



Marin Orchid Society

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MOS February 27, 2024 - In Person & Virtual
Meeting
7:00 p.m.

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February President's Letter



Happy February, MOS Friends,

As I write this, it's bucketing down rain outside, I took advantage of the lighter rain earlier to take a couple of flats from the greenhouse to let those plants get rain water. This storm is not cold. It's been shirtsleeve weather here for the past couple of days. The plants enjoyed the watering and I saved some on the water bill for the month.

I gave a basic orchids presentation to some of the residents of my community. We had 14 people attend. I updated my Orchids 101 talk that I've done at the Marin County Fair to include a

PowerPoint presentation. That let me show more photos and give audience more information.

I usually do a repotting demonstration but this time I made it a live event. I had some donated *phalaenopsis* so I brought enough for everyone and let them do their own repotting. They were VERY enthusiastic. As soon as they got to the repotting tables they were pulling plants out of pots, sphagnum moss flying everywhere. I had supplied my cutter so that people could trim and again there were blades flashing everywhere. I'm surprised that everyone left with the number of appendages as they had when they arrived.

The reception for the talk was so good I've sent out notes to the other 4 communities in the area for a similar presentation. It might mean some new members for Sonoma, Napa, or us.

By the way, I receive donation plants about every other month. If anyone wants some *phalaenopsis* let me know. The last time I had plants no one wanted them. Sometimes there are some other types mixed in such as two *Miltonia* but they really were not in very good shape. The ones I received recently were all white (perhaps *Phalaenopsis amabilis*) except for one. That one may be peloric or at least not really the more standard form; the lip does not have the standard fangs one usually sees,

POE is coming in mid-February. In fact, by the time you read this it will only be maybe a week away. Please do go see our exhibit there. A lot of work will have gone into creating it. Thank you in advance to everyone who helped, donated plants and arranged things.

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 February meeting will be at Kol Shofar. The venue for our subsequent meetings is still unknown, although we're still looking. We are delighted to have as our first speaker of the year, Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Orchids. He has often supplied orchids for MOS opportunity tables and generously donated plants to our yearly Auctions. Please show your support for him by attending the meeting in person or on Zoom!

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

**February 27 Speaker: Fred Clarke - Becoming an
80th Percentile Grower**



This talk presents a new perspective on growing orchids. Have you ever thought of your orchids as a living art collection and yourself as the curator? Philosophers have described seven universal features of art, and this talk will consider how those principles apply to orchids and help you become a better curator of your own orchid/art collection.

Learn about the four key areas to develop your mastery as an orchid grower: water, light, temperature and repotting. We will cover why orchids grow as they do and explore both fundamentals and advanced growing techniques that will elevate you above the 80th percentile of all orchid growers. This is a talk not to be missed.

About the Speaker:

Fred Clarke has been growing orchids for over 40 years and hybridizing for 38 of those years. With over 36 years as a professional grower and manager in the horticultural industry, Fred applies these skills at his orchid nursery, Sunset Valley Orchids, located just north of San Diego, California.

He is a passionate orchid grower whose curiosity in orchids is broad and varied. Although developing *Cattleya* hybrids has been his sustaining interest, he is also actively creating new *Australian Dendrobium* and *Paphiopedilum* hybrids plus some others to be named if they work out!

His pioneering work in *Catasetum* intergeneric hybrids led to the development of several notable hybrids, including the groundbreaking grex, *Fredclarkeara After Dark*, which produced “the blackest flower ever witnessed.” This grex has received over 100 flower quality awards worldwide including eight highly coveted First Class Certificates from the American Orchid Society (FCC/AOS).

Fred is an accredited American Orchid Society judge in the Pacific South Judging Region. His hybrids have received hundreds of quality awards for orchid enthusiasts from the American Orchid Society and other orchid societies worldwide.

Fred Clarke
Sunset Valley Orchids
1255 Navel Place
Vista, CA 92081
(760) 310-0778

About the Meeting: February 27 - Hybrid & Zoom 7:00 pm (doors open 6:30 pm) Skill Session 6:40 pm

In-person meetings: 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 February Zoom Meeting](#)

Introducing Member Skill's Session: February 27 - Alicia Taylor - How to Build an Ikea Greenhouse for Orchids - 6:40 p.m.

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AOS Corner February 2024

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



Coming Right Up: the 71st annual Pacific Orchid Expo. Visit SFOS' website for more information and to buy discounted tickets thru EventBrite.

AOS Judging is at 9:30 Thursday morning.

The Opening Gala is Thursday evening, with the first opportunity to purchase from 22 international vendors, and to view the stunning displays (including MOS'!), wine & hor d'oeuvres too!

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. More information, and event and hotel registration available on-line at American Orchid Society's website.

The 2024 Spring
Members Meeting will be
held April 3rd through
6th in Apopka, Florida

Make Plans to Join Us in our next Pre-Forum
Members Meeting next Spring. It will be held in
conjunction with the Apopka International Orchid
Festival and the International Phalaenopsis Alliance.

Registration information and all other details will be
available soon!



MONTHLY AOS ORCHID JUDGINGS NEAR YOU:

Pacific Central Judging Center hosts 2 monthly: **The first Tuesday evening (3/5/24)**, during the regular SFOS monthly meeting at the Hall of Flowers, Golden Gate Park **AND** **at Pacific Orchid Expo** on **Thursday 2/15 9:30am**. Questions? Contact James Heilig heiligja@msu.edu

California Sierra Nevada Judging Center (CSNJC) hosts 2 monthly - **the first Wednesday evening (3/5/24 - 7:00 pm)** during the regular SCOS monthly meeting at Odd Fellows Hall, 1831 Howe Ave, Sacramento. However there is **NO JUDGING in February** at Dueling Dogs Brewing Company in Lincoln, CA. due to judges' commitments to POE in San Francisco. Questions? Contact Lynne Murrell:

Enjoy the Spring shows and sales.

Lynne Murrell
Your AOS Representative

Pacific Orchid Exhibition 2024 February 16-18, San Francisco



MOS Timeline for POE

- February 12: Email list of orchids you plan to submit: name, genus & species to Ron - marin.orchids@gmail.com for him to prepare labels
- February 14: 1:30-4:30 pm. Thank you to volunteers helping with set up. 2:30-3:30 pm - Deliver orchids to POE site. Call if you need assistance - Naoko (917) 686-4514 or Ron (415) 706-1714
- February 18: 4:30-5:00 pm - Pick up orchids.

Welcome New MOS Members!



We were delighted to add 11 new members to Marin Orchid Society in 2023. We look forward to have them share their enthusiasm and joy for cultivating

orchids.

Jan and Fred Anderson
Josette Castagne-Kwok
Lee Greenlunds
Lisa Hempel
Will Henshaw
Karimah Karah
Silvia LeRoux
Linda Rubio
Tania Weiss
Lynne Young

Together we are stronger!!

[Editor's Note: I was impressed with the January Show & Tell of numerous orchids presented by Jan Anderson - obviously a seasoned grower! Below are photos of Jan in her Novato greenhouse. Terumi Leinow

Jan Anderson - Grower Extraordinaire!



35 years of growing orchids beginning with *cattleyas* (Rlc.Malworth above). Some orchids in her collection go back to the 80's.

Jan in her greenhouse equipped with fans, misters, overhead devices and more. A "Sensor Push Program" allows her to check and adjust temperature & humidity from anywhere. She and Fred (who specializes in *phragmipediums*) have lived in Marin for about 2.5 years

They lived for many years in both Orange County and Oregon. Many of the orchids in their Novato greenhouse were shipped from Orange County and Oregon greenhouses.

Six 275 gallon water tanks to collect rain water. Jan puts the water into a 40 gallon container into which she mixes fertilizers (different varieties). She handwaters her collection generally once a week - more often in the summer.

February Show & Tell

Show and Tell

Here are links to past few months of MOS Members Show & Tell. Send submission to marin.orchids@gmail.com Photos are from January meeting provided by Brian Beard.

2024

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



Beginning February 27 we are introducing MOS Member's Skill's session prior to the meeting. Alicia Taylor will be presenting "Building an Ikea Greenhouse for Orchids"/

We encourage MOS members to PLEASE share your expertise at future meeting. Please [sign up here](#) 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.

March Skill's Session: "Potting Neofinetia in Japanese Moss Mounds" by Julie Morelli.

Upcoming Orchids Shows



Santa Barbara 76th International Orchid Show
March 8-10, 2024
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Earl Warren Showcase
Santa Barbara, CA



Sacramento Orchid Society Orchid's Jubilee

April 12, 13, 14, 2024
Carmichael Elk's Lodge
5631 Cypress Avenue
Carmichael, CA



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 March 7, 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. Fred Clarke
March 26: In-Person and Virtual Meeting, Speaker, Tim Culbertson
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 Luncheon

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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