



Marin Orchid Society

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Affiliate of the American Orchid Society



MOS April 22, 2025 - In Person and Zoom Meeting
7:00 p.m.

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April President's Letter



Greetings fellow Orchidholics

If April brings showers, what does May bring?
Pilgrims (April showers bring Mayflowers).

I hope you're all enjoying this changeable weather. My greenhouse is working its way to full blossom (hope some of the plants will be in good shape for the Marin County Fair). Several *Dendrobiums* are currently in bloom with assorted *Oncidiums*, *Zygopetalum*, and even a *Vanda* (first I've ever bloomed) all putting up spikes. A total of 11 plants are in some stage of flowering. The greenhouse has quite a pleasant aroma.

I am missing my greenhouse frog. Last time I heard him was several weeks ago and since that day, nothing. He kept the bug population down. Maybe he did too good of a job and had to leave for a more bountiful hunting ground.

The cover is deteriorating and out of warranty although the manufacturer will give me a good deal on a replacement greenhouse. My greenhouse is 8x10 - a size that is out of fashion now so the new in-fashion size of 10x10 will require that I take up 20 more square feet of my yard. A bit more space inside would be welcome.

We have several very good speakers and topics lined up for the remainder of the year. Mt. Baker is supplying several via Zoom. We will also have an in-person meeting on those nights and opportunity table as well. If you cannot come in person to the meeting, I encourage you to take advantage of watching the presentations from the comfort of your homes.

The Marin County Fair is coming up July 2-6. It's only 3 months away. The Fair theme this year is "bugs". If anyone has some model bugs, flies, bees, beetles, please let me know. We could use some themed decorative objects. Please consider monitoring your plants so that they are healthy and spikes are suitably staked for display. More information will follow.

We are also planning our annual BBQ get-together. That's even farther away but this year we are planning to merge this with our annual auction. The idea is that we may be able to encourage more people (read: bidders) to attend if the event is held in a pleasant outdoor setting, on a warm summer afternoon ... possibly with copious amounts of wine and margaritas. More information to follow.

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.

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

Ron

About the April 22, 2025 meeting

Congregation Kol Shofar, 215 Blackfield Drive, Tiburon, CA

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

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Meeting ID: 821 5873 3163

Local Number

April Speaker: Eron Borne Growing *Phragmipediums* - (The Speaker will be on Zoom)



Phragmipedium Program:

This program focuses on growing *Phragmipediums* by Eron Borne of the Central Louisiana Orchid Society. One of Eron's specialties and the genera he is most passionate about are the *Phragmipediums*, which he has been growing in Louisiana for the past 15 years and has even done his own hybridizing with them. He currently has about 150+ *Phragmipediums* in his collection, successfully growing most of the species here in the deep south. This presentation walks you through an overview of the prominent species in our hybrids, modern hybrids popular today, and how he grows them under the most challenging of conditions, touching on all aspects of culture. Before growing his *Phragmipediums* in a greenhouse, he grew them under lights and on a windowsill. He has received numerous AOS awards on his *Phragmipediums* to date. Eron has also won show trophies for Best Grown Plant and Best Flower in the Cypripedium Alliance with his *Phragmipediums*.

Eron is the immediate past President and current board member for the CLOS, plus serves on the AOS and SWROGA Education Committees. He is also currently an AOS Trustee and AOS Accredited judge with the Louisiana Judging Center in Alexandria. Eron has traveled and seen orchids in-situ in Colombia, Ecuador, the Caribbean, Costa Rica, El Salvador, and Panama, as well as imported plants from Ecuador, Colombia, Peru, Africa, Canada, Germany, and Asia. In addition to *Phragmipediums*, he has a large number of *Cattleyas* and *Vandas*, and is growing over 60 different genera in the same greenhouse, including *Masdevallia*, *Dracula*, *Miltoniopsis*, *Restrepia*, *Zygopetalum*, *C. coccinea* and many other intermediate to cooler growing orchids. Eron has also received numerous AOS awards on many different

genera. He currently lives in Harrisonburg along with his wife Anna, and his twin daughters Elizabeth and Julia.

AOS Corner April 2025

The Bay Area Spring Orchid Shows have been stunning, and there is one left for you to visit. These spring shows are ideal opportunities to add to your collections, to talk with the various growers about culture of your Orchids, and to meet other like-minded Orchid enthusiasts, and to purchase Orchid supplies. Last chance:

Napa Valley Orchid Society Show and Sale, May 3-4 FREE entry!

If you are a member of the American Orchid Society (if you are NOT you should be, to support our national Orchid community), you will have seen in the April issue the 2023 National awards, when Paul and Phyllis won the Milton Carpenter Award for the best intergeneric Oncidiinae of the year. Paul and Phyllis will be honored at the AOS Spring Members' Meeting in Annapolis this month.

The Milton Carpenter Intergeneric Oncidiinae Award is presented to the grower of the orchid plant regarded as the most outstanding example of intergeneric hybridizing within the Oncidiinae: *Otostele Summit 'Phyllis'* AM/AOS, March 1, 2023, California-Sierra Nevada Center Monthly Judging, exhibited by Paul and Phyllis Chim and photographed by Lynne Murrell. Paul relates that this plant was given to him by Bob Hamilton. "Bob grows his orchids in Pacifica, California where cool grown orchids are doing well.... This plant was in my greenhouse in San Leandro, California, 25 miles (40 km) from Pacifica. I treated the plant the same as cymbidiums." He waters thoroughly and fertilizes weakly (30-10-10), weekly. *Catchy phrase!*



LOCAL AOS JUDGING:

Pacific Central Judging Center: **Saturday April 19, 10:00am** at Filoli Historic House & Garden, 85 Canada Rd, Woodside. **AND Tuesday May 6, 7pm** during the SFOS meeting at the Hall of Flowers in Golden Gate Park.

California Sierra Nevada Judging Center: Please note: NO judging on Easter Sunday April 20. But there will be judging at the Sacramento Show & Sale April 12-13 (see website for venue and details). **And Wednesday May 7, 6:30pm** during the Sacramento Orchid Society meeting, at Odd Fellows Hall, 1831 Howe Ave, Sacramento.

Happy Orchid Growing to All!
Lynne Murrell
AOS Representative

MOS March Speaker

How to Take Amazing Orchid Photographs - Lynne Murrell



Lynne and husband Tom (former professional photographer) setting up Nikon D750 camera



Special lighting, black background and set up for optimum shot of your blooming orchid.

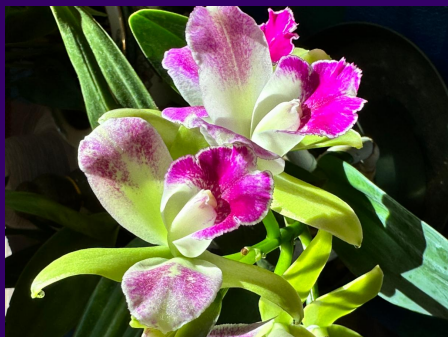


Be sure to attend April meeting to pick up printed postcard of your orchid (which you can compare with one you took with your phone)



April 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](#)

[February Show & Tell](#)

[March Show & Tell](#)

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2024 Auction
December Holiday
Luncheon



New Treasurer!

MOS is delighted to welcome our new Treasurer - Patricia Olsen. She has been a long term member and previously did stellar reporting on monthly speakers.



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](#)
User's can sign in with their Facebook account.

Marin Orchid Society - Upcoming Events

Pat

August 2

MOS will be partnering with the Marin Bonsai Club for a Community Event and Sale on Saturday, August 2, at the Terra Linda Community Center Basketball Courts (670 Del Ganado Rd, San Rafael). Event timing is to be determined, but will be in the morning. MOS is looking for

volunteers for this community outreach event.

Updates to the event can be found
at: <https://marinbonsai.org/events/>

Details to follow: Conservatory of Flowers tour
in late July and Annual BBQ and Auction in
August.



Napa Valley Orchid Society, 30th Annual Show & Sale, May 3-4, 2025



May 3, 10-4 Sun. May 4, 10-3:30

Quality blooming orchids

Free Admission

Visit The Napa valley orchidsociety.org or call 707 738 4128



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 May 8, 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](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](#)



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

April 22: 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, Alan Yip, Vanilla Orchids
 July 22: In-Person and Virtual Meeting, Speaker, TBD
 August 26: No regular meeting - Summer Get-Together
 September 23: In-Person and Virtual Meeting, Nicholas Rust, Jewel Orchids
 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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