

San Francisco Orchid Society

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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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June Speaker

Dan Newman on The Mysterious Maxillarias

Dan Newman started growing orchids in 1982. His first successful subject was a Dendrobium hybrid bought as a tiny seedling at a lei stand in the Honolulu Airport. When that plant finally grew up and bloomed a few years later, he was hooked! By 1996 he had 350 orchids in a one-bedroom apartment. That year he moved his plants into a rented commercial greenhouse in San Francisco. He took over the large species collection of his friend and "orchid mentor," Walter Teague, and his hobby evolved into his nursery, Hanging Gardens. Dan started growing orchids full-time in 2000, and moved to a larger greenhouse in Pacifica a few years later. He currently has 12,000 to 15,000 plants, mostly cool to intermediate growers (it's hard to maintain warm conditions in Pacifica!). This number includes a few hybrids, but the great majority are species. He also grows a variety of "companion plants" that share the natural habitats of orchids.

Dan joined the San Francisco Orchid Society in 1987, and served as its president in 1996/97. In recent years, he has spoken on a variety of topics to orchid societies in California and elsewhere.

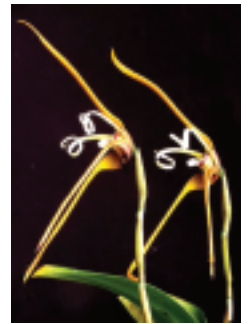
The Mysterious Maxillarias — Maxillaria is one of the most widespread and diverse orchid genera of Tropical America. It contains charming miniatures, spectacular, large-flowered species, and many of intermediate size. Plant habit is varied, with some species having clustered, pseudobulbous growths similar to Oncidiums, some with monopodial stems reminiscent of Vandas, and still others with growths held on a rambling rhizome, like many of the Bulbophyllums. There are hot-growing species from the tropical lowlands, cold growers from the high slopes of the Andes, and many adaptable, intermediate growers from moderate elevations in the mountains of Central and South America.

A few species, such as the coconut-scented *M. tenuifolia*, have long been popular in orchid collections. Many other beautiful members of the genus have only become available within the last decade or two, largely through Central and South American vendors who bring plants for sale to orchid shows in the U.S. Fortunately, most of these recent introductions are now being grown from seed and division, both domestically and by nurseries in Tropical America, enabling hobbyists to acquire plants without fear of decimating wild populations.

Despite the increasing popularity of the Maxillarias, taxonomy of the genus remains poorly understood. The situation is complicated by the large number of species recently introduced to cultivation and the absence of a modern, comprehensive taxonomic treatment, leaving many of us wondering how to label our plants. Perhaps identity of the species will become clearer in time, but meanwhile, the mysterious Maxillarias can add a touch of the unknown to our lives! The presentation will illustrate some of the diverse forms of this fascinating genus in the context of the regions where they occur, and provide cultural information based on one grower's experience.

Dinner with the Speaker

Please join us in the parking lot in back of the SF County Fair Building before the meeting at 5:20 PM, we leave at 5:30 PM sharp.



SFOS Meeting:

Tues. June 7th, 2011

AOS Judging: 7:00 p.m.

Skills Session: 7:05 p.m.

Meeting: 7:30 p.m.

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 6:30pm and 7:00pm.

Skill Session

Marni Turkel

going to choose one or
more plants of interest the day of the
meeting and talk about them. There
will be time for questions as well.

Plant Opportunity Table

Hanging Gardens

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Congratulation to the 2011- 2012 SFOS Board Officers

We would like to welcome the new officers and board members of the SF Orchid Society. The Board has been completed with Mary Gerritsen as President, Steve Beckendorf as Vice president and Chris Mende as a new Director. We are excited to have their new and fresh ideas.

It is with some sadness that we say goodbye to some of our old members who have so graciously and tirelessly served the Society. While we will still see them at meetings and shows, the Board will miss their presence.

As of this time we are still in need of treasurer for the Society. To ease the time requirement of this position, we have divided responsibilities between two people. Dan Peter will maintain all fiscal responsibility for POE and Orchids in the Park. The position we still need filled is for the person who will come to the meetings, writes checks and keeps a General Ledger. You could help make a difference for the Society by volunteering for this spot. We are looking forward to a great year.

Allison Lehman

A New Membership Directory is coming!

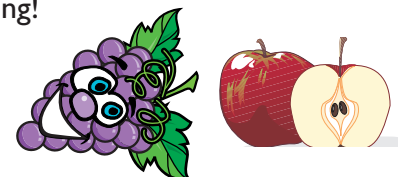
If you do not want your contact information shared with fellow members* or if anything has changed (address, telephone number, or e-mail) Please notify Judy Bley at jabley@pacbell.net or 415-826-8372.

*The directory is only for SFOS members and information is not shared.

Refreshments

N-P

SFOS members are encouraged to help out with refreshments, setup and cleanup at Monthly Meetings. If your last name falls within the letter range **N-P** 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!



AOS Awards

3/3/2011 POE awards:

- **Dracula Raven 'Edgar' AM 84**
(Drac roezlii x Drac vampira) Exhibited by John Leathers
- **Odontioda Unregistered 'Golden Gate' AM 82**
(Oda Glyndebourne Cherubino x Odm Redshine)
Exhibited by Golden Gate Orchids
- **Masdevallia Golden Monarch 'Quin' AM 81**
(Masd Golden Angel x Monarch)
Exhibited by Orchids for the People
- **Masdevallia Heathii 'Texamus' AM 80**
(Masd ignea x veitchiana) Exhibited by John Leathers
- **Masdevallia Heathii 'Samantha' AM 81**
(Masd ignea x veitchiana) Exhibited by John Leathers
- **Masdevallia Heathii 'Maxine' AM 81**
(Masd ignea x veitchiana) Exhibited by John Leathers
- **Masdevallia Leslie Eller 'El Diablo' JC**
(Masd Firecracker x triangularis)
Exhibited by Orchids for the People
- **Masdevallia Highland Monarch 'Golden Sunrise' AM 82**
(Masd Highland Fling x Monarch)
Exhibited by Golden Gate Orchids
- **Masdevallia Highland Monarch 'Orange Julius' HCC 78**
(Masd Highland Fling x Monarch)
Exhibited by Golden Gate Orchids
- **Odontoglossum crispum 'Tomas' HCC 77**
species, Exhibited by Steve Beckendorf
- **Odontoglossum Doctor Tom 'Snow Spots' AM 81**
(Odm. Bogong x nobile)
Exhibited by Golden Gate Orchids
- **Odontoglossum Tribbles 'Pacific Pearl' AM 82**
(Odm. trilobum x nobile)
Exhibited by Golden Gate Orchids
- **Doritaenopsis The Pride of Ben Yu 'Light of Ben Yu' AM 82**
(Dtps. Minho Valentine x King Shining's Beauty)
Exhibited by Orchids Ontario
- **Epidendrum Pacific Thrill 'Red Beauty' AM 82**
(Epi. Sun Valley x Epi Pacific Girl)
Exhibited by Golden Gate Orchids
- **Odcdm. Mayfair 'Gina' AM 81**
(Odcdm. Tiger Hambuhren x Odm Herb Thoreson)
Exhibited by Golden Gate Orchids
- **Dendrochilum tenellum 'Tinkerbells' CCE 91**
species Exhibited by Andy's Orchids
- **Dendrobium fairfaxii 'JoJo's fairies' CHM 83**
species Exhibited by Andy's Orchids
- **Masdevallia superbiens 'Russ' CCM 85**
species. Exhibited by Russ Varnado

See POE photos at:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/ericinsf/sets/72157626198013172/>

5/3/2011 - Pacific Central Judging Center - San Francisco

- **Cymbidium Tower of Fire 'Loyola' HCC 77**
(Cym. Electric Ladyland x Icho Tower)
Exhibited by Weegie Caughlan

5/4/2011 - CSNJC - Sacramento

- **Lycaste Chita Sunset 'Red Glory', AM 80**
(Lyc. Shoalhaven x Lyc. Wylde Sunset),
Exhibited by Ken and Amy Jacobsen
- **Sarcochilus Judith 'Golfball', HCC 78**
(Sarco. Fitzhart x Sarco. Melba),
Exhibited by James Morris
- **Sarcochilus unnamed hybrid 'Julie Ann', HCC 78 (prov)**
(Sarco. Melba x Sarco. Sharon),
Exhibited by James Morris

5/7/2011 - Pacific Central Judging Center

Orchid Society of California Mother's Day Show

- **Cymbidium Alida Valli 'Bellezza' HCC 76**
(Cym. Phar Lap x Cym. Rio Rita)
Exhibited by Darrel Wong
- **Phrag. Suzanne Decker 'Pretty N Pink' HCC 75**
(Phrag kovachii x Cape Sunset)
Exhibited by Cheryl Phillips
- **Masd. Pat Akehurst 'Lightning Venus' HCC 75**
(Masd. Heathii x yungasensis)
Exhibited by Walter James

Pictures can be seen at the web pages and now on Pacific Central: <http://www.aospacificcentral.org>
California Sierra Nevada: <http://www.csnjc.org>

AOS Speaker's Day

Please note that the Annual AOS Speaker's Day will be Saturday August 6th 9AM to 5PM, Oddfellow's Building - 1831 Howe Ave at Alta Arden, Sacramento, Ca. 95838. Speakers will be Marc Hatchadorian, Tom Parker, and Erich Michel. Topics still need to be announced but will include some orchid biology and angraecums. Pricing is \$10 in advance for our sponsoring societies and AOS members, \$15 at the door for our sponsoring societies and AOS members, and \$25 for non-AOS or non-sponsoring society. As always there's a gift if you join the AOS at the meeting. Tickets in advance from Susan Wedegaertner: suewede@clearwire.net

Kathy Barrett

Minutes of SFOS Board Meeting 5-10-11

Present were: President: Jean Lee, Show Chair: Dennis Westler, Membership: Judy Bley, Secretary: Kay Klumb, Directors: Maureen Clarke, Ellen Edelson, Ricki Kohn, and Allison Lehman; President-elect: Mary Gerritsen, Vice President-elect: Steve Beckendorf, Director-elect: Chris Mende, SFOS Member: Stanford Stapleton, Excused: Vice President: Eric Hunt, Treasurer: Dan Peter.

I. President's Report

A. Jean apologized for the confusion over the date for installation of new officers. Mary had consulted with Jean on the agenda for this meeting. Ellen had clarified that the Bylaws state that terms begin in June.

B. Jean informed the Board that she has reserved the County Fair Building for Orchids in the Park on 9-17 & 18, and for set up on 9-16. The date was moved from the first weekend to avoid Opera in the Park which is thought to be the cause of the parking problems last year.

C. Jean emphasized that volunteers are needed for that event as there weren't enough volunteers last year. Many people worked several positions for long hours to fill in.

D. Jean inquired about hiring Angelic Nguyen again to design the postcard and have it printed. Mary volunteered to do the design without charge and said she has used printing services that cost far less than last year's bill. Her offer was accepted. She agreed to have the postcards ready by mid-July.

E. Jean said that Walter Shinn has used his connections to get a new bulb for the projector.

F. Jean asked Mary to preside over the rest of the meeting.

II. President-Elect's Report

A. Mary announced that she has goals for SFOS that she will explain in detail at the June meeting. They include having specific information in order to control the budget.

B. Mary explained that she has set up a Yahoo group to facilitate access to information for the Board and how it works.

III. Vice President Elect's Report

A. Steve reported that Eric informed him that no speakers have been secured for the future, but Dan Newman had been approached. Steve has engaged Dan for the June meeting and has some prospects for other months.

B. Steve asked that anyone with suggestions for programs please send them to him. Some discussion took place on possible speakers and topics.

C. Steve asked for a history of programs to aid his scheduling. Ellen volunteered to put together a list of past speakers as she has all the Newsletters.

D. Mary suggested that meetings could have agendas without speakers, i.e. round table discussions, which facilitate interaction among members.

IV. Secretary's Report

Kay had nothing to report.

V. Membership Report

A. Judy stated that current membership is 220. There were no new members during the past month, but 3 former members renewed.

B. Judy said that she is working on a roster. She has had no responses to the request in the last Newsletter for

members to inform her if they do not wish to have their personal information included.

C. Dennis stated that if the roster did not contain personal information then there was no point to having it. Several members added that they use the roster to locate people in various ways which often involve flipping through it.

D. Dennis also addressed the issue of having the roster on-line as a pdf. Judy pointed out that there are a significant number of members who have not listed an email address. Mary advocated having a password protected data base of members on our website and printing a list for those who want it. Discussion was held. Some concerns were about availability of our mailing list for commercial purposes and inability to find someone without a name. It would be made clear that our roster continues to be only for SFOS use. The entire database would not be available at once, but only the results of a particular search in one field, i.e. zip code if one wanted to find neighbors to carpool to meetings. Mary said that there would be considerable savings if no booklet were produced.

E. Maureen moved that the Board accept Mary's suggestion with the proviso that a hard copy be available for those who want one, Allison seconded and the motion passed. Judy will send the database to Dennis for forwarding to the webmaster.

VI. Treasurer's report

Dan did not submit a report.

VII. Old Business

A. Donations: The Board agreed to postpone consideration of donations until next month when financial information from POE is available.

B. Survey Data from the Strategic Planning Committee: the data is being processed and will be presented to the SPC which will then make recommendations.

C. Sound System for Meetings: Allison distributed the specifications for a portable wireless P A System and its cost from 6 sellers (\$510.00 to \$672.00.) She has contacted Paul Bourbin to consult about the fine points of its compatibility with SFOS' microphones. Ellen said that it is important to determine if the system works in the auditorium before committing to buy it. Mary did research and determined that it would cost more to rent a system than to buy one and return it if it proved unsatisfactory. Dennis asked for someone to educate speakers about how to avoid feedback while using the microphone.

D. Post-POE Committee Chair Meeting: Dennis reported that the meeting has not been scheduled, but he will work on it. He said that traditionally the meeting is very hard to schedule, but very useful. Although he asks, no one writes down their ideas during POE, but the chairs remember well enough to report verbally.

VIII. New Business

A. Maureen reminded the Board that this is her last meeting.

1. She said that she does not want to sign checks any more because she will not be covered for liability. Jean, Dennis and Dan will sign checks.

2. Maureen said that she and Ellen have the only keys to the Post Office Box. After discussion that it would be

useful for her to have the key so she can get mail before POE meetings and no one else needed it, Kay moved that Maureen keep the P O Box key, Ricki seconded, and the motion passed.

3. Maureen has gone over the mailing list of about 17,000 for POE postcards for years, eliminating bad addresses. She said that this year had considerably less returned cards.

4. Maureen reported that the Post Office notified the mailing service that SFOS' nonprofit permit was incorrect. She followed a maze of differing instructions and places to try to remedy it without results. It was suggested that it might be more fruitful to simply get a new permit. This will be explored.

B. Job Descriptions: Mary asked that each Board member write down his or her duties on the group website as the descriptions in the Bylaws are very minimal. Several members remembered that that had been done in the past, but all the records were lost.

C. Division of Treasurer Office: Allison said that she had met with Dan and distributed a list of duties that he told her about. Some discussion was held but concluded without making any particular recommendations as all agreed that the new Treasurer should be involved. A Volunteer is needed!

D. Videos for the Website: Ricki said that she had been pleased to find repotting instructions on some website and advocated putting links to such on SFOS' website. Mary said that there had been an inquiry from a video producer for non-profits, but he would have charged for his services.

Dennis thought that links to free information could work and said that we do have some video on the website.

E. Teleconference Set Up for Board Meetings: Mary said she would send the link for signing up for Skype which would provide free voice contact for the Board. She explained that she would put any document in question on screen for all to see during virtual meetings. Several Board members have lengthy commutes to the City and would not serve on the Board if all meetings are held in San Francisco.

F. New Member Activities: Paula Shiu did start a new members group and invited them to an orchid grower's open house. She has not informed the Board of any other activities. Mary said that good refreshments encourage interaction and asked for ideas on improving treats and other ways of making members feel welcome. Social meetings and name badges were suggested.

G. Website: Mary asked the Board members to look at the website and bring their thoughts to the next Board Meeting. Ellen asked that the date for meetings be listed.

Kay moved to adjourn the meeting, Ricki seconded and the meeting ended.

*Respectfully submitted,
Kay Klumb*

Change of address?

Send all address and e-mail changes to:

Judy Bley / Membership Chairperson

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Email: **jabley@pacbell.net**

SFOS Membership

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Newsletter Submissions

The SFOS Newsletter welcomes news, articles, events, and any other items of interest to members. Send items by the **15th of the month** to: **angelic@orchidesign.com**

or mail to:

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Please include your name at the beginning or end of your text. All submissions will be reviewed and may be edited due to space limitations. Thank you!

Botanico Open house

Dean Haas, owner of Botanico, will be holding an open greenhouse in Half Moon Bay on

Saturday, June 4th

from 11AM to 4PM

and again on

Saturday, July 16th

from 11AM to 4PM.

The greenhouse is located off of Hwy 92. Take the service road adjacent to the parking of the Spanish Town Mini Mall marked by large metal animal sculptures clearly visible from the hwy.

The greenhouse can be seen on the right where the service road ends. Many choice plants for sale including awardable but affordable paphs, masdevallias, cymms., fragrant vandas, lycastes, divisions of Laelia anceps, large specimen laelia anceps to name just a few as well as groups of boxed orchids priced to sell!

For further information, please contact

Dean Haas at 510-368-8062.

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SFOS Bulletin Board

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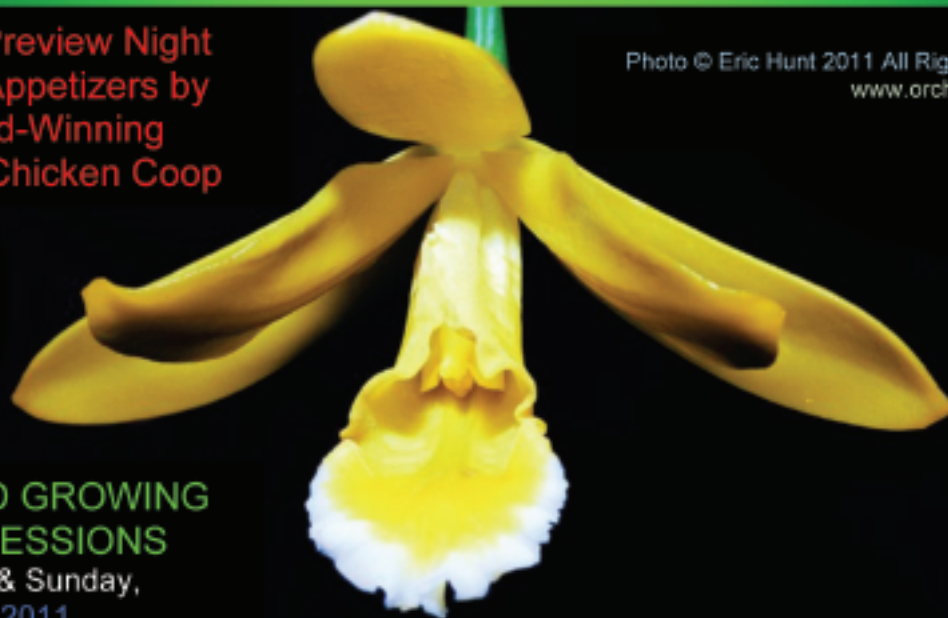
Upcoming Events

- **June 7, 2011, 7:30pm – SFOS General Meeting**
Dan Newman on “The Mysterious Maxillarias”
- **June 3 San Jose Orchid Exposition Orchid Conservation Fund Raiser.** Miraido Club House, 550 N. Sixth St., San Jose. 6:30PM to 9:30 PM. How many fund raisers can you attend for \$10? All of the entrance funds raised go to the Orchid Conservation Alliance (<http://www.orchidconservationalliance.org/>) Have first choice of plants for sale by Andy's Orchids, Cal-orchid, Gold Country Orchids, Golden Gate Orchids, Oz Gardens, Paphanatics Unlimited, Seed Engei and Tanya Lam Orchid Supplies; the vendors will pay the sales tax during the fund raiser. There will be wine tasting, party food, and a special speaker.
- **June 4-5 San Jose Orchid Exposition.** Miraido Club House, 550 N. Sixth St., San Jose. Saturday 9AM - 6PM, Sunday 10AM - 5 PM. Vendors listed above. FREE admission and skill sessions. Wine tasting. Come and buy orchids you don't get to see in bloom during the show season! www.realorchidgrowers.com (see flyers)
- **June 10 Malahini Orchid Society Auction** 7:30 PM, come early to preview the plants! Hewlett Packard Oak Room, 19091 Pruneridge Avenue, Cupertino. For more information, contact Mike Bautista via email at 5mb@batnet.com or by phone at 650-556-9599.
- **June 11 Orchid Society of Southern California Annual Auction** 2:00pm (Doors open 1:00pm) Meeting Hall, First Christian Church, 221 South Sixth Street Burbank, California 91501. Information (323) 223-6089
- **June 25 Peninsula Orchid Society Greenhouse Bus Tour** - Visit Gold Country Orchids, Howard Gunn, and Napa Valley Orchids. Sign up at the POS May meeting or contact Dan Williamson at 650-963-9403.
- **July 5, 2011, 7:30pm – SFOS General Meeting**
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SAN JOSE ORCHID EXPOSITION⁶

Catered Preview Night
Evening Appetizers by
The Award-Winning
Sonoma Chicken Coop

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June 4-5, 2011
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with our
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WINE TASTING

Friday
June 3, 2011
6:30 PM to 9:30 PM

Saturday
June 4, 2011
9:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Sunday
June 5, 2011
10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

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BENEFIT
Friday
June 3, 2011
6:30 PM to 9:30 PM

PREVIEW NIGHT

Friday, June 3, 2011 6:30 PM-9:30 PM

MIRAIDO CLUB HOUSE

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ORCHID CONSERVATION ALLIANCE

PREVIEW NIGHT, FRIDAY, June 3rd 5:30pm-8:30pm. \$10.00 admission per person for the Preview Night Gala reception, including wine tasting, appetizers and a special guest speaker. All vendors pay the sales tax on your orchid purchases for the evening. 100% of the admission proceeds benefit the preservation of endangered orchid habitat.

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