



Marin Orchid Society

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Affiliate of the American Orchid Society



MOS January 23, 2024 - In Person & Virtual Meeting
7:00 p.m.

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November President's Letter



Happy New Year, MOS Friends,

Best wishes for a great New Year.

Well, we are off into a new year. I hope your start was better than mine.

I had a great Christmas with the kids. Kids were excited to open so many gifts. I gave Evelyn Disney Princess books. Levi's big gift was a massive Lego builder set from which we helped him build a roller coaster. We also had great dinners: the traditional Chinese feast for the 24th and Lobster Mac 'n

Cheese on Christmas Day.

But the day after I returned home, I came down with a terrible cold, and tested positive for COVID. A course of antivirals put me right in a couple of days. Turns out that 4 of us all became ill the same day. As a result, I was self-isolated on the 31st so, great birthday and end of 2023. Good part, I did get to watch a significant portion of the Twilight Zone marathon on Syfy. There was one episode that I do not recall having seen before - incredible considering how long I've been watching that program.

Now that my greenhouse has been up for a while, some challenges. First, it is

a plastic tent over a frame; rainwater and leaves accumulate between the roof supports and bulge the roof down. I've put in a couple of large pool noodles that arch from the edge to the peak to give more support to the canopy and relieves rainwater pooling. Still needs more reinforcement.

A second issue is temperature. Perhaps a colder winter this year than last, greenhouse temperature is remaining closer to outdoor ambient where the smaller greenhouse consistently stayed about 10F higher. The drop may be because I now have a larger fan to circulate the air or that the longer sides do not seal as well with the ground. So, maybe a heater will be necessary.

But mitigating those issues will need to wait. I have a few things to accomplish before the end of February when I have company staying for about 6 weeks.

I want to thank everyone who attended the Holiday Luncheon in December. I think everyone had a good time and the venue was certainly nice as was the food. The gift exchange was also quite lively.

POE is coming in mid-February. Now is the time to start dressing up your marvelous plants to make them ready for showing at our exhibit. The theme this year is Timeless Orchids. Naoko is making a design for the exhibit. The rough cut so far looks really good. We are looking for a couple of volunteers to help with the set-up and tear-down of the exhibit. The call for volunteers is elsewhere in the Back Bulb.

A reminder that the Santa Barbara orchid show is coming in March. If you have not attended this show, it is well worth the trip. The displays are large and complex and filled with marvelous plants. Plus, there are a number of nurseries in the area that also have sales.

Our January meeting will be at Kol Shofar. The venue for our subsequent meetings is still unknown, although we're still looking.

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.

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

January 23 Speaker: Bob Marshall - LED Lights for Successful Indoor Orchid Growing



Bob Marshall is a professor emeritus at Western Washington University in Bellingham, WA. He and his wife have grown orchids exclusively in their home on windowsills and under lights for about 20 years. At present they have about 60 orchids, especially small fragrant *Cattleya* hybrids, *Cirrhopetalum* group, *Bulbophyllums*, and a variety of other genera. Their target is floral beauty, and to have five to ten plants in bloom all through the year. They began with natural light alone but soon supplemented with incandescent and fluorescent bulbs. About ten years ago they discovered LED grow and decorative lights. Since reading Kelly McCracken's Orchids Magazine articles on the newest LED lights and the difference between plants' and humans' needs for and uses of light, they have switched to Barrina LED lights throughout. Now they grow under lights at the windowsill. Growth, blooming and disease resistance have all improved significantly under this lighting.

Program

Humans and plants use light for different purposes. Understanding these differences is important when growing plants in artificial light. Recently, evolving LED technology has transformed growing under artificial light, separating especially heat and light as they are naturally bound in the sun's radiation. LED lights transform almost all the energy they receive into light useful for plants. Advances in LED technology now make it possible for home hobbyists to grow orchids indoors with abundant light at extremely low cost. The program will also show the Barrina brand light and how light useful to plants rather than to human vision can be measured and adapted to grow orchids at home.

AOS Corner January 2024



Congratulations to Paul and Phyllis Chim!

Each year all of the AOS Judges nationwide vote on the best Orchid which has been awarded during the prior year, in each of about 20 categories. The 2022 awards were recently announced, and the winner of the prestigious Ernest Hetherington Award for the Best *Cymbidium* was awarded to Paul and Phyllis Chim for their *Cymbidium* Cranberry Velvet 'Mahalo Steve Williams' which had received the highest cultural award, a CCE/AOS. When it was entered for judging in April 2022 at CSNJC, it had 918 flowers and 76 buds on 46 inflorescences, cascading all the way around the plant. SPECTACULAR!!

2024 AOS Spring Members Meeting - Save the Date!

Make plans to join us at the 2024 AOS Spring Members Meeting which will be held in Apopka, FL in conjunction with the Apopka International Orchid Festival and the International Phalaenopsis Alliance.



MONTHLY AOS ORCHID JUDGINGS NEAR YOU:

Pacific Central Judging Center hosts 2 monthly: The first Tuesday evening (2/6/24), during the regular SFOS monthly meeting at the Hall of Flowers, Golden Gate Park AND the third Saturday 1/20/24 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 (2/7/24 - 7:00 pm)** during the regular SCOS monthly meeting at Odd Fellows Hall, 1831 Howe Ave, Sacramento. **AND the third Sunday (1/21/24 - 9:00 am)** 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 for upcoming Greenhouse Chat. Register here: [AOS webinar](#)

Here's to a peaceful New Year, filled with family, friends and lovely Orchids.

Lynne Murrell
Your AOS Representative



AOS Greenhouse Chat with Ron McHatton

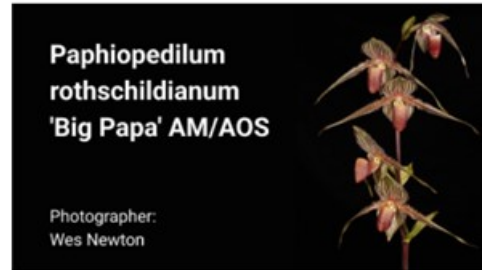
Ron McHatton

 Wednesday, January 3rd, 2024
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 by January 1, 2024.

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Multifloral Paphiopedilums with Carol Klonowski

Carol Klonowski

 Tuesday, January 23rd, 2024
8:30 PM EST

What is a Multifloral Paph? Yes, it has more than one flower, but what makes these different? What are the rules for growing and showing these wonderful plants? Join Carol Klonowski as she takes us on a tour of the various species and hybrids and what influences the breeding.

Pacific Orchid Exhibition 2024

February 16-18, San Francisco

71st Annual San Francisco Orchid Society Presents:
Pacific Orchid Exposition Show and Plant Sale

Timeless Orchids

February 16-17
10am - 5pm

February 18
10am - 4pm

Preview Night:
Feb 15 6-9 pm
(Must be 21 or older)

County Fair Building
1199 9th Ave.
San Francisco, CA

MOS Needs Orchids & Volunteers!

Every year MOS puts on a stunning display of members orchids - often winning numerous awards at the annual Pacific Orchid Exhibition in San Francisco, So active members, get your blooming orchids ready to enter into the display viewed by thousands. For MOS member orchid submissions - email list with full name to Ron - marin.orchids@gmail.com by **Saturday, February 10** so he can prepare labels. **DELIVER** your orchids to POE site on **Wednesday, February 14 between 2-3:30 pm**. Call or text Naoko 917-686-4514 or Ron (415) 706-1714. Come to the back of the hall (parking) or in front of the hall (curb side). One of them will come out and get it. See below for details on how to prepare your display orchids. Pick up orchids 4:30 p.m. February 18.

We need VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH SET UP Wednesday, February 14.

There are many tasks that we need help with on set-up day, labelling orchids, "dressing each one" with cloth and more. If you are able to assist, please let Naoko (nnojori@gmail.com) know soon so she can arrange for a **free POE pass for you**. Please let Naoko know how long you can volunteer. Set up time begins at 1:30 p.m - 4:30 p.m.

Preparing your Orchids for POE

by Lynne Murrell



Think of it as getting ready to go out on a special date...you want to look your best, right? So do your Orchids that are going to POE for the MOS display.

First the grooming:

- a) Remove all spent bloom spikes and dead/yellow leaves, using a sterile cutting tool..
- b) If the pseudobulbs or canes have dried brown sheaths, remove them by gently peeling them down (it is easiest to do this after watering, when they are damp). It is good to routinely remove these, because they provide hiding spots for insects like scale and mealybugs.
- c) Do the leaves have white calcium deposits? These can be removed by wiping them with Neem oil diluted on a damp paper towel, or you can wipe the leaves with lemon juice or milk to break up the deposits.

Now it's time to get dressed:

- a) Carefully stake-up each flower spike, so the flowers are shown to their best advantage. Use small clips or ties, which will not distract the viewer's eye from the flowers.
- b) Place the plant in a black or other neutral color pot (nothing too showy, per our display captains), to be placed on the MOS display.
- c) A LITTLE Spanish moss around the base of the plant in the pot, provides a nice finishing touch.

Bring your ID: Please be sure your name is on the bottom of each plant and the bottom of each display pot (printed address labels work well), so they easily find their way back home at the close of the show.

MOS Holiday Luncheon

December 2023



MOS decided to host a Holiday Luncheon instead of previous Holiday Dinners. It appears members are preferring daytime driving.

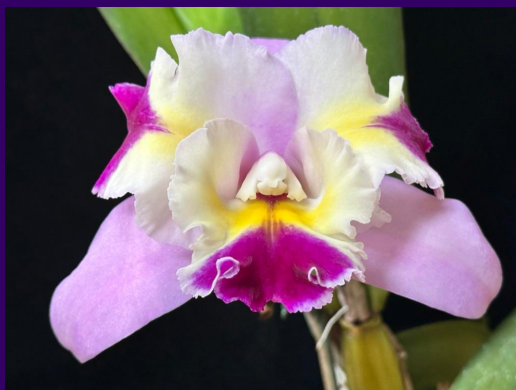


A fun gift exchange occurred with the most popular items being live orchid plants of course! Some members were delighted with their choices only to have it "stolen" by someone else. Much laughter and frivolity indeed.



Twenty members attended the luncheon. We were happy to see both longtime members and several of our newest ones. Thank you to Brian Beard for photographs.

January Show & Tell



Show and Tell

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

2024
[January Show & Tell](#)

2023

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[February Show & Tell](#)

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[November Show & Tell](#)



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.

February Skills Session by Alicia Taylor "How to Build an Ikea Greenhouse for Orchids" and in March, "Potting Neofinetia in Japanese Moss Mounds" by Julie Morelli.

Happy New Year 2024 and Year of the Lunar Dragon February 10



My husband and I were thrilled on New Years Day to see 4 spawning salmon in our seasonal Woodacre creek - a rare occurrence indeed. In First Nations culture, Salmon is a symbol of regeneration and perseverance. For Salmon to reproduce, they must sacrifice their own life to allow the next generation to prosper. Many creatures in the ecosystem including Bears, Eagles, and humans rely on Salmon for sustenance. They are born in freshwater and spend the majority of their lives in the ocean, before returning to freshwater to spawn and die. This journey is seen as a symbol of the cycle of life and death, and the importance of finding balance and harmony in life.



Happy Chinese New Year of the Dragon, February 10. The overall energy of a dragon year is vital and competitive, with people feeling a strong urge to gain respect and achievement. As the luckiest and most auspicious of the 12 animals, the dragon is thought to signify unprecedented opportunities. In a dragon year, people are said to be able to harness the creature's

intelligence, leadership and abilities to pursue their dreams with creativity, passion, courage and confidence.

Dragon individuals were born in 1940, '52, '64, '76, '88, 2000, 2012 and are recognized for their confidence, leadership capabilities and willingness to embrace risks. They can also be egotistical, eccentric, demanding with high standards for themselves and others. Energetic and zealous, Dragons have the potential to accomplish great things.

Aside from attending a festival and supporting your local shops and restaurants, there are many ways to celebrate the Year of the Dragon. One such tradition is cleaning your home ahead of (but not on!) – believed to banish bad luck from the previous year. Another is sharing a meal with loved ones, featuring foods such as spring rolls, noodles, citrus fruits, shrimp, chicken to bring luck into the new year. Of course, decorate your home with ORCHIDS: the most popular Chinese New Year flower. It's believed that they bring good fortune. *Phalaenopsis* is a popular festive flower, with meanings of happiness, vitality and longevity.

Terumi Leinow
Back Bulb Editor



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



VectorStock.com/2309966

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 February 1, 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.



2024 Marin Orchid Society Calendar

February 27: In-Person and Virtual Meeting, Speaker TBD
March 26: In-Person and Virtual Meeting, Speaker TBD
April 23: In-Person and Virtual Meeting, Speaker TBD
May 28: In-Person and Virtual Meeting, Speaker TBD
June 25: In-Person and Virtual Meeting, Speaker, TBD
July 23: In-Person and Virtual Meeting, Speaker, TBD
August: No regular meeting - Summer Get-Together
September 24: In-Person and Virtual Meeting, Speaker, TBD
October 24: Auction Night
November 26: Member's Show & Tell
December: No regular Meeting, Holiday Dinner

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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