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MALIHINI ORCHID SOCIETY



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MALIHINI MEMBERSHIP MEETING

April 11, 2025

NEW 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 of Orchid Design

TOPIC: Pendulous Cymbidium

Many kind of Cymbidium can bloom from Winter to Summer. Some of them can come from pendant to arching. Please join Angelic and find out what are they. You will learn how to grow successful, transfer and make them bloom on time for your shows.

OPPORTUNITY PLANT TABLE:

Angelic will provide the plant table with Pendulous Cymbidium and other orchids.

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 Nguyen 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" and "The fascinating Orchids of Vietnam"**.

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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THE "PRESIDENT MESSAGE"

We had another great meeting on Friday. We tried a couple of new things this time.

First of all, we had a video presentation on the subject of viruses in orchids. It was incredibly in-depth and personally I learned a few good things. Most importantly, we tested our ability to have a remote presentation which opens up the whole world of speakers who can't come all the way to California, but can still do talks for us!

The other thing we tried, was a bring-one-get-one raffle. Basically, everyone who brought a plant got a ticket. Then we drew the tickets and everyone who came with a plant, left with a new one!

Keep your eyes on your email for what we're doing next!

Bill Weaver

DONATIONS

1- We are grateful for the generous donation of \$100 from Antonio Nguyen. His contribution will help support Malihini Orchid Society's search for speakers and plant tables. Antonio also brings a bountiful supply of scrumptious snacks to our meetings!

2- Leo Kusber wanted to downsize his orchid collection and he wanted to donate some of his collection to the Golden Coast Cymbidium Society (GCCS). Weegie Caughlan suggested that half of the donated orchids go towards Malihini Orchid Society (MOS). After everyone agreed that was a good idea, Audrey Young-Tarter divided the plants into two groups, one for MOS and one for GCCS. Malihini received 45 orchids, which consisted of Cymbidiums, Zygopetalums, Miltonias, and Dendrobiums. Bill Weaver then volunteered to hold the plants at his greenhouse and provided for their needs.

We will include some of these donated orchids into one of our speaker's existing opportunity plant table and/or utilize them when a speaker does not have a plant table to sell us.

We wish to thank Leo Kusber for his donation of 45 orchids, and Weegie Caughlan for making this all happen. Also thank you Audrey Young-Tarter for taking the time to separate the plants into two groups! We can't forget Bill Weaver (our president) for taking care of these orchids.

Join us at <http://malihini.org/membership/>



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





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





UP COMING EVENTS

April 5 - 6, 2025

Cymbidium & Orchid Join Show & Sale
Gold Coast Cymbidium Society & Peninsula Orchid Society
605 Parkside Way
San Mateo, CA

April 11 - 13, 2025

Sacramento Orchid Society Show & Sale
Sacramento Orchid Society
Carmichael Elks Lodge #2103
5631 Cypress Avenue
Carmichael, CA

April 11 - 13, 2025

Santa Clara Valley Orchid Society Annual Orchid Show & Sale
Santa Clara Valley Orchid Society
Free Admission
Westgate Mall
1600 Saratoga Avenue,
San Jose, CA

April 18 - 20, 2025

San Diego County Orchid Society Spring Show & Sale
Friday, April 18, 12 - 7 pm; early bird sales 10 am
Saturday, April 19, 9 am – 6 pm
Sunday, April 20, 10 am – 4 pm
Casa del Prado Room 101 and Patio A.
1800 El Prado, San Diego, CA, 92101.
Free admission & parking.
<https://sdorchids.com/>

May 3 - 4, 2025

Napa Valley Orchid Society Annual Show & Sale
Napa Valley Orchid Society
1351 Maple Avenue (Veterans Building)
Santa Rosa, CA

May 3 - 4, 2025

Santa Cruz Orchid & Bonsai Show and Sale
Capitola Mall
1855 41st Ave. Capitola, CA 95010





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 -

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Bonsai *and* Orchid *Show and Sale*



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Member Sales, Vendors, Demonstrations
American Orchid Society Judged Exhibit

Hosted by

Santa Cruz Orchid Society

Santa Cruz Bonsai Kai

Sat. May 3, 10 a.m - 5 p.m.

Sun. May 4, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Capitola Mall

(inside the former Sears location)

1855 41st Avenue, Capitola, CA



Photos by Patrick Jagger Photography

Free Admission



Santa Cruz Orchid Society is a registered 501c3 non profit organization



ORCHIDS *of the* EARTH

San Diego County Orchid Society Show and Sale

April 18-20, 2025

Balboa Park's Casa del Prado
Room 101 and Patio
San Diego, California 92101
Free Admission

Latest Event Details at
sdorchids.com

Friday 12:00-6:00 p.m.
Early bird sales start at 10 a.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Sunday 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.