# MALIHINI **ORCHID SOCIETY** NEWSLETTER OF MALIHINI ORCHID SOCIETY

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**July 2025** 

#### MALIHINI MEMBERSHIP MEETING July 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: Tim Culbertson** Speaker will give the talk at 7:30 pm, so come early!

# **TOPIC: Encyclias of Mexico and Beyond**

(Including Natural History of Mexico, & Central and South America, Forest Types and Species)

#### **OPPORTUNITY PLANT TABLE:** Tim Culbertson will provide the plant table.

## **SPEAKER BIO:**

Since I was young, one of my passions has always been plants. I began growing orchids in high school, and expanded my collection as an offshoot from working at Longwood Gardens in Philadelphia just after college. From the very beginning it was all about Paphs, particularly awarded and select clones of historic importance, of which my collection numbers in the thousands. While I love finding old, rare stepping stones in paph breeding, I also do a little hybridizing of my own, and growing and flowering my hybrids is very exciting.

I was once the youngest accredited judge with the American Orchid Society, and have been a judge now for 20 years; I have served in various capacities with various orchid societies in California and on the East Coast. Recently, I've partnered with Fred Clarke to greatly expand the selection of







paphs at Sunset Valley Orchids through the acquisition of significant parts of Sam Tsui's collection at Orchid Inn. I currently manage the Paphs at SVO, and do hybridizing in a wide range of genera including Cattleya, Catasetinae and Masdevallia. I love meeting other people who like orchids too, and doing so often finds me traveling to shows, vendors, and peoples' greenhouses to see the latest and greatest in new hybrids and species. I like to be involved in plants as much as possible: in addition to Longwood, I've worked at the Smithsonian Institution tending to their orchids, and for years for the United States National Arboretum, collecting rare non-orchid plants and documenting cultivated species and hybrids for their herbarium. In short, I really like plants of all kinds.

For your meeting, I'll be sharing a presentation on Encyclias of Mexico and Beyond. These spectacular cattleya relatives grow well outside in subtropical climates like Southern California and much of Florida. With their compact habit, great fragrance, and ease of growth, these are delightful plants for every collection. By extending the traditional definition of Encyclias to include recently separated groups like Anacheilum, Panarica, Prosthechea, Euchile, and others that I and many of you grew up calling Encyclia, we end up with a diverse, beautiful, fragrant, exciting group of plants and flowers; if we add those to the wonderful flora of Mexico and Central America, we have a group that every collector should grow. By the end of this presentation, you will have a new appreciation of the range of plant habits, floral forms, and fragrances of Encyclia broadly, as well as an appreciation of their lovely flowers and ease-of-growth.



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#### **MEMBERSHIP FEE**

Membership fee from July to December will be half the price, since half the year is gone. The membership fee is \$10.

#### **SPEAKERS FOR THE 2025 YEAR**

- 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



#### **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

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## • 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-summersale-july-26-27-tickets-1320653743899?utm-campaign=social&utmcontent=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term-=listing&utm-source=cp&aff=ebdsshcopyurl&fbclid=IwY2xjawK3YfN IeHRuA2FIbQIxMABicmIkETFaaXRtQjZ2Q2RIbIpya0FSAR6dJVVk4GTD g9wTEQ9ad2idSKhgeKjv2VUFXT041yV5xqDC5RE33TBaC31ICA\_aem\_ wJDy8rXh43X4dhl6uththw



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