



# Marin Orchid Society

Non-profit 501(c)3 Corporation  
Affiliate of the American Orchid Society



MOS February 25, 2025 - In Person and Zoom  
Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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## February President's Letter



Greetings fellow Orchidholics

It's already February. With all the weather the past couple of days, we're probably all looking forward to summer. Coming soon enough.

I have nothing going on now so, no ramblings (did I just hear a load YAAAYYYY!?).

### Let's talk about POE!

The Pacific Orchid Expo is just a couple of weeks away at the very end of this month.

This year's theme is **"Orchids in the Clouds"**, and as always, the Marin Orchid Society is putting together a stunning display. Naoko has a fantastic plan, and with your beautiful plants, we're sure to have another winning exhibit!

Now is your chance to showcase the orchids you've worked so hard to nurture. If you'd like to have them included in our exhibit, please bring them to the **POE setup on Wednesday, February 26th**. We'll be there earlier to assemble everything, but please drop off your plants between **2 and 4 PM (no later than 4, please)**. As you might guess from this year's theme, we have space for both hanging and mounted orchids.

The POE is at the **Hall of Flowers** (also known as the **San Francisco County Fair Building**) at 9<sup>th</sup> and Lincoln Way.

Beyond our exhibit, POE offers a fantastic experience—stunning displays, great plant sales from vendors and members, and engaging presentations. So, make a day of it! Join us at **San Francisco's Golden Gate Park from February 28th to March 2nd**, enjoy the orchids, pick up some new plants, and maybe take a relaxing stroll through the Arboretum or Conservatory. Plus, there's a bunch of great restaurants in the area.

I'm looking forward to seeing you and your orchids there!

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. 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

## About the February 25, 2025 meeting

**Congregation Kol Shofar, 215 Blackfield Drive, Tiburon, CA**

Time: February Meeting - 7:00 pm. 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: [February Zoom meeting](#)

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Meeting ID: 821 5873 3163

Local Number

## February Speaker: Mystery Guest Speaker

We have a **mystery guest speaker**—but the only way to uncover their identity is to **be there in person**. We don't think you'll be disappointed. Here's what we can tell you: Our speaker is a well-known orchid grower with a successful business and a greenhouse at the **south end of San Francisco**. You've probably seen their booth at **POE and Orchids in the Park**. Oh, and a little slip—our guest is a **she**.

As for the topic? We're keeping that under wraps too, but let's just say it covers a **fascinating genus** that's sure to pique your interest. She'll also be bringing plants for sale and an **opportunity table**, so come ready to add to your collection.

Join us for an evening of orchid surprises—we look forward to seeing you there!

## AOS Corner February 2025



**Valentines Day** is just around the corner, and that is the date when we can start lightly watering our Orchids which needed a winter rest. The days are lengthening, and new roots and new growths are popping up everywhere. Spring can't be far off!

Coming Up: the AOS Meeting of the members will be held in Annapolis, MD. April 9-12. This is being held in conjunction with the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center and the North American Orchid Conservation Center, and there will be featured speakers from there and from Longwood Gardens. Also excellent vendors, and bench Orchid judging as well. On-line registration is available.

Exciting Add-on Opportunity: A bus trip to Washington, D.C. with private tours of the Smithsonian Gardens and the U.S. Botanical Gardens

# Join Us in Annapolis! Registration Will Open Soon

Make plans to join us this Spring. April 9th through the 12th

Plant Sales, AOS Judging, Expert Speakers, Live Auction, Hands-On Workshops, Town Hall, Tours and more!

In Conjunction with the North America Orchid Conservation Center (NAOCC) - a program of the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center (SERC)



**Pacific Central Judging Center:** **Saturday February 15, 10:00am** at Filoli Historic House & Garden, 85 Canada Rd, Woodside. **AND Tuesday March 4, 7pm** during the SFOS meeting at the Hall of Flowers in Golden Gate Park.  
**California Sierra Nevada Judging Center:** **Sunday February 16, begins one half hour later: plant entry at 9:30am** at Dueling Dogs Brewing Company, 3030 Barret Park Lane, Lincoln, CA, **AND Wednesday March 5, 6:30pm** during the Sacramento Orchid Society meeting, at Odd Fellows Hall, 1831 Howe Ave, Sacramento.

## Upcoming AOS Webinars (Note: times shown below are EASTERN Standard Time

Webinars - Coming Attractions!				
REGISTRATION IS EASY <a href="http://www.aos.org/webinars">www.aos.org/webinars</a> Cannot make it on the scheduled date and time? No need to worry. Register now and view on your time schedule. Send Your Greenhouse Chat Questions and Photos to: <a href="mailto:greenhousechat@aos.org">greenhousechat@aos.org</a> Greenhouse Chat webinars are recorded and summarized by topic for future viewing.				
When	Feb. 05, 2025 Wednesday 8:30 pm EST	Feb. 12, 2025 Wednesday 8:30 pm EST	March 05, 2025 Wednesday 8:30 pm EST	April 03, 2025 Thursday 8:30 pm EDT
Topic	Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q & A Send in your Photos and Questions by Feb. 02	Inorganic Potting Media, Never Repot Again Part 2 Inorganic Potting Media	Why Won't It Bloom? Explore Common and Other Reasons Your Orchid Falls to Bloom	Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q & A Send in your Photos and Questions by March 31
Presenter	Ron McHatton AOS Chief Education and Science Officer	Harvey Brenneise Long time orchid grower across multiple states and in different environments.	Ron McHatton AOS Chief Education and Science Officer	Ron McHatton AOS Chief Education and Science Officer
 Webinar announcements are posted to Facebook, Instagram and in the AOS Corner of your Affiliated Society's newsletter. <div>Use the WEBINAR Display Filter</div>				

Happy Orchid Growing to All!  
Lynne Murrell  
AOS Representative

**Pacific Orchid Exhibition 2025**  
**February 28 - March 2, 2025 San Francisco**



72nd  
Annual

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

Save the Date:  
Feb 28 - Mar 2, 2025



[www.orchidsanfrancisco.org](http://www.orchidsanfrancisco.org)

Orchids  
In the  
Clouds



POE is coming soon. See Presidents letter above for drop off and pick up times He will send a detailed letter with how to prep your plants.

## 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](mailto:marin.orchids@gmail.com)

2025

[January Show & Tell](#)

[February 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](#)



## 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](mailto:marin.orchids@gmail.com). Check us out: [MOS Instagram account](#)  
User's 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



## Santa Barbara International Orchid Show March 7-9, 2025



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



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### 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.

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**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

For supplies: Flori-Culture Orchid  
Supplies, 7621 Fair Oaks Blvd.,  
Carmichael  
[flori-culture](http://flori-culture.com) 916 333 4885



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.,  
Lincoln, CA  
[paphparadise.com](http://paphparadise.com) 209 727 5265



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## 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 March 6, 2025 - Virtual Zoom meeting, 7:00 pm. Members are welcome to attend with advance notice. Contact Ron for details.

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## 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).



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## 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](https://www.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.



## 2025 Marin Orchid Society Calendar

February 25: In-Person & Virtual Meeting, Speaker Chris Mendes

March 25: In-Person and Virtual Meeting, Speaker Lynne Murrell

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

May 27: In-Person and Virtual Meeting, Speaker Carol Klonowski

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](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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