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The mission of the SFOS is to foster the culture and cultivation of orchids and to promote education of its members and the public about orchids. Our goals include: an exchange of information from exhibitions, publications, and the Internet, maintenance of a reference library, and participation in worldwide activities.

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SFOS Meeting

Tues. January 3, 2012



SF Orchid Society

Tues. January 3, 2012
AOS Judging: 7:00 PM
Skills Session: 7:05 PM
Meeting: 7:30 PM

San Francisco County Fair Building, Golden Gate Park, 9th Avenue and Lincoln Way, San Francisco. Plants submitted for American Orchid Society Judging must be entered between 6:30 pm and 7:00 pm.

Speaker

Steven Beckendorf
Lost and Found: Searching



Steven Beckendorf

Steve started growing orchids in the early 1980s and quickly became fascinated by *Odontoglossums* and their close relatives because of their beauty and variety. They had a glamorous past as the most sought after plants in the orchid frenzy that gripped Europe in the 19th century. In addition, excellent hybrids were available from growers and hybridizers on the West Coast.

He soon realized that few of the species in this group were readily available and began collecting them for propagation and use in hybridizing. His attempt to find unusual or lost species has led to many trips to the cloud forests of Mexico & South America.

Lost and Found: Searching for Rare *Odontoglossums*

for Rare Odontoglossums

Skill Session

Judy Carney

Preparing your plants for
the POE

Plant Opportunity Table

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Steve Beckendorf will talk about his trips to an isolated mountain range in Colombia to find two odontoglossum species, *Odm. nevadense* and *Odm. naevium*, that had not been seen in the wild for over 40 years. Although there were many moments of uncertainty, both species have now been rediscovered and are being propagated.

Steve currently grows about 50 Odontoglossum species and another 30-40 of their relatives, along with lots of odont hybrids and a smattering of other cool growing genera. He is currently the President of the Odontoglossum Alliance.

He is passionately involved in orchid conservation and is a member of the AOS Conservation Committee and a director of the Orchid Conservation Alliance (OCA).

Dinner with the Speaker

Please join us in the parking lot in back of the SF County Fair Building at 5:30 PM sharp.

A New Membership Directory is available

A new membership directory is available. More information on how to obtain a copy will be available soon. If you do not want your contact information shared with fellow members* or if anything has changed (address, telephone number, or e-mail). Please notify Judy Bley at jabley@pacbell.net or 415-826-8372.

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2012 Dues are Due!

(\$25 per year)

Please pay your dues at the next meeting

or mail to

SFOS- Membership

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Welcome New Members

Deirdre Devine

Kathryn Manace

Please welcome our new members whenever you meet them and especially at the San Francisco Orchid Society meetings.

Refreshments

X-D

SFOS members are encouraged to help out with refreshments, setup and cleanup at Monthly Meetings. If your last name falls within the letter range **X-D** please bring snacks such as fresh fruit, ice cream, crackers & cheese for the next meeting. About three dozen cookies, one cake, one to two pounds of fruit or cheeses, or one box of crackers is an appropriate amount. Remember to pick up your raffle ticket as one of the rewards of sharing - and good luck in the drawing!



Minutes of SFOS Board Meeting

SFOS Board Meeting December 13, 2011

Virtually Present were: President: Mary Gerritsen, Past President: Jean Lee, Vice President: Steve Beckendorf, Show Chair: Dennis Westler, Membership: Judy Bley, Secretary: Kay Klumb, Directors: Ellen Edelson, Ricki Kohn, Allison Lehman, and Chris Mende

I. Vice President's Report

A. Steve announced the speaker schedule for the next several months which will be printed elsewhere in the Newsletter and on the website.

B. Mary suggested a skill session on entering plants for judging at POE for 2-12. Others thought that Judy Carney's skill session in 1-12, and announcements in the Newsletter and at meetings would be sufficient since the process is simple.

II. Membership Report

A. Judy stated that current membership is 229, which includes 2 new members and 14 renewals.

B. Mary and Dennis reported that PayPal is almost ready to take payment for membership from the SFOS website.

C. Judy asked that the website specify membership with email Newsletters at \$25.00/year and membership with hardcopy Newsletters at \$45.00/year.

D. Ricki asked the status of the on-line roster.

1. Dennis said that it should be ready in about a week with user name as the member's email address and a default password that each member may personalize.

2. Ricki volunteered to make a PDF of the roster so that it may be printed for those who want a hard copy. Discussion ensued about formatting problems which concluded by asking Ricki to work on it and report back.

III. Old Business

A. POE update

1. Dennis informed that the Taiwan Tourist Bureau sponsorship will include \$20,000.00 in cash, \$5,000.00 for the wine glasses and some extra funds for their VIP Party. The party will not require anything from SFOS. It will be held at a different site or outside of show hours. The Taiwan Tourist Board may have an informational booth at POE. Their logo will be on all materials, perhaps even the poster.

2. Dennis said that groups are being courted for discounted tickets and lots of promotional email is being sent.

3. Dennis reported that there are 2 new vendors from Taiwan and 2 former ones are not returning. There are fewer wineries, 18 to date. Renewal by Anderson, the New York Times, and the San Francisco Chronicle are in negotiations. In an effort to maximize vendors, the Show Committee has accepted some non-orchid plant vendors: 2 Bromeliads, a Plumeria, a Nepenthes & Paphs, and a carnivorous plant vendor. All displays will be evaluated so they can be rated for placement next year.

4. Dennis noted that the T-shirts and denim shirts are available and were shown at the 12-11 meeting.

5. A Co-chair for ticket sales is being sought. There will be training for all sales staff on the new system.

6. Allison asked if a parking space near the entry to POE could be reserved for Noble Emery. Dennis will endorse and forward the request.

B. Ellen said that she could show the storage locker to Board members on a weekend day in January. She will email possible dates.

C. Kay reported that most SFOS members would receive notice of the proposed changes to the Bylaws in the 1-12 Newsletter by email or USPS. She moved that she mail the proposed changes along with the usual postcard announcing the next meeting to those who do not receive the Newsletter and clarified that this would satisfy the Bylaw requirement for notice of the vote on the changes at the 1-12 meeting. Allison seconded and the motion passed.

D. Kay asked about the Google Analytics report. Ricki had some comments about making it more useful in tracking trends. Mary said she would post it on the Board's Yahoo Group and encouraged all Board members to look at it.

IV. New Business

A. Mary would like more articles about POE in the next 2 Newsletters. Dennis said he has asked the chairs for descriptions of their committees' work and will put that in his article about the show.

B. Mary said that she thinks that a society of SFOS' stature could have more focus on conservation and cited San Diego Orchid Society's Conservation Committee which raises money and donates grants to conservation projects. Steve gave the history of the San Diego committee which grew organically from a few dedicated people. Discussion ensued on whether there could be such a group in SFOS and how to start it. It was concluded that interest in local native orchids might lead to more interest in conservation. Mary agreed to lead a native orchid tour, probably in 4-12, and Steve will look for a speaker on California native orchids.

C. Jean reminded that a refreshment person is needed for meetings. Allison asked how important refreshments were to members. Mary and Ricki feel that members are interacting more around the refreshments.

D. Kay complained about the extreme cold temperature in the County Fair Building. Jean promised to speak to management. Dennis commented that there is probably some regulation requiring rental space to be at a habitable temperature.

Steve moved to adjourn the meeting, Ricki seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Kay Klumb

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AOS Awards

AOS Awards

American Orchid Society Pacific Judging Center Web site: www.aospacificcentral.org/
Please check the Web site for the most recent awards.

AOS Corner

With the 2012 New Year approaching, I thought I could offer some suggestions for gifts for the orchid enthusiast in your lives.

- A gift of membership in the American Orchid Society is a great gift for anyone who may not already a member, or a renewal of their membership. To order a gift membership, contact AOS Headquarters 561-404-2050.
- Access to OrchidsPlus (the web-based AOS awards program also known as AQPlus). For non-members, please call Pam at 561-404-2050 or send AOS a check to Pam's attention and AOS can set up a subscription to AQPlus offline.
- The 2012 AOS Calendar is now available and is available with a 10% discount AOS Members with free shipping. The new calendar is a 14-month calendar and loaded

with fabulous orchid photographs.


- Many of the AOS published books are also located in the Store on the AOS website and would make a great gift.
- Support your local orchid vendors or those in the Orchid Source Directory. Many of these vendors support local societies' fundraising efforts, it is a great time to support their businesses in return. In addition, many of them have New Year's specials.

Lynn Fuller, Chair
AOS Affiliated Societies Committee

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SFOS Bulletin Board

The Bulletin Board is a free service for SFOS members' orchid related items. Send items by the 15th of the month by email to: stanford@rkmediasolutions.com Include your name, phone number, and how long you want the item to run. We will also run items of interest from other orchid societies. All submissions will be reviewed and may be edited.

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Upcoming Events

- **January 3, 2012, 7:30pm - SFOS General Meeting**

Steven Beckendorf - Main Speaker

Subject: **Lost and Found: Searching for Rare Odontoglossums**

- **Saturday, January 7 & Sunday, January 8- "Orchids Under The Oaks" at Alden Lane Nursery**

10 AM - 4PM, Alden Lane Nursery, 981 Alden Lane, Livermore, CA. Contact Sue at (925) 447-0280- or sue@aldenlane.com. Click on Upcoming Events on their Website www.aldenlane.com

· **Friday, January 20, 2011 Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers Annual Collector's Auction 7:00 pm. Auction preview from 6:30 PM to 7:00 PM.**

The San Mateo Garden Center, 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo Take the Alameda de las Pulgas exit off Highway 92. Turn south. The Garden Center is located between 26th and 28th Avenues. For information, contact: goldcoastcymbidiumgrowers@gmail.com or visit the website at www.goldcoastcymbidiumgrowers.com

· **Saturday, January 28 & Sunday January 29 - Peninsula Orchid Society Show and Sale** Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Ave., Redwood City. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. both days. Orchid show, presentations and demonstrations, member sales area, and vendor sales area. Adult admission only \$5. Seniors, disabled, and children 12-16 admitted for \$3. Parking is free.

· **Saturday, February 4 & Sunday February 5- Sonoma County Orchid Society Show and Sale**

Santa Rosa Veterans Building, 1351 Maple Ave., Santa Rosa, CA Sat. 10 AM - 5 PM, Sun. 10 AM - 4 PM. Admission: \$8.00 www.sonomaorchids.com

Mark your Calendars now for the 60th annual Pacific Orchid Exposition Feb 23-Feb. 26, 2012 Fort Mason, Festival Pavilion San Francisco, CA

The Pacific Orchid Exposition, held at Fort Mason Center's Festival Pavilion on February 23-26, is themed "A Salute to the Golden Gate". The iconic San Francisco structure is celebrating its 75th anniversary and the Pacific Orchid Exposition (POE) will partner up to showcase orchid displays in true San Francisco fashion. The Pacific Orchid Exposition (POE) is the largest orchid show in the United States and is aptly named for the extraordinary, lush displays of organic beauty that are showcased every year.

Each day, attendees can take part in docent tours and learn cultivation tips as they wander through this amazing orchid wonderland. Professional and amateur growers, as well as orchid societies, will be displaying their unique orchids and rare hybrids, allowing any nature lover the chance to purchase a one-of-a-kind treasure.

Date/Time:

Thurs, February 23 (Gala Benefit) - 6:30pm - 10:00pm

Fri, February 24 - 10am - 6pm

Sat, February 25 - 9am - 6pm

Sun, February 26 - 10am - 5pm

Gala: \$45 / \$40 online

General: \$15 / \$13 online

Senior: \$12 / \$10 online

Weekend Pass: \$60 / \$55 online

Gala plus unlimited show access to regular show (excludes special events)"

Upcoming Speakers

February 2012: Santiago Ramirez, Orchids and Orchid Bees

Notices

Calling all Ribbon Judge Volunteers for POE!

We are looking for members to participate in ribbon and trophy judging at the Pacific Orchid Exposition this year. Judging takes place on Thursday, February 23. Volunteers need to be available from around 11 am through 4 pm (lunch is provided). Familiarity with orchid genera, the categories for judging at POE, and a cooperative, friendly outlook are very helpful. Signup sheets will be posted at the SFOS meetings in January and February. To learn more, or to volunteer, contact Cindy Hill, coelogyne7@gmail.com, (510) 524-1854, by February 10.

Attention Young Orchid Growers

It's not too soon to start pampering your plants for the **Pacific Orchid Exposition-** February 24, 25 26, 2012. The "Imperiale Youth Prize" is a special award that recognizes cultural excellence by those seventeen years old and younger. The prize hopes to reinforce the enthusiasm of young growers who play an important role in the present and future of orchid growing, conservation, and research. One winner will be recognized with a rosette and medal for their accomplishment. To win, plants may be entered in either Novice, Advanced, or Commercial/Open categories. In addition, plants will also need to be entered in Class 1201. As is the case with other orchids submitted for ribbon judging, plants must be grown by the owner for at least six months. So show your spirit, share your skills, bring your best plants, and lead the way into the future. For more information: info@orchidsanfrancisco.org

Exhibitors Wanted

Are you interested in putting in an exhibit in the POE this year?

We are pleased to invite you to be an exhibitor in the 60th Pacific Orchid Exposition. The theme for the 2012 Exposition is "A Salute to the Golden Gate". This year the San Francisco Orchid Society's 60th Annual Pacific Orchid Exposition will coincide with the 75th Anniversary of the Golden Gate Bridge, and the festivities will combine the works of horticulture and architecture.

We would very much like you to be part of the celebration, so if you are interested in being an exhibitor or have any questions about being an exhibitor, please email Ken Giebel at kgiebel@calhfa.ca.gov and he will get you a complete Exhibitor Package.

Bench Display at the POE this year!

This year the San Francisco Orchid Society will have bench displays for member plants. We would really like to encourage everyone who has plants in bloom to enter-if you don't enter plants, for sure you won't win any ribbons or awards. The bench display will be organized by the divisions in the show schedule, and will provide an easier way to educate members and the public about an orchid show and how plants are judged. Moreover, even if you have small orchids, you will have the opportunity to have a beautiful display of your plant-they won't get lost in a large exhibit. In this newsletter, member Cindy Hill tells us some of the secrets to preparing your plants for the show. More information about the show, the show schedule, and related activities can also be found in this newsletter as well as on the SFOS website.

Preparing Your Orchids for Display at POE

COME ONE, COME ALL! Everyone is invited to bring your plants in for display at the spring show! It's fun to share your blooming beauties with others, to get to know your fellow society members, and it's exciting to see visitors learn about growing orchids by seeing your plants. Here are suggestions for getting your plants in show-ready condition.

For best results, start well before the show date.

One to two months before the show:

Identify likely candidates for display - plants that are beginning to spike, those that bloom regularly in February, ones that can be transported in your car. Begin to stake inflorescences as they get to 6-8 inches tall, preferably using bamboo stakes and twist-ties, so they present themselves at their best. (It's better to begin staking early than too late.) Use a long enough stake to support what is expected to develop. Inflorescences can be trained to be upright or arching. Flower buds will adjust their position towards light, so keep the plant orientation stable once the spike begins to develop. (I do this by keeping the tag at the back of the pot.) Paphiopedilums should be staked so the flower hangs normally, not facing the sky.

Make sure ventilation is good to avoid botrytis fungus spotting. Botrytis is likely when nights are cool and humidity is high, without good air movement, and can cause last-minute problems.

One week before the show

Clean up dead leaves, dried backbulbs, bracts, old spikes and blooms. Gently clean leaves with 50:50 water and milk or lemon juice (top only) and a cotton ball or clean damp soft cloth (do not use on glaucous-leaved plants). Do not use leaf shine products! Trim dead leaf tips at an angle to appear natural, using sterile razor or scissors. Examine the foliage, especially the undersurface, and sheaths, for signs of scale and other pests. Be careful - Inflorescences are soft when immature but as they elongate, can become brittle and inflexible. Keep water off the buds and flowers to minimize damage.

Attach more twist ties to stake if needed, but keep it unobtrusive. Trim a tall stake to flower level to avoid poking out an eyeball. You can use cotton balls to butt space between developing buds, if needed - just remove them before watering.

A few days before the POE setup

Select the 'finalists' that will be at their blooming prime for the show. Keep protecting emerging buds from bruising, water damage, botrytis. Begin to think about how best to transport the plants. Planning is critical to success. Suitable boxes, packing, helping hands and a vehicle are all part of successful transport. When selecting plants will be in flower at show time, consider how they can be packed and how those containers can fit in your vehicle.

Day of show setup and Transport:

Soak the plant well and apply some fresh mix/bark topdressing. Consider adding some spanish moss to keep delicate roots covered. Clean the pot or use a decorative slip pot or cachepot to hide the plastic pot. Make sure plant is correctly labeled, legibly, with all names fully written out. Put YOUR NAME tag, phone number, on tape or address label on bottom of pot and on an extra label inside the pot. Make sure you have no hitchhikers!

Leave infested plants at home. Hosing off aphids as a quick fix inevitably leaves a few hitchhikers that may spread to other plants at a show.

Check that your inflorescences are staked and tied to display their blooms to best advantage. Try to use stakes of the uniform diameter and color (preferably an inconspicuous green); ties should match each other and be as inconspicuous as possible.

Before loading your plants in the car, pack the inflorescences with soft tissue paper or florist's wrapping paper to minimize chafing by leaves etc. Use temporary stakes to support arching or pendulous spikes and wedge the pots into styrofoam boxes to ensure plant and spike are stable during trip to the show; this should prevent them falling over if you need to stop suddenly. You may want to double pot plants for extra stability in a moving vehicle. (Set plant pot inside a larger (empty) pot or bucket.

While in transit, watch out for sunburn or freezing. Park in the shade if plants are left in the car. Use a picnic cooler to transport tiny pleurothallids in cool, humid comfort.

Unpack carefully, checking that any stakes are still secure. Groom again if needed, and remove any travelling supports. If the plant is normally hung or suspended in your growing area it is your responsibility to ensure that the plant is appropriately staged. Some members have created a variety of stands for their plants: all you need is something that will display the plant to its best advantage. This is particularly important for plants with trailing or hanging flowers.

Enter plants in show - go to the registration desk, ask for help if you have questions, to make sure your plants are entered in the correct class. Remember, the more flower plants at the show, the better the show. So bring your plants or send them with someone else!! BE PART OF THE PARTY!!

If you have questions about preparing your plants for the big spring show, contact me at coelogyne7@gmail.com.

See you at the show,
Cindy Hill

Volunteers Needed for POE 2012

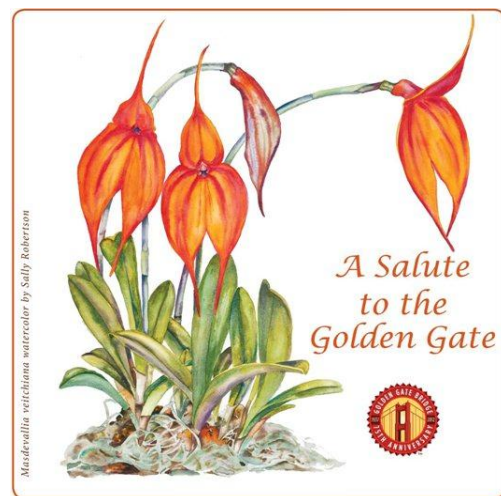
Volunteers needed for Pacific Orchid Exposition!

The final push in the production of The Pacific Orchid Exposition is here. As you read this we will be in the final weeks. Now is the time (if you have not already done so) to contact chairs of the various committees and sign up to volunteer.

The contact information for the committee chairs is listed in the January 2012 newsletter, and I have included here a couple of short descriptions from a couple of the chairs. The largest committees with the greatest needs are Security, Plant Hotel and Tickets/Admissions, followed closely by Volunteer/Credentials. If you are interested in

working for any committee, the chairs will welcome your questions via phone or e-mail.

It is your contribution as volunteers that makes our show a pleasant experience for



attendees and keeps them coming back year after year. It is your efforts tha has made our show the largest and one of the longest running in the United States! Please support your society by choosing to volunteer for one or more of the committees. You will find it fun and rewarding.

Thank You!

Dennis Westler

Volunteers for the front entrance:

Volunteers are needed to help place and arrange the orchid plants, foliage, rocks and moss in the front entrance exhibit. We will be setting up the exhibit on Wednesday, February 22nd, beginning at 11:00 am until perhaps 4:00 pm. Volunteers need not stay the entire time, but a minimum of 2 hours would be helpful. We will also need volunteers for teardown of the exhibit at 5:30 on Sunday, for 1 hour. If you have any questions, please contact Tom Perlite at 415 990-1314 or tperlite@sbcglobal.net.

Volunteers for hospitality

The Hospitality committee distributes items to vendors and staffs the volunteer break/lunch area. Volunteers are needed, through closing, starting 2 hours before Gala opening and at 7:30 AM other days.

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On-line Ticket Sales- Glenn Finch and Frances Larose

Vendor Evaluation- Dennis Westler (see above)

Wear Your Name Badge

The board voted to provide a special raffle ticket to members when they pick up and wear their name tags at our meetings. A drawing for a plant from the opportunity table will be limited to this and will immediately follow the choice by the person who did the Skill Session and the winner from the Show and Tell table. So, wearing your name tag will get you an early selection from the opportunity table.

Your name tag will be available at the membership table.

Member's Corner

2012 Dues are Due!

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Please pay your dues at the next meeting

or mail to

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New SF Orchid Society 2012 Denim Shirts for Members



The SFOS will be offering Port and Company denim shirts that are 100% cotton to our members for \$50. These are preorder only. Samples will be available at the Dec. general meeting. **All orders must be in by December 30, 2011** and can be picked up at the POE or the March SFOS meeting. You can place your order at the general meeting or contact Frances Larose at flarose@prmagic.com to place an order.

Orchid Conservation Alliance 2012 Calendars Now Available

The 2012 Orchid Conservation Calendar, featuring beautiful photos of rare and endangered orchids by Ron Parsons, Mary Gerritsen and Steve Beckendorf are now available. Calendars will be available for purchase at the December SFOS meeting for \$10 each. 100% of the proceeds go to support the Orchid Conservation Alliance and their efforts to support Orchid Conservation and Orchid Habitat. For more information about the Orchid Conservation Alliance, see their website:

orchidconservationalliance.org

SFOS Monthly Show and Tell Table

We want to thank our members who bring in their plants for display at the monthly meetings. This is a great viewing experience for all and a great way to learn about new plants we might want to try to grow in the future for ourselves.

But did you know that you can bring in a blooming plant that you might not be certain about the name or type and have our group of experts help identify your plant? The more you know, the better your chance of success. Thank you for participating and we'll see you and your plants at the next monthly meeting.

The Board

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE SFOS BYLAWS

These proposed changes to the SFOS Bylaws are meant to bring current practice into compliance with the Bylaws. In brief, Article IX Duties of Officers would be changed to 1. eliminate reference to the seal which no one has seen in years and 2. create a separate item for Membership Chairperson which is now a position separate from the secretary. Articles XI Elections and XIII Amendments would be changed to allow for voting by a show of hands and for an entire slate at once, if there were no objection, rather than requiring voting for each office or amendment separately and by ballot. SFOS members will be asked to vote on these changes at the regular SFOS meeting on January 3, 2012, after they are read again to the membership and discussion has ended. If anyone wishes to have a question addressed before that, please contact me, Kay Klumb.

The proposed new language is in bold, the parts that would be deleted are between bold brackets, i.e., **new language**, [old language].

ARTICLE IX - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. The President shall be the chief executive Officer of this Society, shall preside at all....

Section 2. The Vice President shall assume the duties of the

Section 3. The Secretary shall attend to the following:

a. Book of minutes. The Secretary shall keep or cause to be kept, at the principal executive office or such other place as the Board of Directors may direct, a book of minutes of all business meetings and actions of the SFOS and its Board of Directors.

[b. Membership records. The Secretary shall keep, or cause to be kept, at the principal executive office as determined by resolution of the Board of Directors, a record of the corporation's members, showing the names of all members, their addresses, and the class of membership held by each.]

b. [c.] Notices [seal] and other duties. The Secretary shall give, or cause to be given, notice of all meetings of the members of the Board of Directors required by the bylaws to be given. He or she **[shall keep the seal of the corporation in safe custody and]** shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors or the bylaws.

Section 4. Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financia1 Officer shall attend to the following:

a....

b....

c....

d....

Section 5. Membership Chairperson. The Membership Chairperson shall keep, or cause to be kept, at such place as determined by resolution of the Board of Directors, a record of the corporation's members, showing the names of all members, their addresses, and the class of membership held by each.

Section 6 [5]. Show Chairperson. The Show Chairperson(s), under

Section 7 [6]. Other Officers who may be appointed shall perform such duties as may be directed by the Board of Directors.

Section 8 [7]. Any tax returns, financial statements, affidavits, or other documents required by law shall be prepared, executed, and filed by the Officers specified by law.

Section 9 [8];**l.** Directors and members of committees may receive such compensation, if any, for their services, and such reimbursement of expenses....

ARTICLE XI - ELECTIONS

Section 5. The Election Meeting:

a. Election of Officers: At the Election Meeting the Nominating Committee shall read its report, after which nominations shall be open for additional nominations for President, Vice President, Secretary, **[and] Chief Financial Officer, and the four directorships.**

After nominations have been closed, a separate written ballot shall be taken to fill each of these offices, **or, if there is no objection, vote may be taken by a show of hands for each office or for the entire slate.** A majority of votes cast shall elect.

[b. Election of Directors: Thereafter, nominations shall be open for additional nominees for the four Directorships to be elected. After nominations have been closed, a written ballot shall be taken with each member voting for not more than four of the nominees. The four nominees polling the most votes shall be elected.]

b. [c.] Other Nominations: At the Election Meeting nominations will be accepted from the floor prior to the voting. Any member present at the meeting in person or by proxy may place names in nomination. It is the responsibility of the Officer presiding at the meeting to ensure that the individual making such floor nomination is a voting member in good

standing and that the proposed nominee is a qualified candidate

ARTICLE XIII - AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Any proposed amendment to the bylaws must be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors and signed by no less than 15 members of this Society. Such a proposed amendment must be presented to be read at a regular monthly meeting of this Society.

Section 2. Within 25 days after such presentation of a proposed amendment, the Secretary shall mail to each member at his last known address notification of the proposed amendment.

Section 3. At the next regular monthly meeting of this Society following presentation of the proposed amendment, it shall be read prior to the taking of a vote thereon. The proposed amendment shall be adopted if approved by ballot, **or, if there is no objection, by a show of hands** by two-thirds of the members present and voting.

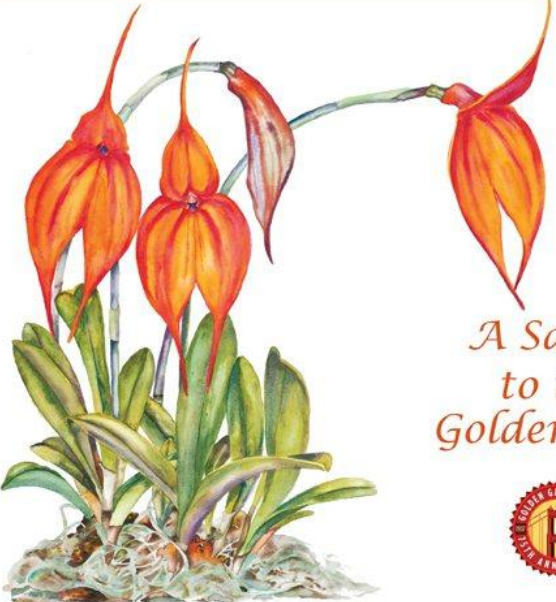
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Celebrating 60 Years
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10 am - 5 pm



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