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NEWSLETTER OF
MALIHINI ORCHID SOCIETY



**MALIHINI
ORCHID SOCIETY**

New Website:
malihiniorchids.com



MALIHINI MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Friday, August 14th, 2026

MEETING 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: Cheri Wagner

TOPIC: Growing Orchids Semi-hydroponically

Have you heard this term and wondered what the heck is this? What does it mean and why would you want to grow orchids this way? I have been experimenting with this for several years now and have been growing many orchid varieties successful this way. I've learned a lot from trial and error and from doing quite a bit of researching on line. Many more orchid growers are using this method and I have learned a few things from their experimentation as well. This presentation will introduce you to what semi-hydroponics is, why you might want to try it, and how to go about getting starting.

OPPORTUNITY PLANT TABLE:

Orchid Design will provide the plant table.

SPEAKER BIO:

Cheri was first introduced to orchids in the early 1990's when the company she worked for started displaying orchids (mainly Phalaenopsis) around the building and gave them away to interested employees when flowers started to fall off. She was a lucky recipient of one and was hooked. She decided to join an orchid society to learn more about growing them.



Cheri has been a member of the Santa Cruz Orchid Society since 1998. Cheri has served on the Santa Cruz Orchid Society Board as a Director, Secretary, and Vice President. She has also served as the newsletter editor and webmaster for the last 9 years. She has chaired or co-chaired the annual Show and Sale several times.

Cheri has an MS in Biological Sciences and her experience working in the sciences has carried over into her orchid growing. She likes to experiment with different growing media and conditions. Around 2008, Cheri attended a presentation on growing orchids semi-hydroponically. She has had great success since, growing a variety of her orchids semi-hydroponically and has recently expanded her definition of growing semi-hydroponically from using only LECA (light expanded clay pellets) to also include using mixed media.

Cheri has recently moved from Santa Cruz to Royal Oaks and is having to adjust how she grows her orchids. While she is still growing orchids inside using LED lights and terrariums, she has the majority outside in an unheated 'greenhouse' or around the exterior of the house under large overhangs and covered patios.

DONATIONS:

Many thanks to Bob Hamilton (speaker fee), and to both Bob Hamilton and John Leathers (plant table) for their donations to Malihini Orchid Society. Thank you to Orchid Design for a \$150 donation towards the June speaker fee, Plant table, membership Facebook advertising.

MOS 2026 Speaker Schedule

September 11 – Mary Gerritsen – TBA

October 9 – Ron Parson–Rarities and Oddities of the Orchid World

November 13 – Opens

December 11 – MOS Holiday Party

NEW WEBSITE

We have a new website: **MalihiniOrchids.com**

We will need time to design an effective website.

You are welcome to contribute ideas.

MEMBERSHIP FEE

Since half the year is gone, the membership fee from July to December will be half the regular price. The membership fee is now \$12.50 for the remaining year. That's only approximately \$2.08 per month!



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 (when speaker comes to give talk)
- Opportunity to acquire orchids through monthly meetings
- Showing 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

If you know anyone who might be interested in orchids, you can forward this newsletter to them. We are always interested in having new members join us! If anyone has any questions about Malihini Orchid Society, you can email Lynn at malihini.society@gmail.com

SUBJECT: Questions about Malihini

MEMBERSHIP SHOW AND TELL PLANTS:

Join us and show off by bringing your orchids in bloom and share your experience with us. You will receive one opportunity plant ticket and can win another orchid.

REFRESHMENTS:

Members who bring refreshments to a meeting receive one opportunity plant ticket. Contact the Refreshment Chairperson at the meeting to receive your tickets.

MEMBER SALE PLANTS

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 any sales taxes.

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 Nguyen:

malihinineews@gmail.com

before the 20th of the month. We will post it for you.

Follow us on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/ORCHIDinSANJOSE/>

MOS 2026 OFFICERS

President - John Humphrey

Vice President - Dave Robison

Treasurer - John Humphrey

Secretary - (open)

Director of Ways & Means - Antonio Nguyen

Membership Chair - Yuko

Director at Large - Grace Keng

Opportunity Tickets - Liz Gehrig

Past President - Bill Weaver

Newsletter Editor - Angelic Nguyen (malihinineews@gmail.com)

Webmaster - Angelic Nguyen

Orchid Show/Sale Chair - OPEN

UPCOMING EVENTS

• Oct. 9 – 11, 2026

The Huntington's 10th Annual International Orchid Show

– "Roots of Origin" (*see flyer*)

1151 Oxford Road

San Marino, CA 91108

<https://www.huntington.org/event/10th-annual-international-orchid-show-and-sale>

• Oct. 24 – 25, 2026

San Diego Orchids In The Park – Fall Show & Sale

Casa del Prado Room 101.

1800 El Prado, San Diego, CA, 92101.

Free admission.

<https://sdorchids.com/>

THE HUNTINGTON ORCHID SHOW & SALE

OCT. 9–11, 2026
ROOTS OF ORIGIN



10th Annual International Orchid Show & Sale

Featuring exhibits by growers from Southern California and around the world as well as a wide selection of orchids and related supplies from domestic and international vendors

Show and sale open 10 a.m.–5 p.m.
1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA 91108

huntington.org/orchid-show