



Marin Orchid Society

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MOS July 23, 2024 - In Person & Virtual Meeting
7:00 p.m.

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July 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 had an enjoyable 4th.

I served lunch to about 100 of my neighbors at our community's annual July 4th BBQ. This year we replaced the usual hamburgers with chicken. That meant carving up 25 chickens into breasts and thighs. Kitsu enjoyed the chicken scraps flying her way during the process. It was a good party though tiring.

Once again MOS put up a great display at the Marin County Fair. We had 66 plants ... which may not sound like a lot but the quality was absolutely stunning. Thanks to all who volunteered plants and who helped with the setup. We added a large monitor that improved the experience by adding a better visual aspect to the presentations (no more passing around laminated photos).

I'm glad the Fair is over. Between the July 4th party and the Fair, it's been an exhausting few weeks, visiting the Southern California kids, planning for both

the July 4th party and the Fair display, and revamping my Fair presentation. I look forward to relaxing!

There is an article in this Back Bulb about the Fair.

I was down in SoCal for Evelyn's birthday. That was a whirlwind trip with two birthday parties as well as Evelyn's swim class. One of the birthday parties was at an indoor trampoline park. The amount of energy expended there is astounding. If that energy could be harnessed a small town could have air conditioning for a full year.

My greenhouse is doing well. I contributed 6 plants to the Fair display including fragrant plants. The place needs cleaning from strong afternoon winds blowing leaves in under walls of my greenhouse. A corkscrew willow is constantly dropping leaves and small branches. My trying to keep the yard clean is a losing proposition.

I do need to add an automated watering and misting system due to rising temperatures to cool the plants. Plus an improved ventilation system. There is a fan inside the greenhouse. I'm considering moving it outside with a vent under the wall for fresher air circulation and freeing up more space.

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

**July 23 - Speaker: Carlos Lopez
Habenarias and their Hybrids**



Our July speaker is Carlos Lopez from Sunset Valley Orchids - a delightful, engaging speaker.

About Carlos:

Jose Carlos Lopez is a Business student at MiraCosta college who has been cultivating orchids for over 12 years. His orchid venture began at the age of thirteen years old when he started to follow his father to work at Sunset Valley Orchids. Before he knew it, he was volunteering at the nursery and was helping clean orchid flasks, repot orchids, and doing small tasks. Carlos eventually began to become more involved in the nursery's operations/maintenance and started to take part in attending orchid shows. He is currently Sunset Valley Orchids Greenhouse specialist and has years of experience with *Cattleya*, *Catasetum*, *Australian Dendrobiums*, and *Sarcochilus*. Carlo is currently training to become an accredited American Orchid Society Judge and works with Orchid Digest as well.

Habenarias and their Hybrids:

How did he get started with *Habenaria*? We'll have to wait for the full story, but it seems Carlos saw one, was intrigued, and wondered if he could grow it. The experiment was a success. He will review the species and hybrids from this class of orchids and discuss cultural tips, care and how to grow them for these unusual and beautiful terrestrials.

This month's plan table will consist of orchids from Carlos collection and from Sunset Valley Orchids.

Editor's Note: I house sat in Solano County last July and attended the San Diego Orchid Society meeting where Carlos spoke on Habenarias and indeed got me excited about this unusual plant. Luckily, Peter T. Lin of Diamond Orchids was speaking the following week at the Palomar Orchid Society meeting and brought a *Habenaria pegasus* for me from his greenhouse. (see image below). Following Carlo's methods it is successfully reblooming this year!
Terumi



**Marin Orchid Society, Tuesday, July 23- Hybrid Meeting
(In-Person & Zoom) 7:00 p.m.
(doors open 6:30 p.m.) Skill session 6:45 pm**

**Please note venue change for July
Sunrise Center
645 Tamalpais Drive, #A,
Corte Madera, CA. (2 min. off 101 Freeway near the Town
Center)**

Time: July 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 July Zoom Meeting](#)

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Local Number

Skill Session with Alicia Taylor 6:45 pm



MOS Instagram Account

For our July skills session, Alicia Taylor will give us a tour of our [Marin Orchid Society Instagram Account](#) account, and will explain how this social media tool can help with recruiting. If you want your orchids showcased on our Instagram page, talk to Alicia!

Editor's Note: Wow...looking forward to this as I know nothing about how to navigate Instagram! Terumi

AOS Corner July 2024

Mark your Calendars for these TWO upcoming events:

Orchids in the Park - July 27 10am to 5pm, and July 28 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the County Fair Building, 1199 9th Avenue, San Francisco. Orchids and other plants will be for sale from members of the San Francisco Orchid Society as well as many local, national and international nurseries, over 20 vendors in all! Discounted tickets are available on SFOS' website.

California Sierra Nevada Judging Center's Speakers Day, Saturday August 3 starting at 9:00, at Odd Fellows Hall, 1831 Howe Avenue, Sacramento. Tickets are \$20 at the door, \$10 in advance (Lynne will bring tickets to MOS' meeting 7/23). Great vendors, too!!



Join us for Speakers Day 2024
Sponsored by the California Sierra
Nevada Judging Center

Featured speakers::
Ron McHatton, American Orchid
Society
Phillip Hamilton, Bredren Orchids,
Florida
Dave Off, Woldor Orchids, New
Jersey

Great Speakers
Top Vendors
AOS Judging
Live Auction

August 3, 2024
9:00-4:30



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](#)

How to Repot, Divide and Mount Orchids - One of the Master Gardener Series

Jay Balchan

Tuesday, July 16th, 2024

8:30 PM EDT EST

Join Jay Balchan for a broadcast of our Master Gardener Series on learning how to divide and mount, and repot your orchids. You'll come away knowing when and how to repot and divide your orchids. Jay will answer your questions live after the presentation.

MONTHLY AOS ORCHID JUDGINGS NEAR YOU:

Pacific Central Judging Center hosts 2 monthly: The first Tuesday evening (8/6/24), 7:00 pm during the regular SFOS monthly meeting at the Hall of Flowers, Golden Gate Park. The 3rd Saturday of each month, **8/17/24, 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 - **8/3/24 9:00 am** during the CSNJC Speakers Day at Odd Fellows Hall, 1831 Howe Ave, Sacramento. AND the **third Sunday (8/18/24 - 9:00 am)** at Dueling Dogs Brewing Company, 3030 Barret Park Lane, Lincoln, CA. Questions? Contact Lynne Murrell: lynne.murrell@outlook.com

Wishing you a summer filled with beautiful repotted orchids.

Lynne Murrell
AOS Representative

June Speaker, Dave Sorokowsky Don't Fear the Slippers - Paphiopedilums

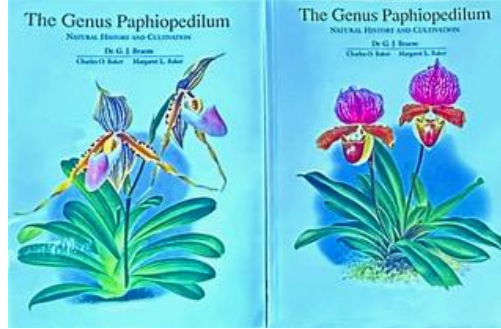


Dave helped dispel *paph* cultivating anxieties with his educational and visually spectacular presentation. Some points:

1. Water THOROUGHLY up and down and from four angles in early morning
2. Favored potting medium - Orchiata New Zealand pine bark - add 30% No. 3 perlite and 20% charcoal (occasionally add oyster shells).
3. MSU fertilizer
4. Repot annually

Paph Paradise Email: paphparadise@gmail.com, Telephone: 209-727-5265

A recording of this presentation available to MOS members upon request.



Marin County Fair, July 3-7, 2024 - another Success reported by Ron Ludwig



Marin Orchid Society presented a spectacular display of 66 plants, all of them dazzling. Among the 66 were 16 fragrant plants. The wide variety of plants as well as the rainbow of colors captured attendees. Many oohed and aahed the plants. The fragrant plants were a big draw - many thought orchids had no fragrance. MOS had 2 presentations scheduled each day. Barbara Herod was kind enough to do the one presentation on the 4th. The first two presentations of the week, were heavily attended. However, the 1pm presentations on Thursday through Saturday were empty. The reason may have been that Wednesday was Senior Day while the other days were more like family days where the kids were more interested in the rides outdoors. The 3pm talks were generally better attended.

Our hands-on area, which was a huge hit last year, did not draw the same crowds although the vanilla tasting was popular. As vanilla and vanilla orchid were part of my presentation, that added to the draw. We had a lot of people ask questions. Virtually all were either: How do I grow *phalaenopsis* (or "I have a white orchid ..."), How do I get *phalaenopsis* to reflower, or "Why does my *phalaenopsis* have all these roots sticking out". Of course, those who attended my talks, I eliminated the belief in watering with ice cubes!

This year we added a hands-on repotting demonstration. Lynne and Susan provided 12 *Phals* as source plants for repotting. I also had 25 donation plants from Chris Hamilton. The repotting demos were a HUGE success. I had planned only one demo per day and only 6 plants per demo but ended up adding a second demo for the last 3 days. Starting with Friday I brought in an

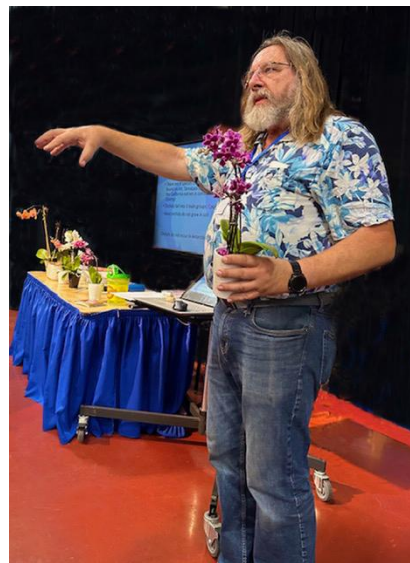
extra flat of plants each day. Each demo had at least double the attendees as there were available plants. For the last demo on Sunday, I had to turn away several people because I ran out of plants. There were also three layers of people looking over the shoulders of the ones in front.

THANK YOU:

Barbara Herod for doing the Thursday presentation. Lynne Murrell, Susan Anderson, Kathy Keller, Barbara Herod, Carolyn Fisher, Jan Anderson, Cathy Thompson, Maria Gregoriev, and Tom Pickford for volunteering plants. Brian Beard for transporting plants and helping with setup and take down and taking photographs. Debra Guajardo for handling the display area, helping with the presentation, and fielding questions.

Thank you everyone for helping with the display setup and Susan Anderson for visually setting up the plants.

Marin Orchid Society - we make a great team!



July 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 June meeting.

2024

[January Show & Tell](#)

[February Show & Tell](#)

[March Show & Tell](#)

[MOS at POE 2024](#)



April Show & Tell
May Show & Tell
June Show & Tell
July Show & Tell

2023

January Show & Tell
February Show & Tell
March Show & Tell
April Show & Tell
May Show & Tell
June Show & Tell
July Show & Tell
September Show & Tell
October Show & Tell
November Show & Tell



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MOS Summer BBQ Party
Saturday, August 24 - 3:00 pm

Save the date - Saturday, August 24, 2024
- 3:00 p.m. Invitation and details to follow. Always a fun event.
Location: San Anselmo

Orchids In the Park - Summer Sale

July 27-28 - County Fair Building - San Francisco



Orchids in the Park 2024 is the best summer sale event for SF Bay Area orchid enthusiasts sponsored by the San Francisco Orchid Society. Get ready to immerse yourself in the mesmerizing world of orchids at the SF County Fair Building in Golden Gate Park.

Orchids and other plants will be for sale from members of the San Francisco Orchid Society as well as many local, national & international nurseries.



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

July 23: In-Person and Virtual Meeting, Speaker, Carlos Lopez

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

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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](#)

AOS July/August Checklist

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