



# Marin Orchid Society

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



MOS October 22, 2024 - AUCTION Night - In Person Meeting - 6:00 pm - Doors Open. Live Auction Begins 7:00 pm

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## October President's Letter



Happy October fellow MOS Orchidholics!

This will be brief!

Greenhouse: Things are growing and flowering. I can't find my resident frog ... have not seen him for two weeks. He may have moved to someplace with more food because there are no signs of insect or gastropod life in the greenhouse. Between the heat and watering the greenhouse is at 100% humidity. Takes leaving the door open for about 10 minutes to bring the humidity down to a bearable level.

Outside: Keeping things hydrated in 103F temperatures is challenging. Fortunately, all are under cover so sunburning was not an issue.

Now, the important stuff:

Our October meeting is our annual auction at Kol Shofar. The auction is our only fundraising event for the year, so it's an important time for the Society. Alan Koch will be our auctioneer and, as always, he will supply a selection of marvelous plants for the auction. So, with that, you know it will be a lot of fun.

Please join us for this live event. And, **please invite your friends**. The more people we have the more fun it will be. Everyone is welcome. There's no charge to have a paddle. And we take cash, checks, and credit/debit cards.

The October auction is a live event. We don't have the ability to do an online auction so there will not be a Zoom component to this meeting. If you want to participate, you'll need to attend the meeting.

The November meeting will be Zoom only due to darkness, weather change, and past limited attendance. We decided on not having an in-person meeting for November. If you have photos to share for this Digital Show & Tell, please let me know.

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.

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

Ron

**October 22 - MOS Auction Night with Alan Koch**  
**Silent Auction: 6:00-6:45 Live Auction 7:00 pm**

**Marin Orchid Society  
Presents  
2024 Annual  
Orchid Auction**

**Tuesday, October 22, 2024 at  
6pm**

**Kol Shofar**

**215 Blackfield Dr., Tiburon**

**6pm: Doors open**  
**630pm: Silent auction begins**  
**7pm: Auction begins, silent auction closes**

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**www.marinorchidsociety.com**

Please spread the Word about our Auction night, always one of the best loved meetings of the year and **BRING friends** to this fun event. The auction is the **ONLY MOS FUNdraiser** this year. Because our auctions have been so successful in the past years, MOS has had the budget to bring in speakers who

live out of the area.

### **Silent Auction 6:00-6:45 p.m**

Doors open: 6:00 p.m. view and bid on silent auction items. Silent auction CLOSSES 6:45 p.m.

The Silent Auction includes orchid bark/soil from Repot Me & Summerwinds, gardening tools, gift cards from Flores Mexican Restaurant, Marin Ace, Sloat Gardens, Gold Rush Jewelry. A room at Madonna Inn, Dutch oven set, electric hotpot grill, air fryer, wine and donated orchids. When you visit one of our donors, please remember to thank them for contributing.

### **Live Auction with Alan Koch of Gold Country Orchids**

Live Auction will include a wide array of plants from Gold Country Orchids and additionally from Sunset Valley Orchids, perhaps Huntingtons and from some private collections.

Our auctioneer is the ever popular and entertaining Alan Koch who describes and offers cultural tips to help you decide which ones might be suitable for your orchid environment.

In the live auction, the bidding can get fast and competitive for coveted orchids - entertainment at its best. If you are unsure how to bid, sit next to an experienced member and watch what they do. Ask for tips.

Remember our motto! Bid high and bid often. This is a FUNdraiser and you have the opportunity to take home something for your donation. It is a win-win--you leave with the items of your choice and MOS keeps the dues low and the benefits high.

Cash, checks, credit cards accepted.

**MOS Auction Night, Tuesday, October 22**  
**Congregation Kol Shofar**  
**215 Blackfield Drive**  
**Tiburon, CA**



# AOS Corner October 2024



## 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](http://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 pm 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

I hope you and your orchids are enjoying these lovely Fall days!



## September Speaker, Ken Jacobsen Growing Specimen and Large Orchids



Ken clarified - What is the difference between a Specimen Orchid and a Large Display Orchid? A Specimen according to the American Orchid Society judging standards must be all one rhizome (not multiple pieces). A Large Display Orchid is made up of multiple pieces of the same plant.

To find out more and to see the special large pots his wife Amy brings back from Taiwan you can view Ken's presentation upon request available to MOS members only.



**Mark your Calendar - Marin Orchid Society  
December 8, Holiday Luncheon - 12 noon - San  
Rafael Joe's, \$32/person**



**Save the date!** We will have lunch menu choices of Chicken piccata, parmesan or sauté; fish - snapper, roast beef, pasta primavera. An email will be sent to MOS members with greater details and RSVP request.

## October Show & Tell



### Show and Tell

Here are links to past few months of MOS Members Show & Tell. Send submissions to [marin.orchids@gmail.com](mailto:marin.orchids@gmail.com)  
Photos are from September 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](#)

[Sept. Show & Tell](#)

[Oct. Show & Tell](#)

2023

[January Show & Tell](#)

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[June Show & Tell](#)



July Show & Tell  
September Show & Tell  
October Show & Tell  
November Show & Tell



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## MOS November 26 - Zoom Meeting: Member's Digital Show & Tell - submission request

Our November meeting is traditionally an opportunity for MOS members to showcase any life events of the concluding year - an exotic vacation, a new found hobby. It does not need to be orchid related. If you'd like to share this at the last meeting of the year (about 10 minutes in length) please send your submission to: [marin.orchids@gmail.com](mailto:marin.orchids@gmail.com) for inclusion.





## GOLD COUNTRY ORCHIDS & PAPH PARADISE FALL OPEN HOUSE

### GOLD COUNTRY:

Bring this flyer for a free plant with any \$25 purchase, or 25% off any purchase over \$150

OCTOBER 25 9:00-4:00

OCTOBER 26 10:00-3:00

OCTOBER 27 10:00-3:00

390 BIG BEN ROAD  
LINCOLN, CA

MAKE A DAY OF IT!  
VISIT OUR LOCAL WINERIES, RESTAURANTS  
AND MICROBREWERIES  
WE RECOMMEND:  
DUELING DOGS BREWERY  
CIOTTI WINERY

PAPH PARADISE: NEW RELEASE SALE  
Plenty of new species and hybrids!  
Our inventory and selection continues to expand!



72nd  
Annual

San Francisco Orchid Society Presents:  
Pacific Orchid Exposition Show and Plant Sale

Save the Date:  
Feb 28 - Mar 2, 2025

Orchids  
In the  
Clouds



[www.orchidsanfrancisco.org](http://www.orchidsanfrancisco.org)

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 November 7, 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](mailto: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

October 22: Auction Night

November 26: Member's Show & Tell

December: No regular Meeting

December 8: Holiday Luncheon, San Rafael Joe's

January 28: Speaker: Harvey Brenneise, MBOS

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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