

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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SFOS Meeting:

Tues. May 3rd, 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

Judy Carney

Potting and Growing Bulbophyllums
for Beginners

Plant Opportunity Table

Napa Valley Orchids

May Speaker

Mary Gerritsen on Orchid Conservation in Brazil: Reserves in Rio de Janeiro and Espírito Santo

Mary Gerritsen has been interested in plants for most of her adult life, and has been growing orchids on and off for the last 35 years. Her passion for this flowering family was rekindled when she moved to the San Francisco Bay area in 1997 and attended an orchid show. Returning home with a few plants, she decided to join a local orchid society to learn more about taking care of them, and from these early beginnings, her current passion began. Mary now grows orchids in her two greenhouses, three lath houses, outside, in her sun room, and everywhere else she can. Her collection of about a thousand plants, mostly species, is rich in Masdevallias and other Pleurothallids, monopodials, Bulbophyllums, and miniature orchids. She has co-authored two botanical books with Ron Parsons: *Masdevallias, Gems of the Orchid World* and *Calochortus, Mariposa Lilies and their Relatives* and is currently working with Ron on a third book, *Miniature Orchid Species*, which should be published in the fall of 2011. Mary has also written for the AOS magazine *Orchids* with an article published in October 2010 on her trip to Borneo, and articles on Brazil and the Greek Islands of Crete and Rhodes to appear in upcoming issues. One of Mary's favorite pastimes is to travel to exotic (and some not so exotic) places to see orchids in situ, and thus far she has visited Costa Rica, Panama, Ecuador, Peru, Brazil, Mexico, Australia, Germany, France, Luxembourg, Greece and Borneo on orchid "field trips." She has also traveled to various sites in California, Oregon, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Virginia to see North American native orchids. Last month she climbed Mt. Roraima (the tallest tepui in Venezuela) and will visit peninsular Malaysia later this year. Mary has been an active member of the Peninsula Orchid Society and San Francisco Orchid Society for many years and is also a member of the Pleurothallid Alliance, the Native Orchid Conference, and the American Orchid Society.



What the talk is about: Orchid Conservation in Brazil
Mary recently returned from an Orchid Conservation Alliance sponsored trip to the states of Rio de Janeiro and Espirit Santo, Brazil. She visited some wonderful sites and will share her experience and orchid photographs with you. She will also discuss several examples of successful orchid habitat conservation efforts in Brazil.

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.

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2011-2012 nominating committee

The election will be at the May Meeting

The slate of 2011–2012 officers for voting:

President- Mary Gerritsen

Vice President - Steve Beckendorf

Treasurer - VACANT

Secretary- Kay Klumb

Directors:

Ellen Edelson

Ricki Kohn

Allison Lehman

Chris Mende

Allison Lehman/Nomination committee chair

New Members

We welcome the following new members:

**Anthony Abuzeide, Marc Cohen, Eric Levenson,
John McCallen**

Refreshments

Li-M

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



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.

AOS Awards

4/1/2011 - San Joaquin Orchid Society Show - Stockton

- **Paph. Wossner Vietnam Love 'Vera', AM 80**
(Paph. micranthum x Paph. vietnamense) Exhibited by Richard F. Buchter
- **Paph. Wossner Vietnam Love 'Nova', AM 80**
(Paph. micranthum x Paph. vietnamense) Exhibited by Richard F. Buchter
This one has a video of the flower - the first award video!

4/5/2011 - Pacific Central Judging Center - San Francisco

- **Cymbidium Unregistered 'Cinnabar' AM 81**
(Cym Beau Guest x Fair Delight)
Exhibited by Weegie Caughlan

4/6/2011 - CSNJC - Sacramento

- **Cattleya Sierra Plum 'Julie Anne', HCC 79**
(C. Sierra Doll x C. Vallezac), Exhibited by James Morris
- **Dendrobium trigonopus 'Vistamont', CCM 87**
species, Exhibited by Cynthia Hill
- **Holcoglossum flavescens 'May Jean', CCM 84 & AM 82** species, Exhibited by Ricky Wong - upgrade of previous award
- **Paphiopedilum sukhakulii var. album 'Albarino', AM 82**
species, Exhibited by Dave Sorokowsky - upgrade of previous award
- **Prosthecea vitellina 'Wailing Banshee', HCC 79**
species, Exhibited by Ramon de los Santos
- **Sarcochilus Burgundy on Ice 'Pinot Noir', AM 81**
(Sarco. Judith x Sarco. Fitzhart),
Exhibited by James Morris
- **Sarcochilus Leanne 'Julie Anne', HCC 75**
(Sarco. Sharon x Sarco. Fitzhart),
Exhibited by James Morris
- **Sartylis Toowoomba Sparkle 'Coconut Ice', AM 82**
(Sarco. Fitzhart x Rhynchostylis retusa), Exhibited by James Morris

4/9/2011 - Tropical Plant Society of Modesto Show - Modesto

- **Epi. Wedding Valley 'Sakura', HCC 78**
(Epi. Princess Valley x Epi. Pearl Valley), Exhibited by Jan Martin
- **Phrag. Sorcerer's Apprentice 'Sandwolf', HCC 76**
(Phrag. longifolium x Phrag. sargentianum), Exhibited by Bill Sanders

4/16/2011 - Sacramento Orchid Society Show - Sacramento

- **Ansellia africana 'Primera', FCC 92**
species, Exhibited by Cal-Orchid
- **Cattleya kettieana 'Elizabeth Anne', HCC 78**
species, Exhibited by James Morris
- **Chysis bractescens 'A&M', AM 83**
species, Exhibited by Doug Kubo
- **Epi. unnamed hybrid 'Tangerine Orb', AM 82 (prov)** (Epi. Pacific Benchmark x Epi. Pacific Girl)
Exhibited by Cal-Orchid
- **Microterangis hariotiana 'Gold Country', CCM 81**
species, Exhibited by Gold Country Orchids
- **Paphiopedilum Ho Chi Minh 'Joan', HCC 76**
(Paph. delenatii x Paph. vietnamense), Exhibited by Howard Gunn
- **Paphiopedilum Robinianum 'Loire', AM 85**
(Paph. parishii x Paph. lowii), Exhibited by Dave Sorokowsky
- **Parapteroceras odoratissimum 'Kai', CCM 83**
species, Exhibited by Diana Blasingame
- **Phalaenopsis lobbii var. flava 'Monster', AM 81**
species, Exhibited by Ramon de los Santos
- **Sarcochilus Charm 'Julie Anne', AM 86**
(Sarco. Fitzhart x Sarco. Bernice Klein), Exhibited by James Morris
- **Slc. Mile High Magic 'Hot Ember', AM 81**
(Slc. Pink Doll x Slc. Bright Angel),
Exhibited by Gold Country Orchids

4/18/2011 - Pacific Central JC - Oakland

- **Cattleya intermedia var orlata 'Elsie' HCC 77**
species. Exhibited by Amy and Ken Jacobsen
- **Cattleya intermedia var orlata 'Alvaro Pessoa' AM 81** species
Exhibited by Amy and Ken Jacobsen
- **Odontioda Unregistered HCC 79**
(Oda Cristor x Odm Mont a l'Abbe)
Exhibited by Steve Beckendorf
- **Cattleya Shillac 'Winston' HCC 77**
(C Cognac x shilleriana)
Exhibited by Amy and Ken Jacobsen
- **Masdevallia Unregistered 'Jung Hee' AM 85**
(Masd Pixie Lavender x Falcon Sunrise)
Exhibited by Anna Chai
- **Masdevallia Unregistered 'Jung Hee' CCM 83**
(Masd Pixie Lavender x Falcon Sunrise)
Exhibited by Anna Chai

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

Change of address?

Send all address and e-mail changes to:

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1% for Orchid Conservation Update 21

Feel free to pass this update on to anyone who may be interested.

<http://www.orchidconservationcoalition.org/update/21.html>

Botanico Open house

Dean Haas, owner of Botanico, will be holding an open greenhouse with Dennis Olivas of D and D Orchids in Half Moon Bay on May 14th - 15th, Saturday and Sunday from 9AM to 4PM both days. In addition, Dean Haas will host another open greenhouse on Saturday, June 4th 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, cyms., 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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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: 1361 Plum St.,
San Jose, CA 95110

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!

MOTHER'S DAY WEEKEND ANNUAL OPEN STUDIO & GARDEN



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Minutes of SFOS Board Meeting 4-12-11

Present were: President: Jean Lee, Show Chair: Dennis Westler, Membership: Judy Bley, Secretary: Kay Klumb, Directors: Ellen Edelson, Maureen Clarke, Ricki Kohn; SFOS Members: Chris Mende and Stanford Stapleton, POE production: Ken Giebel and Frances Larose

Excused: Vice President: Eric Hunt, Treasurer: Dan Peter, Director: Allison Lehman.

I. President's Report

A. Jean introduced Frances and Ken and distributed copies of their 23 page proposal for the 2012 and 2013 Pacific Orchid Exposition Promotion and Production Campaign. [Members may email Kay for an email copy.]

1. Ken started by distributing a Site Rental Option Analysis comparing Fort Mason to the S F Concourse Exhibition Center that showed the Concourse costing \$2200.00 more. Several Board members added that the Concourse is dark with very little natural light, which detracts from attendees' enjoyment and presentation of the plants. Some members disputed the Concourse assertion that parking is abundant in the area.

2. Ken listed all the other venues that have been considered during the past 10 years and how they are unsuitable: Moscone Center, Bill Graham Auditorium, and Treasure Island are too expensive, 2 piers across from AT&T Park would bump us at any time if they got a long term lease, Cow Palace is too spread out, too big, difficult to dress up; and San Mateo Fair Garden does not match up well with attendees locations (SF and North Bay), is dark, and is not associated with San Francisco.

3. Ken handles the design and production, including the vendors. He conducts a vendor survey which showed more "very good" ratings from the vendors this year.

4. Ken said that his fee of \$19,975 is nearly the same (\$120.00 more) as the past 4 years. This year he put in 438 hours on producing POE, 102 of which were in the 9 days around the show.

5. Frances and Ken reported that they have been meeting with Fort Mason management and have secured the dates of the last weekend in February for 2012 and 2013, for the Festival Pavilion at the Herbst Pavilion rate.

6. Frances explained some strategies for cost cutting i.e. click and print tickets. Frances, Ken, and Dennis emphasized that the cost cutting measures adopted for 2011 will continue.

7. Frances enumerated some of the contacts she has developed for cash and in kind donations.

8. Frances and Ken volunteered to go to the next Strategic Planning Committee meeting to answer questions, provided they are given adequate notice of the date.

9. Judy moved to accept Frances' and Ken's proposals for 2 years. Ellen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

B. Jean informed the Board that Kathy Phillips had updated and made the SFOS website functional so that SFOS was able to sell POE tickets. She has submitted a Consulting Agreement to maintain the SFOS website from 4-1-11 to 4-1-12, for \$100.00 per month for up to 10 hours

of service time. Maureen moved to accept the contract. Kay seconded and the motion passed unanimously. It should be noted that all information for the website is to go through Dennis.

C. Jean hopes that all have completed the Strategic Planning Committee's survey and urges those that have not, to do so before the end of the month. Some members noted that the survey will not allow any questions to be skipped, even if none of the answers fit.

II. Vice President's Report

Eric is excused from meetings and has posted the list of speakers for future meetings on the website.

III. Secretary's Report

Kay had no business to report.

IV. Membership Report

A. Judy reported that there are 221 members in good standing

B. Judy will confer with Stanford on how to transmit the Newsletter after Eric leaves.

C. Jean asked Judy to prepare a new roster. Ricki said that some members were concerned about having their contact information published. It was pointed out that the roster is only for members and they may choose which information is published. Judy will put an item in the Newsletter to that effect.

V. Treasurer's Report

Dan is excused. He has conveyed his wish to be treasurer for POE only.

VI. Old Business

A. Allison had agreed to email information about a new sound system. She will be reminded to do that.

B. Dennis reported that income and expenses are nearly complete and the net income looks like it will be \$12,000.00 to \$16,000.00. He commented that was quite a turnaround from the 2010 loss of \$12,000.00, which he attributes to the harsh economic times.

VII. New Business

A. Jean asked how to proceed to create a second treasurer position and insure that person had liability coverage. Kay read the pertinent Bylaw Article VII, Section 1,b: "Such other Officers as may be deemed necessary by the Board of Directors, which Officers shall be appointed by the President."

1. Dennis moved that the President appoint a POE Treasurer. Ellen seconded the motion and it passed.

2. Jean appointed Dan Peter to be POE Treasurer.

B. A volunteer is needed ASAP to be SFOS treasurer.

C. Jean asked about making a donation to 1% for Conservation. Given the concern about finances, the Board agreed that all discussion of donations should be tabled until May.

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

*Respectfully submitted,
Kay Klumb*

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First Class

SFOS Bulletin Board

The Bulletin Board is a free service for SFOS members' orchid-related items. Send items by the 15th of the month to: 1361 Plum St, San Jose, CA 95110, or e-mail: services@ORCHIDesign.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.

Upcoming Events

- **April 30 11am - 3pm – Half Moon Bay Cymbidiums and Other Orchids** - Schickenberg Topiary Nursery, 2351 North Cabrillo Hwy, Half Moon Bay, CA 94019 Info: audreyyoungtarter@yahoo.com
- **April 30 - May 8, 2011 Fiori D'Amore Liquidation Orchid Sale** 9am - 4 pm Mother's Day 9 am - 2 pm 4526 Fair Avenue, Oakland, Ca. 510-530-4884 www.orchidsfloridamore.com 25 Years of Collecting! Everything must go! Even Mother pants! Special pricing for volume purchases!
- **May 3, 2011, 7:30pm – SFOS General Meeting Mary Gerritsen** - Orchid Conservation in Brazil
- **May 6 - 8 – Orchid Society of California Mother's Day Weekend Show & Sale** - Noon to 6PM Friday, 10AM - 5PM Saturday & Sunday. Show information is posted at: <http://www.orchidsocietyofcalifornia.com/aboutshow>.

The show will have AOS, CSA and ribbon judging. The general setup for the show will be on Friday, May 7th, 8AM to 1PM. (see flyer)

- **May 7 & 8 Carmel Orchid Society Annual MayFaire Show & Sale** 9 AM – 4 PM , Hidden Valley Institute of Arts, 88 W. Carmel Valley Road, Carmel Valley Village, 11 miles East of Highway 1, ADMISSION IS FREE, Lots of Free Parking. For more information go to www.carmelorchidsociety.org.
- **May 14-15 D&D Spring Open House**, Half Moon Bay. (see flyer)
- **June 3-5 – San Jose Orchid Exposition**. Miraido Village Club House, 550 N. Sixth St., San Jose, CA 95112 - www.realorchidgrowers.com (see flyer)
- **June 7, 2011, 7:30pm – SFOS General Meeting** TBA

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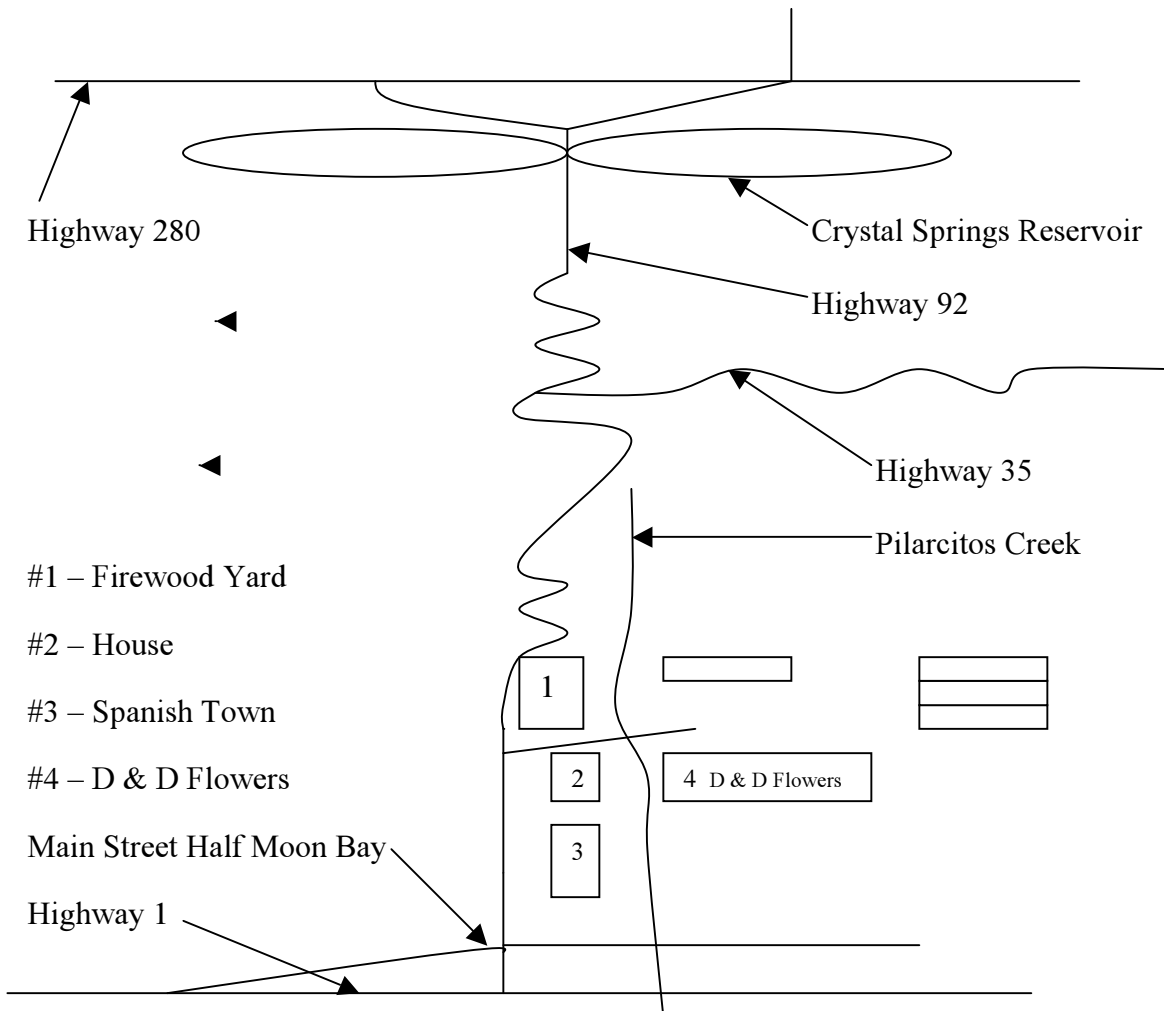
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May 14 & 15, 2011
9:00 AM to 3 PM**

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Help your local orchid society. For every \$25 you spend, you may enter your local orchid society in a raffle for their monthly opportunity table. 40 healthy plants (some in bloom) will be award to the winning society. Winning society will be picked at the end of Sunday. The society must redeem their prize to D & D Flowers by the next open house which will take place in October of 2011.



Half Moon Bay 1/3 mile east of Main Street off Hwy 92.

Just east of Spanish Town on Hwy. 92 there is a house and firewood business. Turn onto the street between the house and firewood business and go over the bridge into the greenhouse complex. D & D Flowers is the first greenhouse on the right. If you go beyond the large dinosaur statues in front of the house and Spanish Town and you are at Main Street, you've gone too far.

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FROM I-880 South/East Bay: Take the Downtown N. First Street Exit - RIGHT onto N. First St - RIGHT onto East Rosemary St. - RIGHT onto N. Fourth St., LEFT onto Jackson St., RIGHT onto N. 6th St.

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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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