

The BackBulb

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August 2024



August Speaker: Peter T. Lin

Neofinetia falcata and its Hybrids

Peter started growing orchids over 40 years ago, but then stopped due to school and starting a career. It wasn't until about 20 years ago that the orchid "bug" came back and he is now heavily involved once again! He is an accredited judge with the American Orchid Society, and a hybridizer of mini-catts. He enjoys meeting with other orchid enthusiasts, and can often be found at various orchid shows and societies around the country.

Due to limited growing space, Peter likes to specialize in miniature orchids, both species and hybrids, and has received numerous AOS awards. His interests in orchids include Dendrobiums, Angraecoids, and Neofinetias. He is also known as "Mr Sophronitis" as he has a passion for growing and collecting them. He maintains a collection of a several thousand orchids at his home in Southern California in 3 small



greenhouses, outdoors, as well as an offsite greenhouse.

His presentation is on miniature vandaceous species and hybrids, with an emphasis on

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Upcoming Events

In order to provide a selection of treats at our meetings, we are asking members with last names that start with the letter **S thru Z** to bring refreshments to the meeting.

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the charming *Neofinetia falcata*. *Neofinetias* are native to Japan and have been grown there for centuries. They are highly treasured and come in many flower forms and leaf forms. It has been used with other vandaceous genera to produce compact hybrids.

Although Peter will appear via Zoom, he is providing a plant table.

There will be a repotting demonstration before the meeting starting at 6:30.



One of several *Disas* at Orchids In the Park. This is a genus that we are starting to see more of despite their reputation as difficult to grow.

Upcoming Events

August

8/5 7PM COS August Meeting at the Church

September

There is no regular COS meeting in September

9/14 Saturday 1-4pm COS Fall BBQ



More from Orchids In the Park
Above: *Dendrobium laevifolium*
Left: *Anguloa clowesii*

Minutes For The COS Board Meeting June 26, 2024

The COS Board met at Carolyn Salmon's house at 7 pm and was called to order by Amanda Nixon, president. Present were: Irene Patton, Carolyn Salmon, Kathie Ritter, Amanda Nixon, Janette Ford, Albert Satterfield, Sonya Weininger, Cathy Walmsley.

VP Report: Carolyn reported that Peter Linn is shipping the plant table for the August meeting to her. We paid him \$250 for plants and \$175 for a speaker fee. The meeting will be August 5th, Monday, at the church on ZOOM. There will be a potting demo at 6:30 before the meeting by Anna with Sonya helping. She said James Shao will be speaking in October.

Carolyn asked us to be thinking of interesting topics for next year's afternoon meetings. Plant ID was discussed as a helpful topic.

The Treasurer reported \$4,909.73 in the checking account. We have spent \$2450 so far this year with \$1058 income. A major expense was for the new projector at \$438.

The minutes of the June meeting were read, corrected and approved.

Kathie discussed the Fall Market, saying one vendor has dropped out but she has a lead on another one. We are encouraging members to bring orchids to sell at the Society plant table. All is in place for the Market at this time. We discussed places for vendors to stay with members and better use of the



Macroclinium manabinum
in John's
greenhouse

church's facilities during the Market.

We made plans to meet to carpool to the SF Orchid Show on Saturday, July 27th.

Irene reported that she did an hour-long demo for the PG Adult School class, Adults With Disabilities. Each student potted a Reed Stem Epi to take home. Most of them put the orchids in their new greenhouse on the patio outside their classroom. They were invited to the Patton's garden to find orchids and native plants and trees. They arrived in two buses from the school and stayed an hour. We will help them with composting when they get their garden set up at the school. A suggestion was made to invite the group to our Fall Market.

We mentioned other areas in the community that we could do orchid outreach since several members have presentations ready to go.

We are updating our old banners used to advertise the Fall Market. A quote from Gavilan Printers in Salinas for \$265 was approved. John has the artwork and he and Rudy will update the information. Posters to replace the sandwich board existing posters were also discussed.

We discussed the Sand City West End

Celebration booth. We will be there two days, August 24th and 25th. Amanda will send around a sign up sheet for volunteers. Anna is reminded to bring the new member packets and the culture sheets to hand out. Amanda will make small fertilizer bags to hand out at the booth.

The next meeting is August 27th at 7 pm at Irene's house. Meeting adjourned around 8 pm.

Irene Patton, Secretary

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