



Marin Orchid Society

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MOS September 26, 2023, In-Person and Virtual Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

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September President's Letter



Dear MOS Friends,

The end of summer is rapidly approaching. Seems like only yesterday that we were looking forward to summer and now it's almost gone. Time passes much too quickly.

I have moved up to a 10' x 8' greenhouse with a LOT more place for plants. With Debra's help, we rearranged the greenhouse to make better use of the space. Things are growing quite well there. For example, the vanilla plant I bought at OITP has added almost a foot to its height in the short period I've had it. (See some photos in the

September Show and Tell).

I've begun moving the plants from my kitchen to the greenhouse and already they show a marked improvement; eventually they will all be moved to the greenhouse. That will leave a bare space in the sink corner for perhaps the succulents from the greenhouse as they really liked growing in the kitchen window.

I finally set up my Dositron in the greenhouse so feeding the plants is now much easier. I still want to put in a misting system for humidity and have added a large fan to improve air circulation.

Some of you may remember that shortly after I moved into my house in Sonoma, I constructed a stand to fit over the large bathtub in my master bath as a plant bench. It worked well for the past 5 years. But now that I have a greenhouse, it will be dismantled. I am then going to look into having the tubs in both baths refurbished so that they are both usable. The guest bath does not have a non-skid surface on the bottom. The one in the master bath is an ugly yellow color and the surface is no longer smooth. I'll see about having the bottom made non-skid.

On a more serious note, my little Kitsu was seriously injured in an attack by another dog. She has one gash that runs 7" from the nape of her neck down the left side. There's another 2" cut lower down and behind the larger one. She has a pile of sutures closing up all the damage and she's on a lot of medication to keep her out of pain, reduce inflammation and prevent infections. Then there was a second surgery to clean up the wounds, remove necrosed tissue, and neaten up the wound. Fortunately she has a lot of loose skin on her neck (the surgeon had to cut away a total of about 4x7"), the attacker did not get to the muscle in her neck. The pain meds make her sleep a lot. The vet thinks she will make a full recovery. She had refused to eat much (because of the opiate pain killers). Fortunately, she likes Costco rotisserie chicken so she's eating that. She also refuses to potty in the yard. Since she cannot go on long walks until after 15 September, she's limited to the yard.

I was due to go to SoCal over Labor Day to see my family. I had to cancel that trip. I will have to see how Kitsu does before planning a trip again. Perhaps late September or early October. I won't be able to go down for Halloween because I have company arriving on 1 November.

Our summer get-together was a great success. We had 22 people at our party including several of our new members, lots of fun conversation, plenty of good food. Thank you all for attending. There is a link elsewhere to some photos from the event.

Alicia put together a member's survey and we had a pretty good set of responses. Thank you to all who responded. The purpose of the survey was to identify some places where we could make improvements in our meetings, particularly how to improve attendance. You will find elsewhere in this Back Bulb the results of that survey along with some commentary on the various comments submitted by our members. Thank you, Alicia, for putting that together.

Please do not forget that our annual auction is coming up for the October meeting. Alan Koch will once again run the auction. As you know, he always supplies great plants. And, we expect to have some great additional items for the auction. Look for a future announcement.

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 for you to bring your beautiful plants to the meeting for Show and Tell.

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

Ron

September 26 - Hybrid Meeting (In-Person & Zoom)

7:00 p.m. (doors open 6:30 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.

Time: September Meeting 7:00 pm PST. Doors open 6:30 p.m. 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 September Zoom Meeting](#)

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[Local Number](#)

September 26 Speaker - Chen-hao Hsu Orchids of Costa Rica



Chen-hao Hsu will be speaking about his past and recent travels to view the orchids of Costa Rica. He also will be sharing his experiences growing species and hybrids outdoors at his home in San Jose.

Chen-hao Hsu has been an active member of several of our San Francisco Bay area orchid societies. Recently he served as Vice President/Program chair of the Peninsula Orchid Society.

Chen-hao acquired his first orchids at the age of 10 while living in Taiwan. His passion for orchids and other plant groups continued after he returned to the US shortly thereafter. Prior to studying ecology and statistics in graduate school at UC Davis, he interned one summer at Longwood Gardens outside of Philadelphia and worked briefly with the orchid collection there. Currently, his travels for work and pleasure have led him to many destinations both domestic and abroad. His most recent travels have included Mexico, Peru, Ecuador, and Central America where he has observed a variety of orchids and other plants growing in vastly different habitats



Special Skill's Session - Mounting Orchids Tom Pickford - September 26



Come to the September MOS meeting EARLY! Arrive when doors open at 6:30 p.m. if you wish to learn how to mount orchids. Our ever entertaining Tom

Pickford will do a 15-20 minute skill session on how to successfully mount orchids prior to our 7:00 p.m. Speaker.

Tom grows a variety - *cattleyas*, *laelia's*, *dendrobiums*, *masdevallia*. He prefers mounting orchids when possible to better replicate their natural epiphytic growth habit. While typically using cork, wood or baskets for mounts, Tom occasionally uses found objects like tennis rackets and shoes to demonstrate that epiphytes can grow on almost anything.

Tom was accredited in November of 2018 as an AOS judge. He belongs to six orchid societies: Sonoma, San Francisco, Napa, Sacramento, Diablo & Marin. He strongly believes in supporting the various societies. They are all blessed to have Tom as a member spreading aloha spirit with his sunshine smile!

AOS Corner September 2023

Please mark your calendar and register for:

September 21-23, International Phalaenopsis Alliance Fall Symposium, Embassy Suites Riverfront Promenade, 100 Capitol Mall, Sacramento. 5 guest speakers and vendors (including from Taiwan). For more information, go to www.Phal.org If you would like to attend just one of the 2 days, instead of registering, pay \$50 at the door.

September care for your Orchids. Shocking but true: Summer is winding down, and so are our orchids. Cooler days and shorter nights call for a reduction in watering and fertilizing. Many orchids are still showing moderate growth, so last-minute potting is still possible if you see green root tips on your plant(s). *Cymbidiums* are starting to show strong new growths, and early-bloomers are beginning to form spikes; if your *Cym* leaves are not strong and stiff, give them a final dose of Epsom Salt (1 to 2 Tbsp diluted in a gallon of water). And you will want to begin preparing your plants that moved outdoors for the summer, so they are clean and free from bugs before coming back into the house.

AOS Webinars are back... be sure to go to the AOS website to register for this FREE webinar, so AOS can send you the link to join the session. Please note the below time is Eastern...so it is 5:30pm Pacific. Click here to register for September 21 Greenhouse chat webinar: [AOS Webinar](#)

MONTHLY AOS ORCHID JUDGINGS NEAR YOU:

Pacific Central Judging Center hosts 2 monthly: The first Tuesday evening (10/3/23), during the regular SFOS monthly meeting at the Hall of Flowers, Golden Gate Park AND the third Saturday (9/16/23) 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 (10/4/23), during the regular SCOS monthly meeting at

Odd Fellows Hall, 1831 Howe Ave, Sacramento. CA There will NOT be judging in Lincoln on the third Sunday in September. That judging is being replaced with **judging at the International Phalaenopsis Alliance** (but judging is not limited to Phals!) on **Friday Sept 22 at 10am**, at Embassy Suites Riverfront, Sacramento. Questions? Contact Lynne Murrell:lynne.murrell@outlook.com

Until we meet again, here's to more warm Fall evenings and more beautiful Orchids.

Lynne Murrell
Your AOS Representative



AOS Greenhouse Chat with Ron McHatton

Ron McHatton



Thursday, September 21st, 2023
8:30 PM 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 by September 18, 2023.

July Show & Tell

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

Goodbye to longtime member Daniel Heller - we will miss him and wish him well on his relocation to New York State.

Click here to view:
[2022](#)
[June Show & Tell](#)



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MOS Monthly Meetings
WE NEED YOUR HELP



The MOS Board, in the interest of serving the membership better, and due to our concern for low monthly meeting attendance, recently sent out a survey designed by Alicia Taylor. Among other things 45% of the 20 respondents indicated LOCATION (too far) was the primary reason for not attending. As it turns out, we were just notified by Kol Shofar that our current Tiburon space may not be available to MOS in 2024. Therefore we NEED YOUR HELP in locating a new meeting venue for 2024. (The Board has spent the past year already looking for alternate space and we found none beyond Kol Shofar). So please help! The space needs to meet the following criteria.

Availability for 4th Tuesday of each month, guaranteed long term
Central location (e.g. San Rafael seems to be considered most central - and close to freeway)
Low (or preferably no rental fee)
High speed internet
A projection screen (we have a projector)
Seating for 35 plus room for six 8' tables
6-8 tables
Parking - well lit.

So please scout around - make inquiries and let us know if you find a suitable meeting space that fits the above criteria. Email: marin.orchids@gmail.com



WHAT HAPPENED TO THE REFRESHMENTS AT MOS MEETINGS?



One of the things we've missed at our meetings is food, especially the lavish

spreads we had pre-2020. Kol Shofar had food restrictions which limited what we could offer. Kol Shofar requires that all food be kosher. That's not easy. For example, milk chocolate is not kosher, yet dark chocolate is (probably an extension of the Old Testament book of Exodus). Pork is not kosher, according to Leviticus and Deuteronomy. Salami and cheese is not allowed because not only does salami generally contain pork but meat and milk products (cheese) are not allowed in the same dish (Exodus).

On further research. Kosher requires specialized food, food preparation, separate preparation surfaces, cooking utensils, and sometimes even stoves for meat and dairy products. A kosher kitchen is never used for the preparation of any non-kosher foods. Even wines must be made from grapes that are somehow certified as kosher.

Generally speaking, we can only bring food that is purchased and is marked as kosher. No home-made foods are allowed. So if you'd like to bring food to our September & October meetings, please ensure that it is a kosher product.

Hopefully from 2024 we can return to culinary offerings from MOS members!

Ron Ludwig



Marin Orchid Society

Summer BBQ Party

Saturday, August 19, 2023

Seven Flags MHP Club,
Sonoma, CA

22 members had fun at the summer gathering. See photos of the event by clicking below:

[MOS Summer Get-Together photos](#)

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
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 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



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 October 5, Virtual Zoom meeting, 7:00 pm. Members are welcome to attend with advance notice. Contact Ron for details.



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](#)
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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

September 26: Hybrid Meeting, Chenhao Hsu

October 28: In-Person Meeting, Auction Night

November 28: Digital Show & Tell - Zoom only

December: Holiday Party - To Be Determined

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](#)

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