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## **MALIHINI MEMBERSHIP MEETING** **Friday, September 11th, 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: Mary Gerritsen**

### **TOPIC: Orchids of Sikkim**

Mary will talk about her recent trip to Sikkim, a biodiversity hotspot, with over 4450 species of flowering plants. The major orchid genera include Bulbophyllum (46 species), Calanthe (21 species), Coelogyne (18 species), and Dendrobium (36 species).

### **SPEAKER BIO:**

Mary has been interested in plants for most of her adult life, and has been growing orchids on and off for the last 40 years, despite several cross country moves as part of her "other life" as a biomedical scientist. Her passion for orchids was rekindled when she moved to the San Francisco Bay area in 1997 and attended an orchid show. Returning home with a few plants, she decided to join a local orchid society to learn more about taking care of them, and from these beginnings, her current passion grew exponentially! Now Mary truly has put her roots down, and has orchids in two greenhouses, five lath houses, her front porch, sun room, and anywhere else she can put them. Her collection of about two thousand plants, mostly species, is rich in masdevallias and other miniature orchids of many different genera. Mary has traveled extensively to see orchids in situ, including many countries in Central and South America, Southeast Asia,





as well as Australia, Papua New Guinea, South Africa, Madagascar, Europe & Mediterranean islands, the USA and Canada. She has co-authored six botanical books with co-author and photographer Ron Parsons "*Masdevallias, Gems of the Orchid World*", "*Calochortus, Mariposa Lilies and their Relatives*", "*A Compendium of Miniature Orchid Species*" (a two book set), "*A Bay Area Guide to Orchids and their Culture*" "*The American Orchid Society Guide to Orchids and their Culture*", and the recently released "*The Compendium of Miniature Orchid Species, 2nd edition*" (a four book set). Mary has served as president and vice president for both the Peninsula and San Francisco Orchid Societies, and is currently president and chief executive officer of the Orchid Conservation Alliance and a director of the Orchid Digest.

### **OPPORTUNITY PLANT TABLE:**

Orchid Design will provide the plant table.

### **DONATIONS:**

Many thanks to Cheri Wagner for both a reduced speaker fee and a donation to the plant table. Thank you to Orchid Design for the plant table and Facebook advertising.

### **MOS 2026 Speaker Schedule**

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

November 14 – No Friday meeting, Saturday Field Trip

December 11 – MOS Holiday Party

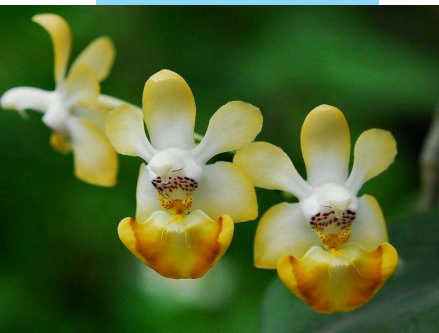
**November 14 – Saturday Field Trip** — We will have a Malihini Orchid Society trip to see several orchid growers (Shelldance, Brookside, Orchid Design, others) in the area but we do need to know how many members plan to come. We expect to carpool in minivans; about 18 people maximum. Cost will be \$15-20 per person, to cover gas & expenses, and lunch? Discussion at this month's meeting.

### **NEW WEBSITE**

We have a new website: <https://malihiniorchids.com/>  
Please visit, and contribute ideas.

### **MEMBERSHIP FEE**

**Since more than half the year is gone, the membership fee from now through December will be half the regular price. The membership fee is now \$12.50 for the remainder of the 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](mailto: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:

**malihininews@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 (malihininews@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](https://huntington.org/orchid-show)

# Orchids

*San Diego County Orchid Society presents*

October 24-25

Saturday Noon – 5 p.m.

*Early bird sales start at 10 a.m.*

Sunday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Balboa Park's

Casa del Prado, Room 101

*Near the Natural History Museum*

*Free Admission*



Show and Sale

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