



# Orchid Society of California, Inc.

January, 2019

## SAVE THE DATES

**Monday, Jan. 21**

**OSC Monthly Meeting**

Lakeside Park Garden  
Center

666 Bellevue Ave.  
Oakland, CA 94610

Doors Open: 7:00 p.m.

AOS Judging: 7:30 p.m.

(Plants accepted from 7:00  
- 7:30 p.m.)

*When parking at the Garden  
Center on meeting nights, tell  
the toll person that you're  
with the orchid club. You  
don't need to pay to park.*

**Bring your well-groomed  
plants for Show and Tell,  
AOS judging, and member  
sales!**

**Tuesday, Jan. 29**

**OSC Board Meeting**

Round Table Pizza  
2854 Mountain Blvd.,  
Oakland  
7:00 p.m.

All members welcome.

**Meeting Munchies**

Members A through C

## PROGRAM NOTES

### **Dennis Olivas: Sarcochilus Species and Hybrids**

Dennis Olivas was born on the island of Kauai, Hawaii. As a lad, he helped his mom and aunt grow their orchids and got hooked. He joined the Future Farmers of America and his project was raising and selling these beautiful and exotic plants. In 1980, he moved to the mainland and swore off the orchid family. But that soon ended when he went to Rod McLeallan's Acres of Orchids' in South San Francisco. From there his whole life became one downward spiral. First he filled his home with upwards of 6,000 plants. Later he leased a greenhouse space for his ever-burgeoning orchid collection. Glutton for punishment, his collection grew to overflow the 3,000 sq. ft. greenhouse in Half Moon Bay.

With the help of his close friends from the Bay Area, Napa and Fresno, he moved his obsession to a greenhouse in Daly City in November of 2013. A whole new ball game of learning how to raise orchids, still without heat, but in an area that gets more sun and higher temperatures, good water year round.

Dennis was president for the Peninsula Orchid Society, San Francisco Orchid Society, Diablo View Orchid Society and the Santa Cruz Orchid Society. He is an accredited judge of the American Orchid Society. Dennis belongs to over 14 orchid societies and tries to assist them whenever possible.

The presentation will include live demonstrations, questions & answers, and a PowerPoint presentation.

## BOARD

**President:** Carl Carter

**Vice President:** *Vacant*

**Secretary:** *Vacant*

**Treasurer:** Helga  
Mahlmann

**Director/Membership:**  
*Vacant*

**Director:** Patti Baugh

**Director:** *Vacant*

**Past President:** Paula Shiu

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## VOLUNTEERS

**Hospitality:** Heather  
Drobos

**Webmaster:** Leo Chan

**Newsletter:** James Hand  
(Distribution)

**Plant Sale:** Jane Tsushima,  
Tommy Kam, Yuni Kam

**Raffle Ticket Sales:** Musia  
Stagg

**Refreshments:** Helga  
Mahlmann

**Name tags, Design and  
Printing:** Patti Baugh

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thanks to Helga and Patti for our delicious and nutritious holiday event last month. And thanks for all the tasty "sides" and desserts our members contributed. We had a nice attendance. The gift exchange was exciting and everyone went home with something desirable. The club provided an AOS membership as a door price, and your president won. We'll continue to support our national organization and hope to have more AOS memberships on the raffle table or available in the future.

This month our favorite Dennis Olivas will give a presentation on *Sarcochilus* species and hybrids. Dennis opened his greenhouse for us last year and now he will sell plants at our meeting too. Additionally he'll provide the material for our plant table.

Happy New Year; 2019 will be a year of changes. We're considering combining OSC and Golden Gate Cymbidium Society. We may start this process by having both clubs meet on the same evening and at the same time. Please have any questions and suggestions ready for the board.

I agreed to take on this office to insure there was a meeting in Oakland so local orchid growers wouldn't have to drive across a bridge to attend a meeting. Both Oakland clubs have the disadvantage that local speakers and potential members don't want to cross a bridge to attend an East Bay meeting. I've arranged 14-16 of our last speakers and am now having to repeat invitations to our local speakers.

We should consider changing which week in the month we meet. Changing would allow us to share out of town speakers, with other Bay Area societies. I appreciate the costs for travel may be more costly than local presenters, but at our current budget/spending, the OSC treasury will last a couple decades.

We're missing a huge opportunity by not using our social media fully. As the world has changed, society has moved more and more to the internet, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. By using these apps, we could reach far more interested growers in the East Bay and the Bay Area in general. And likely connect with all those young people who love nature and orchids.

It's time to get your plants ready for the OSC society display at this year's POE. Please contact your President if

## OSC BOARD MEETING

No meeting in December.

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Photo by Arne and Bent Larsen

you have something you'd like to have in our display. We'll be right at the show's entry and we'll have a great opportunity to publicize our club.

Finally, our board meeting this month will be at Mimi Rose's warm home. January 29, 7 pm.

~ Carl Carter

Contact Carl at [carl.m.carter@sbcglobal.net](mailto:carl.m.carter@sbcglobal.net) or (510) 318-2379

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Have you registered for the 2019 Winter Board meeting?  
Forms and details are available at  
<http://californiagardenclubs.com/nextmeeting>

Wishing you a Happy New Year!

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# **The American Orchid Society Pac Central Judging Center Is Judging at Filoli!!**

**When: 9:00 a.m.**

**Saturday 12 January 2019**

**Saturday 9 February 2019**

**Saturday 9 March 2019**

**Where: Filoli**

**86 Cañada Rd**

**Woodside, CA 94062**

**[www.filoli.org](http://www.filoli.org)**

**Bring a plant to have judged.**

**Observe judging.**

**Stay for the educational  
presentation following judging.**

**Questions: Contact Jim Heilig, [heiligi@msu.edu](mailto:heiligi@msu.edu)  
[www.pacentraljc.org/](http://www.pacentraljc.org/)**

**There is no cost to attend judging.  
Standard entrance fees apply to visit Filoli.**



***Laelia anceps* 'Anastasia' HCC/AOS  
Exhibitor: Lynne Murrell  
Photographer: Ramon de los Santos**