



Marin Orchid Society

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MOS November 26, 2024 Meeting - CANCELLED

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November President's Letter



Greetings fellow Orchidholics

I just returned from a week in SoCal. Two days in Pasadena for a David Gilmour's concert at the Hollywood Bowl. Then to my kid's. Halloween was a madhouse. Nothing like when I was a kid where we came home with 3 grocery bags of candy. These kids are happy to have a pound of candy. My granddaughter was always 2 houses behind all the rest of the kids. To her credit though, she did go into the haunted house others would not enter.

Greenhouse: I know my frog is still there because I can hear it croaking which means that there's enough food and moisture for it. I did some clean up before leaving for SoCal. In the process I broke off the top of one of my succulents which had been happily growing back. I presume it will still be OK but it no longer has that phenomenal pyramidal shape.

Outside: Watering and clearing LOTS of leaves from my corkscrew willow that litters EVERYTHING. Challenging because of a constant breeze which scattered the leaves almost as quickly as I could gather them. Then, after I'd bagged that all up we get several days of high winds. More raking!.

Our October auction went well. Thank you to everyone who attend and helped put it together. There's more information elsewhere in this edition of The Back Bulb.

Thank you to Alan Koch who was our auctioneer and supplied over 50 great plants, to Fred Clarke for donating 30 beautiful plants, to Mary Nesbit who contributed 6 very nice plants, Cathy Thompson for her contributions to the silent auction, Karemah Kara for her donation of a vacation house in France, and others as well for their contributions.

We are working on some changes to the 2025 auction.

We have decided to **cancel the November meeting**. This is due to weather change, dark nights, and the fact that past November meetings have had low attendance.

Do join us for our December 8 Holiday Luncheon - a detailed email to follow. as an RSVP is required.

Happy Thanksgiving and Holiday Cheers!

Ron

October 22 - MOS Auction Night with Alan Koch



Thanks again to our fearless auctioneer Alan Koch for both entertaining and educating MOS members at a successful Auction Night in spite of disappointing attendance. Thank you to Gold Country Orchids, Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Orchids and Mary Nisbet of California Orchids.

A big thank you to Cathy Thompson for contacting and gathering items for the Silent Auction: Marin Ace in San Rafael, Sloat Gardens Nurseries, Summerwinds Nursery, Lagunitas Beer in Petaluma, Madonna Inn, San Luis Obispo, Repot Me, Flores Mexican restaurant, Gold Rush Jewelry and Trader

Joe's. When you visit these establishments please thank them for their donation to our Society. We want to make sure they know we shop at their stores. Special thank you to MOS member Karemah Kara for her generous donation.

Click on this link to view Auction Night photo albums: (photos submitted by Brian Beard) [October 2024 Auction Photo Album](#)



AOS Corner November 2024

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 time below is for the Eastern time zone.



Greenhouse Chat with Ron McHatton
Tuesday, November 19: 8:30-9:30 pm EST
Orchids Q&A

MONTHLY AOS ORCHID JUDGINGS NEAR YOU:

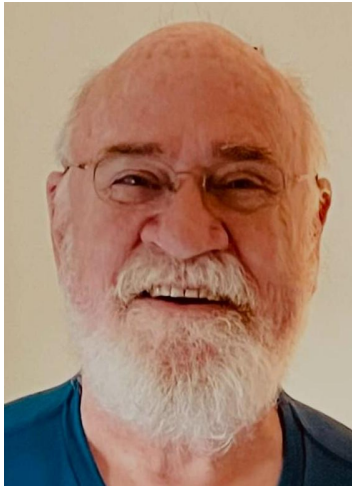
Pacific Central Judging Center: **Tuesday November 5, 7pm** during the SFOS meeting at the Hall of Flowers in Golden Gate Park AND **Saturday, November 16, 10:00am** at Filoli Historic House & Garden, 85 Canada Rd, Woodside.

California Sierra Nevada Judging Center: **Wednesday November 6, 6:30pm** during the SOS meeting, at Odd Fellows Hall, 1831 Howe Ave, Sacramento. AND **Sunday November 17, 9am** at Dueling Dogs Brewing Company, 3030 Barret Park Lane, Lincoln, CA

Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!!

Lynne Murrell
AOS Representative

January 2025 Speaker, Harvey Brenneise
Throw Out the Bark and Never Repot Again!



Harvey is a retired professional librarian, including at California Botanic Garden, Claremont, CA. He has over 60 years experience growing orchids in Michigan, the , Pacific NW, Nebraska, Mississippi and Southern & Northern California. He has grown them outside, in greenhouses and under lights, and has won over 10 AOS quality awards.

His presentation to start off the new year is entitled "Throw out the bark for the last time and never repot again: several inorganic options." This includes use of various media, containers and methods (including semi hydroponic) based on his recent experiments and experiences.

**Mark your Calendar - Marin Orchid Society
December 8, Holiday Luncheon - 12 noon - 3:00
San Rafael Joe's, San Rafael**



Save the date! Come and enjoy holiday cheer with your MOS orchidists. You will receive an email with full details and a sign up sheet. RSVP required. .

MOS Donates to Orchid Conservation Alliance



The Marin Orchid Society at its recent Board meeting, approved a donation to the Orchid Conservation Alliance. The Alliance "partners with organizations and foundations in orchid rich regions to protect the native habitats of orchids. Creating reserves, preserves numerous orchid species, often including undiscovered forms as well as the ecosystems in which they exist. Critical for orchid conservation in the wild, preservation of habitat protects pollinators as well as birds, amphibians, mammals, other plants."

We received a newsletter from OCA stating: Best wishes for the upcoming holiday season. The OCA end-of-the-year newsletter is now available and features exciting news from our conservation partners, beautiful new photographs from our reserves and ecotours, and an update from our conservation partners, Corporación SalvaMontes and Fundación EcoMinga. Our financials as of Nov 1 are also included. Additionally, our announcements with updated information for the 2025 Orchids in the Wild Ecotours are provided.

With special thanks to our newsletter editor Jack Lothrop, happy reading!

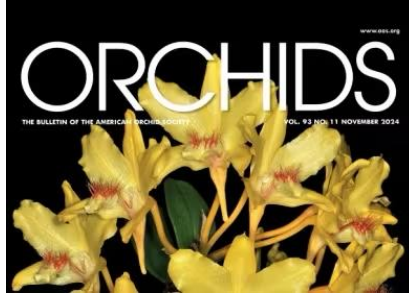
Click here to read their newsletter and view their outstanding contributions and gorgeous photographs! [OCA 2024 report](#)



Are you Overwatering your Orchids?

According to a great article by Ron McHatton in the November issue of the American Orchid Society magazine "most orchids are killed by incorrect watering than by any other mistake".

You can learn successful watering techniques, look at great photos and more. Click here to read how: [Watering Techniques for Success](#)





Renew your MOS 2025 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 include: 10 meetings (7 or 8 of which feature great speakers, one which is devoted to our members), our Holiday Party and our summer BBQ, plus one auction with great deals on orchids and more.

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: [MOS Membership form](#)

**ANNUAL
MEMBERSHIP
DUES**

**2025 San Francisco Pacific Orchid Expo
February 28-March, 2025**

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



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](http://flori-culture.com) 916 333 4885



VectorStock.com 2308996

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, Newsletter Editor - Terumi Leinow. You may reach the MOS Board by calling: 415-895-0667.

Next Board meeting is January 2, 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.



2024-25 Marin Orchid Society Calendar

December 8: Holiday Luncheon, San Rafael Joe's. San Rafael

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.

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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