



The Back Bulb

Marin Orchid Society Monthly Newsletter

August 2010

Join us! **Falkirk Cultural Center**, Tuesday, August 24, with Marni Turkel Orchid Doctor at 6:45; Virus & Water Testing (if Requested in Advance)

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Author

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Dear BackBulb,

At our July meeting, we enjoyed the participation of our guests and new members who heard about MOS at the Marin County Fair or the newspaper. As MOS continues to make optimal use of our

California Orchids Fall Sale

President's Corner:

*The American Orchid Society
Needs You!*



AOL Needs YOU!!

MOS is an "Affiliated Society" of the American Orchid Society, and many of us are individual members as well. There are real benefits for membership: if you join for 2 years or more, you get a \$30 coupon toward a \$100 purchase at one of 13 Orchid nurseries nationwide; **Orchids** monthly magazine; free admission to over 200 botanical gardens; annual Orchid Source Directory of worldwide Orchid suppliers; 10% discount on purchases at aos.org. There is a wealth of Members Only information on the AOS website, including Orchids A to Z, and the Orchid Forum discussion board. I could go on...

new meeting space at the Falkirk Cultural Center, we discovered that for nearly 50 attendees we need to create a better seating plan and to enhance the room lighting prior to our August meeting. Fortunately, the details were easy to work out and it will be done.

It is simple to join the Marin Orchid Society and enjoy the meetings and benefits. A form with all the details is found near the bottom of this newsletter. Attention, Members! It can be used for renewals as well.

August is proving to be a treat for orchid fanciers. We started off with the very professional and informative presentations at CSNJC Speakers' Day in Sacramento (not to mention the A+ plants!!). Now we get to increase this abundance with Marni Turkel at our August meeting. For members only, our President, Lynne Murrell, has graciously offered to share her home and garden for another savory, beautiful BBQ. (Not a member yet? Quick! Use the form near the bottom of this email and mail to the address given!) Attendance is limited, so reserve now.

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Sandra Merlo, Back Bulb Editor

Monthly Meeting: On Tuesday, August 24, 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 H-M.

Show and Tell Update: 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.

Marni Turkel: Grower, Potter, and Author

The enthusiasm of those who have heard her speak before is enough to guarantee an appreciative audience for Marni Turkel





The benefits are reciprocal, as your membership in AOS supports their critical mission of education, conservation, and research efforts world-wide. It supports the 3.5 acre botanical garden and 4000 sq ft greenhouse, whose staff nurtures rare and endangered Orchid species. Orchid shows and Orchid judging. AQ Plus, with all awards since 1932. Again, I could go on...

I've been a long-time fan of AOS, and last Saturday I was again reminded of the depth of commitment and knowledge within the organization. Several of us attended the 2nd annual Sacramento Speaker's Day, sponsored by the Sierra Nevada Judging Center, to benefit AOS. Among the extraordinary speakers was Ron McHatton, AOS' Chief Operating Officer and Education Director, who spoke on The Intimate World of Orchid Pollinators... s-e-x-y, scintillating stuff!

If you have been meaning to join AOS, do it now, and you'll be glad you

(pronounced tur KELL). Her topic is **Less is More: Small Orchids**. The opportunity table will be provided by Marni.

A native of the San Francisco Bay Area, Marni has been growing orchids since 1980. She has been an active member of the San Francisco Orchid Society since 1982. She grows in three greenhouses in Santa Rosa with approximately 1000 sq ft of growing space. Her main interest is in cool-growing miniature species but plenty of larger plants have crept into the collection as well.

Marni is a contributor to Orchids magazine with her series called 'Well Worth the Space' and 'Give It a Rest'. Her articles have been translated into Dutch, German, Portuguese and Swedish for international publication. Photographs of her plants have been feature in articles noted orchid publications including Orchids Magazine, Orchid Digest, Richardiana, The Orchid Review, and The Australian Orchid Review.

She has expanded her work with orchids to include propagation of orchids from seed and has set up a flasking lab of her own to take the process from start to finish. A working potter for over 40 years, she owns and manages Stony Point Ceramic Design which is a pottery that produces vases, orchid planters, flower arranging containers, ceramic barrel rims and urns.

Check out Marni's plants and pots online: [Marni Turkel](#)

Also at this meeting:

NEW Fertilizer for Sale!: 'Cal-Mag 15-5-15' orchid food available for sale. It corrects the Calcium deficiency of our local water and should be substituted for your regular fertilizer once per month.

- \$4 for an 8-oz bag; just \$3 for MOS members.

MOS T-Shirts Available: There are MOS cotton t-shirts available in sizes M-XL in white or navy both of which feature the MOS logo. As Webmaster John said, "Why not let people know about MOS when I am running errands? Easy advertising." Your cost is \$6 for members, \$7 for guests.

Directions to Falkirk Cultural Center: From the North on 101, take Central San Rafael exit, turn West onto Mission Avenue in San Rafael and continue to 1408 at "E". From South Marin, take the 101 exit for Central San Rafael, go North to Mission, then left on Mission. There is a parking lot plus parking in the u-shaped

did. At the next meeting we will share a brief outreach survey from the new AOS President, Chris Rehmann, who is looking for ways that the Society can better serve the Orchid community. We look forward to seeing you on August 24.

Lynne

New Members, Renewals

Welcome to new members Barbara and James Schmidt, Angie Williams, and Dolores Scott. We are glad that we can enjoy your participation.

Board of Directors

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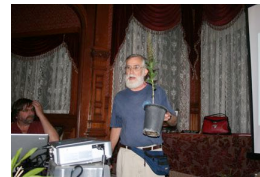
[Online Orchid Species](#)

entryway.

Orchids 101: MOS July Meeting, Mini-Auction!

What an excellent and thorough Orchids 101. Thank you Bill Lenarz, Susan Anderson, and Glenn Smith. Attendees learned about water, fertilizers, pests, light, ease of care, and re-potting. Quite a few of us cringed during Glenn's re-potting demo when excess roots were quickly eliminated! It goes to show how tough orchids can be!

This orchid grows best at...



Re-potting is Simple



The mini-auction included plants that brought out some competitive bidding.

Windowsill Growing Tips



Thank you all for participating in this fund-raiser. And special thanks to those who donated plants to MOS for the auction: Elizabeth Gleason, Lynne Murrell, and Ron Ludwig.

And thanks to those who donated plants to the opportunity table.

Thank you for those who brought the delicious refreshments: Christy Hermann, Mary Ann Aleandri, Carolyn Fisher, Gail Beach, Susan Anderson, and Sandra Merlo. And a big thanks to those who helped set up and take down. Your help is much appreciated, especially since the MOS rental agreement ends at 9:30 and we need to clean up and exit!

Who will bid \$10?



AOS AWARDS JULY 2010

Pacific Central Judging Center - San Francisco

July Awards not available at press time; check their website:

<http://www.aospacificcentral.org/>

July 7, 2010 - CSNJC - Sacramento

- Brassocattleya Erotion 'Persistence' (B. glauca x C. walkeriana), HCC 75, exhibited by Kathleen F. Barrett)
- Dendrobium Lemon Ice 'Erk' (De. crumentum x Den. trigonopus), AM 80, exhibited by Ted. C. Foin
- Laelocattleya Amethyst Star 'Neon? Purple Flame?' (Lc. Mini

Identification

July Show & Tell

Bill Lenarz shared his Masdevallia Falcon Gold while Mary Ann Aleandri brought a basket of Paphiopedilums and one Dendrobium: Paphs Pinocchio 'Prince', Concolor, Diancrum, and Joyce Hasegawa, plus Den. Indivisum. Sandra Merlo brought Dendrobium Nora Tokunaga. Susan Anderson shared one of her phalaenopsis. Linda Tripp and Lynne Murrell also shared blossoming orchids but forgot to sign the sheet.

Reminder: Sign the S&T sheet and please write orchid name so it is easy to read!

Bill Lenarz and
Masdevallia



Mary Ann and Paphs



Sandra M and Nora
Tokunaga

Purple x L. Longipes), HCC 77, exhibited by Japheth Ko
- Plectorrhiza brevitabris 'Julie Anne' species, CHM 85, exhibited by James Morris
- Rodrumnia Orchidom Lovely Lady 'Skippy Red' (Tolu.; pulchella x Rrm. Orchidom Red Love), HCC 78, Exhibited by Bob Conaty
- Vascostylis Salaya Blue 'D's Delight' (Vasco. Blue Haze x Ascda. Meda Arnold)), AM 83, exhibited by Dick and Donna Murrill.

Awards can be seen at:

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

California Orchids Fall Sale September 18

Mary Nesbit's California Orchids will be open from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM in Half Moon Bay. The greenhouse is not open to the public except for the spring and fall open house events.

California Orchids
515 Aspen Rd.
Bolinas, California 94924
415-868-0203

The sale will feature many kinds of orchids, small to very large specimens, some in and some out of flower; and cool, warm, and intermediate growers. Re-potting materials, "sound advice", and orchid logs are offered as well. For additional information check the website: [California Orchids](#)

You can email Mary at: [Mary Nisbet](#)

One of the oldest orchid boarding facilities in the San Francisco Bay Area, California Orchids has been growing orchids professionally for over 20 years, and operating our boarding business since 1985. Their location in coastal Marin County allows them to grow a wide range of orchid genera.

At California Orchids, you will find 5 heated greenhouses and a large outdoor shade area. These areas make up over 15,000 square feet of space divided and heated according to varying needs of more than 20,000 orchid plants.

The central focus of California Orchids is to develop and grow orchid collections for their clients rather than wholesale or retail sales. Each spring and fall, however, California Orchids is open to the public.



Susan A and Phalaenopsis



Linda Tripp Shares



Lynne Murrell



Thank you for bringing your plants and telling us about them.

DUES are DUE!

... and even overdue for some members. Ways to tell if your membership has expired: For snail mail: the expiration date on your label is outlined in red.

For email, you will receive a reminder postcard. Unsure? Ask Bill Lenarz!

(blenarz@earthlink.net)

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

This is an excellent opportunity to add to your collection, schmooze with other orchid fanciers, and enjoy the setting and many plants of California Orchids.

Let's Spread the Word About MOS!

Time Flies for Silent Auction Bidders



Make it a goal this year to let more people know about the value of MOS meetings plus all the fun. This is a great group of people who are enthusiastic about lending their orchid-growing expertise to beginners. In addition, we have a library,

several Orchid Doctors, virus and water testing, access to OrchidWiz, a beautiful venue, and informative meetings.

AND...the orchid drawings and auctions offer an excellent way for beautiful, new plants to find their way home with you, along with the information about helping to make that plant thrive!

Orchid-focused magazines are available at the meetings as well as the expertise of senior growers. With a beautiful meeting location, excellent information, desserts with coffee and tea, this is an excellent way to spend the fourth Tuesday of the month. MOS members qualify for discounts and special events, so help us spread the word!

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

Upcoming Board of Directors' Meeting

September 2 at 7 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.

Visit the MOS "Blog"!

Remember to check out the MOS orchid blog. Pictures and articles can easily be added to the blog. Want to talk about the ideal greenhouse? A potting mix you just discovered? John, our webmaster, invites you to submit your orchid-related thoughts, hints, and dreams:

[MOS Blog](#)

Your ideas and articles are always appreciated!

Sincerely,

Sandra Merlo
Back Bulb Editor
Marin Orchid Society

MOS Membership / Renewal Application

Name _____ new ___ renew ___
Address _____
City _____ ZIP _____
Phone(H) _____ (W) _____
e-mail _____

Business (optional for roster) _____

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

August 22 - MOS Barbecue, at Lynne's home

August 24 - General Meeting with Marni Turkel, Grower, Author, Potter

September 28 - General Meeting with Blaine Maynard, Orchids for the People

September ?- Greenhouse Tour; date and detail to be announced

October 26 - MOS Fall Orchid Auction

November 23 - Members' Orchids Digital Show and Tell; workshop

December - No General Meeting. Holiday Dinner: Date to be determined.

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; 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; 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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