



# Marin Orchid Society

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



MOS October 24, 2023, Auction Night  
7:00 p.m. (Doors open 6:00 p.m.)

[Visit Our Website](#)

## October President's Letter



Dear MOS Friends,

September is gone, summer has ended, and we are now headed toward what was, when I was young, my favorite part of the year. Some celebration literally every month. October - Halloween, November - Thanksgiving, and December - Christmas. Then New Year's, and my birthday. While I was working, pretty much not much work happened between mid-November and mid-January because of production changes, vacations, and holidays.

Retirement changes all that.

I'm shutting down the kitchen growing area. There are only 6 plants left that I'm quarantining to ensure there are no bugs before I move them to my greenhouse and one of them is beginning to bloom.

Interesting fact about the kitchen plants. One thing I had growing was a Mother Of Millions plant (*Kalanchoe delagoensis*). This hitchhiked in on one of my purchased orchids and was quite happily growing up the wall (one stem about 4 feet long). I thought I would repot a portion and put it in the greenhouse. But, after looking up the plant I found it is an invasive noxious plant that is highly toxic to humans and dogs. In a wiki article it stated 125 cattle had died after

ingesting it (See [Kalanchoe](#)) I chopped up the plant, put it into a plastic bag, and straight into the garbage.

The big news is that our annual auction is coming up on the 24<sup>th</sup>. We have Alan Koch as our auctioneer. We've upped our budget for plants so there will be an even better selection than usual. In addition, we again have donated plants from Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Orchids and Brandon Tam of Huntington Botanical Gardens. (Thank you Chen Hao for offering to transport the plants back to us). We also have a nice assortment of items for the silent auction.

The auction is our single fund-raising event for the year. So, PLEASE tell your friends, relatives and bring them along. There will be lots of plants and other goodies. Alan is always a fun auctioneer not only because of his vast knowledge of the plants but also because of the fun stories interspersed with the actual auction.

**Please spread the word.**

I look forward to seeing a room full of people on the 24th

(I have checked with Kol Shofar regarding our meeting. Elevated tensions in Israel could result in heightened security at synagogues. As of now, Kol Shofar says our October meeting can continue as planned.

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

**October 24 - It's Auction Night  
with Alan Koch  
7:00 p.m. (doors open 6:00 p.m.)**



A fun and popular meeting of the year! Once again we are fortunate to have Alan as our animated auctioneer. He brings a beautiful array of orchids and offers culture tips to help you decide which ones are best for your orchid environment. There will also be orchids from Sunset Valley Orchids and Huntington Botanical Gardens of Southern California.

The auction is the *ONLY MOS FUN*draiser this year. Because our auctions have been so successful in the past years, MOS has had the budget to bring in speakers who live out of the area.

In addition to the array of orchids for the live auction, the Silent Auction will also feature a room at the popular Madonna Inn, in San Luis Obispo, beer from Lagunitas Brewery, orchid-growing supplies, gift certificates from Sloat Gardens, Ace hardware, RePot Me, Trader Joe's and more. Put in your Silent Auction bids from 6:15-7:00 p.m.

Remember our motto! Bid high and bid often. This is a FUNdraiser and you have the opportunity to take home something for your donation. It is a win-win--you leave with the items of your choice and MOS keeps the dues low and the benefits high.

New to auction bidding? The Silent Auction is easy but you will want to pay attention! Bids are recorded on bid sheets in front of each item BUT, when the bidding is ready to close, some experienced bidders will rush to get in the final bid on the items they want, perhaps an orchids or...a bottle of wine, gift certificate, and more. Pay close attention!

In the live auction, the bidding can get fast and competitive for coveted orchids--entertainment at its best. If you are unsure how to bid, sit next to an experienced member and watch what they do. Ask for tips.

**MOS Auction Night, October 24  
Congregation Kol Shofar**

215 Blackfield Drive  
Tiburon, CA

ARRIVE early to view auction items and place Silent Auction bids. Auction for plants begin at 7:00 p.m.



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

We enjoyed Chen-hao Hsu share his passion and travels to view the orchids of Costa Rica at our September 26 meeting. If you were unable to attend the meeting and would like to view his recorded Powerpoint presentation, contact [marin.orchids@gmail.com](mailto:marin.orchids@gmail.com), available to active MOS members.

## Tom Pickford's Mounted Orchid Wins Awards!



Tom educated MOS members on the ease and fun of Mounting Orchids at our September 26 meeting.

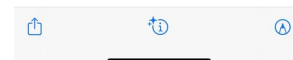
Right on the heels of him winning awards for his stunning *Miltonia moreliana*!

Congratulations Tom and thank you for inspiring us to investigate mounting our orchids and showing



*Miltonia moreliana*  
'Goodstuff' AM-CCE

Can you believe this *Miltonia* is mounted in a basket (with no medium)!



An Award of Merit (AM/AOS) for flower quality and A Certificate of Cultural Excellence (CCE/AOS) a cultural award to the grower.

## AOS Corner October 2023



Sorry you missed the International *Phalaenopsis* Alliance Fall Symposium in Sacramento! The guest speakers and vendors were superb, and there were serious *Phal* hybridizers looking for the next great plant for their breeding program. Alan did the Auction (of course) on Saturday afternoon, and he wheedled some nice prices out of us attendees, for very special plants donated by the *Phal* vendors.

IPA is an affiliate of The American Orchid Society, so AOS judging was a featured event on Friday. Pardon me for taking bragging rights, but my *Phal pulcherrima* 'Sasha' was awarded my first ever FCC/AOS, the highest flower quality award.

**FALL care for your Orchids.** Time to move plants back indoors which spent the summer outdoors...be sure they are clean and free from bugs before coming back into the house. *Cymbidiums* and *Phals* are initiating flower spikes, and many *Cattleyas* are developing flower sheaths on this year's new growths (be sure to keep water from sitting in and around these sheaths, as it can cause bud rot).

Time to reduce the frequency of watering, as the plants dry out more slowly due to the reduced day length and lower temperatures, as well as the plants' slowing growth rate. Reduced water requirements signal a reduced need for fertilization. Note that the key word is reduced, not eliminated. Feed less frequently and at lower dosage, but feed.

### MONTHLY AOS ORCHID JUDGINGS NEAR YOU:

Pacific Central Judging Center hosts 2 monthly: The first Tuesday evening (11/7/23), during the regular SFOS monthly meeting at the Hall of Flowers, Golden Gate Park AND the third Saturday 10/21/23) 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 (11/1/23)** during the regular SCOS monthly meeting at Odd Fellows Hall, 1831 Howe Ave, Sacramento. **AND the third Sunday (10/15/23)** at Dueling Dogs Brewing Company, 3030 Barret Park Lane, Lincoln, CA. (near Alan and Dave's nursery... make an appointment for a visit!) Questions? Contact Lynne Murrell: [lynne.murrell@outlook.com](mailto:lynne.murrell@outlook.com)

AOS Webinars are back...be sure to go to the AOS website to register for these FREE webinars, so AOS can send you the link to join the session. Or click on link below for upcoming Greenhouse Chat.

Until we meet again, here's to the most beautiful Orchids ever.

Lynne Murrell  
Your AOS Representative



AOS Greenhouse Chat with Ron McHatton  
Tuesday, October 17, 2023  
5:30 PDT  
Register here: [AOS webinar](#)

## September Show & Tell



### Show and Tell

Here are links to past few months of MOS Members Show & Tell. There will be no Show & Tell at the October meeting. [marin.orchids@gmail.com](mailto:marin.orchids@gmail.com)

Click here to view:  
2022

[June Show & Tell](#)

[July Show & Tell](#)

[September Show & Tell](#)

[October Show & Tell](#)

[November Show & Tell](#)

2023

[January Show & Tell](#)

[February Show & Tell](#)

[March Show & Tell](#)

[April Show & Tell](#)

[May Show & Tell](#)

[June Show & Tell](#)

[July Show & Tell](#)



**Do you have an orchid related helpful tips to share with Members?**



MOS plans to have in-person demos approximately every other month at our in-person meetings, starting in 2024. Please [sign up here](#). We are asking members to sign up to give a 20 minute presentation before the meeting starts. Demos will start at approximately 6:40 pm, ahead of the 7 pm start time for the meeting, and demos will also be recorded. For meetings that have a demonstration, reminders will be sent prior to the meeting so that members arrive early to participate.





## Inn - San Luis Obispo

Want to purchase a special Birthday, Anniversary, Wedding, Christmas gift for someone special to this unique [Madonna Inn](#). Then come and make a bid for a night's stay at MOS October 24 auction. Bidding starts at \$250 (value \$450.)



**MONSTER ORCHID SALE**

**VENDORS:**

- Golden Gate Orchids
- Hanging Gardens
- D&D Flowers
- Olompali Orchids
- Gold Country Orchids
- Ken Jacobsen
- Pierre Pujol
- Member Sales

**Saturday, October 28**  
**10 AM to 4 PM**  
**Free Admission**  
San Mateo Garden Center  
605 Parkside Way  
San Mateo, CA

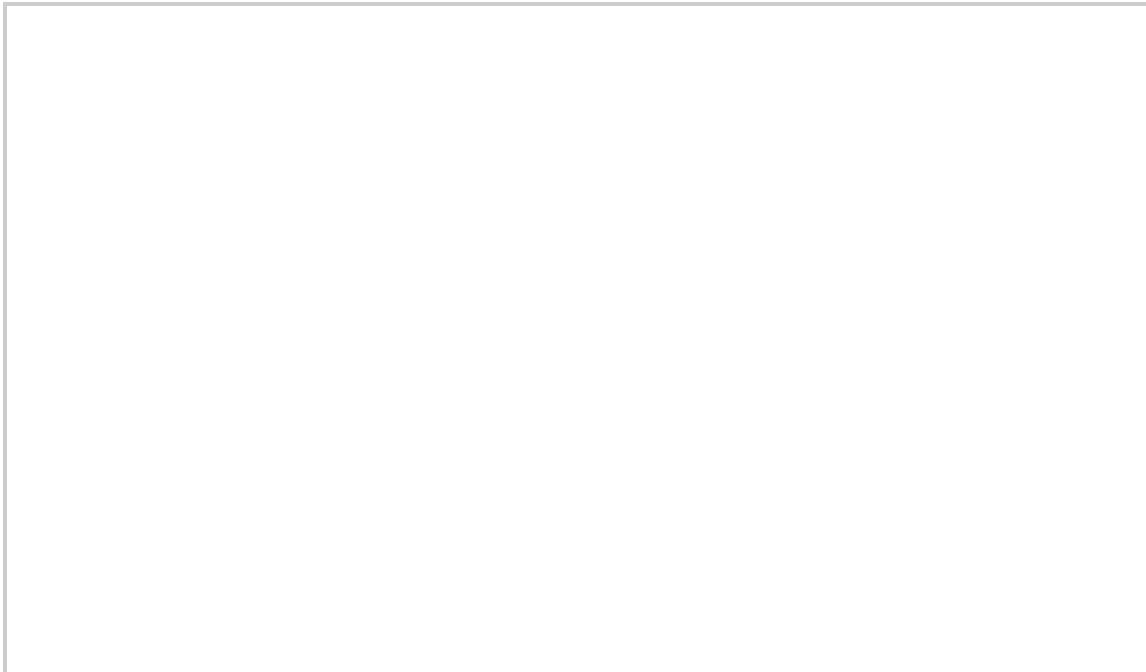


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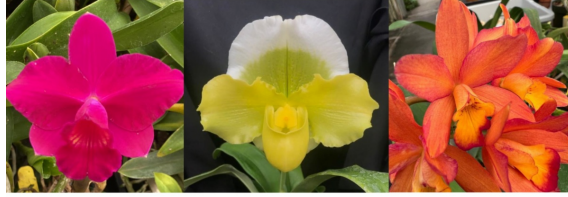
## Celebrate Halloween with the Peninsula Orchid at their Monster Orchid Sale

Saturday, October 28, 10-4 p.m.  
San Mateo Garden Center  
605 Parkside Way, San Mateo

Vendors include: Golden Gate Orchids, Hanging Gardens, D&D Flowers, Olompali Orchids, Gold Country orchids, Ken Jacobsen, Pierre Pujol, Member Sales. For more info. contact: [Peninsula Orchid Society](#)







GOLD COUNTRY ORCHIDS & PAPH PARADISE  
**FALL OPEN HOUSE**

**GOLD COUNTRY:**

**Bring this flyer for a free plant with any \$25 purchase, or 25% off any purchase over \$150**

OCTOBER 27 9:00-4:00

OCTOBER 28 10:00-3:00

OCTOBER 29 10:00-3:00

390 BIG BEN ROAD  
LINCOLN, CA

MAKE A DAY OF IT!

VISIT OUR LOCAL WINERIES, RESTAURANTS  
AND MICROBREWERIES

WE RECOMMEND:  
DUELING DOGS BREWERY  
COTTAGE WINERY

**PAPH PARADISE: NEW RELEASE SALE**

Plenty of new species and hybrids!  
Our inventory and selection continues to expand!



## RENEW YOUR 2024 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 2024. 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.

Beyond that, we create award-winning displays at the Pacific Orchid Exposition and at the Marin County Fair. 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

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 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

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## **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 November 2, Virtual Zoom meeting, 7:00 pm. Members are welcome to attend with advance notice. Contact Ron for details.

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## **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).



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## 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](#)

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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.

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## 2023 Marin Orchid Society Calendar

October 24: 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](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](#)

AOS Fall Tasks

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