



# Marin Orchid Society

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Affiliate of the American Orchid Society



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

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## March President's Letter



Greetings fellow Orchidholics

Time is really flying. We're into March already.

My green house is doing well despite the cover already deteriorating after only 18 months - about 2 square feet of the cover have lost the plastic between the reinforcing webbing.

Despite that I have a couple of *dendrobiums* blooming and a number of spiking *oncidiums*. . Other plants are coming to life. The *vandas* and *rhipsalis* are also doing REALLY well. The biggest one looks like a huge fuzzy ball covered with

white flowers. The staghorn in the corner has now taken over the corner and it's too heavy to hang on my greenhouse frame.

We did very well at POE. The exhibit was lovely with 58 plants from 7 contributors. Besides the plant awards, which are elsewhere in this publication, we won the AOS award for best display, the Orchid Digest award, and best display by visiting society, 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Thank you to everyone who contributed plants (Lynne, Susan, Paul, Maria, Cathy, Tom) and time to set up and take down the exhibit (Maria, Brian, Debra, Kristen, Lynne, Susan, Rosemary). We have photos elsewhere in this publication and Julie will construct a video for later.

Now I'm going to get serious.

You already know that Naoko is retiring as our Treasurer. We seek a volunteer to take over the position. We have had no response. Here's the hard part. Marin Orchid Society is a 501(c)3 organization. We enjoy a special tax status and we can solicit for donations for fundraising (and provide a tax benefit for those who contribute).

Along with that status we are subject to certain regulations. One of those is that we must have a Board of Directors. That Board has three critical components: President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The other members of the Board are important to the operation of the Society but the three I mentioned are absolutely necessary and legally, we cannot operate without those three positions being filled.

Unless we have a person willing to become the new Treasurer, we run the very real possibility that Marin Orchid Society cannot legally continue to operate next year.

The position is not demanding but does require attention to detail. Some basic accounting skills are necessary. Naoko will provide what's necessary to fulfill the needs of the position. If you're interested, please contact us through the MOS email.

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.

And, 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

## About the March 25, 2025 meeting

Congregation Kol Shofar, 215 Blackfield Drive, Tiburon, CA

Time: March 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: [March Zoom meeting](#)

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Meeting ID: 821 5873 3163

Local Number

## March Speaker: Lynne Murrell

### How to take Amazing Orchid Photographs



I have been involved with plants and gardening my whole life, but my love of Orchids began with a single Phal, probably a gift from someone, around 1990. One thing led to another...we all know how that goes. I moved my struggling garage-collection into a small greenhouse at California Orchids in Bolinas about 10 years ago, and was delighted when everything began to thrive. So I up-sized to a spacious, heated greenhouse, and expanded my collection to include Orchids from nearly every continent,

Since most of my family and many friends are scattered around the country, and they were all curious about this Orchid thing in my life, I began taking photos of my favorites and making them into Orchid gift Cards about 20 years ago. As this was before digital photography, the photos were variable in quality, but my family oohed-and-aahed nevertheless. Fast forward to today, when digital cameras have revolutionized photography for us all, and the quality of photos from our I-Phones is nothing short of astounding.

I continue to use my husband's Nikon D750 camera, with a macro lens and studio lights, to capture high-quality images of my Orchids. They can then be improved using LightRoom and PhotoShop tools on our computer. I will demonstrate my whole photography set-up, and take photos during the meeting, and **I invite everyone to bring an Orchid which you would like to have photographed.** You can take a photo with your phone, and I'll photograph it with my camera on a tripod, and we'll compare. When I return home, I will upload my photos of your Beauties, and print them for you, and I'll bring them to the April meeting.

You will be watching the demonstration on the big screen during the meeting. Using a tethering cable to hook the camera to my laptop, and then (hopefully) connecting to ZOOM and Share Screen, you will be able to see a full screen-sized image as we go along. We will talk about lighting, shutter

speed, focusing...and I will try to answer your questions.

I look forward to seeing you and photographing your Orchids on March 25 at Kol Shofar.

## AOS Corner March 2025

Spring Orchid Shows abound! These are ideal opportunities to add to your collections, to talk with the various growers about culture of your Orchids, meet other like-minded Orchid enthusiasts.

Pacific Orchid Expo in San Francisco wrapped up on Sunday 3/2... and Marin's stunning display, thanks to Naoko, Ron, Brian and Debra (our designers and builders), won several notable awards, as did a number of our members' beautiful plants, contributed by Susan, Tom, Lynne, Paul & Phyllis, Ron, and Maria:



**MOS' display** won the American Orchid Society Display Trophy.

AND the Orchid Digest Display Trophy.

MOS' display also won 2nd place for the best display in the show, which means a nice rosette on the display, and a cash prize.

### Individual plants awarded:

Tom Pickford's *Laelia Canariensis* won Best *Cattleya* in the Show. He got a beautiful rosette and a trophy.

Tom Pickford's *Cymbidium erythraeum* won Best Species in the Show. Another beautiful rosette and a trophy.

Lynne's *Aliceara Wine Spots 'Big Fella'* won best *Oncidium* by an Advanced grower.

Lynne's *Phalaenopsis Lianher Coral* won best *Phalaenopsis* by an Advanced Grower.

Lynne's *Dendrobium Mini Snowflake* won best *Dendrobium* by an Advanced Grower.



Probably 2/3 of the plants on our display had a ribbon: Blue, Red or White, for the various categories in which they were qualified and entered.

Thank you and Congratulations to all, for another beautiful team effort!

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




Pacific Central Judging Center: **Saturday March 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 March 16, plant entry at 9:30am** at Dueling Dogs Brewing Company, 3030 Barret Park Lane, Lincoln, CA, AND **Wednesday April 2, 8:30pm** 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)




**Why Won't It Bloom?**  
Ron McHatton

 Wednesday, March 5th, 2025  
8:30 PM – 9:30 PM EST

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



**Greenhouse Chat April 2025**  
Ron McHatton

 Thursday, April 3rd, 2025  
8:30 PM – 9:30 PM EST

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

## Marin Orchid Society

### Outstanding Achievements - Pacific Orchid Exhibition San Francisco



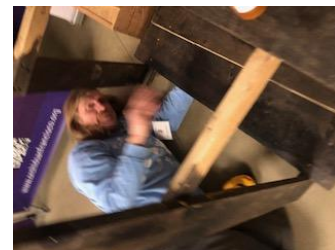
Marin Orchid Society did it again. As noted in Lynne's AOS report above, MOS and members won numerous awards. Two thirds of the plants on our display had a blue, red or white ribbon for the various categories. [Click here: POE 2025 Photo Album](#) to view a variety of photographs of Marin Orchid Society's fabulous exhibit. Attend the April meeting where Julie Morelli will present a slide show.



Thsnk you o Susan for her creative arrangement of 58 orchids contributed by Paul, Lynne, Susan, Tom, Cathy, Maria



Thank you to our ever creative Naoko for designing the display, with assistance from Debra and Kristen.



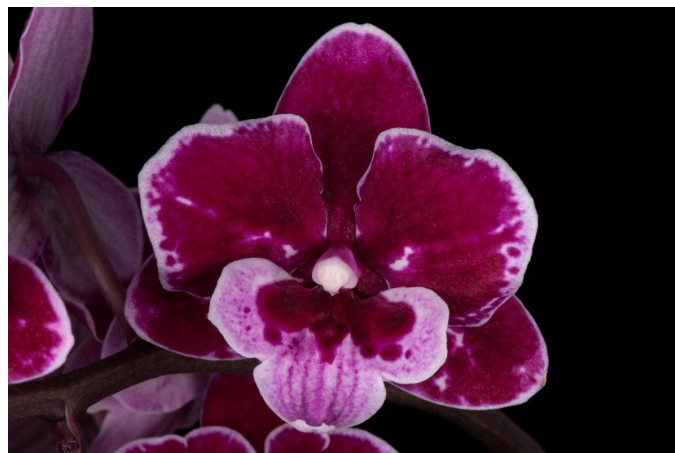
Thsnk you to the hardworking building crew of Brian and Ron. And members who assisted with dressing plants, set up and take down: Maria, Brian, Ron Debra, Kristin, Rosemary, Lynne, Susan.



Special Congratulations: Tom Pickford's *Laelia Canariensis* won Best Cattleya in the Show. *Cymbidium erythraeum* for Best Species in the Show.

Lynne's *Aliceara Wine Spots 'Big Fella'* won best Oncidium by an

Advanced grower. *Phalaenopsis Lianher Coral* won best *Phalaenopsis* by an Advanced Grower. *Dendrobium Mini Snowflake* for best *Dendrobium* by an Advanced Grower. See photos below starting with Tom's.







## March 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](#)

[March Show & Tell](#)

[POE 2025 Album](#)

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](#)

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## 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 membership renewal status.

**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 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

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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 April 3, 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



## 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](#)



## 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



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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