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# The Back Bulb

Marin Orchid Society Newsletter

November 2011

Join us! San Rafael Corporate Center, Tuesday, November 22, 7 PM.  
Orchid Doctor at 6:30; Virus / Water Testing, if Requested in Advance

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### President's Letter



### *Thanksgiving and Random Thoughts*

Happy Thanksgiving to all. May it be a time of warmth with family, friends, and a table adorned with your best Orchid Beauties. We certainly have a great deal to be thankful for, and I count among my blessings many wonderful friendships at MOS. What a talented and diverse group we are, rallying around a shared passion for one of Earth's most beautiful treasures.

I find myself channel-

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The MOS November meeting program features a photo workshop and Members' Digital Show and Tell. David Judd has graciously agreed to present Part 2 of his orchid photography workshop. This is an opportunity for all of us to learn how to preserve those fabulous blooms and share them with others when the bloom dates do not coincide with Show and Tell.

In addition, John and Sandra will share their pictures of Peru's Waqanki Orchid Center in Moyobamba, Carolyn Fisher will present her beautiful capture of the lei festival in Hawaii (yes, leis show off orchids!), and Sandra Fallat will share her gorgeous orchid pictures. If we are lucky, there will be a few other slide shows.

Orchids for the **opportunity table** will be provided by Sleepy Hollow Orchids.

**Show & Tell:** Bring in your blooming orchids for a special drawing for the first pick of the Opportunity table! Sign up on the Show and Tell sheet on the display table for publication in the Back Bulb.

**Reminder:** List the genus and species legibly so we can post it in the Back Bulb.

**Refreshments:** Coffee and refreshments will be served. If your last name begins with M through T, please bring a dessert or appetizer around 6:30 pm so that we can set it up for the meeting. Members who bring food will be given a free strip of tickets for the drawing to win an orchid.

surfing to avoid Holiday commercials, but it's an unavoidable fact that Winter and damaging cold are upon us. While 'tis true that Orchids are an astoundingly adaptable and hearty bunch, we need to be mindful of what Orchids really want: their native habitat, or the closest thing to it that we can give them. Can tropical Beauties survive near-freezing nights? Many do, but too much stress on any plant will cause it to sub-optimize. Pouty roots, less hearty growth, and fewer blooms are likely results of pushing their cold-tolerance limits. Not sure what they need? Ask The Orchid Doctor at the next MOS meeting, or invest in *Orchid Wiz*; I find this an essential tool for taking my Orchids to the next level of success.

We look forward to sharing a year-end toast with you at the MOS Holiday Dinner at Arrivederci, on December 7. Space is limited, so get your reservation and \$35 to Ron Ludwig asap... a fun time is a sure thing. So is another goofy Orchid-gift swap, for those daring to participate.

See you November,

*Lynne*

#### **Directions to San Rafael Corporate Center:**

*From 101S:*

Exit 452 toward Central San Rafael, continue straight onto Hetherton St., take the 3rd right onto 3rd St., turn left onto Lindaro St. (just past Ritter). Corporate Center is just beyond 2nd St.

*From 101N:*

Take Exit 452 toward Central San Rafael, turn slight right onto Irwin St., then left onto 3rd St., then left onto Lindaro St. (just past Ritter). (Note: 3rd St. is one way West, 2nd St. is one way East.)

### **It's time again for the Marin Orchid Society Holiday Party!**

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**Grab your Party Clothes and Join Us  
on  
Wednesday, December 7th, at  
Café Arrivederci Restaurant!  
11 G Street,  
on the corner of 3rd and G  
in San Rafael**



**No Host Bar and Hor's d'oerves at  
6:00 PM.**

**Dinner will be served at 7:00 PM.**

**\$35.00 per person includes appetizers, salad, bread, choice of  
three main courses, dessert, and coffee or tea.**

**Seating is limited, so sign up now!**

**Join the fun and bring an orchid-related gift,  
value about \$10.00 to \$15.00 for our gift exchange.**

**(This is optional.)**

**R.S.V.P. No later than Sunday, December 4th  
to**

**Susan Anderson**

**Phone (707)762-2917 or**

**Email: [artwork@copyshopandprinting.com](mailto:artwork@copyshopandprinting.com)**

**Make our your checks to Ron Ludwig and mail to Ron at**

## MEMBERSHIP

Renewing Members  
Linda Tripp, Bill and  
Paget Lenarz, Ann  
Weiskopf.

### Quick Links...

[Marin Orchid Society](#)  
[American Orchid Society](#)  
[San Francisco Orchid  
Society](#)  
[Online Orchid Species  
Identification](#)  
[MOS Blog](#)

### MOS Board of Directors

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### Upcoming Board of Directors Meeting

December 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.

### Marni Turkel Pottery



### Marni Pot Examples

Closing out stock at the pottery,  
beginning Saturday. October  
15h, 11-4; 30% off of the regular  
marked prices, both 1st and 2nd  
quality work. The studio will be  
open on Saturdays from 11 am

43 Plumas Circle, Novato, CA 94947.

## Fall Auction Review



Dennis Olivas Describes Orchid

Things were popping at the MOS Fall Auction as members bid fast and furiously for a wide variety of plants. The Live Auction was devoted to blooming plants. Dennis Olivas, auctioneer, provided most of the plants from his Half Moon Bay Nursery and members' contributions were quite extensive. The heaviest bidding was for a Laelia grown by Linda Tripp which was eventually won by ... our auctioneer!



Buyers and Sellers

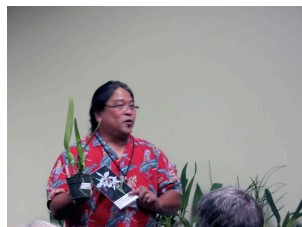
The Silent Auction featured non-blooming plants but that did not stop the bidders from outdoing each other. Once again, an orchid from Sandra Fallat's Sleep Hollow Orchids was a favorite among the friendly yet

competitive bidders.



Auction Bidders

The MOS Fall and Spring Auctions are excellent places to add to your collection because the plants are carefully cultivated, healthy, and pest free. Because the middle-man is cut out of the picture, the prices are very competitive, especially when some of the members are chatting away and miss out on good deals!



And when it blooms...



Linda Tripp brings orchids

Photos by John Merlo

to 4 pm and by appointment through November 19th and perhaps longer.

2080 Llano Rd, Suite 1B, Santa Rosa; 707 328 5973.

### Books Closeout

Expert grower and world traveler Bob Gordon passed away in September and his books are offered to MOS members at discount prices. Please contact Bob's son, Rob Gordon, to place an order at: [rgordon93@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rgordon93@sbcglobal.net)

Beginner in 2008-\$10, now \$5  
Culture in 2008-\$20, now \$10  
Seedling in 2008-\$18, now \$10  
Survey in 2008-\$25, now \$15  
Writing in 2008-\$3.50, now \$2  
For the book descriptions, [click here](#).

## Orchid Shows, Open Houses and Private Sales



*Fred Shull Laelia purpurata, by Eric Hunt*

There are quite a few opportunities to appreciate orchids and orchid fanciers, as well as find new plants to enhance your collection.

### Santa Cruz Orchid Show and Sale, November

**12-13:** AOS-judged show, featuring some rare orchids, with demos, expert info, and plants for show and sale. Free parking, easy access. For flyer with all the info, [click here](#).

### MOS 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

Are there article you would like to see? Topics you would like us to cover? Please bring your ideas for articles to the next meeting or email me at [marin.orchids@gmail.com](mailto:marin.orchids@gmail.com).

*Sandra Merlo*

BackBulb Editor  
Marin Orchid Society

### MARIN ORCHID SOCIETY EVENTS - 2011

**November 22 - Members' Orchids Digital Show and Tell; orchid photography workshop with David Judd**

**December 7- Holiday Dinner at Arrivederci, San Rafael (No General Meeting)**

## 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 a meeting.

### 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; 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; Weegie Caughlan at [goldcoastcymgrowers@gmail.com](mailto:goldcoastcymgrowers@gmail.com); [Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers](#).

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

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