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NEWSLETTER OF
MALIHINI ORCHID SOCIETY



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ORCHID SOCIETY

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MALIHINI MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Friday, January 9th, 2026

MEETING LOCATION

The South Bay Historical Railroad Society (SBHRS)

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

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

SPEAKER: Angelic Nguyen from Orchid Design

TOPIC: Cool Growing Orchids

What you can grow outside in California weather

OPPORTUNITY PLANT TABLE:

Angelic Nguyen will provide the plant table.

SPEAKER BIO:

Angelic Nguyen has many years experience as a silk painting artist, floral designer, graphic and web designer. Growing up with orchids and tropical flowers around her hometown near Saigon, Vietnam, her passion for orchids has shown up in her paintings and designs. After she and her family escaped from the Communists and came to the U.S. in 1990, she started a new life as a graphic artist at the San Jose Mercury News. She has been growing orchids for about 25 years, and started her company, Orchid Design, in 1999. Angelic works on orchid growing, orchid arrangement, graphic design, and web design. Recently she has also been concentrating on photography and has taken thousands of orchid pictures for promoting orchid shows.

Orchids she grows include Cattleyas, Phalanopsis, Laelias, Dendrobiums, Oncidiums, Paphs, Phrags, Lycastes, Bulbophylums, Vandas; hybrids and species. She also has several rare Cymbidiums — standard, pendulous and peloric, — and has done some hybridizing of Cymbidiums, Laelias,



and Cattleyas. In the meantime, she enjoys finding different orchids blooming in her garden everyday.

Angelic was Art Director for the Cymbidium Society of America Journal in 2006, and served as the newsletter editor for the San Francisco Orchid Society for about ten years. She has been involved in many activities to support orchid societies with promoting orchid shows, design and printing for postcards, brochures and flyers, very active on social media and has also served as President, show chair, and as a board member of several Bay Area orchid societies. In the last 15 years, she has been helping the San Francisco Orchid Society promote their shows (Pacific Orchid Exposition and Orchids in the Park) successfully using her artistic skill, social media, advertising field and orchid experience.

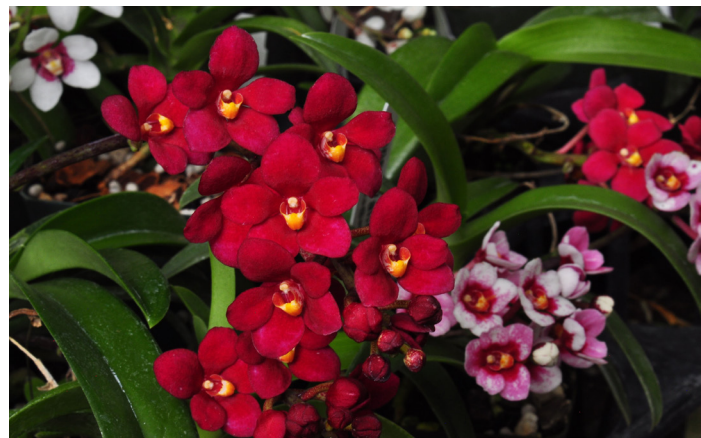
Orchid Design has been participating in the Pacific Orchid Exposition, the Santa Barbara International Orchid Show, the San Diego International Orchid Show, the Fascination International Orchid Show, the San Francisco Flower & Garden Show, South Coast Garden Show and many other shows for the past decade.

She has also been giving orchid presentations and skill sessions for orchid and garden societies, using her experience and large selection of her photographs. She has spoken on a variety of orchid topics, including the 19th World Orchid Conference, Fragrant Orchids, Unusual Cymbidiums, Pendulous Cymbidiums, "Cattleya, the Queen of Flowers", "Laelia & Their Relatives", "The fascinating Orchids of Vietnam" and **"Cool Growing Orchids"**.

You can visit her website www.ORCHIDesign.com and her online store: <https://orchidesign.myshopify.com/> to find out what she has available to share with orchid enthusiast. You can email your orchid wish list to her: angelic@orchidesign.com or ask about something you would love to have in your orchid collection.

You can also find Angelic Nguyen and Orchid Design, and be her friend on Facebook and Twitter!

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PRESIDENT MESSAGE

Please continue to support your local Malihini Orchid Society!
You're missing the fun if you don't show!

We had a Great December Holiday Party and feasted on Ribs, Ham, Sushi, Lasagna, Desserts and More!

Then, we had a plant giveaway where everyone got one of Weegie's last treasures.

We even had a few left over so if you didn't show up...you missed out.

We also had elections, and as Bill Weaver decided to retire as president after 10 years, the group decided to take a chance on me as the new president: John Humphrey.

Fortunately, all the other great officers are retaining their spots and so a new president should not screw it up too badly.

Looking forward to our next meeting on Friday, January 9th when Angelic will be our featured speaker talking about Cool growing Orchids in the Bay Area. Don't miss it. You'll be sure to pick up at least one pearl of wisdom!

See you there...
John

NEW / RETURNING MEMBERS:

Returning members are: Antonio Nguyen, Angelic Nguyen & Dave, Grace Keng, Conrad Kumata, John Humphrey, Sorin Florea, Liz Gehrig, AnhDao Huynh...

MEMBERSHIP FEE

Membership fee for the 2026 year will be \$25. Membership forms will be available at the January meeting.

One can also go to: <http://malihini.org/membership/>

Please fill out the form with your membership fee and give it to John Humphrey, our treasurer.



DONATIONS:

The donated Cymbidiums from Weegie Caughlan were used as a gift to show our appreciation to our members, who attended the Holiday Potluck in December. Weegie donated her Cyms to us many times during the 2025 year.

A huge thank you to Bill Weaver, who babysat the Cyms at his greenhouse!

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 2026 OFFICERS

President - John Humphrey
Vice President - Yuko
Treasurer - John Humphrey
Secretary - (open)
Director of Ways & Means - Antonio Nguyen
Membership Chair - Gurmeet Kaur
Director at Large - Grace Keng
Opportunity Tickets - Liz Gehrig
Past President - Bill Weaver

Newsletter Editor - Angelic Nguyen
Webmaster - Amy Ohe
Orchid Show/Sale Chair - OPEN



UP COMING EVENTS

• January 24 – 25, 2026

**San Diego County Orchid Society
Orchids in the Park Winter Show & Sale**
Casa del Prado Room 101
1800 El Prado, San Diego, CA, 92101.
Free admission & parking.
<https://sdorchids.com/>

• February 26–March 1, 2026 – 10 am–5 pm

**The 73rd PacificOrchid Exposition
Orchid Obscura**
SF County Fair Building
(1199 9th Ave., San Francisco, CA 94122) in Golden Gate Park.
Info & Tickets:
<https://www.orchidsanfrancisco.org/events.html>

• March 20 – 22, 2026 – 10 am–5 pm

**The 78th Santa Barbara International Orchid Show
Orchid Escape**
Earl Warren Showgrounds, Santa Barbara
<https://www.sborchidshow.com/>

• April 27 – 29, 2026

**San Diego – Spring Orchids Show & Sale
Orchids of the Earth**
Casa del Prado Room 101 and Patio A.
1800 El Prado, San Diego, CA, 92101.
Free admission & parking. <https://sdorchids.com/>



Orchids

January 24–25

Saturday Noon – 5 p.m.

Early bird sales start at 10 a.m.

Sunday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Balboa Park's
Casa del Prado, Room 101

Near the Natural History Museum

Free Admission







Show and Sale

in the Park



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73rd
Annual

San Francisco Orchid Society Presents:
Pacific Orchid Exposition Show and Plant Sale

ORCHID OBSCURA



County Fair Building
1199 9th Ave.
San Francisco, CA

Preview Night:
Feb 26, 2026 6-9pm
(Must be 21 and older)

Feb 27 - Feb 28, 2026 10am - 5pm
March 1, 2026 10am - 4pm



www.orchidsanfrancisco.org
Discounted advance tickets available online



SANTA BARBARA
INTERNATIONAL
ORCHID SHOW

ORCHID ESCAPE

MARCH 20-22,
2026

9AM-5PM

**EARL WARREN
SHOWGROUNDS**

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San Diego County Orchid Society Show and Sale
Balboa Park • April 24 - 26

Latest Event Details at sdorchids.com