



Marin Orchid Society

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MOS June 25, 2024 - In Person & Virtual Meeting
7:00 p.m.

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June President's Letter



Kol Shofar is not available for our July meeting. The venue for our July meeting is The Sunrise Center in Corte Madera.

Hello fellow orchid enthusiasts. I hope you're enjoying our lead-in to summer.

My greenhouse is doing well. A lot of the blooming is over so now there's a lot of new growth starting up. The grandkids are also doing well. I'm heading back down to SoCal for my granddaughter's 4th birthday.

Let's reflect on our recent meeting attendance. In May, we had a modest turnout: seven people attended in person and three joined online. Interestingly, we had more guests from Mt. Baker than our own members. Even though we had an excellent speaker, two attendees left after the presentation. As a result, only five people participated in the opportunity table for plants. I understand that a couple of our members were on vacation, but this doesn't explain the broader trend of declining attendance. It's clear that the disruptions of 2020 impacted our social habits. It's encouraging to see the world slowly returning to normalcy.

We did see a great turnout at The Sunrise Center where we filled the room. This raises the question: Is the location at Kol Shofar less appealing? If so,

remember that you can always join via Zoom to enjoy the presentations. However, our online participation is also lower than we'd like. Regarding meeting spaces, we've been fortunate at Kol Shofar, where we don't incur costs for the venue, technology, or the dedicated support from Kirk. Other venues could cost us at least \$150 per meeting, often with less reliable technology. Investing in a different space is feasible if it means better attendance.

If the issue lies with the presenters, **please share your thoughts**. Let us know the topics and speakers you're interested in, and we'll do our best to accommodate your preferences. We value your input, especially since we invest significantly in bringing quality presenters, and we want everyone to benefit from their insights.

If there are other factors affecting your participation, we're eager to hear them. This is your Society, and your feedback is crucial to making it better. We understand we can't satisfy everyone, but knowing your concerns helps us address them effectively.

Thank you for being a part of our community. Let's work together to make our gatherings more enjoyable and engaging for all.

I met with the Marin County Fair people to discuss this year's display. There is a lot of redesign of the exhibit floor that will open up the demonstration area and the space. Our display will be about 50% larger than last year - we will have our own demonstration area. I am hoping we can do hands-on repotting between the two presentation windows. It depends on how much plant source material I can obtain. The presentation area has been enlarged to a seating capacity of at least 60 and a large screen monitor has been added to aid in the presentations. We have presentations at 1 and 3 p.m. daily from the 3rd through the 7th.

I need somebody, or somebodies, to take over two talks on 4th July. I have another obligation for that day. Please let me know if you want to take this day. You'll get free entry to the Fair and also free parking.

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 for Show and Tell.

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

Ron

June 25 Speaker: Dave Sorokowsky Don't Fear the Slippers (Paphiopedilum)



We are delighted to welcome back, Dave Sorokowsky of Paph Paradise. Do attend the in-person meeting to be eligible to win Opportunity Table plants he will be providing!

About Dave:

After receiving his degree in biochemistry from the University of Toronto, Dave opted to step outside his chosen field and operated a tropical fish import business for eight years. Upon returning to school, Dave received a degree in enology and viticulture from Brock University in St. Catharines, Ontario. While attending Brock, Dave began acquiring orchids one 2" pot at a time and before he graduated, Dave had over 100 orchids. Winemaking and a passion for orchids prompted Dave to seek a warmer climate in California about one year later. Dave has been growing *paphiopedilums* for about 20 years and seriously hybridizing for over 10 years. He is an accredited AOS judge and his *paphiopedilums* have received over 100 awards to date from the AOS and CSA. Many of those awarded plants playing important roles in his breeding program. In 2018 Dave left winemaking in order to focus all of his time running Paph Paradise Orchids.

Click here to view his website: [Paph Paradise](#) Email: paphparadise@gmail.com, Telephone: 209-727-5265

A Guide to Successful Paph Culture: Don't Fear the Slippers

Dave will provide an in depth review of how to grow *Paphiopedilum*, covering easy, beginners plants all the way through the most challenging species. There are tips for novice and seasoned growers alike.

(MOS Treasurer Naoko and I both lamented...we really look forward to this talk as in the past, we just kill them. We are ever hopeful to be successful as paphs are such an exotic species. Terumi BB Editor)



Marin Orchid Society, Tuesday, June 25 - Hybrid Meeting (In-Person & Zoom) 7:00 p.m. (doors open 6:30 p.m.)

Kol Shofar, 215 Blackfield Drive, Tiburon.

Time: June 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: [MOS June Zoom Meeting](#)

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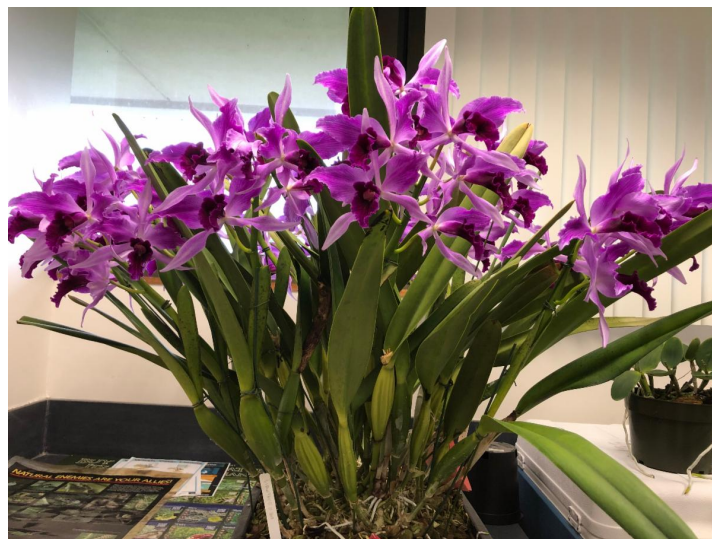
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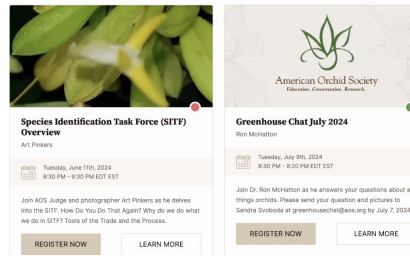
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AOS Corner June 2024



Check out the June Seasonal Orchid Care guide on the AOS website for timely tips on care for *cattleya*, *paphiopedilums* and *phalaenopsis*. Click here: [June Orchid Care](#)

[Upcoming AOS Webinars](#) - these very informative Webinars are excellent learning opportunities, and they are FREE to Members...but you must go to the AOS website to pre-register, so the AOS can send you the link to the Webinar(s) you choose. Click here: [AOS Webinars](#)



[MONTHLY AOS ORCHID JUDGINGS NEAR YOU:](#)

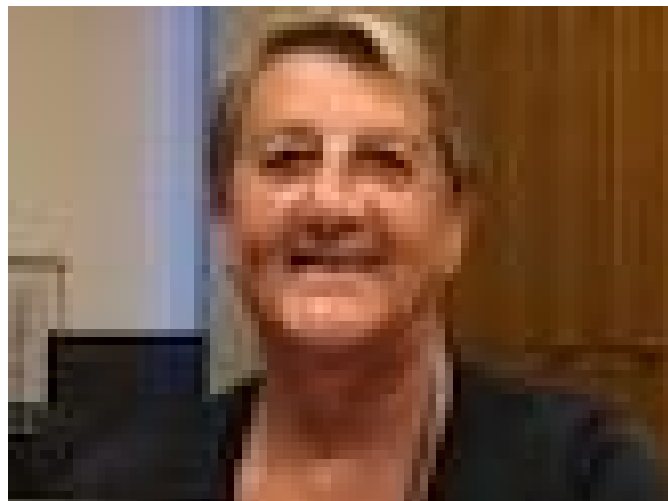
[Pacific Central Judging Center hosts 2 monthly: The first Tuesday evening \(6/4/24\), 7:00 pm](#) during the regular SFOS monthly meeting at the Hall of Flowers, Golden Gate Park. The 3rd Saturday of each month, June 15, **10:00 am** at Filoli Historic House & Garden, 86 Canada Road, Woodside CA. Questions? Contact James Heilig, heiligja@msu.edu

California Sierra Nevada Judging Center (CSNJC) hosts 2 monthly - **the first Wednesday evening (6/5/24 - 7:00 pm)** during the regular SCOS monthly meeting at Odd Fellows Hall, 1831 Howe Ave, Sacramento. AND **the third Sunday (6/16/24 - 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

Wishing you a springtime filled with beautiful repotted orchids.

Lynne Murrell
AOS Representative

May Speaker, Carol Klonowski Vandaceous Orchids



"You snooze you lose". Rumor has it that some members walked away with a plethora of *vandaceous* orchids from the May opportunity table. Carol gave an outstanding presentation on the latest developments in *vandaceous* orchid breeding covering their history. I was out of town so viewed the recording recently. I learned so much. I knew the Big Island of Hawai'i is called "the orchid island". I learned the reason was because from 1925 they took over the commercial cut flower production of *vanda's* and breeding. Thailand became the prime breeders from the 1960's to present.

Unique characteristics of *vanda's* include

- 3 lobed lip with spur
- spidery or twisted flower segment
- free hanging roots
- monopodial growth habits
- require high humidity and frequent watering

Most fascinating was learning about the new *vanda* paradigm as more cold tolerant varieties are coming to market. MOS members can view this most educational presentation upon request.

Terumi, Newsletter Editor



Orchids In the Park - Summer Sale July 27-28 - County Fair Building - San Francisco



The San Francisco Orchid Society is once again hosting this popular event . Numerous favorite vendors plus new ones!

June Show & Tell

Show and Tell

Here are links to past few months of MOS Members Show & Tell. Send submissions to marin.orchids@gmail.com Photos are from May meeting.

2024

[January Show & Tell](#)
[February Show & Tell](#)
[March Show & Tell](#)
[MOS at POE 2024](#)
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The Marin Orchid Society, will once again be exhibiting member orchids at the upcoming County Fair, July 3-7 as detailed in the President's letter. We proved to be a popular hit last year. Ron Ludwig, Patricia Olsen and Barbara Herrod offered daily workshops some of which were standing room only!

WE WELCOME MOS MEMBER ORCHID SUBMISSIONS FOR THE FAIR. Set up is on July 2. Please have your plants to the Marin County Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall between 2-4 pm on July 2 and pick up on July 8 starting at 10 am. This is a great opportunity to showcase your orchids.



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 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, Members at Large - Carolyn Fisher, Terumi Leinow. You may reach the MOS Board by calling: 415-895-0667.

Next Board meeting is July 11, 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.

2024 Marin Orchid Society Calendar

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



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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