



Marin Orchid Society

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MOS November 28, 2023 - Digital Show & Tell
7:00 p.m.

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November President's Letter



Dear MOS Friends,

Not long ago I was greeting you to a new year. A moment later it was the start of summer ... then the end. And now, this is my final President's Letter for 2023! I wish you all Happy Holidays and, a Happy New Year.

This begins the busy part of the year. During SoCal Hallowe'en visit with family I took my grandson to the Planes of Fame Air Museum in Chino. A most enjoyable day; ask him anything about a P-38 or P-51. I head back down for Thanksgiving and Christmas. On top of that there's a couple of food bank days in my community, a Veteran's Day memorial, a holiday dinner, an HOA election, and two Thanksgiving celebrations.

I have finally dismantled my kitchen growing area. Surviving plants are in the greenhouse and the shelving gone. I'm left again with a big open space behind the sink which receives full south sun waiting to see what I select. I looked back in the online Show and Tell and found that I had photos in there from May 2021 for that setup - so about 2½ years.

In my greenhouse, I have a bunch of stuff blooming or getting ready to bloom. Several of the *Phalaenopsis* that I used in demos for the Marin County Fair are putting up new spikes and the old ones dying back. There are several

plants in bloom now including an interesting clover that hitchhiked in on a succulent I picked up from a neighbor. I'll add photos of those to the November online Show and Tell, or maybe just show some slides for the member show and tell (see below).

I have a pile of *Phalaenopsis* donated by Chis Hamilton. Most are white and a couple of yellow and purples. None are currently in flower but I cut back the spent spikes on about half and buds are starting to ripen on those. If you'd like some of them, just let me know and I'll arrange to get them to you. If you'd like, you may contribute to MOS for them and help me clear a bit of bench space in my greenhouse.

And now for something completely different ...

We put out a survey for a holiday dinner or luncheon and responses favored a lunch now set for Decemer 9. (See below). More details to follow; please be sure to respond to MOS email if you plan to attend.

Thank you to everyone who attended our October auction. The was, again, our highest grossing auction to date, as was our auction last year. We had a pile of great plants including donations from Sunset Valley Orchids and Huntington Gardens. Alan also brought an array of wonderful plants.

Our Auction may have been our last meeting at Kol Shofar. Kirk Kim, who has done our setup and take-down as well as provided support for our Zoom meetings is retiring after a long career. Right now, there's no one to take his place for night meetings. I'm trying to clarify what exactly will happen. We are looking at other venues but so far have not found one (out of 4 thus far) that provided us an appropriate combination of location, support, parking, space, and reasonable cost. One place had three great meeting rooms but everything (plugs, screen, Wi-Fi) was a-la-carte giving an estimated cost of more than \$400 per meeting. Another was the right price but the parking lot was full by 4p. We are still looking; there's another 4-5 places to look at (several in San Rafael, one in Terra Linda, and possibly one in Mill Valley). If any of you have suggestions, please send an email to the MOS email account (marin.orchids@gmail.com).

The November meeting will be Zoom only. This is our annual members Show and Tell. If you have a presentation you'd like to make, please drop an email to the MOS email account (marin.orchids@gmail.com) so I can add you to the schedule. These presentations do not need to be orchid oriented and should be no more that about 5-7 minutes.

Beginning January 2024 we're looking to have skills sessions at each regular meeting. These sessions will be about 20 minutes each and will start shortly after 6:30p. We therefore need members who would like to share some aspect of their orchid growing experience. Thus far we have one presentation on building an indoor growing cabinet, one on growing under lights, and, hopefully, one on growing an orchid in an aqua-culture environment. If you have something you'd like to contribute, please drop me an email at the MOS email account (marin.orchids@gmail.com). Please don't be shy. We're looking to share experiences. I'm betting there are some interesting growing environments or techniques in our group.

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 for 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.

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

Ron

October 24 - A Successful & Fun Auction Night with Alan Koch



Thanks again to our fearless auctioneer Alan Koch for both entertaining and educating MOS members at a successful Auction Night. Bidding was fierce and relentless for some popular items of orchids from Gold Country Orchids, donations from Fred Clarke, Sunset Valley Orchids and Brandon Tam, Huntington Botanical Gardens. Special thanks to Chen Hao for transporting orchids; Mary Nisbet of California Orchids for donating a tray of *tillandsia* for our Silent Auction table.

A big thank you to vendors who donated to our Silent Auction: Marin Ace in San Rafael, Sloat Gardens throughout Marin County, Lagunitas Beer in Petaluma, Madonna Inn, San Luis Obispo, Repot Me, and Trader Joes in San Rafael. When you visit these establishments please thank them for their donation to our Society. We want to make sure they know we shop at their stores.

The Madonna Inn gift certificate for one night stay did not get any bids. It is going for \$250 and its value is \$400.00. If anyone is interested, just let one of

the Board members know and you will get a fantastic deal.

Click on this link to view Auction Night photo albums: [MOS 2023 Auction Photo Album](#) (photos submitted by Alica Taylor & Brian Beard)



AOS Corner November 2023



2024 AOS Spring Members Meeting - Save the Date! April 3-6, 2024 Apopka, Florida

Susan Anderson, Judy Carney and I attended this event a few years ago, and we all agree that the Apopka International Orchid Festival is an event every Orchid lover should experience at least once...over 100 vendors from all over the world, in a beautiful setting at Krull-Smith Orchids.

Make plans to join us at the 2024 AOS Spring Members Meeting held in Apopka, FL in conjunction with the Apopka International Orchid Festival. Full details to follow.

MONTHLY AOS ORCHID JUDGINGS NEAR YOU:

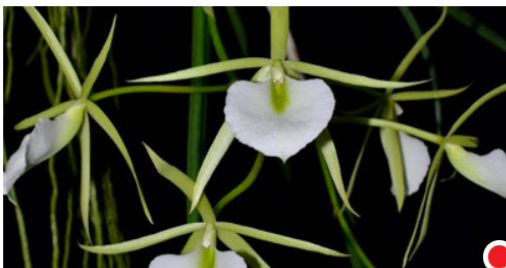
Pacific Central Judging Center hosts 2 monthly: The first Tuesday evening (12/5/23), during the regular SFOS monthly meeting at the Hall of Flowers, Golden Gate Park AND the third Saturday 11/18/23) at Filoli Historic House & Garden, 86 Canada Road, Woodside CA. Questions? Contact James Heilig, heiligja@msu.edu

California Sierra Nevada Judging Center (CSNJC) hosts 2 monthly - **the first Wednesday evening (12/6/23)** during the regular SCOS monthly meeting at Odd Fellows Hall, 1831 Howe Ave, Sacramento. AND **the third Sunday (11/19/23)** 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

AOS Webinars are back. 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 b for upcoming Greenhouse Chat. Register here: [AOS webinar](#)

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

Lynne Murrell
Your AOS Representative



Brassavola

Beth Martin

 Wednesday, November 15th, 2023
8:30 PM EST

AOS Accredited Judge Beth Martin presents Brassavola, a beautiful and graceful orchid



AOS Greenhouse Chat with Ron McHatton

Ron McHatton

 Thursday, November 16th, 2023
8:30 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



MOS Holiday Luncheon

Saturday, December 9, 2023, 12:00-3:00 p.m.
Embassy Suites by Hilton, 101 McInnis Parkway,
San Rafael. Look for email from Ron Ludwig to
confirm attendance and choose your entree.
Response required. Ho ho ho! Come and have
fun.



November Show & Tell



Show and Tell

Here are links to past few months of MOS Members Show & Tell. Send submission to marin.orchids@gmail.com

Click here to view:
2022

[June Show & Tell](#)

[July Show & Tell](#)

[September Show & Tell](#)

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[January Show & Tell](#)

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Do you have an orchid related helpful tip 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.



Tillandsia



If you were fortunate enough to bid on one of the fascinating Tillandsia donated by Mary Nisbet of California Orchids, here is a care guide.

Tillandsia species are epiphytes; they attach to other plants or rocky substrate for support. Their roots are used solely for attachment--rather

Tillandsias Care

Tillandsias are forgiving indoor plants if given adequate amounts of light & water.

Misting, rinsing, or soaking are three methods of watering Tillandsias. Misting air plants to the point of run-off may have to be done every other day with low household humidity. Rinsing is a simple watering technique. Twice a week gather the air plants, hold them under the faucet, rinsing them thoroughly with tepid water. Lay them face down on a paper towel for a few seconds to drain off excess water. You can also submerge air plants weekly for 20 minutes to an hour, then drain them well.

Fertilizing monthly will help promote blooms and pups and will give your air plants the nutrients they need to thrive.

than absorbing nutrients or water via roots. Air plants rely on the moisture in the atmosphere to grow and thrive.



In Memorium: Fred Paget 1923-2023

Fred and wife Nan were active MOS members. Fred was also a Past President of both Marin Orchid and San Francisco Orchid Societies. He built a large greenhouse in their Mill Valley backyard for his orchids, which he cultivated under the name Circle Orchids. He was an expert in cultivating *catasetums*. A longtime Mill Valley resident, Fred died September 29 at age 100 at the VA's San Francisco residential hospice.



January 2024 Speaker



Do you grow your orchids on windowsills?
Would you like to have 5-10 plants blooming all year?

What is unique and special about LED lights?

We are happy to collaborate with MBOS again in 2024 and our first speaker of the year will be an MBOS member, Bob Marshall, Professor Emeritus at Western Washington University, Bellingham. He and his wife have been growing orchids on their windowsills for about 20 years. Since introducing LED lights their orchid blooms and disease resistance has increased significantly. Be sure to attend MBOS/MOS January 30th meeting to learn more! Read details in the January Back Bulb.



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 Party 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.



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



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 January 4, 2024, 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](#)



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

November 28: Digital Show & Tell - Zoom only

December 9: Holiday Party - Embassy Suites, San Rafael

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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