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The Back Bulb

Marin Orchid Society Monthly Newsletter

November 2010

Join us! Falkirk Cultural Center, Tuesday, Nov. 23, for Digital S&T, Workshop Orchid Doctor at 6:45; Virus & Water Testing (if Requested in Advance)

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President's Corner:

*The Seafood Peddler
Welcomes MOS on
December 7*

What a beautiful venue to enjoy a delicious meal while we celebrate with orchid-growing new and old acquaintances! We will start with cocktails at 6 PM, dinner at 6:30.

Not only do we have three excellent choices of entree (prime rib, chicken, or salmon - read on for details), members who choose to participate in the gift exchange can anticipate a treat for their "orchid obsession".

Open to MOS members and guests, this celebration is always one of the most fun events of the year. Bring your partner and your orchid-growing friends. If you heard about MOS at a fair or other event, consider the dinner an excellent

Dear BackBulb,

November's Member Digital Show & Tell is always one of our most rewarding meetings, where members share their favorite orchid-related photographs. It can sometimes be a bit of a challenge for the presenter because it means sorting through digital pictures, assembling them in an attractive way, plus doing a little photo cleanup to remove the dead leaf or live bug we did not see when taking the photograph. The audience gets to enjoy some of the members' orchids that were not blooming at meeting times. We will benefit from David Judd's presentation on taking beautiful pictures of our orchid blossoms.

Too often, I hear members say that they did not have enough time, or did not take enough pictures, and so on and so on. Why not take another look at your pictures and select 15 or 20 to show? You don't need a hundred or more, and you don't need a professional talk, so MOS invites you to share your pictures of what caught your attention. Perhaps you took photos at POE while many of us forgot our cameras.

Do you have pictures to share? Please bring them on a CD or data stick.

MOS continues to make some changes to our meetings in order to make the experience more enjoyable for all. **When you need to unload from your car** more things than you can handle, you are encouraged to pull up at the front door of Falkirk where someone will be ready to help you between 6:30 and 6:50.

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opportunity to get to know members and the orchid society.

Gift Exchange. Want to take part in the always hilarious gift exchange? Bring a wrapped \$10 orchid-related gift to exchange.

Our Menu. We begin with appetizers followed by a Caesar salad, then choose from:

- Slowly Roasted Prime Rib of Beef Au Jus, horseradish sauce, au gratin potatoes and seasonal garden vegetables

- Roasted Chicken Breast Provencal Artichoke, capers, black olives, tomato, and fresh seasonal mashed potatoes

- Herbed Oven Roasted King Salmon Filet, wild mushroom and sweet corn succotash, port-balsamic glaze with fresh seasonal vegetables.

Our meal finishes with a light dessert and coffee or tea.

Reserve Now and Save. The dinner cost, with early reservation savings, is \$35 per person **if MOS receives the check by December 1.** After that date, the price is \$45 person

The Seafood Peddler has a large parking lot and is easy to find at 100 Yacht Club Drive (look for their boat sign on Francisco Blvd. E), San Rafael, CA 94901. MOS will be upstairs, in the Chart Room, with an excellent view of the harbor.

There is room for only 40 members and guests, so make out your check to Marin Orchid Society right away and mail to:
MARIN ORCHID SOCIETY
PO BOX 251
KENTFIELD, CA 94914-0251.

here. This setting also allows you to print in black and white.

Sandra Merlo, Back Bulb Editor

Monthly Meeting: On Tuesday, November 23, MOS members and guests meet in the parlor of the **Falkirk Cultural Center, 1408 Mission Ave. at "E" Street, San Rafael.** See you there!

Refreshments will be provided by those whose last names begin with T-C.

Show and Tell Reminder: With MOS increased membership and a shorter time window for the meetings in our new location, please bring up to 3 blooming orchids and keep your comments succinct for Show and Tell.

David Judd: Orchid Photography Techniques and Tips

The November meeting will feature a demonstration of photographing orchids by one of our own members, David Judd.



David, a professional photographer since 1998, will emphasize the "how to" for those with basic digital photographic equipment and/ or experience.

This is an excellent opportunity for attendees to either refresh our photographic skills or develop some new tools that will enable us to capture quality images, perhaps turning them into personal greeting cards or even a calendar down the line. Often we hear a tip that allows us to make a few changes in our digital photography and notice a positive difference.

Handouts will be provided.

Highlights of MOS Fall Auction

We enjoyed a delightful variety of plants from D&D Orchids in Half Moon Bay. Thanks to auctioneer Dennis Olivas, the auction moved quickly and winning bidders went home with a varied selection of healthy plants.



Dennis Olivas opens the bidding

The silent auction gave everyone a second chance to add some variety to their collection of orchids. Special thanks go to Adam Anderson, Mary Ann

I will see you there, with bells on, and a new gift-exchange game!

Lynne

New MOS Members, Renewals

Thank you renewing member Marti Camiccia. We enjoy your participation.

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Is Your MOS Membership Current?

Unsure? Ask Bill Lenarz!
(blenarz@earthlink.net)

Please renew your membership today! Together, we add quality to orchid cultivation

Aleandri, and Lynne Murrell who donated plants to MOS for the auction.



Silent Auction Bids



Checking out the Life Auction orchids

The auction would not have come together so well without all the members who helped with setup and takedown. It all came together beautifully and quickly, thanks to you.

Photos by Ann Weiskopf and Sandra Merlo

AOS AWARDS OCTOBER 2010

Pacific Central

No awards in October.

CSNJ - Sacramento

No awards in October.

Awards at Shows

October 2, 2010 - Sacramento Orchid Forum Show

- Lc. Aloha Case 'S&W', HCC 76 (Lc. Mini Purple x C. walkeriana), Exhibited by Dick and Donna Murrill

- Potinara Creation 'Summer Choice', AM 82 (Pot. Chatoyant x Lc. Orglade's Glow), Exhibited by Vivian Sellers

October 10, 2010 - Big Fresno Fair

- Dendrobium oligophyllum 'Cap Gunn', CCM 80. species, Exhibited by Chuck and Pat Gunn

- October 16, 2010 - Diablo View Orchid Society Show

- Masdevallia angulata 'Heather Nicole', CCM 84, species, Exhibited by Ken Cook

- Phalaenopsis bellina 'Maisie', HCC 77, species, Exhibited by Liz Charlton

Awards can be seen at:

- Pacific Central <http://www.aospacificcentral.org>

- California Sierra Nevada <http://www.csnjc.org>

AOS Annual Essay Contest Deadline: November 30

With Marin County's emphasis on going "green" environmentally in our personal lives and our businesses, AOS invitation to write an essay about personal success in this area is quite compelling. While I

and awareness.

Your current membership ensures you will receive your next issue of the Back Bulb. Use the membership form at the bottom of the newsletter.

Upcoming Board of Directors' Meeting

December 2 at 6:30 pm at Lynne Murrell's home. Board meetings are open to all members to observe. If you want to attend, please give Lynne a call for directions.

Tips for Submitting Your Pictures for the MOS "Blog"!



Paphiopedalum volonteatum
by Eric Hunt SF

Let's put some new pictures on the MOS orchid blog! Pictures and articles can easily be added to the blog. Webmaster John, however, has a few rules for submission. Your pictures must be 72 dpi and no larger than 4" or 300 pixels wide on the longest side. John says he has received a few submissions featuring pictures 24 x 36" and just does not have the time to re-size each one. Plus, **each image needs a caption**, rather than img3001, img3002, etc.....!

have not heard of a MOS member who has succeeded in this area, it does provoke one to evaluate simple, efficient ways to reduce energy and water consumption in our growing areas, Please enter if you have taken steps in this area. If you are inspired by have not acted yet, please share your ideas via the Back Bulb.

From AOS:

Time to sharpen up those pencils and put on your thinking caps! The deadline is approaching for the annual Gordon W. Dillon - Richard C. Peterson Memorial Essay Contest. Don't wait until the last minute. The contest is open to all persons except employees of the American Orchid Society and their immediate families. You do not need to be an AOS member.

The winner receives a cash prize and a certificate suitable for framing. The contest was established in 1985 by the AOS Northeast Judging Center to honor the memory of two former editors of the AOS Bulletin (now *Orchids*). Gordon Dillon served as editor from 1943 through 1968 and again from 1970 through 1973. Richard Peterson's name first appeared on the masthead of the AOS Bulletin in April 1971 as associate editor. In 1973, he was named editor and, upon Dillon's retirement in 1977, he became the executive director, retaining his position of editor through 1984.

The theme for the 2011 contest is:

Going Green: Conserving Resources and Still Growing Healthy Orchids. Tell us how you have adapted your orchid growing space and techniques to conserve energy and resources. If doing so has provided any unexpected benefits, share those with our readers. The deadline is **November 30, 2010.**

The winning entry, if any, is published in the June issue of the following year.

Contest Rules

- The essay must be an original, unpublished article.
- The contest is open to all persons except employees of the American Orchid Society and their immediate families.
- Submissions must be no more than 5,000 [words].
- Manuscripts must be submitted in English and may be submitted electronically as MS Word or compatible word processor file.
- Submissions will be judged without knowledge of the identity of the author. The decision of the judges is final. If no entries meet the expected criteria of excellence, the award will be withheld.
- Artwork is not necessary for entering this competition.
- Nonwinning entries will be returned to the contestant if requested. Such entries are eligible for resubmission in subsequent contests. These nonwinning entries will also be considered for publication by the editor of *Orchids* and may be used in *Orchids* or

Thank you for contributing your expertise and your blooming orchids to make our blog even better!

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other AOS publications with the written permission of the author. Published entries will not be eligible for consideration in subsequent contests.

● For a list of previous winners, see www.aos.org

Submit all entries to the Dillon/Peterson Memorial Essay Prize at AOS headquarters: Jim Watson, 16700 AOS Lane, Delray Beach, FL 33446, Tel 561-404-2040 , email: jwatson@aos.org.

Purpose and Vision of Marin Orchid Society

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

Your ideas and articles are always appreciated!

Sincerely,

Sandra Merlo
Back Bulb Editor
Marin Orchid Society

MOS Membership / Renewal Application

Name _____ new ___renew___

Address _____

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Phone(H) _____ (W) _____

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Dues are \$25 per person per year, including two at the same address.

Please make checks payable to the Marin Orchid Society.

Amount enclosed _____

Mail to: Bill Lenarz, PO Box 251, Kentfield, CA 94914-0251, or bring this form to the meeting. (Questions? Email blenarz@earthlink.net)

MARIN ORCHID SOCIETY EVENTS - 2010

November 23 - Members' Orchids Digital Show and Tell; Digital Orchid Photography workshop with David Judd.

December 7 - No General Meeting. Holiday Dinner at the Seafood Peddler, San Rafael.

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 [Sacramento Orchid Society](#)

First Wednesday: Santa Maria Orchid Society meeting; Veterans' Memorial Center, 313 W. Tunnell Street; Contact Chuck Scheitaur at 937-6201

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 Ave, 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; 7 pm, The Lompoc Library, Grossman Gallery, 501 E. North Ave, Lompoc, CA; [Coastal Valley Orchid Society](#)

Third Friday: Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers meeting; San Mateo Garden Center, 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo; [Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers](#).

Fourth Wednesday: Sacramento Valley Cymbidium Society, 7pm, Shepard Garden and Art Center, 3330 McKinley Boulevard in McKinley Park, Sacramento. [Sacramento Valley Cymbidium Society](#)

Fourth Friday: Napa Valley Orchid Society; 7:30 pm at Napa Senior Activities Center 1500 Jefferson St. Napa CA 94558

Fourth Friday: Peninsula Orchid Society; 7:00 pm, San Mateo Garden Center, 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo, CA. [Peninsula Orchid Society](#)

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