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NEWSLETTER OF
MALIHINI ORCHID SOCIETY



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ORCHID SOCIETY**

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MALIHINI MEMBERSHIP MEETING

May 9, 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: Bill Weaver

TOPIC: "How to keep your orchids happy"

Now that the orchid show season is wrapping up, most of us have acquired one or two or.....more new orchids. My talk will be centered on how to figure out what your new babies need and how to provide it in your environment. I will also be giving a short repotting demo as well..

OPPORTUNITY PLANT TABLE:

We will be using Leo Kusber's orchid donation to Malihini as our plant table. Weegie Caughlan and Audrey Young-Tarter helped make this happen.

SPEAKER BIO:

Bill Weaver was a plant geek starting at an early age, dumpster diving at the local nursery looking for cuttings and plants that he could rescue. When he went away to college, he took along his terrariums of carnivorous plants. That was where he "met" his first orchid. It was an unnamed white Cymbidium purchased at a drive-in theater flea market. This led to an ever-growing collection of orchids under lights in his little Palo Alto apartment.

Moving to Sunnyvale, once he filled up his back yard, he started renting space in Half Moon Bay. Over 15 years now, he has expanded to over 10,000 square feet there. After 37 years as a Customer Engineer at Hewlett Packard, Bill has





retired and makes his 'orchid money' helping other growers with their greenhouses and repotting.

He grows mostly Cymbidiums, Laelias, and other cool growing orchids. Over the years Bill's plants have been awarded HCC, AM and one FCC from the American Orchid Society, as well as several CCM and CCE awards for his giant specimen plants. He also has a lovely orange Cymbidium named for him.



NEW & RETURNING MEMBERS

-Suzanne & Michael Nakashima

Welcome back Suzanne & Michael! We haven't seen you for a long time!

-Audrey Young-Tarter

Another returning member! Audrey is one of our past speakers. She helped with the Leo Kusbeer donation, dividing the orchids into two groups for Malihini & GCCS.

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- 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.

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

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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.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE Please submit your article, show flyers, open house... to our newsletter editor: **Angelic@orchidesign.com**



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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 2024 OFFICERS

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UP COMING EVENTS

May 16-18, 2025

Gold Country Orchids & Paph Paradise
390 Big Ben Rd.
Lincoln, CA (See flyer)

June 28-29, 2025

OrchidFest Nature's Gem
Central Coast's Premier International Orchid Show
Nipomo High School Courtyard Pavilion
525 N Thompson Ave, Nipomo, CA 93444

Admission:

- \$5 per person
- Children 12 & under and FCOS Members FREE
- Free parking

Information: <http://www.fcos.org>





GOLD COUNTRY ORCHIDS & PAPH PARADISE SPRING OPEN HOUSE

GOLD COUNTRY:

Bring this flyer for a free plant with any \$25 purchase, or 25% off any purchase over \$150

MAY 16 9:00-4:00

MAY 17 10:00-3:00

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390 BIG BEN ROAD, LINCOLN, CA

**MAKE A DAY OF IT!
VISIT OUR LOCAL WINERIES, RESTAURANTS
AND MICROBREWERIES**

**WE RECOMMEND:
DUELING DOGS BREWERY
CIOTTI WINERY
AND MANY MORE!!!**

**PAPH PARADISE: NEW AND EXCITING PLANTS
Don't miss this chance to see our most recent
additions, including some select plants not
available online or at shows**

Coming Soon...

ORCHIDFEST 2025

JUNE 28, 29

SAT 10AM - 5PM

SUN 10AM - 4PM

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