



Marin Orchid Society

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



MOS September 24, 2024 - In Person & Virtual
Meeting - 7:00 pm (doors open 6:30 pm)

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September President's Letter



Happy September fellow MOS Orchidholics!

With Labor Day past, summer has unofficially ended - all too quickly. I did not get to use our pool or BBQ as much as I'd wanted but there's still time.

My grandson visited for a week flying both ways as an unaccompanied minor, a new experience for him. We went daily to the pool and the highlight of the visit was his first fishing experience. He was so jacked when fish nibbled on the hook. Fortunately, he did not catch anything as he is a picky eater and doesn't eat trout.

We did a trip to the Academy of Sciences in SF to see the Biodome and all the butterflies. He enjoyed the planetarium show. That day was topped off by a hot dog from the Anna's stand. If you have not had one of their hot dogs, you have missed out!

In late July, Debra and I attended the Rolling Stones concert. Expensive parking and a great show overall.

My greenhouse is still doing well. Most of the plants are now out of bloom except for a couple of *phalaenopsis*. My *Ludisia discolor* that had been in serious decline is now growing full tilt. My vanilla also is growing well. I would

love to have that in bloom for next year's Marin County Fair.

I'm still working out the logistics of a watering and misting system to keep the humidity up and forego any automated watering. The frog is still in the green house. He popped out of a pot when I was watering on Saturday.

We had a great MOS summer get together at Lynne and Tom's house attended by 28 people. We had piles of good food, lively conversation, and a fun gift exchange (thank you Cathy for organizing that). Thank you to everyone who attended, and to those who lent their culinary skills to the feast. And, a HUGE thank you to Lynne and Tom for opening their home to the Society.

September is our last regular meeting for the year. It will be a live meeting at Kol Shofar with speaker, Ken Jacobsen.

The October meeting is our annual auction at Kol Shofar. The auction is our only yearly fundraising event. Alan Koch will be our auctioneer and he will supply the plants for the auction. You know it will be a lot of fun. Please join us for this live event and do invite your friends. The more people we have the more fun it will be. The October auction is a live event with no Zoom component.

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

**Marin Orchid Society September Meeting, Tuesday,
Sept. 24, Hybrid - In Person & Zoom - 7:00 p.m.
(doors open 6:30 pm)**

Congregation Kol Shofar, 215 Blackfield Drive, Tiburon, CA

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

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September 24 - Speaker: Ken Jacobsen Growing Specimen and Large Orchids



Ken was first introduced to orchids by his uncle in the 1960's and has been growing orchids for well over 50 years. His collection includes lots of *Cattleyas* and *Laelias*, *Cymbidiums*, *Oncidiums*, *Odontoglossums*, *Lycastes*, *Masdevallias*, and other genera. Ken and his wife, Amy, enjoy travelling to all areas of the world where orchids are grown, visiting the local growers, and seeing various species in the wild. Together, Amy and Ken have over 5000 orchids, not counting seedlings (and there are a lot of seedlings!).

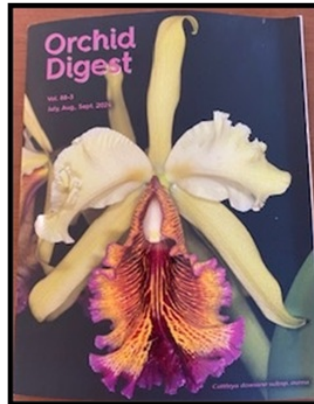
Ken is a judge in the AOS judging program, was a judge in the CSA judging program, and is a past AOS trustee.

'Go Big, ... growing large decorative and specimen orchids

This talk will introduce the concept of choosing plants to grow into large specimens, growing them, and their care and maintenance once they become large. Ken will be providing plants for our opportunity table.



AOS Corner September 2024



There is a Cover Girl among us! Have you seen the cover of the July-Aug-Sept issue of Orchid Digest? That exquisite *Cattleya dowiana ssp. aurea* was grown by Judy Carney, and photographed by Ron Parsons. Congratulations to both of our celebrated friends!

Upcoming CULTURE Event (watch for more info):



AOS CULTURE DAY – 11/10/24 **ORCHID CULTURE, CONSERVATION** **AND YOU...VANILLA AND BEYOND!**

- Did you know that orchid species are endangered in their natural habitats?
- If there were no Vanilla, how many of your beloved foods, scents and more would be affected?
- Take your orchid species growing skills to the next level with tips from experts!

Orchid Wiz is Back! If you really enjoy using this tool as much as I do, this is GREAT news! Go to OrchidWiz.com for more information and to purchase it.



AOS Webinars - these online video presentations are very informative and are

excellent learning opportunities and they are FREE to Members...but you must go to the AOS website to pre register so AOS can send you the link to the Webinar(s). Note: the times below are for the Eastern time zone.



Greenhouse Chat with Ron McHatton
Tuesday, October 15: 8:30-9:30 EST
Orchids Q&A

MONTHLY AOS ORCHID JUDGINGS NEAR YOU:

Pacific Central Judging Center: **Tuesday October 1, 7pm** during the SFOS meeting at the Hall of Flowers in Golden Gate Park AND **Saturday October 19, 10:00am** at Filoli Historic House & Garden, 85 Canada Rd, Woodside.

California Sierra Nevada Judging Center: **Wednesday October 2, 6:30pm** during the SOS meeting, at Odd Fellows Hall, 1831 Howe Ave, Sacramento. AND **Sunday October 20, 9am** at Dueling Dogs Brewing Company, 3030 Barret Park Lane, Lincoln, CA

Do savor the remaining days of Summer, as you prepare your Orchid collection for Fall.

Lynne Murrell
AOS Representative

July Speaker, Carlos Lopez
Habenaria Species & Hybrids



He charmed members with his fascinating talk on *Habenaria* which grow in every continent except in Antarctica. His slides showcased their distinctive flower form, hood, lateral sepals, petals and lips. Access to Carlos' lecture is available to MOS members upon request.



Pegasus Bryon

Mark your Calendar - Marin Orchid Society
October 22 - Auction Night
WE NEED YOUR HELP - SPREAD THE WORD!



Please spread the word about our upcoming October 22 Auction Night. More details to follow in October Back Bulb. Always a Fun Event.

September 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 July
meeting.

2024

[January Show & Tell](#)

[February Show & Tell](#)

[March Show & Tell](#)

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MOS Instagram Account!

Alicia educated members at the July Skill's Session about how to access our new account. She advises - to access our instagram page, you do not need an instagram account. Type in "instagram marin orchid society" into your preferred search engine, such as google, to find



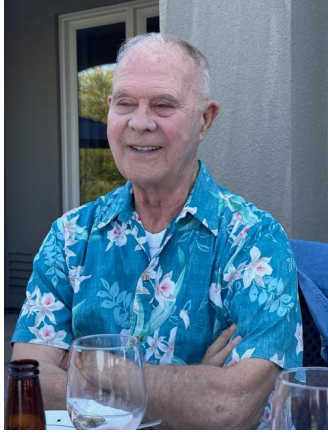
Instagram

our page, or use the following [MOS Instagram link](#)

If you want to "follow" and "like" posts, then we recommend you make an instagram account.



MOS Summer BBQ brings out 28 members



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Thank you to Lynne and Tom for hosting a delightful afternoon for our annual BBQ. A most fun time for attendees. To view more photos, click below.

[Summer BBQ Album](#)

**Sonoma County Orchid Society
Annual BBQ & Auction, Saturday, Sept 21,
11 am - 3 pm FREE
Orchids, Plants, Food, Friends - Fun!**



Pot Luck - bring a dish to hare at home of Becky & David Jackson, Santa Rosa - address provided when sign up: [RSVP info@sonomaorchids.com](mailto:RSVP%20info@sonomaorchids.com)

A fun filled day starts with a Silent Auction of orchids & non orchid plants, some wine, gift cards and wine tastings followed by fabulous BBQ lunch of chicken with potluck sides and ends with a Live Auction with Alan Koch of Gold Country Orchids. This annual event is always fun and a great opportunity to mingle with fellow membets and add to your orchid collection. JOIN US:

11:00 - Silent Auction Begins
12:00 - Silent Auction Ends & Lunch Served
After Lunch - Live Auction Begins



Rare Striped Coral Root Orchid Found in Colorado at Denver Botanic Gardens

The discovery was made in late April when My-Lan Le, a graduate botany research assistant, and Rebecca Hufft, associate director of applied conservation, noticed it growing next to a log.

To read the full article, click here: [Rare Orchid Foound](#)



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



VectorStock.com/2307966

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

For supplies: Flori-Culture Orchid
Supplies, 7621 Fair Oaks Blvd.,
Carmichael
flori-culture 916 333 4885

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 October 3, 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

September 24: In-Person and Virtual Meeting, Speaker, Ken Jacobsen

October 22: 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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