

June 2025

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NEWSLETTER OF  
MALIHINI ORCHID SOCIETY



**MALIHINI  
ORCHID SOCIETY**

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## **MALIHINI MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**June 13, 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: Bruce Rogers**

**(remote presentation)**

**Speaker will give talk at 7:30 pm**

**So come early**

**TOPIC: Sobralia**

### **OPPORTUNITY PLANT TABLE:**

**Bruce Rogers of Bruce Rogers Orchids** will provide the raffle plants. Sobralias have very showy flowers! Bruce will provide mature Sobralias to young Sobralias.

The photos indicated to me that Bruce was very generous to Malihini. There were so many Sobralias. Thank you Bruce!

### **SPEAKER BIO:**

In the 1980s Bruce founded Bruce Rogers Orchids, an orchid consulting and management company based in San Francisco. This business continues today and includes many private and commercial accounts. In 2002 he followed his passion and started growing and hybridizing Sobralia orchids. Today he is known around the world for his unique and popular hybrids, and is the largest supplier of wholesale and retail Sobralias.

Bruce is internationally well known as an orchid expert.



He is the author of the best selling orchid book, *The Orchid Whisperer, Expert Secrets for Growing Beautiful Orchids* (Chronicle Books, 2012), as well as numerous articles on orchid culture and design. He is a frequent and popular guest lecturer at orchid societies and garden clubs. He was formerly on the Advisory Council at the San Francisco Conservatory of Flowers and has served as the Ambassador for the San Francisco Orchid Society.

In 2007 the late Dr. Eric Christenson named the magnificent orchid species *Sobralia rogersiana* in Bruce's honor for his work with the genus *Sobralia*.

GO TO: [brucerogersorchids.com](http://brucerogersorchids.com)

- If you are interested in Sobralias, you can call for the latest price list, photos, and availability. The San Francisco nursery is by appointment only (415) 235-4819.
- His books can be bought from Amazon, B&N, Target, etc.
- Photos of his Sobralias (Beautiful!)
- Contact: [brucerogersorchids.com](http://brucerogersorchids.com)





## **DONATIONS**

Bill Weaver donated his knowledge and time to give his talk about how to keep your orchids happy. Thank you Bill for always being there to help our orchid society!

## **SPEAKERS FOR THE 2025 YEAR**

- June 13th - Bruce Rogers (Sobralia)
- July 11th - Tim Culbertson (TBD)
- August 8th - Weegie Caughlan  
(How to Build & Maintain a Quality Orchid Collection)
- September 12th - Dennis Olivas (TBD)
- October 10th - TBD
- November 14th - Dave Sorokowsky (TBD)
- December 12th - TBD

## **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.







## **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](http://malihini.org/membership)**

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

Bring membership form to meeting

Email: [malihini.society@gmail.com](mailto:malihini.society@gmail.com)





### **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](mailto:services@orchidesign.com)

### **MOS 2025 OFFICERS**

President - Bill Weaver  
Vice President - Yuko  
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Secretary - OPEN  
Director of Ways & Means - Antonio Nguyen  
Membership Chair - Gurmeet Kaur  
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Opportunity Tickets - Liz Gehrig  
Newsletter Editor - Angelic Nguyen  
Web Master - Fred Cox & Amy Ohe  
Orchid Show/Sale Chair - OPEN

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### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **• June 28-29, 2025 – 10AM–4PM**

##### **Five Cities Orchid Society OrchidFest 2025: Nature's Gem**

Nipomo High School Courtyard Pavilion  
525 N Thompson Ave, Nipomo, CA 93444  
<http://www.fcos.org>

#### **• July 26-27, 2025 – 10AM–5PM**

##### **SF Orchids in the Park 2025 - Summer Sale**

SF County Fair Building  
(1199 9th Ave., San Francisco, CA 94122) in Golden Gate Park.

Orchids in The Park Discounted Advance Tickets are now LIVE:

[https://www.eventbrite.com/e/orchids-in-the-park-2025-summer-sale-july-26-27-tickets-1320653743899?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=listing&utm-source=cp&aff=ebdsshcopyurl&fbclid=IwY2xjawK3YfNleHRuA2FlbQlxMABicmlkETFaaXRtQjZ2Q2RIblpya0FSAR6dJVVk4GTDg9wTEQ9ad2idSKhgeKjv2VUFXT041yV5xqDC5RE33TBaC31ICA\\_aem\\_wJDy8rXh43X4dhl6uththw](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/orchids-in-the-park-2025-summer-sale-july-26-27-tickets-1320653743899?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=listing&utm-source=cp&aff=ebdsshcopyurl&fbclid=IwY2xjawK3YfNleHRuA2FlbQlxMABicmlkETFaaXRtQjZ2Q2RIblpya0FSAR6dJVVk4GTDg9wTEQ9ad2idSKhgeKjv2VUFXT041yV5xqDC5RE33TBaC31ICA_aem_wJDy8rXh43X4dhl6uththw)



Coming Soon...

# ORCHIDFEST 2025

JUNE 28, 29

SAT 10AM - 5PM

SUN 10AM - 4PM

NIPOMO  
HIGH SCHOOL  
525 N. THOMPSTON AVE.  
NIPOMO, CA 93444

visit [www.fcso.org](http://www.fcso.org) for  
more info.



PLANT SALES

ORCHID DISPLAYS

WORKSHOPS

SAN FRANCISCO ORCHID SOCIETY PRESENTS

# ORCHIDS IN THE PARK

**SF County Fair Building**

1199 9<sup>TH</sup> AVE, SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94122



JULY 26 - JULY 27

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