



Marin Orchid Society

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MOS June 27, 2023, In-Person and Virtual Meeting,
7:00 p.m.

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June President's Letter



Dear MOS Friends,

Before I get into my ramblings ... Marin Orchid Society has a Vice President. I am happy to announce that Alicia Taylor has agreed to be our VP. Alicia brings extensive experience in recruiting and social media as well as experience from previous boards on which she has served. You will find her bio elsewhere in this edition of the Back Bulb. Please say Hi and Thank you when you next see her at our meetings.

It's almost summer - the year is quickly approaching its second half. Remember when we were kids and it took forever for the first half of the year to pass as we looked forward to 2 ½ months of summer vacation? The second half of the year passed quickly after school resumed due to major holidays. Seems though that this January into June has just sped by.

In my last Letter I'd only just returned from SoCal. This time I'm preparing to leave for there. This is my granddaughter's 3rd birthday. I expect Saturday will be a bunch of screaming 3-year-olds, all hyped on cake and ice cream. My son in-law owns a Cold Stone - really good ice cream!

I had also written that I was expecting to see the Dockrillia bloom this year. It did indeed put out one flower, hiding 'round the back so I did not notice it until today. That is a good sign that the plant is recovering from being grown in less-than-optimal conditions.

Several other succulents are starting to bloom. One is starting to open its tubular red and yellow blooms. The other one just starting to develop a flower is the Haworthia truncata (also called Horse's Teeth). I bought this at the Santa Barbara Orchid Show - supposedly, a bright yellow flower.

Several of the outside *Cymbidiums* are still in bloom. One has been in bloom now for 2 months and the flowers still look pretty nice. My *Laelia* is just starting to bloom. So far, I can see 3 spikes with a total of 5 buds. I'm hoping that one holds its blooming until I return next week.

Our June meeting is hosted by Mt. Baker Orchid Society. We will meet live at Kol Shofar and we will have a Zoom component (all of our meetings, except the October auction) will be hybrid ... in person and Zoom). We will have an opportunity table at all the in person meetings.

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.

See note below re the MARIN COUNTY Fair - submissions welcomed.

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

Ron

June 27 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: June 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. **We will share the program with the Mt. Baker Orchid Society from 7-8 and then hold our own business meeting after the shared program. To join the MBOS link click here: [MBOS zoom link](#).** After the

Speaker, sign out of MBOS then join MOS Meeting by clicking here: [MOS June Zoom Meeting](#)

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[Local Number](#)

June Speaker -Carol Buele Sarcochilus



Carol will speak to us about *Sarcochilus* - a charming but small flowered species of orchids that is native to Australia. According to the American Orchid Society "the growth of true *Sarcochilus* species resembles that of a miniature *Vanda* although clumps are often formed. Robert Brown first described the genus in 1810, he combined 2 Greek words, sarcos (flesh) and cheilos (lip), to describe the fleshy lips."

While they are often thought to be the "perfect" undergrowth plant for Standard *Cymbidiums*, they can be grown alongside *Cattleyas* and any other outdoor growing temperate climate range orchids. They can become beautiful "specimen" plants and are now starting to come in a wider range of colors due to intensive breeding by Scott Barrie and his family at Barrita Orchids in Australia. Fred Clarke, of Sunset Valley Orchids, is the US distributor for these Barrita hybrids.

Carol lived in NYC from 1977-1992, where growing orchids in NYC was not considered a possibility. She has grown orchids only since moving to Southern California in 1992. To grow outside with no greenhouse in Studio City at the edge of the San Fernando Valley is sometimes problematic. With temperatures ranging from 28 to 111 Fahrenheit, and humidity as low as 7% at times, it is always interesting.

It has been Carol's quest to find out what will and will not bloom and prosper under these circumstances. In her search to find the perfect plant for her growing area, Carol discovered the Japanese orchid called *Neofinetia (Vanda) falcata* and various other species that thrive outside in Southern California. *Sarcochilus* is one of those species. Carol grows various forms of

Paphiopedilum, Phalaenopsis, Cattleya, Laelia, Dendrobium, Lycaste, Asian Cymbidium and *Rossioglossum* as well.

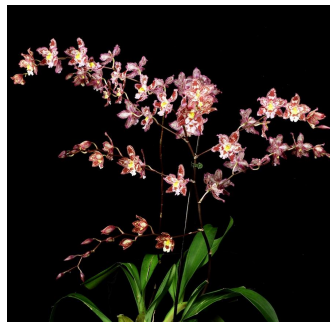
Carol is a fully accredited AOS judge, the VP and a Member of the Orchid Society of Southern California, and is on the committee that creates the Society's display for the Huntington's annual October Orchid Show. She now is semi-retired and makes pots for small orchids like the *Vanda falcata* and Asian *Cymbidiums*, though all other small orchids need pots as well!



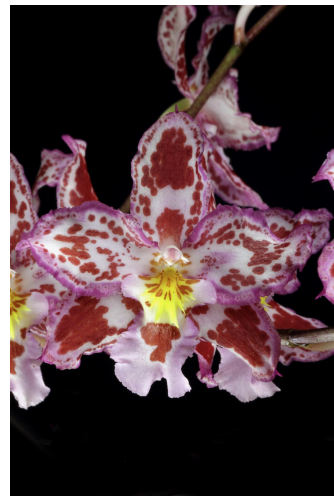
Dr. Daniel Heller - Farewell AND an orchid named in his Honor!!



MOS wishes Daniel the very best. He and his wife are moving back to New York State this summer. We appreciate the stellar commitment he made to finding outstanding monthly speakers for MOS. We will miss him and the professionalism he



Daniel gave Lynne Murrell this orchid a few months ago, as he was closing down his orchid collection. It had a fully-opened branched inflorescence with about 70 flowers, and an immature inflorescence as well. So it is really "his blooming" of the plant.



Lynne took it for judging in May. The judges loved it and awarded it an AM/AOS (Award of Merit), and she gave it the clonal name *Oncidium Tipples 'Dr. Heller'*.

Congratulations indeed!

brought to his task on the Board. Not to mention his orchids!

Daniel originally got this from Bob Hamilton. This was Onc. Ray's Red x Onc. Tribbles, the hybrid he registered in 2006 as Onc. Tipples.

(Onc. Tipples photographer Ramon de los Santos)

AOS Corner June 2023

Upcoming and noteworthy:

July 29-30 Orchids in the Park, San Francisco Orchid Society's Summer Sale event. SF County Fair Building, 1199 9th Avenue (near Lincoln Way, next to the SF Botanical Gardens in Golden Gate Park.

September 21-23, International Phalaenopsis Alliance Fall Symposium, Embassy Suites Riverfront Promenade, 100 Capitol Mall, Sacramento. 5 guest speakers and growers (including from Taiwan).

June care for your Orchids: Repotting should be wrapping up this month, as August and September are peak growth months. Fresh medium, and regular fertilization help them grow stronger. Check the AOS website for Orchid Care tips this month.

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 June webinars](#)

MONTHLY AOS ORCHID JUDGINGS:

- [Pacific Central Judging Center hosts 2 monthly: The first Tuesday evening \(7/4/23\)](#), during the regular SFOS monthly meeting at the Hall of Flowers, Golden Gate Park. **AND the third Saturday (6/17/23)** at Filoli Historic House & Garden, 86 Canada Road, Woodside CA. Questions? Contact James Heilig, heiligja@msu.edu
- [California Sierra Nevada Judging Center \(CSNJC\) hosts 2 monthly - the first Wednesday evening \(7/5/23\)](#), during the regular SCOS monthly meeting at Odd Fellows Hall, 1831 Howe Ave, Sacramento. And the 3rd Sunday morning in Lincoln CA. 6/18/23 at Dueling Dogs Brewing, 3030 Barrett Park Lane, Lincoln. Questions? Contact Lynne Murrell: lynne.murrell@outlook.com

Until we meet again, here's to Beautiful Orchids in 2023.

Lynne Murrell
Your AOS Representative

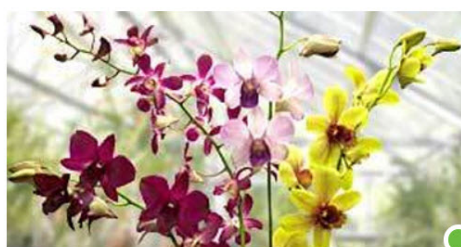


Dendrobiums of New Guinea

Carol Klonowski

Thursday, June 15th, 2023
8:30 PM EST

Join Carol Klonowski, an AOS judge, as she takes to the jungles of New Guinea for a fascinating tour of orchids that grow nowhere else.



AOS Greenhouse Chat with Ron McHatton

Ron McHatton

Tuesday, July 11th, 2023
8:30 – 9:30 pm EST

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 by July 8, 2023.

May 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. Submit up to three for June Show and Tell to 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](#)
- 2023
- [January Show & Tell](#)
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Fragrant Orchids



One of the MANY joys I derive from orchids are fragrances. This delicate *Encyclia Mooreana x cordigera* var *riseyn* I recently purchased from Daniel, bloomed. Its fragrance is absolutely divine - probably the most fragrant of all the orchids I have had.

According to the New York Botanical Society: Fragrance plays an essential role in their survival strategy. Just as we often wear perfumes to seduce a mate, orchids spice up their lives in order to attract pollinators. Flowers that are pollinated by insects are often brightly colored and fragrant. They are advertising the fact that they offer nectar or other substances for different creatures to feed on. Pollinators pick up the sticky pollen as they feed and transfer it to other flowers.

Every orchid species has its own unique strategy to attract pollinators. Some have wonderful fragrances yet produce no nectar and trick insects into thinking there is a free meal. Other orchids produce odors that mimic the pheromones of bees and wasps (some even look like female insects) so that males try to mate with the orchids. Some bees even collect the orchid's fragrance and store it on their hind legs

to use, perhaps, to attract their own mates.

Fragrances are volatile. They often develop and become more complex the longer you smell them. A fragrance may catch your attention with a strong citrus smell that sweetens and becomes floral after a few minutes. At first *Dendrobium anosmum* smells like raspberry, shifts to strawberry, then rhubarb, and finally hyacinth. Some fragrances are mild, while others are intoxicating. There are many factors that affect fragrance. Orchids tend to be more fragrant on sunny rather than shady days, when the volatile oils warm up and diffuse. Fragrances tend to linger longer in areas of high humidity. Locations where the air is still tend to trap fragrances, while smells will dissipate in breezy sites. For a list of popular fragrant orchid species click on the New York Botanical site: [NYBG Fragrant Orchids](#)

Terumi Leinow
MOS Back Bulb Editor

Welcome Alicia A. Taylor!

MOS Board Vice President



About Alicia

Alicia Taylor is a relatively new member to MOS and is excited to act as the newly appointed Vice President. Alicia moved to California 12 years ago to attend graduate school at UC Riverside. She's a toxicologist and her hobbies include gardening, reading, and hiking. She loves all plants and plant-related activities including veggie gardening, xeriscaping with natives, and indoor plants.

Alicia bought her first orchid (a grocery store phal) in 2018 and now has somewhere between 50-60 orchids. Her favorite part about orchids (other than the flowers and roots) is how relaxing it is to care for and observe them. She's really excited to get to know all the MOS members better, and her main focus as VP will be to increase member participation and recruit new members.



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! June 30-July 4

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

Submit list of plant names to Ron Ludwig by Monday, June 26 (so he can prepare labels). Deliver your plants to County Fairground Thursday, June 29 between 3-4:30



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**

pm (no later than 5 pm).



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 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
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Carmichael
flori-culture 916 333 4885



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

MOS Board of Directors - Join Us!

President - Ron Ludwig, Treasurer - Naoko Nojiri, Vice President, Alicia A Taylor, 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 July 6, 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.





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.



2023 Marin Orchid Society Calendar

June 27: Hybrid Meeting, Carol 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.

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.

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](#)

May/June Growing Tips

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