



# Marin Orchid Society

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MOS May 23, 2023, In-Person and Virtual Meeting,  
7:00 p.m.

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## May President's Letter



Dear MOS Friends,

I just returned from SoCal, for grandson's 8<sup>th</sup> birthday. This was a family party (a full-blown family celebration at Disneyland at the Grand Disney Hotel with all the grandparents present. We filled the house with balloons (one bag holds a LOT of balloons) and there was the standard BBQ (among which was a selection of sausages including a nice beef sausage from South Africa) and present opening.

Kids love balloons, and we had a pile of them. We had fun tossing balloons around, playing balloon soccer, and playing dodge balloon. However, being a fairly creative group, we piled all the balloons into the entry hall in my kid's house, creating a kind of balloon pit. Then we added a leaf blower and we had a balloon pit with balloons floating all around with two VERY happy kids right in the midst of it. That whole thing gave us more than 3 hours of fun playing with about 100 balloons.

Back home, I'm making plans for an automated sprinkler system for my little greenhouse. My yard sprinkler was automated in 2020 so this would be an extension. The trips to SoCal means an irregular system. Automating the watering system means more regular watering and would ensure higher and

more consistent humidity.

Right now, the only plant blooming in the greenhouse is a *Dendrobium*. I am expecting to see the *Dockrillia* bloom this year. The plant is vigorously growing now that it's receiving better light and deeper watering. I'm also growing some succulents both in the greenhouse and in the house. The greenhouse succulents are creating babies so they are happy. One of the *Haworthia* (very thick, triangular, mottled leaves) inside the house has put up a flower spike. I'm eagerly awaiting to see the bloom.

Outside, I have about 14 *Cymbidiums* in some stage of bloom. One of them is a plant that was originally purchased at Rod McClellan (which used to be at the foot of Hickey Blvd.) around 1974. It lived in the Avenues in San Francisco until the late 1980's when it moved to Novato. It thrived on benign neglect for many years until it came to me. That same benign neglect appears to suit the plant well. It will need to be repotted this year ... it's been over 10 years since it was last repotted.

Kol Shofar is confirmed as our meeting site for at least the remainder of 2023. We will continue to have hybrid meetings. We do share our meetings with the Mt. Baker society. Plus, the hybrid meetings allow those unable to attend in person to still attend. The live meetings, even if we have a remote speaker, allows us to get together in person so we can rekindle that camaraderie we enjoyed pre 2020 unpleasantness.

We will have an opportunity table at all the meetings. This proves to be very popular as you can continue to grow your collection!

Last year we had a small gathering at our yearly summer BBQ. I've made a reservation at the clubhouse in my community for our summer get-together. The planned date is 19 August. As we develop plans, we'll provide details.

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 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

**May 23 Hybrid Meeting (In-Person & Zoom)  
7:00 p.m.**

We are happy to resume In-person meetings on a regular monthly basis at Kol Shofar, 215 Blackfield Drive, Tiburon, combined with a Virtual Zoom Meeting. (Some members find it helpful to have a headlamp to light the path after the meeting (to be hands-free for holding orchids!))

Time: May Meeting officially starts at 7:00 pm PST. Those participating through Zoom - PLEASE join the Zoom meeting well ahead of time so that you are settled in. To join Zoom Meeting click here: [MOS May Zoom Meeting](#)

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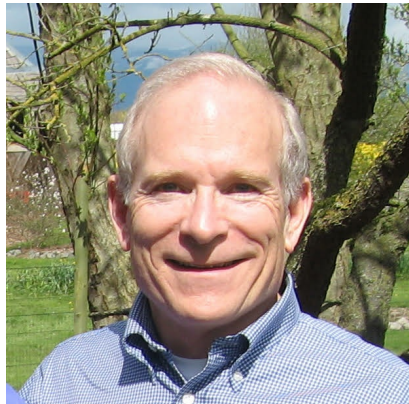
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Meeting ID: 821 5873 3163

[Local Number](#)

## May Speaker -David Edgley Phalaenopsis - Soup to Nuts



*Phalaenopsis* - soup to nuts - is a practical overview of the genus. David will cover basics such as orchid names and what is an orchid. He dives into *Phalaenopsis* culture including pots, potting, potting media, repotting, watering, fertilizing, virus, magic elixirs and much more. Even sensitive topics like “where do baby orchids come from?” and what to do with those wandering roots - no *Phalaenopsis* topic will be off-limits! With his extensive experience growing and killing orchids, you will likely come away with new knowledge and appreciation for this common, big-box store orchid!

David has been growing *Phalaenopsis* for decades. He was introduced to them as a teenager living on a Navy base in the Philippines. A hobby grower, David has been active in local societies and shows, spreading the good news about *Phalaenopsis*. In his small and rather crowded (10'x12') greenhouse in the Pacific Northwest, David grows hundreds of orchids, primarily *Phalaenopsis*. In addition, David has made several of his own crosses. Over the years, he has killed his fair share and hopefully learned most of what not to do. Having tried nearly every possible potting media (except shredded newspaper) and fertilizer fad, David has learned some hard but valuable

lessons over the years. Some of David's favorite *Phalaenopsis* are Harlequins, multi-floras, reds, oranges, and yellows. Favorite species include *Phal. schilleriana* and *equestris*. He is an accredited American Orchid Society judge, member of the board of trustees of the AOS, and treasurer of the International Phalaenopsis Alliance (IPA)



## Speaker Reviews

Now that all Speaker lectures are recorded and made available to MOS members upon request, the Board has decided to discontinue publishing a synopsis of prior month speakers.

The MOS Board thanks Patricia Olson for her many years of preparing detailed summaries of our speakers. It was evident that Patricia dedicated many hours to this task every month.

Thank you Patricia for your outstanding contribution.



## AOS Corner May 2023



*Angraecum arachnites* 'Evan Shively' CCE/AOS and FCC/AOS



Photos: Lynne Murrell

### We have a Star Among Us!!

Many of our MOS members attended the SCOS show in Santa Rosa last month, and may have noticed a flurry of excitement on the stage during judging on Saturday morning? Tom Pickford's *Angraecum arachnites* won

BOTH AOS' highest flower quality award (FCC) and AOS' highest cultural award (CCE) for his spectacular *Angraecum* (image above) Congratulations, Tom!

The spring shows are finished now; the next big event will be SFOS' Orchids in the Park, July 29 & 30. Meanwhile, we have lots to do with our orchid collections: repotting, repotting, repotting. And our Orchids aren't the only thing exploding with growth and vigor this Spring: bugs and pests love the warm weather and the humidity we provide, so check your plants closely and regularly. And be sure to maintain good air movement around your plants, whether indoors or outdoors. For pest identification and solutions, go to the AOS website and click on "All About Orchids", then scroll down to the link "Orchid Pests and Diseases".

There are good AOS Webinars this month. The Webinars are FREE, but you need to register on the AOS website, so they can send you the link to join the events. Click here: [AOS May webinars](#)

### **MONTHLY AOS ORCHID JUDGINGS:**

- [Pacific Central Judging Center](#) hosts 2 monthly: **The first Tuesday evening (5/2/23)**, during the regular SFOS monthly meeting at the Hall of Flowers, Golden Gate Park. **AND the third Saturday (5/20/23)** 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 \(CSNJC\)](#) hosts 2 monthly - **the first Wednesday evening (5/3/23)**, 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. **45/21/23** 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, here's to Beautiful Orchids in 2023.

Lynne Murrell  
Your AOS Representative



#### **Greenhouse Chat**

Ron McHatton

 Thursday, May 11th, 2023  
8:30 PM-9:30PM EDT

Join Dr. Ron McHatton as he answers your questions about all things orchids. Please send your question and pictures to Sandra Svoboda at [greenhousechat@aos.org](mailto:greenhousechat@aos.org) by May 9, 2023.



#### **He Came from the Land Down Under**

Tom Mirenda

 Tuesday, May 16th, 2023  
8:30 PM EDT

Join Tom Mirenda for a fascinating trip to the land down under. See orchids in the wild hinterlands of Australia as well as many other floras that are fascinating as well. Tom has a passion for orchids in the wild, conservation, and observation of trends and pattern

**April Show & Tell**

# We are back to In-Person Meetings & Live Show & Tells

## Show and Tell

Here are links to past few months of MOS Members Show & Tell. Thank you for your submissions. Paul Chim dazzling us with his award winning cymbidiums and more. Submit up to three for May Show and Tell to [marin.orchids@gmail.com](mailto:marin.orchids@gmail.com)

Click here to view:  
2022

[May Show & Tell](#)

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# Basic Miltoniopsis Care by Jeff Trimble

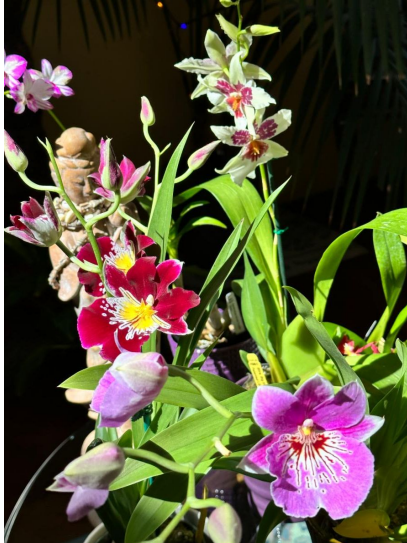


1. GOOD LIGHT. They are not a plant that you put under the bench! They need about the same light requirements as a mottled leaf *Pahioepidium*. Too much and you will burn the thin leaves.
2. Temperature needs to be between 55-85 degrees. You can go lower or higher a little but make sure all the other requirements are made.
3. Watering is very important. Good clean water is a must! You must make sure to never let them dry out or you will have pleated leaves that will never go away..
4. Repotting is important. Do not overpot. Just allow for two new growths around the plant. Plastic pots are best with lots of drainage holes. You can use a fine fir bark, sphagnum moss or shredded tree fern roots. Don't go more than 2 years between repotting.
5. Air movement. My mentor on *Miltoniopsis*, the late Woody Carlsen, always said "you want the flowers to lightly dance". This will keep fungus away as well as some pests.
6. Fertilizer. Don't go heavy handed. The roots are fine so they burn easily. A balanced fertilizer or a 30-10-10 are your best choices. Also, don't use a dry fertilizer as it can burn the roots.
7. Pests. *Miltoniopsis* are just like any other orchid. They get scale, mealy bugs and ants. Use non oil based insecticides as the oil will burn the leaves.

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I was excited to hear Jeff speak on one of my favorites - *Miltoniopsis* - as I have some success in growing them in Woodacre. Now I know why some of my leaves are pleated! and what to do!

Terumi Leinow  
MOS Back Bulb Editor



**ORCHIDS IN THE PARK**  
**HALL OF FLOWERS, GOLDEN GATE PARK**  
**JULY 29-30, 2023**

Thousands of breathtaking and unusual orchids on display and for sale. Whether you're an experienced grower or new to orchids, you'll find something to delight and amaze you. Come for a unique experience and be inspired!

Featuring:

- Local and international vendors
- Dazzling orchid displays
- Demonstrations on successfully growing orchids in the Bay Area
- Companion plants
- Tropical plants
- Orchid supplies
- Kids Corner activities, for the young and young at heart!
- Docent tours (large groups welcome)
- Orchid Doctor on call to answer your questions



**The Marin County Fair is Back!**

After three years of not having the Marin County Fair in full swing, it is



happening again! The Marin Orchid Society will be having a booth this year. As we have done in the past, set up is generally a few days before the opening (date to be confirmed). Tara is replacing long time coordinator Charlie and requires our support. We are so glad the Fair is happening and we get to display our orchids. MOS volunteers will receive free Fair admission. We appreciate your lovely orchids - more details to follow.

Cathy Thompson



The award-winning Marin County Fair is the County's premier community event with over 120,000 attendees annually. It is produced by the Marin County Department of Cultural Services in partnership with the Marin Cultural Association.

June 30-July 4  
10 Avenue of the Flags  
San Rafael, CA



**Marin Orchid Society**  
Summer BBQ Party  
Saturday, August 19, 2023  
Seven Flags MHP Club, Sonoma,  
CA

**Details to Follow**



## **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.



**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



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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



**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 June 1, 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

May 23: Hybrid Meeting, David Edgeley

June 27: Hybrid Meeting, Carole Buele

July 25: Hybrid Meeting, Patricia Harding

August 19, MOS BBQ Party

September 26: Hybrid Meeting, Chenhao Hsu

October 28: In-Person Meeting, Auction Night

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 Avenue, 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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