine bleach (1:10) or Physan to clean off any accumulated algae. It is easier to make repairs when there are no plants, so make sure that your growing area is in top condition for the trying conditions of winter. Make sure that heaters are working and that you have plenty of fuel. If you use backup devices or alarms, test them too. Be sure to check plants thoroughly for pests before returning them to the close quarters of your indoor growing area or greenhouse.

For more detailed seasonal culture information on specific genera see Tom Miranda's excellent monthly "Orchid Checklist" in Orchids magazine.

MONTHLY AOS ORCHID JUDGINGS are Now Available:

Please wear a mask and respect social distancing.

PACIFIC JUDGING CENTER hosts two monthly:

Tuesday, November 1, during the regular SFOS monthly meeting at the Hall of Flowers, Golden Gate Park AND **Saturday October 15**, at Filoli Historic House & Garden, 86 Canada Road, Woodside, CA.

Questions? Contact James Heilig: heiligja@msu.edu

CALIFORNIA SIERRA NEVADA Judging Center (CSNJC) upcoming Judging::

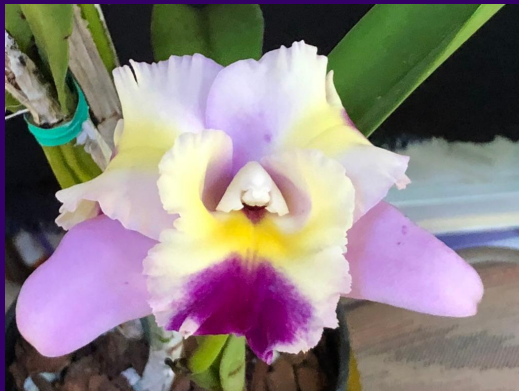
Thursday October 27 (plant check-in at 1pm), at the AOS Fall Member's Meeting, at the Embassy Suites Riverfront Hotel, Sacramento.

Wednesday, November 2, during the regular SOS monthly meeting at Odd Fellows Hall, 1831 Howe Ave, Sacramento. CSNJC will have not hold supplemental weekend judgments in Lincoln, CA until January 2023, pending AOS approval. Questions? Contact Lynne Murrell: lynne.murrell@outlook.com

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



October 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 September Show and Tell to marin.orchids@gmail.com

Click here to view:

[February Show & Tell](#)
[March Show & Tell](#)
[April Show & Tell](#)
[May Show & Tell](#)
[June Show & Tell](#)



July Show & Tell
September Show & Tell
October Show & Tell

**Gold Country Orchids & Paph Paradise
FALL OPEN HOUSE**

Gold Country
October 21 & 22, 9:00-4:00 p.m.
October 23, 10-4:00 p.m.
390 Big Ben Road
Lincoln, CA



Paph Paradise: Complex Paph Sale
New Paph rothschildianum releases
Our inventory and selection continues to expand!

**The Ever Popular 70th Annual
Pacific Orchid Exposition**

**Save the Date! February 23-26,
2023, County Fair Building, San
Francisco. Details to follow.**



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
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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
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Paph Paradise, 390 Big Ben Rd.,
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MOS Board of Directors - Join Us!

President - Ron Ludwig, V 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 November 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

October 25: Auction Night, In Person Meeting - Kol Shofar, Tiburon, CA

November 22: Virtual Meeting - Member's Show & Tell

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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