



# Marin Orchid Society

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Affiliate of the American Orchid Society



November 22, 2022 - Virtual Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

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## November President's Letter



### Greetings MOS Friends,

By the time you're reading this, Daylight Savings will have ended and we will be well into "winter time." While the days here have been fairly warm, the nights are becoming cold enough to put the heater on. I'm also taking Kitsu out earlier for her walks because it's a pain to walk her when it's dark and there are coyotes roaming about.

The colder weather has not deterred my outdoor plants. One *cymbidium* is preparing to bloom with one inflorescence already with buds and another just starting out. There's also a *dendrobium* out there growing like a weed while sitting under my birch tree and surrounded by taller-than-it-should-be grass. And, the massive staghorn that was left by the former owner is growing quite well. I'm very happy about that because it seemed to suffer from the weather last year but this year's heat has had no effect on it. Indoors there are no new plants in bloom; just the same 4-5 that have been in bloom since mid-September.

I should be getting my patio back soon. Since March, the patio has had 4 large pallets of kitchen cabinets and parts while waiting for other parts from Ikea. The last piece came in early October so the kitchen install can begin. Once the patio is clear I can then set up my growing area, install irrigation, and finally my patio table and grilling area. I'm really looking forward to having that planned

space become usable again.

I worry if all those *cymbidiums* that have been sitting under the trees by my lawn, will really want to be back on the patio.

We received a generous donation of plants from the Orion Sylvester estate. Some of you may remember Orion, an MOS member about 8 years ago. Orion passed recently. We received approximately 50 plants from his collection. There are a number of "*Dendrobiums*, xLC's *Tilandsias Laelias*, *Encyilia's*" and more. You'll likely hear more about these within the next month or so.

Our October auction was very successful. Thank you to everyone who participated. Alan brought a great selection of plants. And, we had generous donations from Huntington Botanical Gardens, Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Orchids, Bernie Kepke (a private donor), and Julie Morelli, for a total of 101 plants (if my sums are correct). Alan kept the sale moving at a brisk pace. And, much to my surprise, the auction was completed in just 2 hours.

Our next 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 (mine certainly will not be), then please let us know by sending an email to the MOS email account ([marin.orchids@gmail.com](mailto:marin.orchids@gmail.com)). Our November meeting will be virtual, on Zoom only. You'll see connection details elsewhere in the Back Bulb.

Daniel is working on the speaker calendar for 2023. Thus far he has lined up interesting speakers for January, February and March. Daniel did a great job collecting speakers for us last year. He's on a roll again for this year. Thank you, Daniel.

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.

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

**November 22 - Members' Digital Show & Tell  
7:00 p.m.**

We invite MOS member participation for this meeting. Do you have a digital slide show to share? Vacation highlights, orchids? Up to 10 minutes in length. Please let Ron know if you need help in setting up your Zoom presentation.

Time: November 22. 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 November Zoom meeting](#)

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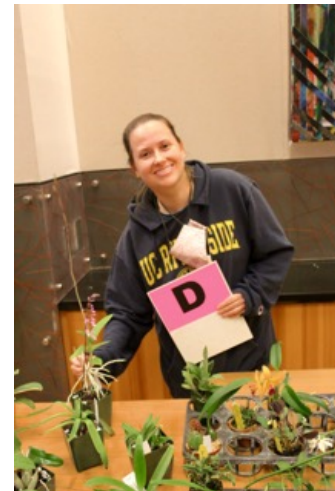
## October Auction Night A Great Success - Thank you!



Thank you to Alan Koch our once again fearless auctioneer, assisted by his furry companion Harley. Not only did he do an outstanding job describing the plants and auctioning them off in a timely manner but also, he supplied numerous Gold Country orchids for MOS.



Many members, including Barbara Herrod carting away boxes of orchids helped make MOS auction night a resounding success. Delightful to see so many members in person again!



Alicia Taylor, still holding her bidding card, picking up her purchases.

Members had over 100 orchids to bid upon from Gold Country Orchids, Sunset Valley Orchids, Hungtington Gardens, donations from Bernie Kepke and others. Silent auction items also!



## AOS Corner, November, 2022



### Why are my orchid's leaves wrinkled and leathery?

**AOS has a wealth of information for growers on their website, titled *Orchid Care*. Here is a sample:**

This orchid has lost its roots, probably due to overwatering, and cannot take up water. Shriveled leaves indicate a lack of water to plant tissue. The next step is to determine why the plant is not getting sufficient water. First, look at the roots. If they appear a healthy white or green and are plump, and the medium is in good shape, suspect under watering, especially if the roots are white and the pot is very light. If, on the other hand, the roots are in poor condition, suspect root loss. If the plant has no roots, it cannot take up any water, no matter how much you give it. In this case, the cause may be root loss owing to overwatering or medium deterioration, or a recently repotted and poorly established plant. The immediate solution is to raise humidity in the plants' vicinity to reduce stress on whatever roots there may be, and then deal with whether to repot or to simply wait until the plant establishes in the fresh medium.

### **Another AOS 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!

### **MONTHLY AOS ORCHID JUDGINGS**

**PACIFIC JUDGING CENTER** hosts two monthly:

Tuesday, December 6, during the regular SFOS monthly meeting at the Hall of Flowers, Golden Gate Park AND Saturday November 19, at Filoli Historic House & Garden, 86 Canada Road, Woodside, CA.

Questions? Contact James Heilig: [heiligja@msu.edu](mailto:heiligja@msu.edu)

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

Wednesday, December 7, during the regular SOS monthly meeting at Odd Fellows Hall, 1831 Howe Ave, Sacramento. CSNJC will not hold supplemental weekend judgings in Lincoln, CA until January 2023. Questions? Contact Lynne Murrell: [lynne.murrell@outlook.com](mailto:lynne.murrell@outlook.com)

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

**Lynne Murrell**

Your AOS Representative

**Rainy Season is finally here....a great time to view some AOS Webinars  
(note that times are EST)**



**Webinars Coming Attractions!**

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.  
Greenhouse Chat Webinars are indexed by topic for future viewing.  
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When	Nov. 08, 2022 8:30pm EST Tuesday	Nov. 13, 2022 2:00pm EST Sunday	December Winter Break
Topic	Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q & A <i>Send in your Photos &amp; Questions by Nov. 06</i>	Disas Flowers of the Rainbow	Choose Your Topic From RECORDED WEBINARS
Presenter	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	Michael Tibbs International Traveler, Author, Hybridizer, Consultant	Expert Growers, AOS Judges, Hobbyists, Conservationists and more

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

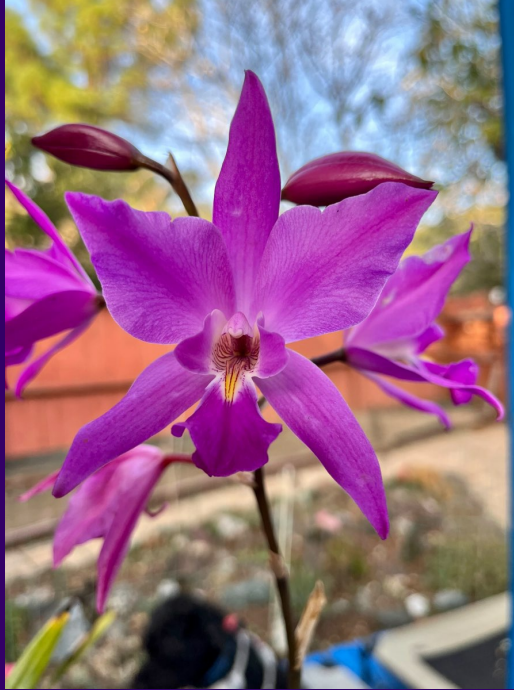
Click here to view:

[February Show & Tell](#)

[March Show & Tell](#)

[April Show & Tell](#)

May Show & Tell  
June Show & Tell  
July Show & Tell  
September Show & Tell  
October Show & Tell  
November Show & Tell



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## 2023 MOS Speakers

We start the year off with three interesting speakers:

January: Patricia Harding (see photo)  
Epidendrums/Encyclia/Prosthechea/  
Anachelium

February: Graham Ramsey, Repotting  
with New Zealand's finest.

March: Jean Allen-Ikeson, *Oncidium  
fuscatum*



# The Ever Popular 70th Annual Pacific Orchid Exposition - Celebrating Diversity



**Save the Date! February 24-26, 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  
flori-culture 916 333 4885



VectorStock.com 23089966

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

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

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

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



President - Ron Ludwig, 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 December 1, 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](mailto: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](http://AOS.org)

- You may download a beginner's guide to growing orchids.
- Membership is inexpensive--digital membership is available--and includes online seminars and more.
- AOS Judging Centers Info and Locations- [AOS Judging Centers Nearby](#)



## 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.



## 2022-2023 Marin Orchid Society Calendar

our meetings will continue to be Virtual until further notice

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

December 27: No regular meeting

January 24: Virtual Meeting, P. Harding, Epidendrums & more

February 28: Virtual/In-person (TBD) Graham Ramsey

March 28: Virtual/In-person (TBD) Jean Allen-Ikeson

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

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

Second Tuesday: Sonoma County Orchid Society meeting; Veterans Building, 1351 Maple Avenue, Santa Rosa (across from the Fairgrounds) [Sonoma County Orchid Society](#)

Second Tuesday: Monterey Bay Orchid Society meeting; Lincoln Ave Presbyterian Church, 536 Lincoln Ave, Salinas; (831) 663-3953

Third Monday: Orchid Society of California; Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Avenue Oakland; [California Orchid Society](#)

Third Tuesday: Coastal Valley Orchid Society; Lompoc, CA; [Coastal Valley Orchid Society](#)

Third Friday: Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers meeting; San Mateo Garden Center, 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo; Weegie Caughlan at [goldcoastcymgrowers@gmail.com](mailto:goldcoastcymgrowers@gmail.com).

Second Friday: Napa Valley Orchid Society; 7:00 pm at Napa Senior Activities Center 1500 Jefferson St. Napa CA 94558. [www.nv-os.org](http://www.nv-os.org)

Fourth Friday: Peninsula Orchid Society, 7:00 pm, San Mateo Garden Center, 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo. [Peninsula Orchid Society](#)

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