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## Next Meeting: Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March 7:30pm "Orchids of Borneo" by Mary Gerritsen, Ph.D

Mary recently returned from a nearly month-long visit to Borneo, with the primary objective of seeing the orchids and carnivorous plants in their native habitat. Her presentation will cover a little about the geography and geology of Borneo, more about orchid habitats, and lots of photos from her treks to Mt. Kinabalu, Long Pasia, Mulu National Park, the caves of Sarawak, and Bako National Park.

Mary Gerritsen, Ph.D. is a scientist by day (working on new drugs to cure cancer) and an Orchid nut the rest of the time. She has been growing orchids on and off for more than 30 years, and since relocating to the Bay area in 1997 has really taken a liking to small cool growing miniature species such as Masdevallias, Porroglossums, Lepanthes and other assorted tiny gems. But she also has a second intermediate greenhouse, filled with larger species such as Angraecoids, Cymbidiums, Dendrobiums, Oncidiums, Laelias, Cattleyas and Bulbophyllums. She loves to see orchids growing in situ, and has made it her mission over the last few years to see as many as possible, with trips to see and photograph orchids (and other flora as well) in Canada, various states in the USA, Mexico, Ecuador, Peru, Costa Rica, Panama, China, Germany, Australia and most recently, Borneo. She is the co-author of two botanical books: Masdevallias, Gems of the Orchid World, and Calochortus, Mariposa Lilies and their Relatives, with fellow San Francisco Orchid Society Member and well known photographer, Ron Parsons. In addition to being a member of the SFOS, Mary has served as the vice president and president of the Peninsula Orchid Society (San Mateo).



Speaker's Dinner will be at Sichuan Fortune House, 41 Woodsworth Ln (off Gregory at Contra Costa Blvd.) at 5:30. Everyone is welcome to attend and meet our speaker. If you plan to attend, please notify Liz Charlton at (925) 280-1671 or email [dvosnews@gmail.com](mailto:dvosnews@gmail.com)

Plant table will be another amazing assortment from Exotic Orchids of Maui. <http://www.mauiorchids.com>

Regular raffle: six tickets for \$5

Special Raffle drawing for a unique plant will be drawn from paid-up members at the March meeting



### Website of the Month

Masdevallias: Gems of the Orchid World by Mary E. Gerritsen and Ron Parsons

