



Marin Orchid Society

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Affiliate of the American Orchid Society



MOS January 28, 2025- Virtual Meeting
7:00 p.m.

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January President's Letter



Happy New Year, MOS Friends,

I wish you all a grand 2025

This is the last year of the first quarter of the 21st Century. How many of you remember the Y2K panic as we headed into 2000 twenty-five years ago. Consider all that's happened so far this century. - buckle up, things are just going to keep speeding\ up.

Before my ramblings, I want to cover appreciation awards presented at the holiday luncheon.

Cathy Thompson received an award to recognize all the work she does for our auctions. Cathy is visiting businesses and writing letters soliciting for donations months before the auction. We had 15 different donors. Before the Auction, she sets up and monitors the silent auction tables - some items in there are her own donations.

The other award went to Naoko Nojir. In January, we received a notification that we were out of compliance with the state Charitable Organizations agency. This could have affected our 501c3 standing. We had to provide 5 years of financial information plus pay the outstanding fees. This issue also

prevented us from soliciting for donations until May. Naoko guided us through this and we are now in good standing.

Thank you, Naoko and Cathy, for your outstanding work.

Many other volunteers also make MOS work. Thank you to Lynne and Susan for setting up our POE and Marin County Fair exhibits, Brian for his photos of events and help at the auctions, Alicia for her work advertising our events and also helping at the auctions, all the people who bring plants to our displays including Paul and Phyllis, Tom, Carolyn and many others who help us be successful. Terumi for producing the Back Bulb. We have an exceptional number of people who help out throughout the year. With a membership of about 60 we have about 25% who regularly volunteer in some capacity. Most organizations are lucky to hit 10%. So, thank you to everyone who helps to make us successful.

OK, now on to the ramblings.

Between 26 November and 27th December, I was in SoCal 3 times for a total of 12 days. November - Thanksgiving Dinner with ten people and four dogs. Great food. Back on the 15th to see Levi perform as drummer for his music school's show. December 22 for Christmas. Christmas Eve dinner (the traditional Chinese food) and then Christmas Day brunch.

To add to year end maelstrom Debra and I did set up for not only MOS Holiday Luncheon on the 8th but also on the 14th for our Association Luncheon for 88 people. with its many challenges. Still, it was a very successful dinner.

Thank you all who attended our Holiday Luncheon. We had a nice turnout, good food, company and conversation. I hope that all of you who were there enjoyed yourselves.

Greenhouse: I have not had much time to spend in the greenhouse with all the traveling and everything else. Most everything is doing well. My vanilla suffered because of the cold and will be moved into the warmer kitchen . The *zygopetalum* I got several months ago is still blooming perhaps its third flowering. There's also a *dendrobium* with buds just starting to develop. One of the more spectacular things was the blooming of one of my rhipsalis. These flower off of the "leaves/stems" and this particular one did about 40 flowers in one group.

Outside:

Recent high winds created many issues. Most of the standing plants were blown over with a couple tossed several feet from their starting places. A corkscrew willow next to my greenhouse and carport. drops leaves and branches continuously making a mess. The winds stripped all the leaves and smaller twigs from the tree and dumped the litter on top of the greenhouse, carport and patio.

We are working on some changes to the 2025 auction. Something to increase attendance and maybe make the whole auction thing an even better experience. Watch for further updates.

The January meeting will be Zoom only. Mt. Baker is hosting the speaker for the month. With that, and the very weird weather that's running around right now, we decided that everyone would probably enjoy sitting 'round their computers in their comfy jammies whilst sipping wine or other concoction. I favor a margarita or maybe the July party concoction I started (Cherry Bounce ... kind of like mulled brandy with cherries ... if anyone wants the recipe, write me).

Please do plan to attend the January meeting. David Edgely is quite enthusiastic about the speaker, Harvey Brenneise.

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.

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

Ron

About the January 28, 2025 Zoom meeting

Marin Orchid Society and Mt. Baker Orchid Society Zoom meeting only:

Time: January 28 - 7:00 pm. 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: [Januaryr Zoom meeting](#)

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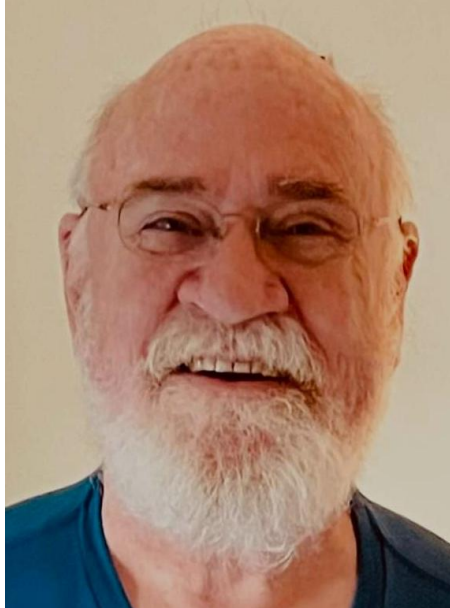
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Meeting ID: 821 5873 3163

January Speaker: Harvey Brenneise
Throw Out the Bark and Never Repot Again



BIOGRAPHY:

Harvey is a retired professional librarian, including at UC California Botanical Garden, Claremont, CA. He has over 60 years experience growing orchids in Michigan, the Pacific NW, Nebraska, Mississippi and Southern & Northern California. He has grown them outside, in greenhouses and under lights, and has won over 10 AOS quality awards.

PROGRAM:

The presentation is entitled "Throw out the bark for the last time and never repot again: several inorganic options." This includes use of various media, containers and methods (including semi-hydroponic) based on his recent experiments and experiences.

AOS Corner January 2025



It was interesting to make my fingers type "2025" for the first time. This led me to reflect on the year behind us, and the wonderful Orchid experiences, friendships, and discoveries which filled my days with pleasure. I hope each of you has similarly positive memories, as we look forward to new Orchids

and interesting speakers at MOS.

KUDOS!! Paul and Phyllis Chim have been recognized for the second year in a row, for an AOS Annual National Award. SURPRISE: it's not a Cymbidium! Paul and Phyllis are excellent growers of many different Orchid genera.

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 2023 awards were recently announced, and the winner of the prestigious **Milton Carpenter Award** for the best example of an intergeneric hybrid in the Oncidiinae Alliance went to Paul and Phyllis Chim's *Otostele* Summit 'Phyllis' AM/AOS. When it was entered for judging in March at CSNJC, it had 25 flowers and 23 buds on 2 inflorescences, and it was truly stunning.

AOS Free Webinars

On-line video presentations, have resumed in January, plus there are hundreds of saved webinars you can view at your leisure on the AOS website. Here is what is coming up; note that the times below are EASTERN Time (the red dot indicates that Webinar is for AOS Members only). You need to go to the AOS website to register, so they can send you the Webinar LINK:



Greenhouse Chat February 2025

Ron McHatton



Wednesday, February 5th, 2025
8:30 PM EST EST

Orchid Q&A. Find answers to questions you did not even know you had.

REGISTER NOW

LEARN MORE



Inorganic Potting Media: Never Repot Again with Harvey Brenneise, Part 2

Harvey Brenneise



Wednesday, February 12th, 2025
8:30 PM EST EST

Harvey reviews the various inorganic media with a focus on semi-hydroponic orchid growing. Second of a two-part series.

Local AOS Judgings:

Pacific Central Judging Center: **Tuesday February 4, 7pm** during the SFOS meeting at the Hall of Flowers in Golden Gate Park; AND **Saturday January 18, 10:00am** at Filoli Historic House & Garden, 85 Canada Rd, Woodside.

California Sierra Nevada Judging Center: **Wednesday February 5, 6:30pm** during the Sacramento Orchid Society meeting, at Odd Fellows Hall, 1831 Howe Ave, Sacramento. AND on **Sunday January 19, judging begins one**

half hour later: plant entry at 9:30am at Dueling Dogs Brewing Company,
3030 Barret Park Lane, Lincoln, CA

The upcoming **2025 SCOS Show and Sale, "Orchids in Wine Country,"** March 29 and 30 is a great opportunity for you to see blooming orchids and to purchase new ones from our excellent vendors, and from the Member Plant Sales area. AOS judging will take place Saturday morning immediately following Ribbon Judging (8am); this year the California Sierra Nevada Judging Center looks forward to spearheading the judging process.

Happy New Year and Happy Orchid Growing to all!

Lynne Murrell

Your AOS Representative

Pacific Orchid Exhibition 2025

February 28 - March 2, 2025 San Francisco



POE is coming in late 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 "Orchids in the Clouds". Naoko is making a design for the exhibit. We will be looking for a couple of volunteers to help with the set-up and tear-down of the exhibit. Details on other volunteer needs, how to prepare your orchids for POE will be featured in the February Back Bulb.

MOS Holiday Luncheon

December 2025



MOS enjoyed a Holiday Luncheon at Marin Joe's in San Rafael.



As always, 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.



We were happy to see both longtime members and several of our newest ones. Thank you to Brian Beard for photographs. To view more photos, click the following link: [Holiday Luncheon photo album](#)



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

2025

[January Show & Tell](#)

2024

[January Show & Tell](#)

[February Show & Tell](#)

[March Show & Tell](#)

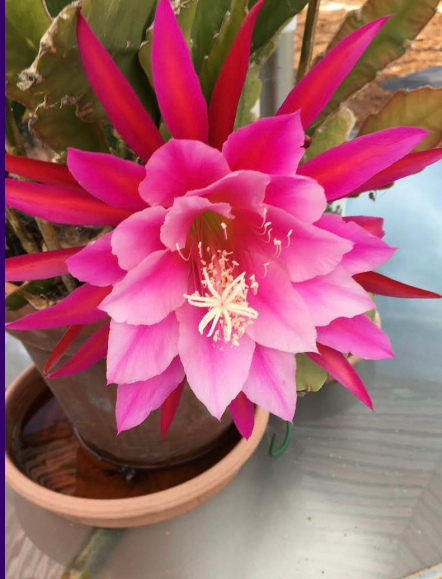
[2024 POE](#)

[April Show & Tell](#)

[May Show & Tell](#)

[June Show & Tell](#)

[July Show & Tell](#)

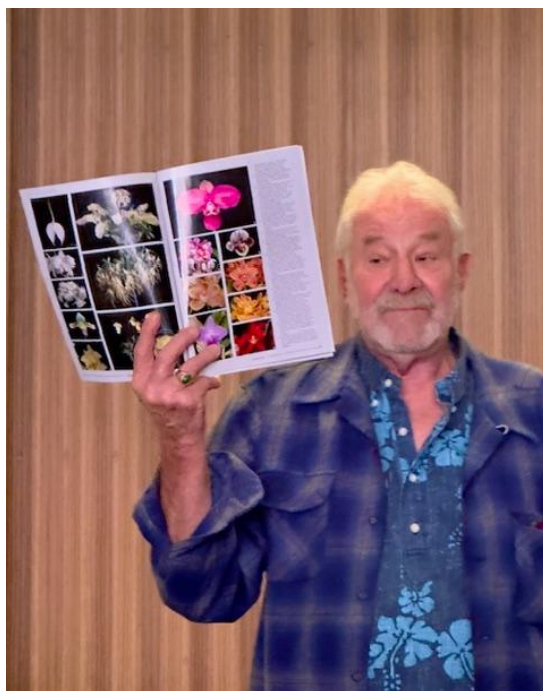


September Show & Tell
October Show & Tell
2024 Auction
December Holiday
Luncheon



Awards! Awards! Awards!

Paul & Phyllis Chim, Lynne Murrell, Tom Pickford



Our very own Lynne Murrell is not only an AOS Judge and orchid grower extraordinaire but has become an exceptional orchid photographer. At the Holiday luncheon, Tom held up the December 2024 AOS magazine that featured six photographs of award winning orchids taken by Lynne.

As Lynne noted in her AOS Corner, Paul and Phyllis Chim have been recognized for a second year in a row for the AOS Annual National Award for Otostele Summit 'Phyllis' AM/AOS. Lynne as photographer of this orchid also

received a National Award. She also photographed Tom Pickford's *Angraecum arachnoides* 'Evan Sjoively' awarded CCE/AOS 94 points,

Congratulations indeed to Paul and Phyllis Chim, Lynne Murrell and Tom Pickford.



MOS has an Instagram Account!

MOS has an Instagram! You are welcome to submit pictures of your plants to go on the account to marin.orchids@gmail.com. Check us out: [MOS Instagram account](#)
Users can sign in with their Facebook account.

MOS Treasurer Position in 2026

Our beloved Treasurer, Naoko Nojiri will be resigning at the end of 2025. She has been invaluable not only in her Treasurer duties but also with her creative input in POE and Marin County Fair exhibits. Please let MOS know if you might be interested in offering your skills. You will have a whole year to be trained by Naoko in the following duties:



- Tax filing for federal and state
- Keeping up orchid societies membership and insurance
- Receiving payments, and making payments for our sales including auction.
- Upkeeping/reconciling bank statements
- Upkeepng roster and group email list (relate to membership renewal status.

Santa Barbara International Orchid Show
March 7-9, 2025



Sonoma County Orchid Society, Orchids in the Wine Country, March 29-30, 2025



RENEW YOUR 2025 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 2025. 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, Back Bulb Editor - Terumi Leinow. You may reach the MOS Board by calling: 415-895-0667.

Next Board meeting is February 6, 2025 - 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.



2025 Marin Orchid Society Calendar

January 28: Virtual Meeting, Speaker Harvey Brenneise

February 25: In-Person & Virtual Meeting, Speaker TBD

March 25: In-Person and Virtual Meeting, Speaker TBD

April 29: In-Person and Virtual Meeting, Eron Borne, Phragmepediums

May 27: In-Person and Virtual Meeting, Speaker TBD

June 24: In-Person and Virtual Meeting, Speaker, TBD

July 22: In-Person and Virtual Meeting, Speaker, TBD

August 26: No regular meeting - Summer Get-Together

September 23: In-Person and Virtual Meeting, Speaker, TBD

October 28: In-Person and Virtual Meeting

November 25: 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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