



# Marin Orchid Society

Non-profit 501(c)3 Corporation  
Affiliate of the American Orchid Society



February 28, 2023- Virtual Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

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## February President's Letter



### Dear MOS Friends,

Already one month gone of the New Year. I hope the year thus far is going well for you.

Unfortunately, I cannot say that my January went smoothly. Kitsu was in for surgery on the 10<sup>th</sup> to remove a couple of fatty lumps. She came through it just fine although she was not allowed to go on any walks for 12 days. Now, Shiba's are diva's and stubborn as all giddy up and Kitsu is no exception to that rule. She refuses to do any of the necessary things in the yard, or, in fact, within two blocks of home. It was a test of wills, and of

bladder control. However, she enjoyed the canned chicken she had to help her meds go down. Unfortunately, she then began to expect that treat and, when the meds were done, refused to eat regular food for almost two days. She is now bouncy, happy and healthy and her fur is growing back.

There was also the failure of the drains in the front half of my house. The drain line was under sized and incorrectly mounted so the kitchen and laundry room backed up. Plus, the master bath shower drain was leaking, and had been for at least 5 years! It took a team of three plumbers 4 hours to sort out everything.

Although it's been quite cold here, a number of the outdoor orchids, and other plants, are into their blooming mode. I counted 3 *cymbidiums* that

were blooming. Upon closer inspection, I find that at least 3 more have spikes. I am considering building a stand at one end of my garden to house the cymbidiums since they seem to like it there. There are two at the patio that are putting up spikes. There's also a *Stanhopea oculata* that is a couple of days away from opening its flowers.

In my new greenhouse, there's a *Dendrobium kingianum* with at least 17 spikes on it (I'm hoping at least some of those will be open in time for POE). I've also moved a *Dockrillia* to the greenhouse. It was dormant with little growth but after just a couple of weeks it's showing signs of new growth and better color. The addition of a fan for air circulation (thank you Tom for the recommendation) may also be generally helping the plants. The greenhouse is maintaining a pretty constant 85%+ humidity but the temperature has been pretty low. I still need to add more shelving and stock up on a few more plants. Hmmm, POE is coming ...

Speaking of which, POE 2023 is coming up at the end of the month. Naoko has worked up a plan for the MOS display. We think this will be another winner. **All current MOS members** are encouraged to bring their lovely plants for the display. If you want to contribute plants, please ensure your plants are in tip-top shape for the display. You will find grooming tips elsewhere in this Back Bulb. ***Email me your list of plant submissions with its full name by Saturday, February 18.*** POE setup is on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. See details below.

The February meeting will be remote. However, we have arranged to hold the March and April meetings 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](http://MarinOrchidSociety.com).

We are considering options for a meeting place for the future. Thus far, Kol Shofar offers the best meeting area with top rate technology.

I've noticed that our member attendance at the monthly meetings has dropped. Are you tiring of the online meetings? Are the topics or presenters not what you'd like? I know it can't be travel distance. Anyway, please let us know what changes you'd like to see. We do have in-person meetings for March and April.

Daniel continues to work on the speaker calendar for the year. We have interesting speakers lined up through April. Daniel also coordinates with Mt. Baker Orchid Society who share the tasks of obtaining speakers. 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 February 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

## February 28 - Virtual Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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

Time: February 28 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 February Zoom meeting](#)

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Meeting ID: 821 5873 3163

[Local Number](#)

## February Speaker - Graham Ramsey Repotting with New Zealand's Finest



The PowerPoint program "Repotting with New Zealand's Finest" focuses on Orchiata bark, Fernwood tree fern fiber (and boards) and Sphagnum moss, all products from New Zealand. Graham will discuss the differences in the three mediums, how you might use them and why they offer superior qualities to help you grow your orchids better. I always like to talk culture, so we will do just that with all three. Please come prepared to ask questions as we try to unlock some of the secrets of New Zealand's finest.

About the speaker:

I was bitten by the orchid bug about 20 years ago. My first orchid was...you guessed it, a white phalaenopsis. It wasn't until my mother-in-law sent me

home with two boxes full of not white phalaenopsis that I became obsessed. Sound familiar? Next came joining the Western North Carolina Orchid Society. From there it was Board member, Vice President, President, and Annual Show Chair (for 11 years). In recent years, I have chaired the AOS Membership Committee and currently a member of the Affiliated Societies Committee and the Membership and Marketing Committee. Did I mention I do home propagation. I've really got it bad. I have registered 9 of my own hybrid crosses and have received a total of 36 AOS awards.

## January Peter T. Lin, Speaker Review

### The 3A's of the Orchid World: Angraecum, Aerangis and Aeranthes

We had the privilege of having Peter T. Lin as our January speaker. He spoke about the *Angraecoids*, specifically the genera *Angraecum*, *Aeranthes* and *Aerangis*, all genera of the subtribe *Angraecinae*. This subtribe includes about 18 genera and 360 species. Most of the genera are found in Africa and Madagascar. They are epiphytes and lithophytes and are typically monopetal with aerial roots. The plants are floriferous with flowers ranging in size from tiny to large that are primarily white, often fragrant and usually spurred.

Peter noted that the availability of these orchids over the past 20-30 years, was very limited due to difficulties in importing plants from Africa or Madagascar. However, within the last 10 years, there have been growers in the US who are successfully propagating plants from seeds or from flasks.

Peter first talked about selected species of the genera *Angraecum* including *Angcm. sesquipedale*, *magdalenae*, *distiichum* as well as many others. If you wish more information about Peter's comments on these species as well as species from the other genera he discussed, I encourage you to listen to his talk by requesting a link to the recording from Ron if you have not already received it.

Peter highlighted culture requirements for *Angraecum*. They typically like medium light, 1500-2500 foot candles (FC), and intermediate to warm temperatures. The plants should dry out between waterings and it is best to use pure water such as rain water, distilled or RO water, as the plants are sensitive to salts and minerals. Fertilize weakly with every watering during the growing period. Most of the larger species grow well in pots, miniatures are best grown mounted. Most dislike root disturbance and can sulk for years if roots are disturbed too much when repotting. So when repotting, just shake the plant and put in a new pot. Don't try and remove all old media. The main pests are mealybugs and spider mites.

Peter next talked about the genera *Aeranthes* (*Aerh.*) highlighting specific species including *Aerh. longipes*, *ramosa*, *grandiflora* and *peyrotii*, Unlike *Angraecum* species, *Aeranthes* prefer low -medium light or 1000-2000 FC, like *phalaenopsis* or *paphopedium*. They like intermediate to warm temperatures and should be kept moist, watering at least 2x a week during the growing period again with good quality water. Fertilization, potting and pests are the same as described above for *Angraecum* species.

Peter then talked about the genera *Aerangis* (*Aergs.*). Species that he

highlighted included *AerGs. citrata*, *biloba*, *luteo alba var rhodostica* (one of his favorites), *fastuosa*, and many others. *Aerangis* species like low light, only 800-1500 FC. Like the other genera discussed they like warm to intermediate temperatures. Plants should be allowed to dry out between waterings even if mounted. Fertilize as above. Most *Aerangis* prefer to be mounted but some will do well in pots with little to no media. Their most common pest is mealybugs.

Peter continued with a description of related genera in the subtribe *Angraecinae* as well as a discussion of hybrids. Again I refer interested parties to the recording of Peter's talk.

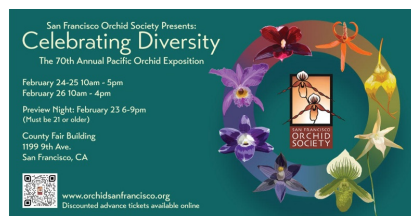
As noted above, these orchids are becoming more available. Peter highlighted the following sources often just for seeds including Diamond Orchids (his business), Botanica Ltd., Louisiana Orchid Collection (propagate from seed, have flasks and small seedlings), Cal Orchid (James Rose loves these plants), High Desert Orchids (a boutique nursery in New Mexico) and Afri Orchids. The latter are In South Africa but come to some shows specifically the Cal Orchids summer show.

Peter highlighted other resources if you want to learn more about these genera including Orchid Digest, the American Orchid Society and Facebook groups.

Submitted by Patricia Olson



## AOS Corner, February 2023



The **Pacific Orchid Exposition** is one of the premier AOS-sponsored Orchid Shows and Sales, now celebrating its 70<sup>th</sup> year. There will be 17 vendors from the USA, Ecuador and the Ecuadoran Amazon, Peru, Taiwan, and Thailand. MOS is putting together another gorgeous display for POE, designed and built by Naoko Nojiri and Brian Beard, and featuring beautiful blooming Orchids of many of MOS' members. We are hoping to again win awards for the display and for our members' individual plants. This is a great opportunity for you to get involved, to volunteer your time, and to help make the event a success for the thousands of visitors.

## 2023 Shows, Plant Sales and other Events

- SFOS' 70<sup>th</sup> Pacific Orchid Expo, February 24-26 (Preview Night Thursday, Feb 23), County Fair Building, 1199 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, San Francisco. AOS and Ribbon Judging Thursday Feb 23.
- Santa Barbara is BACK! 75<sup>th</sup> International Orchid Show & Sale, March 10-12, Earl Warren Showgrounds, SBOrchidShow.com AOS Judging Thursday 3/9.
- Napa Valley Orchid Society Show & Sale, March 18-19, Napa Senior Center, 1500 Jefferson Ave, Napa. AOS Judging Saturday morning 3/18.
- Sonoma County Orchid Show & Sale, April 1 & 2, at Santa Rosa Veteran's Building, 1351 Maple Avenue, Santa Rosa. AOS Judging Saturday morning, 8am
- San Diego County Orchid Society's Show & Sale, April 21-23, at Casa del Prado, Balboa Park, 1650 El Prado, San Diego.  
(Check their websites for further information)

### MONTHLY AOS ORCHID JUDGINGS:

- Pacific Central Judging Center hosts 2 monthly: **The first Tuesday evening (3/7/23)**, during the regular SFOS monthly meeting at the Hall of Flowers, Golden Gate Park. AND **the third Saturday (3/18/23)** 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 judgments – **the first Wednesday evening (3/1/23)**, during the regular SCOS monthly meeting at Odd Fellows Hall, 1831 Howe Ave, Sacramento. And the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday morning in Lincoln CA. **3/19/23** at Dueling Dogs Brewing, 3030 Barrett Park Lane, Lincoln. Questions? Contact Lynne Murrell: [lynne.murrell@outlook.com](mailto:lynne.murrell@outlook.com)

Until we meet again, hopefully SOON at one of the Shows, here's a toast to great growing in 2023.

Lynne Murrell  
Your AOS Representative

## February 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 February Show



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

Click here to view:  
2022

[May Show & Tell](#)

[June Show & Tell](#)

[July Show & Tell](#)

[September Show & Tell](#)

[October Show & Tell](#)

[November Show & Tell](#)

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[January Show & Tell](#)

[February Show & Tell](#)



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## 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

## How to Prepare your Plants for Display at POE

by Lynne Murrell



Think of it as getting ready to go out on a special date...you want to look your best, right? So do your Orchids that are going to POE for the MOS display.

### **First the grooming:**

- a) Remove all spent bloom spikes and dead/yellow leaves, using a sterile cutting tool.
- b) If the pseudobulbs or canes have dried brown sheaths, remove them by gently peeling them down (it is easiest to do this after watering, when they are damp). It is good to routinely remove these, because they provide hiding spots for insects like scale and mealybugs.
- c) Do the leaves have white calcium deposits? These can be removed by wiping them with Neem oil diluted on a damp paper towel, or you can wipe the leaves with lemon juice or milk to break up the deposits.

### **Now it's time to get dressed:**

- a) Carefully stake-up each flower spike, so the flowers are shown to their best advantage. Use small clips or ties, which will not distract the viewer's eye from the flowers.
- b) Place the plant in a black or other neutral color pot (nothing too showy, per our display captains), to be placed on the MOS display.
- c) A LITTLE Spanish moss around the base of the plant in the pot, provides a nice finishing touch.

**Bring your ID:** Please be sure your name is on the bottom of each plant and the bottom of each display pot (printed address labels work well), so they easily find their way back home at the close of the show.

**Note from Ron & Naoko:** For MOS member orchid submissions - email list with full name to Ron at by Saturday, February 18 so he can prepare labels.



**DELIVER** your orchids to POE site on Wednesday, February 22 between 2-3:30 pm. Call or text Naoko 917-686-4514 or Ron (415) 706-1714. Come to the back of the hall ( parking) or in front of the hall (curb side). One of us will come out and help you with your plants.

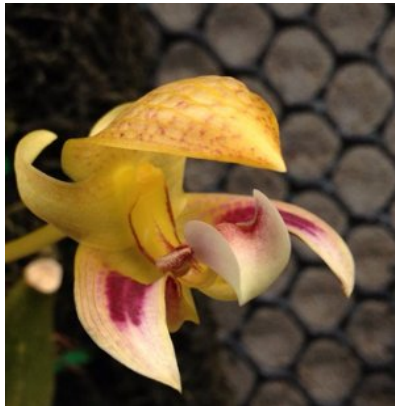
## OTHER ORCHID SHOWS

### Sonoma County Orchid Society - Spring Orchid Show & Plant Sale, April 1 & 2

**Learn orchid care with an expert!**  
**11:00 am Saturday & Sunday -**  
How to Grow & Bloom your Orchid.  
**1:00 pm Saturday & Sunday -**  
Growing & Repotting Cymbidiums.  
Hardy outdoor orchids for beginners and experts.  
**2:00 pm Saturday -** Growing orchids outdoors in the Bay Area.



**Thousands of orchids available to buy from orchid growers & SCOS members**  
**Admission: \$10 Adults, 12 & under free**



### NAPA VALLEY ORCHID SOCIETY 28th ANNUAL SHOW & SALE

Quality Blooming Orchids  
Wide Variety of Orchids and other Plants

- Orchid Care Supplies
- Judged Orchid Displays
- Orchid Care Demonstrations
- Orchid Doctor
- Raffles

Napa Senior Activity Center, 1500 Jefferson St. NAPA

**FREE ADMISSION**  
For more info call (707) 738-4128 or (707) 484-5138

Saturday, March 18, 10-4  
Sunday, March 19, 10-3:30



### Santa Barbara International Orchid Show Santa Barbara



## International Orchid Show - Orchids: The Adventure Returns -

Earl Warren Showgrounds,  
Hwy. 101 & Los Positas,  
Santa Barbara.

Marvel at the Exhibit  
Pavilion displays, browse  
the Art Show, floral  
arrangements, learn from  
demonstrations, purchase  
orchids from Vendor Hall  
and more!

**March 10-12, 2023, 9-5 pm**

One of the oldest, largest, most  
prestigious orchids shows in the United  
States. Visitors from all over the world  
return each year to delight in the show!  
For more information click [Santa Barbara  
International Orchid Show](#)



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](http://brookside-orchids.com) 650 854 3711

Golden Gate Orchids, 225 Velasco  
Ave., San Francisco, CA  
[tmperlite@gmail.com](mailto:tmperlite@gmail.com) 415 467 3737

Shelldance Orchid Gardens, 2000  
Hwy 1, Pacifica, CA  
[shelldance.com](http://shelldance.com) 650 355 4845

For supplies: Flori-Culture Orchid  
Supplies, 7621 Fair Oaks Blvd.,  
Carmichael  
[flori-culture](http://flori-culture.com) 916 333 4885



D&D Flowers, 169 First Ave., Daly  
City, CA  
[d.olivas@comcast.net](mailto:d.olivas@comcast.net) 925 969 1246

Gold Country Orchids, 390 Big Ben  
Rd, Lincoln, CA  
[gcorchids@aol.com](mailto:gcorchids@aol.com) 916 645 8600

Paph Paradise, 390 Big Ben Rd.,  
Lincoln, CA  
[paphparadise.com](http://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 March 2, Virtual Zoom meeting, 7:00 pm. Members are welcome to attend with advance notice. Contact Ron for details.

**2023 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.



## 2023 Marin Orchid Society Calendar

February 28: Virtual Meeting, Graham Ramsey

March 28: In-Person Hybrid 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](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](#)

January/February Growing Tips

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