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NEWSLETTER OF
MALIHINI ORCHID SOCIETY



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ORCHID SOCIETY**

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**MALIHINI MEMBERSHIP MEETING
January 10, 2025**

OUR NEW LOCATION

1005 Railroad Avenue
Santa Clara, California
(between the Santa Clara Police Department &
Santa Clara University)

SETUP STARTS AT 7PM, MEETING AT 7:30PM

SPEAKER

Tanya Lam

TOPIC: GROWING ORCHIDS IN COCONUT MIXES

Tanya will be sharing her success using coconut mixes on various orchid genera, how to prepare the coconut, and formulas for the mixes. With the recent shortage and quality problem of other mediums such as bark and moss, coconut is a superior choice for an orchid medium.

OPPORTUNITY PLANT TABLE:

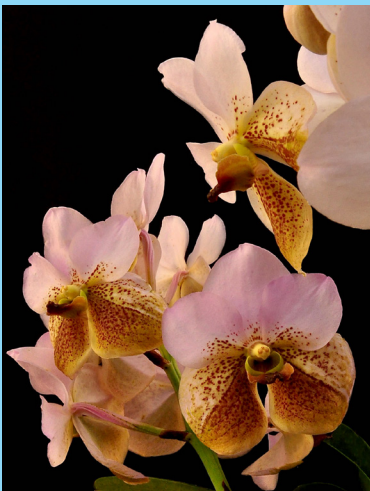
Tanya Lam will provide the plant table with a variety of orchids.

Information about Sale items

Tanya will bring a few orchids to sell at the January 2025 meeting. Both indoor and outdoor orchids are available. Additionally, Tanya will have limited coconut husk chips and carrying trays for sale.

SPEAKER BIO:

Tanya has been growing orchids since 1996 in San Jose California. She listened, experimented, and was creative in adjusting her growing methods to provide her orchids with their healthiest root systems, and in turn she enjoys their best performances in flowering. During the first few





years of growing orchids, her job required extensive travel, which required her to have good planning and orchid mixes that stay moist exactly 7 days. Tanya created her own orchid mixes using coconut as the main medium. These mixes were designed to fit her weekly watering schedule and condition. Her orchid mixes turned out to be outstanding and magical.

At this month meeting, she will be sharing her successes using coconut mixes on various orchid genera, how to prepare the coconut, and formulas for the mixes. She encourages orchid growers to try using coconut as a natural organic and inexpensive medium due to its natural resistance to pests and diseases. Orchid growers can nurture their plants while also supporting eco-friendly horticultural practices. With the recent shortage and quality problem of other medium such as bark and moss, coconut is a superior choice for orchid medium. Many growers are skeptical to using coconut in their mixes due to its ability to hold too much water. Tanya will provide many tips for success and share photos of the amazing root growths on her talk.

Tanya uses 100% rain water, she collects over 11,000 gallons of rain water each year, and despite her busy work and travel schedule, she used to manage to keep her 3000 orchids pest free and healthy in two greenhouses and a shade house. Besides using the pure rain water, her other secret is using the coconut husk mix on 90% of her orchids.

Tanya belongs to many orchid societies in the San Francisco bay area, was the Vice President and President of Malihini Orchid Society. Wherever she travels, she makes time to visit the local orchid society and learns how orchids are grown in different parts of the country. She traveled to see orchids in Australia, Brazil, China, Ecuador, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam. She has recently been down-sizing her orchid collections to prepare for retirement, as she dreams to visit more orchid habitats of the world.





THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I was unable to make December's meeting but what I'm told it came off really well.

We had our elections. Yuko is willing to stay on as Vice President. John is staying on as treasurer and I will be staying on as president. Happily, Antonio Nguyen has been elected as our ways and means director.

Gurmeet Kaur is our new membership chair and Grace Keng is our member at large. Thank you all for stepping up.

Dave Sorokowsky covered the three main types of Paphiopedilums and their culture. If you are just starting out, paphs make great windowsill plants.

If you didn't take notes, go to paphparadise.com and click on paph care.

And again, I understand we had awesome food!! Thank-you to all who bring refreshments to the meetings

See you all in January!

Bill Weaver

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome 2 new members Grace Keng and Katherine Li & returning members: Antonio Nguyen, Gurmeet Kaur, Elizabeth Gehrig, Earl & Betty Steinhoff, and Kim Vu.

MEMBERSHIP

There are many benefits in becoming a Malihini Orchid Society member:

- Learn about the various genera of orchids
 - Learn the culture and cultivation of orchids
 - Monthly newsletter
 - Monthly orchid speaker(s)
 - Opportunity to buy orchids from speaker's website without the shipping fee (speaker comes to give talk)
 - Opportunity to acquire orchids through monthly meetings
 - Show off your orchids during Show & Tell portion of our monthly meetings
 - Connect with people with similar interest
 - Ask questions about what ails your orchid
 - Participate in our yearly orchid show & sale
 - Holiday dinner, where we give each member who attends an orchid
- Starting from January 2025, the membership fee will be \$20/year. If you have any questions, you can contact **Gurmeet Kaur, the Membership Chair**, at our meetings.

Visit malihini.org/membership

CLICK on Membership form, PRINT form, fill in the blanks

Bring membership form to meeting

Email: malihini.society@gmail.com



Join us at

<https://www.facebook.com/ORCHIDinSANJOSE/>

SHOW AND TELL PLANTS:

Join us and show off by bringing your orchids in bloom and share your experience with us. You will receive 1 opportunity plant ticket and can win another orchid.

REFRESHMENT:

Members who bring refreshments to a meeting receive 1 opportunity plant ticket. Contact the Refreshment Chairperson at the meeting to receive your tickets.

MEMBER SALE PLANT

All members have the opportunity to sell plants from their personal collections at regular meetings. Members sell directly to the buyers. Sellers are responsible for paying sales taxes to the state of California.

NAME TAGS (BADGES)

You will receive a name tag after you become MOS member.

SOCIAL MEDIA:

Join our social media team to promote our Malihini Orchid Society, membership, show, take photos, posting, answer questions from the followers...

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please submit your article, show flyers, open house or other info... to our newsletter editor: Angelic@orchidesign.com **before the 20th** of the month. We will post it for you.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR NEEDED

If you have a little knowledge about orchids and page layout, you can help create a beautiful newsletter. All of information will be sent to you by the deadline. Please contact Angelic Nguyen if you love to share your talent: services@orchidesign.com





MOS 2025 OFFICERS

President - Bill Weaver

Vice President - Yuko

Treasurer - John Humphrey

Secretary -

Director of Ways & Means - Antonio Nguyen

Membership Chair - Gurmeet Kaur

Director at Large - Grace Keng

Opportunity Tickets - Liz Gehrig

Newsletter Editor - Angelic Nguyen

Web Master - Fred Cox & Amy Ohe

Orchid Show/Sale Chair -

UP COMING EVENTS

• Saturday, January 18, 2025 -The Collector's Cymbidium Live, In-Person Orchid Auction 2025

Plant Preview & Buyer Reg 1 PM, Auction Begins 1:30 PM

San Mateo Garden Center, 605 Parkside Wy, San Mateo, CA 94403

Here you can find those rare, hard to find, no longer available

Cymbidium Orchids! Top Quality Plants, Past Show Winners,

Species, Splash, Feathered & Peloric petals, and other Cool-Growing

Companion plants – ALL CMV & ORS Virus Tested NEGATIVE ! Some

plants will be in spike or in bloom. Smaller divisions and seedlings

also available.

<http://www.GoldCoastCymbidiumSociety.org/auction.html>

• January 25–26, 2025

San Diego – Orchids In The Park Fall Show & Sale

Balboa Park's – Casa Del Prado, Room 101, San Diego, California.

Information at: <https://sdorchids.com/our-shows/>

• February 27, 28 –March 2, 2025

"Orchids in the Clouds" - The 72nd Annual Pacific Orchid Exposition will be at the San Francisco County Fair Building in Golden Gate Park- San Francisco, California

Discounted advance sale tickets will be available in December

<https://www.orchidsanfrancisco.org/events.html>

• March 7–9, 2025

"Exotic Garden" – The 77th annual Santa Barbara International Orchid Show in beautiful Santa Barbara, California!

<https://sborchidshow.com/tickets-2025/>

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San Francisco Orchid Society Presents:
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77th Santa Barbara International
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EXOTIC GARDENS

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EARL WARREN SHOWGROUNDS

