



Marin Orchid Society

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January 24, 2023- Virtual Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

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January President's Letter



Happy New Year MOS Friends,

As I write this, I'm in the middle of an impressive electrical display. Two of the bolts have been within 3000 feet of the house and the resulting thunder rattled my walls. I love thunder storms. When I was a teen, visiting my family in Chicago, I would sit on my Grandparent's back porch, RC Cola in hand, and watch as the storms rolled across the city to the south. My Grandmother always worried I would be struck by lightning even though the storms were probably more than 10 miles away.

I hope you all had enjoyable holidays and that the New Year brings happiness.

I spent Christmas in SoCal where the day weather was shirtsleeves. Always feels funny to not be snowed in on Christmas (I'm from San Francisco where we were never snowed in ... but I have spent several Christmas's in Chicago with wind chill of -70F). Still, it was a nice visit. The grandkids received piles of toys. And, there were copious amounts of food and some great decorated houses (there are whole neighborhoods that compete for "Best Of" awards). I did miss seeing "A Christmas Carol" with Reginald Owen (my favorite version); stellar cast and "It Happened on Fifth Avenue" with Charlie Ruggles as Kids do not have TCM. I did pass on "It's a Wonderful Life". While an uplifting film I do find it to be a bit depressing.

[Zoom Link](#)

New Year's, and my birthday, was quite nice. Debra treated me to a great dinner at a local restaurant; 5 courses, well spaced, VERY tasty Beef Wellington, and close to home. It even stopped raining so we were not dancing among the rain drops. I was able to enjoy 3 full days of Twilight Zone including Burgess Meredith in "Printer's Devil", Anne Francis in "The After Hours", and a fun episode, "A World of His Own", with Keenan Wynn.

While the outdoor orchids are enjoying the rain, they may not so much enjoy the 40F overnight temperatures. Two of the donation *Cymbidiums* in the yard have flower spikes though I think the cold weather is keeping the spikes from progressing as quickly as they should. I also have one *Stanhopea* that is slowly getting its flowers out. In my new greenhouse, I have a bowl of Tillandsia with 7 flowers and a couple of plants from the Orion collection that are starting to grow now that they have regular watering and a moist environment. Tom pointed out that the greenhouse needs better air circulation (overnights in the mid-40'sF with 99.5% humidity) so I'm looking into installing either a solar powered fan or just running an extension cord to put in an inexpensive one.

Indoors, the plants in my kitchen window continue to produce flowers. One of them had green and cream flowers with the fragrance of cloves. The *Psychopsis* is working on its 30th or so bloom and the *Bulbophyllum* I picked up at the October auction is putting up as many as 6 flower spikes. I'll have photos in the Show and Tell for this month.

To remind you, POE 2023 is coming up at the end of February. Under Naoko's excellent guidance, MOS will mount a display at the show. All current MOS members are encouraged to bring their lovely plants for the display. If you want to contribute plants, please start grooming them now so they are in tip-top shape for the display.

Our January meeting will be hosted by Mt. Baker Orchid Society. You'll see connection details elsewhere in the Back Bulb. The February and likely the March meetings will also be a remote meeting. However, we have arranged to hold the April meeting with Jeff Trimble at Kol Shofar. Details of the meetings, location, speaker, and topic, are in the MOS calendar. If you have not added the MOS calendar to your own calendar then you can view it on the MOS website at MarinOrchidSociety.com.

We are considering our options for a meeting place for future meetings. It appears that our location at BioMarin will not reopen. However, Kol Shofar does offer a great meeting area with superb technology.

Daniel is working on the speaker calendar for the year. Thus far we have interesting speakers lined up through April. Daniel did a great job collecting speakers for us last year as well. 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.

If you'd like to share your plant during the January 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

January 24 - Virtual Meeting 7:00 p.m.

We invite you to attend our Virtual Meeting - a joint meeting with the Mt. Baker Orchid Society.

Time: January 24. 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 January Zoom meeting](#)

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Meeting ID: 821 5873 3163

[Local Number](#)

January Speaker - Peter T. Lin The 3A's of the Orchid World: Angraecum, Aerangis & Aeranthes



This fast paced PowerPoint presentation will showcase three of the main genera in the *Angraecoid* family of Orchids, as well as some of the lesser genera. Along with the species, we'll also take a look at some of the beautiful hybrids that have been made over the years.

Peter started growing orchids over 30 years ago, but then stopped due to school and starting a career. It wasn't until about 14 years ago that the orchid "bug" came back and he is now heavily involved once again. He is an accredited judge with the American Orchid Society and a hybridizer of mini-catts. He enjoys meeting with other orchid enthusiasts, and can often be found at various orchid shows and societies around the country. He also has thousands of photos of his orchids that he maintains on Flickr. You can view them by typing this address into the internet:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/minicatt/collections/>

His website: www.diamondorchids.com



AOS Corner, January 2023

As I look in my rear-view mirror at my 2022 Orchid collection and experiences, I hope you have learned as much as I have about what works and doesn't work for me. What plants I am most successful with, and which I want to try growing in 2023.

In November I moved my collection of intermediate-growing Orchids (and Begonias and assorted other plant-geek favorites) into a much larger greenhouse at California Orchids in Bolinas. Mary Nisbet is still there every day, and while much of what she is growing are outdoor (under cover) Orchids and Bromeliads, she has a smaller intermediate Orchid house, and she welcomes appointments to look and to buy. Susan Anderson, Tom Pickford and I continue to learn so much from Mary!

A couple of tidbits:

I recently discovered that Carmela Orchids in Hawaii offers individual plugs of seedlings, which are out-of-flask and out-of-compot seedlings. More developed and robust, based on the few I have ordered as a trial. Many Orchids are starting to spike now (including your Phals), and will benefit from a couple applications of low-nitrogen fertilizer to boost their blooms. Use one with a low first number, for example "MaxSea Bloom 3-20-20".

Come out of Hibernation! There are LOTS of Orchid events in the coming months, many with AOS Judging.

2023 Shows, Plant Sales and other Events

- FILOLI Orchid Displays by local Orchid Societies, January 13 thru February 12, 86 Canada Road, Woodside. Tom, Susan and Lynne's will be on display with SFOS Feb 6-12 !
- Diablo View Orchid Society Show & Sale, February 11, at First Lutheran Church, 4000 Concord Blvd, Concord.
- SFOS' 70th Pacific Orchid Expo, February 24-26 (Preview Night Thursday, Feb 23), County Fair Building, 1199 9th Avenue, San Francisco
- Santa Barbara is BACK! 75th International Orchid Show & Sale, March 10-12, Earl Warren Showgrounds, SBOrchidShow.com
- Sonoma County Orchid Show & Sale, April 1 & 2, at Santa Rosa Veteran's Building, 1351 Maple Avenue, Santa Rosa
- Napa Valley Orchid Society Show & Sale, April 2 & 3, Napa Senior Center, 1500 Jefferson Ave, Napa.
- San Diego County Orchid Society's Show & Sale, April 21-23, at Casa del Prado, Balboa Park, 1650 El Prado, San Diego.

(Check websites for further information)

MONTHLY AOS ORCHID JUDGINGS:

- Pacific Central Judging Center hosts 2 monthly: **The first Tuesday evening (2/7/23)**, during the regular SFOS monthly meeting at the Hall of Flowers, Golden Gate Park. **AND the third Saturday (1/21/23)** at Filoli Historic House & Garden, 86 Canada Road, Woodside CA. Questions? Contact James Heilig heiligja@msu.edu
- California Sierra Nevada Judging Center (CSNJC) upcoming judgments – **the first Wednesday evening (2/8/23)**, during the regular SCOS monthly meeting at Odd Fellows Hall, 1831 Howe Ave, Sacramento. And the 3rd Sunday morning in Lincoln CA. **1/22/23 at GOLD COUNTRY ORCHIDS**, Lincoln CA; plant entry at 9am; judging starts at 9:30am Questions? Contact Lynne Murrell: lynne.murrell@outlook.com

Until we meet again, hopefully SOON, here's a toast to great growing in 2023.

Lynne Murrell
Your AOS Representative



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

Click here to view:

[March Show & Tell](#)

[April Show & Tell](#)

[May Show & Tell](#)

[June Show & Tell](#)

[July Show & Tell](#)

[September Show & Tell](#)

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Happy Chinese New Year, January 22

2023, year of the Water Rabbit, is predicted to be a year of Hope, In Asia, the rabbit is associated with peace, prosperity, longevity, elegance and beauty. People born in the Rabbit years 1939, 1951, 1963, 1975, 1987, 1999, 2011 are believed to be vigilant, witty, quick minded and ingenious. Lionel Messi, Johnny Depp, Brad Pitt, Angelina Jolie are some celebrities born in



the rabbit years.

Popular items to enjoy: tangerines & oranges for good luck, shrimp represents happiness, noodles for longevity, spring rolls & chicken - prosperity, chicken for good luck & prosperity.

Above all, decorate with ORCHIDS: **the most popular Chinese New Year flower.** It's believed that they bring good fortune. *Phalaenopsis* is the most popular with meanings of happiness, vitality and longevity.



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

February 24-25, 10-5 pm
February 26, 10-4 pm
Preview Night: February 23, 6-9 pm
(Must be 21 or older)

Thousands of display orchids & plants, AOS judging, plant sales from national & international nurseries & more!

County Fair Building
1199 9th Avenue
San Francisco, CA

To purchase tickets click here: [POE buy tickets](#)



SFOS seeks volunteers for the event. You'll have free admission to the show and free lunch. To sign up for a shift go to this link: [Volunteer Sign-up](#)



In Memoriam: Nan Paget 1927-2022



Long time MOS member, Nan Paget of Mill Valley, passed away peacefully in her home, December 2. She is survived by her husband Fred Paget. They were very involved in MOS for many years. Nan and Fred travelled extensively to the Caribbean, Mexico, Europe, China and especially Brazil where Nan practiced her Portuguese and explored the architecture; Fred pursued his passion for rare orchids of which he had a vast collection in San Anselmo. They often hosted a foreign exhibitor connected with the annual San Francisco Pacific Orchid Exhibition.



MOS has a freshly revised website thanks to our new Webmaster: Robyn LaMantia. Please check it out! Click here: [Marin Orchid Society website](#)

RENEW YOUR 2023 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 2023. 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: click here - [Marin Orchid Society Membership Form](#) Simply complete the form and mail it in.

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 Alpine 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



VectorStock® VectorStock.com/2300996

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

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

gcorchids@aol.com 916 645 8600

Paph Paradise, 390 Big Ben Rd.,
Lincoln, CA

For supplies: Flori-Culture Orchid
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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 February 2, 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](https://www.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.



2023 Marin Orchid Society Calendar our meetings will continue to be Virtual until further notice

January 24: Virtual Meeting, Peter T. Lin
February 28: Virtual Meeting, Graham Ramsey
March 28: Virtual Meeting, Jean Allen-Ikeson
April 25: In-Person Hybrid Meeting, Jeff Trimble

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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