



# Marin Orchid Society

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Affiliate of the American Orchid Society



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

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## April President's Letter



Happy April MOS Friends

**Kol Shofar is not available for our April meeting. Fortunately, Terumi located another venue for April. We're also changing the venue of the speaker dinner. All of that is elsewhere in this issue of the Back Bulb. The new venue for the meeting and the dinner will also be in the reminder that comes out the weekend before the meeting. The venue for our subsequent meetings is still unknown - stay tuned.**

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I hope you're all enjoying the nice weather. Did you get to enjoy the eclipse (as minor as it was)? I was rather surprised to see how much interest there was. While I was out walking Kitsu, I saw 4 groups of people who'd gathered to view the eclipse. Also, there was a guy driving around the 5 communities here offering people special viewing glasses.

I have a number of things starting to bloom in my greenhouse including a very nice *Laelia* from the Orion Sylvester collection. The bad part is that a snail nibbled on the bud. The flower is still nice with a few ragged edges.

The wind played havoc in my greenhouse. Strong wind gusts knocked over one of the shelves at the back, scattered plants almost to the front door and broke a few things. I need to do a better job of securing the lower edge

of the greenhouse.

I'm accumulating more plants on my kitchen sink. It started with my vanilla when I moved it from the greenhouse to the sink. With both a south and west windows, warmer temperatures, and daily misting, it is thriving with a 7" stem and another new stem at the base of the plant. It will make a good addition to our Marin County Fair display.

Recent additions included more from the greenhouse, plants from the SCOS show totaling about 17 on the kitchen counter behind the sink.

During the March meeting I brought to Show & Tell a *dendrobium* from the greenhouse. then put it on my dining table to enjoy. Then I noticed a slime trail on my tablecloth so I will have to add snail deterrent to the plant before returning it to the greenhouse.

Thank you to everyone who purchased the Zygo plants from Tim Culbertson. The plants did not arrive in time for the March opportunity table. They were developing too fast to hold them until the April meeting. They're now in their new homes where I'm certain they will thrive.

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 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

**April 23 Speaker: Tanya Lam - Long Lasting and Frequently Blooming Orchid Species**



MOS looks forward to welcoming back, a most scintillating and informative speaker, Tanya Lam.

Her topic should be interesting to everyone. We are all trying to create collections with at least a few blossoms to enjoy, no matter the time of year. Many of us are also becoming interested in growing more of the many fascinating orchid species.

This lecture brings together both of these desires with a talk about long lasting and frequently blooming orchid species.

#### **Tanya Lam Biography:**

Tanya is an accomplished orchid grower and has spoken to many societies on various orchid topics. She lives in San Jose, California where she grows many orchid genera both outdoors and in greenhouses. Tanya is juggling every day to work full time, travels frequently for business, takes care of family, and tends to her orchid collections.

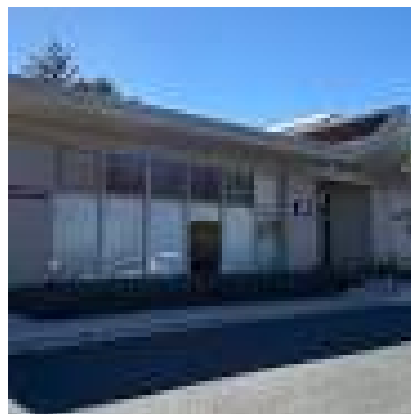
As Tanya has expanded her collections over the past 20 years, she has tried to have different orchids in bloom every day of the year. She does not want to miss seeing the blooms just because she is on business trips. After seeing plants grow in their habitats in Thailand, Brazil, Ecuador, Australia, and China, she realized that the geographical diversity of orchids would help her

achieve her goals. Tanya has now grown species from every continent and continues to search for long lasting and frequently blooming species to add to her collections.

For her presentation, she will share a list of recommended plants including photos and a brief overview of the growing conditions for each. This is a great opportunity to learn about some orchid species that will add diversity and flowers to your collection. Don't miss it!



**About the Meeting:**  
**April 23 - In Person & Zoom, 7:00 pm**  
**IMPORTANT NOTE: NEW LOCATION**  
**SUNRISE CENTER, 645 TAMALPAIS DRIVE, #A,**  
**CORTE MADERA**



Kol Shofar was not available due to Passover so our April meeting will be in Corte Madera at Sunrise Center, near the Town Center just 2 minutes from 101. Look for #A, 645 Tamalpais Drive (near West America Bank). There is parking in two lots in front of the venue, bank and street parking. Dinner with speaker will be at Tub Tim Thai restaurant, 510 Tamalpais Drive, Park Madera Center - 5:00 p.m. (Please let Ron know if you are interested in attending the dinner.)

Food can now be brought to Sunrise Center - and they have a nice selection of teas.

Time: April 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 April Zoom Meeting](#)

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Local Number

## AOS Corner April 2024



Upcoming AOS Webinar  
Viruses in Orchids, Symptom Spread and Sanitation  
John Hammond  
Wednesday, April 17, 5:30 pm  
Click here to register: [AOS Webinar](#)

### MONTHLY AOS ORCHID JUDGINGS NEAR YOU:

Pacific Central Judging Center hosts 2 monthly: The first Tuesday evening (4/2/24), during the regular SFOS monthly meeting at the Hall of Flowers, Golden Gate Park AND Filoli Historic House & Garden, 86 Canada Road, Woodside CA. **There will be NO judging at Filoli in April due to scheduling conflict.** Questions? Contact James Heilig, [heiligja@msu.edu](mailto:heiligja@msu.edu)

California Sierra Nevada Judging Center (CSNJC) hosts 2 monthly - **the first Wednesday evening (4/3/24 - 7:00 pm)** during the regular SCOS monthly meeting at Odd Fellows Hall, 1831 Howe Ave, Sacramento. **AND the third Sunday (4/21/24 - 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](mailto:lynne.murrell@outlook.com)

Enjoy the Spring shows and sales.

Lynne Murrell  
Your AOS Representative

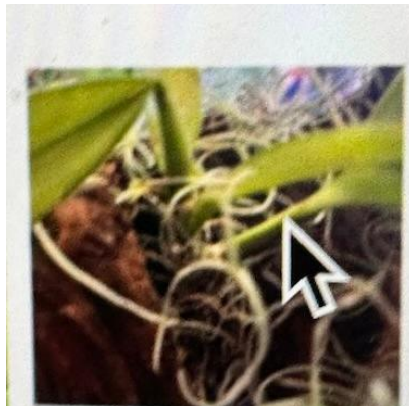
## Zygopetalums



We had a most enthusiastic March Speaker - Tim Culbertson who shared his immense knowledge and passion for *zygotals*. They cover over 400 species and can grow from sea level to 2500'. Many are fragrant and produce multiple flowers per inflorescence. Many members were fortunate to purchase a variety of *zygos* he had provided for the opportunity table (which did not arrive in time for the meeting). We look forward to their blooms. For those who wish to hear a recording of Tim's lecture, contact MOS to learn everything you need to know and more about this beautiful species.

Terumi Leinow, Back Bulb Editor

## Watering Mounted Orchids and other American Orchid Society gems



The Greenhouse chats by Ron McHatton and other AOS Webinars that Lynne refers to monthly in her column, offer a variety of valuable educational orchid insights. For instance, at the very bottom of this newsletter, click on the link that says AOS March/April check list if you want to know all about spring care for *Cattleya*, *Cymbidium*, *Dendrobium (Australian)*, *Lycaste*, *Miltoniopsis*, *Paphiopedilum*, *Phalaenopsis*, *Pleurothallids*

The April AOS magazine included an article about how to correctly water mounted orchids. It was an excerpt from a Q&A session during a Greenhouse chat.

Do mounted Orchids need to be watered daily? Should I cover the roots with Spanish moss or leave the roots open to the air? How often should mounted orchids be fertilized?

ANSWER: Mounted orchids need to be watered just as you would those in pots – just as the roots dry out. What is different is the frequency. If there is no medium about the roots, the roots will dry, depending on the climate, every day or two, if not more frequently. Humidity alone is not enough moisture, even in areas of very high humidity. If you think about it, it still rains (and in some places quite often) in the tropics. This means that mounted orchids should be misted every day or two, and take your cue from the state of the root mass. This is especially important for newly mounted plants, especially if they have been previously potted. In this case much of the existing root mass may die so high humidity and frequent misting may be required. This is when many growers find the addition of things like Spanish moss loosely over the roots and around the base of the plant to be of benefit in helping to hold a bit of moisture.

One word of caution, however. Rarely does the addition of a pad of sphagnum moss *under* the roots of a mounted plant improve rooting or moisture retention. You want the new roots of the mounted plant to attach to the mount and a pad of moss between the mount and the plant can prevent rapid attachment. Placing a mound of sphagnum moss *over* the roots will be much more beneficial toward increasing root zone moisture while allowing for rapid attachment.

Concerning fertilizing, the same guidelines apply for mounted plants that apply to plants in pots. Many growers add a small amount of fertilizer to their water supply (50ppm nitrogen perhaps) and fertilize at every watering while others use higher concentrations and apply less often. Just remember that the buildup of fertilizer and hard water salts on mounts will be much faster than in pots so it is critically important to flush mounted plants with straight water regularly.

Excerpted from AOS Magazine, April issue

## April Show & Tell

### Show and Tell

[April Show & Tell](#) are links to past few months of MOS Members Show & Tell. Send submissions to [marin.orchids@gmail.com](mailto:marin.orchids@gmail.com)  
Photos are from March meeting.

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[January Show & Tell](#)

[February Show & Tell](#)

[March Show & Tell](#)

[MOS at POE 2024](#)

[April Show & Tell](#)



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**MOS Members - time to share  
Julie Morelli Shines at March Meeting!**





In February, we introduced MOS Member's Skill's session prior to the meeting. Alicia Taylor presented on "Building an Ikea Greenhouse for Orchids". On March 26 Julie Morelli shared "Potting Neofinetia in Japanese Moss Mounds". She made the task look so easy. A Video of the Skills Session for those who would like to follow along and dress their neofinetia in this elegant fashion is available to MOS members.

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.

## Upcoming Orchids Shows

# Showers of Flowers

## Orchid Show & Sale

**Saturday, April 27: 10 AM - 5 PM**

**Sunday, April 28: 10 AM - 4PM**

**Free Admission**

**San Mateo Garden Center  
605 Parkside Way  
San Mateo, CA**

**Vendors and  
Member  
Sales!**



**Hosted by the Peninsula Orchid Society  
and Gold Coast Cymbidium Society**



**Sacramento Orchid Society Orchid's Jubilee**  
**April 12, 13, 14, 2024**  
**Carmichael Elk's Lodge**  
**5631 Cypress Avenue**  
**Carmichael, CA**



**California Orchids Sale**  
**Saturday, April 13, 9 am - 4 pm**  
 Plants from Mary Nisbet's personal collection  
 Our of flower Orchids, Seedlings, large Bromeliads, Tollandias and  
 Bird's Nest Ferns Everything 20% off  
 515 Aspen Road, Bolinas, CA  
 Contact: 415 713 0203

# 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](http://brookside-orchids.com) 650 854 3711

Golden Gate Orchids, 225 Velasco  
Ave., San Francisco, CA  
[tmperlite@gmail.com](mailto:tmperlite@gmail.com) 415 467 3737

Shelldance Orchid Gardens, 2000  
Hwy 1, Pacifica, CA  
[shelldance.com](http://shelldance.com) 650 355 4845



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D&D Flowers, 169 First Ave., Daly  
City, CA  
[d.olivas@comcast.net](mailto:d.olivas@comcast.net) 925 969 1246

Gold Country Orchids, 390 Big Ben  
Rd, Lincoln, CA  
[gcorchids@aol.com](mailto:gcorchids@aol.com) 916 645 8600

Paph Paradise, 390 Big Ben Rd.,



## 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 May 2, 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](mailto: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](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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## 2024 Marin Orchid Society Calendar

April 23: In-Person and Virtual Meeting, Tanya Lam  
May 28: In-Person and Virtual Meeting, Carol Klonowski  
June 25: In-Person and Virtual Meeting, Dave Sorokowski  
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

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## 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](#)

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