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## **MALIHINI MEMBERSHIP MEETING** **December 13, 2024**

### **OUR NEW LOCATION**

1005 Railroad Avenue  
Santa Clara, California  
(between the Santa Clara Police Department &  
Santa Clara University)

**SETUP STARTS AT 7PM, MEETING AT 7:30PM**

### **SPEAKER**

**Dave Sorokowsky of Paph Paradise**

We will have the **speaker first** instead of Malihini business/ information because Dave wants to arrive home before midnight. So don't be late or you will miss his talk.

### **TOPIC: Don't Fear the Slippers - A Guide to Successful Paph Culture**

Don't Fear the Slippers is an in depth review of how to grow Paphiopedilum (Paph.), covering easy, beginners plants all the way through the most challenging species. There are tips for novice and seasoned growers alike.

### **OPPORTUNITY PLANT TABLE:**

**Dave Sorokowsky of Paph Paradise** will provide the plant table with a variety of orchids

### **SPEAKER BIO:**

After receiving his degree in biochemistry from the University of Toronto, Dave opted to step outside his chosen field and operated a tropical fish import business for eight years. Upon returning to school, Dave received a degree in enology and viticulture from Brock University in St. Catharines, Ontario. While attending Brock, Dave began acquiring orchids one 2" pot at a time. Before he graduated, Dave had over 100 orchids. Winemaking and a passion for



orchids, prompted Dave to seek a warmer climate in California about one year later.

Dave has been growing Paphiopedilums for about 20 years and seriously hybridizing for over 10 years. He is an accredited AOS judge and his Paphiopedilums have received over 100 awards to date from the AOS and CSA. Many of those awarded plants playing important roles in his breeding program. In 2018, Dave left winemaking in order to focus all of his time running Paph Paradise Orchids.

**If you wish to pre-order:**

Go to **[pathparadise.com](http://pathparadise.com)** to see what is available. The complex hybrid is recommended for beginners.

Contact Dave at **[paphparadise@gmail.com](mailto:paphparadise@gmail.com)**. Label your subject as Malihini pre-orders (indicate if you are a member or not)



### **THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Wow! Just, wow! I have to admit that I was worried that there might not be enough people at the meeting or there might not be enough snacks. Boy was I wrong!!

We had 23 people at our first meeting, eight new members joined and paid dues and there was enough food to feed an army! Thank you to everyone who came and to all those that brought food.

Angelic gave a talk on scented orchids pointing out the wide variety of fragrances available from a plant that many people don't think has a scent at all.

We wrapped it all up with a great raffle table supplied by Angelic. Just a reminder, at the December meeting will have elections! We've had the same officers for some time now. Maybe now is the time for you to step up and pitch in... At least think about it won't you?

***Bill Weaver***



## **ELECTIONS**

Malihini Orchid Society Elections at December Meeting

Yes it's that time of the year again!

We will have nominations and voting during our December meeting. The following positions are open: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Directors, Ways and Means, Opportunity Table, Secretary, Membership Chair, Orchid Show & Sale Chair

## **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](https://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)

for any questions about membership or Malihini Orchid Society

**Join us at**

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

## **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 send to you by the deadline. Please contact Angelic Nguyen if you love to share your talent: [services@orchidesign.com](mailto:services@orchidesign.com)





### **MOS 2024 OFFICERS**

President - Bill Weaver  
Vice President - Yuko Ohe  
Treasurer - John Humphrey  
Directors at Large -  
Ways and Means -  
Opportunity Table - Liz Gehrig  
Secretary -  
Membership Chair - Yuko Ohe  
Newsletter Editor - Angelic Nguyen  
Web master - Fred Cox & Amy Ohe  
Orchid Show/Sale Chair -

### **UP COMING EVENTS**

#### **• January 25–26, 2025**

#### **San Diego – Orchids In The Park Fall Show & Sale**

Balboa Park's – Casa Del Prado, Room 101, San Diego, California.  
Information at: <https://sdorchids.com/our-shows/>

#### **• February 27, 28 –March 2, 2025**

#### **"Orchids in the Clouds" - The 72nd Annual Pacific Orchid Exposition will be at the San Francisco County Fair Building in Golden Gate Park- San Francisco, California**

Discounted advance sale tickets will be available in December  
<https://www.orchidsanfrancisco.org/events.html>

#### **• March 7–9, 2025**

#### **"Exotic Garden" – The 77th annual Santa Barbara International Orchid Show in beautiful Santa Barbara, California!**

<https://sborchidshow.com/tickets-2025/>

77th Santa Barbara International  
INTERNATIONAL ORCHID SHOW

# EXOTIC GARDENS

March 7th–9th, 2025 • 9AM–5PM  
EARL WARREN SHOWGROUNDS