



## San Francisco Orchid Society Newsletter

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### Membership

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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.

**October Speaker - Jacob Knecht**

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## **SFOS Meeting**

**Tues. October 4, 2011**



SF Orchid Society

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**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**

**Jacob Knecht**  
**Bringing the Greenhouse**  
**Indoors: Growing Orchids in**  
**a Climate-controlled**  
**Vivarium**

### **Skill Session**

**Tanya Lam**  
Growing orchids in coconut



### **Jacob Knecht -Bringing the Greenhouse Indoors: Growing Orchids in a Climate-controlled Vivarium**

Jacob Uluwehi Knecht has been mesmerized by plants for as long as he can remember. His passion for orchids species began at age 11. He has worked in landscape architecture, wholesale and retail nursery operations and is now pursuing his dream of studying for a career in botany with a focus in conservation and habitat restoration. Over the last 20 years he has grown orchids in many different growing environments and set-ups-- most of these he designed and constructed himself. His favorite group of orchids is angraecoids. In addition, Jacob has an abiding love for many other plant families, including bulbs, palms, and cycads.

### **Bringing the Greenhouse Indoors: Growing Orchids in a Climate-controlled Vivarium**

mixes.

**Plant Opportunity Table**

**Deborah Atwood**  
Napa Valley Orchids

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**Raffle Tickets**



Jacob is a new member of the San Francisco Orchid Society, having moved to Berkeley from Honolulu last year. When he arrived he had nowhere to grow his orchids because his new accommodation lacked suitable outdoor space for a greenhouse. Because most of his orchids are humidity-sensitive angraecoids growing on mounts, windowsill growing wasn't a promising option. Drawing inspiration from other DIY "orchidariums" built by hobbyists restricted to indoor growing, he designed and constructed his own indoor vivarium with 80 cubic feet of growing space. Through experimentation he came up with solutions for the challenges of growing under HID lights, creating custom systems for cooling, humidification, air circulation, watering and drainage. The resulting growth and blooming of his orchids during the past 16 months has greatly exceeded his expectations, showing that with a vivarium it's possible to create a rewarding indoor growing environment, rivaling that of a greenhouse.

Jacob looks forward to taking SFOS members along for a virtual tour of his vivarium with pictures and diagrams showing its construction and its inner workings alongside images of the beautiful blooms it has produced thus far. Join us to hear how he learned to create favorable orchid-growing conditions in the unlikeliest of places.

**Dinner with the Speaker**

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

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## 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](mailto:jabley@pacbell.net) or 415-826-8372.

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

## Welcome New Members

**Eddie Tam**  
**Mary Futey**

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

## Refreshments

### J - 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 **J-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!



**Minutes of SFOS Board Meeting**

## **Minutes of the SFOS September 13, 2011 'Virtual' Board Meeting**

For the first time, the SFOS board held a "virtual" board meeting, using the internet and a telephone conference call.

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, and Chris Mende  
Excused: Director: Allison Lehman .

It should be noted that Judy and Ellen were not in voice contact.

### **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. Steve elicited suggestions for future programs. Suggestions included an auction, perhaps of divisions of special orchids from POE.

C. The Board noted that the September meeting had drawn an unusually large and animated audience, which was attributed to the appeal of the Speaker, as well as getting the Newsletter out early enough for people to make plans. Steve pointed out that the Speaker had not been inexpensive and the budget could not support that level for even half of the programs. Dennis suggested cost sharing with other Societies, which is being done.

### **II. Membership Report**

Judy stated that current membership is 222, and there were no new members in the past month.

### **III. Old Business**

A. Insurance update: Mary reported that she has finalized the insurance with the Garden Club at \$2.25/SFOS member plus \$200.00 for the year. Last year's cost for similar coverage was almost \$2,000.00. The quote Mary received for POE liability insurance of \$2 million per occurrence is \$750.00. Last year's cost was \$2010.00.

B. Banking update: Mary said that Dan had cancelled the on-line merchant account which cost \$300.00 to \$400.00 plus a per ticket charge as POE will use an e-ticket service. Dan also said that some other banking fees had been reduced.

C. Orchids in the Park details:

1. Mary asked about sign stands for the Razzle Dazzle Raffle. Jean said that there are some in the locker from OrchidMania. \$1200.00 in tickets have been sold to date.

2. Ellen will bring the large coffee pot.

3. Ricki volunteered to bring a selection of herbal teas.

4. Mary stated that there seem to be enough volunteers, but more would be better on Sunday.

5. Mary has seminars lined up for 11:00, 1:00, and 3:00.

6. Mary emphasized gathering email addresses from attendees and will print a sign up sheet for the hourly raffles requesting email and how the attendee heard about OITP. She has gotten some email information from Frances that POE attendees provided. The goal is to enable SFOS to publicize future events by email at little cost.

7. Kay noted that the Orchid article in Sunday's Chronicle listed an erroneous telephone number, which seems to belong to a private party. SFOS no longer has an information telephone contact, but Jean said that she had volunteered to put her number in. Kay will email the Chronicle with the correct information. Ricki suggested offering the private party free entry to the show for any inconvenience they have suffered. Mary will contact them..

D. On-line Roster: Dennis said that the roster is up and working and any errors can be easily corrected. He provided the user name and password. Some Board members were very concerned about security of such private information and discussion ensued, culminating in Steve moving that an investigation be conducted to determine how to password protect the roster and , if it is possible with little cost, to go ahead and

implement a password protection system for the roster. This would mean that each SFOS member would create an individual password for access to the roster. Jean seconded the motion and it passed. Mary will write an email to be forwarded to our webmaster asking for this information.

E. Bylaws Revisions:

1. Kay presented the proposed changes and explained that they are meant to bring current practice into compliance with the Bylaws. In brief, Article IX Duties of Officers would be changed to eliminate reference to the seal which no one has seen in years and create a separate item for Membership Chairperson. 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 separately and by ballot. Jean moved that the changes as proposed be accepted, Steve seconded and the motion passed.

2. Kay pointed out that Article XIII requires that any proposed amendment must be initiated by no less than 15 people signing it. Steve suggested that could be accomplished at OITP. Then the proposals would have to be read to the membership at a regular meeting, sent to each member, read and voted on by ballot at the next membership meeting. Ricki volunteered to prepare the document for signatures at OITP. Kay will be available to explain it.

**IV. New Business**

A. Orchid repotting workshop-October 15, 2011, 11:00 AM. Mary announced that the workshop will be at Hanging Gardens on the occasion of its open greenhouse. Hawk Hill will also have an open greenhouse and possibly one other greenhouse will be open. There will be a pot luck lunch. She asked for volunteers to help with repotting. Chris and Kay said they would be there, Steve and Jean said they probably could attend. A separate announcement will be sent to SFOS members.

B. Orchids in the park-next year: discussion deferred until after OITP 2011.

C. Fundraising ideas-silent auction at POE, orchid auction, other: Mary and Dennis emphasized the need for someone to head the silent auction. Dennis will write a request for a volunteer to run in the Newsletter. Mary suggested asking vendors to donate a plant for a raffle table. Anyone with corporate contacts is encouraged to contact Dennis or Mary. Corporate sponsorship is a valuable source of funding that has been very difficult to obtain in this economy. Any other new fundraising ideas are welcome.

Kay moved to adjourn the meeting, Jean seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kay Klumb

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## AOS Awards

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

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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](mailto: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**

· **October 4, 2011, 7:30pm - SFOS General Meeting**

**Jacob Knecht** - Main Speaker - Subject: Bringing the Greenhouse Indoors: Growing Orchids in a Climate-controlled Vivarium

· **Friday, Saturday, Sunday - October 14 -16, 2011 Southland Orchid Show - Huntington Library Botanical Gardens - Pasadena, CA**

Southland Orchid Show at the beautiful Huntington Library Botanical Gardens in Pasadena. There will be exhibits by Southern Orchid Societies and International Orchid Growers. There will also be an orchid symposia on both Saturday and Sunday.

· **Saturday, Sunday - October 15 -16, 2011 Orchid Fair at the Concord Hilton - Concord, CA**

The Diablo View Orchid Society presents its Orchid Fair at the Concord Hilton in Concord, CA. The show and sale on October 15 and 16 runs from 10 AM until 4 PM each day. There are AOS judgments along with culture sessions and vendors. Concord Hilton - 1970 Diamond Blvd. Concord, CA Admission is free.

**· Orchid Repotting Clinic and Orchid Greenhouse Open House - October 15, 2011 Hanging Gardens 2000 Highway 1, Pacifica, CA 11 - 2 PM**

Activities: Learn how to repot your orchids and to mount orchids. Demonstrations by experts. Bring along your orchid you would like to repot, and a clean pot to repot it in. If you would like to mount your orchid, we suggest you bring along the bark or slab you would like to mount it on. The SFOS will supply bark, some mounting materials, and some pots. Limit of one orchid to repot per member.

Lunch will be pot-luck-bring your favorite salad, snack or other dish (bring enough for at least 8-10 people). The SFOS will supply beverages and a few snacks, as well as paper plates, utensils, and cups. If you would like to bring a bottle of wine, that would be great too!

Dan Newman will be having an open house in conjunction with workshop. Tour Dan's greenhouse, and there will be an opportunity to buy plants from him as well. Dan has lots of great, and many unusual, cool and intermediate growing species in his collection. In addition, John Leathers and Bob Hamilton will have an open green house (Masdevallias, Draculas, Pleurothallids, Odontoglossums, other cool growing plants) and so will Joe and Kathy Parker (Draculas, Masdevallias, other cool growing plants).

This should be a wonderful way to get to know your fellow SFOS members, learn a little about repotting, and see some great orchid collections. See you there!

Directions: Get on to 280 in Daly City. Take the Hwy 1 Pacifica exit. Once you get to Pacifica, get in the left lane. At the first traffic light at Reina Del Mar, make a U turn and head back north. Stay in the right lane and after you pass the building for the Pacifica police department you will see a hill on your right, and there you will approach an "ORCHID" sign. Take a very hard right on the driveway just past this sign, and head up the hill. Please park at the top of the hill in the large parking lot there. Dan Newman's greenhouse is at the top of the hill, and John Leathers and Bob Hamilton's and Joe and Kathy Parker's greenhouses are the first set of greenhouses that you passed when you came up the hill. The repotting workshop will be held outside Dan's greenhouse in the patio area between the two greenhouses.

**· Tuesday, October 25, 2011 Marin Orchid Society Fall Orchid Auction**  
[www.marinorchidsociety.com](http://www.marinorchidsociety.com)

### **Upcoming Speakers**

November 2011 - Marni Turkel

### **Notices**

#### **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](mailto:info@orchidsanfrancisco.org)

## **Member's Corner**



Hall of Flowers      Photos by Jeff Harris

## **Orchids in the Park - September 17 & 18, 2011**

**Thank you** everyone for your help and support. Orchids in the Park was a great success, with admissions up considerably over last year. We are still working on the numbers, but the initial calculations suggest that we secured a profit at least twice that of 2010. Congratulations everyone. I would like to take a moment to thank a few people who put in an extraordinary effort.

Tom Perlite, who did much of the organization of this show behind the scenes-inviting the vendors, organizing the set up, and arranging for a terrific article in the Chronicle, and many other tasks needed to put on a show like this. The members of the SFOS-Strategic Planning Committee who brainstormed ideas for several months before the Orchids in the Park. From these strategic planning meetings came a new idea-the Razzle Dazzle Orchid Raffle. This event was spearheaded by Linda Tripp with the assistance of Lynne Murrell. Linda and Lynne worked very hard for a few months prior to the meeting getting donations, visiting neighboring orchid societies and in general getting the word out. At the show Linda and Lynne set up the Razzle Dazzle table, displayed the prizes beautifully and sold tickets throughout the show. We sold lots of tickets, and the raffle raised over \$1900! Thank you also goes to Marni Turkel, who donated numerous items for the raffle, and babysat the *Phragmipedium kovachii* until it was raffled off. Many of our members and vendors donated various items to the auction, among them Gary Meyers (the *Phragmipedium*), John Leathers and Bob Hamilton (the *Dracula*), Cindy Hill (the *Cymbidium*). Also thank you to Ron Parsons for providing one of your photos for the postcards and advertising. Thank you to Frances Larose for your help with getting the word out about the show, and to Stanford Stapleton for all of his efforts on the email blasts. Thank you to Kay Klumb for her efforts in organizing the member sales table, another major money maker at the show. I am also very grateful to Jean Lee for her efforts and experience which were of great support throughout the show, and to Bob Christensen who organized the volunteer effort. Thank you Maddie Parks for making the delicious sandwiches and organizing the food for the vendors and volunteers. And thank you Dan Peter for keeping track of our expenses, income, paying the bills and all the other financial tasks.

This show could not be put on without lots of support from our members (as well as some non-members) who helped out with various functions. Thank you to the volunteers: Heidi

Arno, Debra Atwood, Steve Beckendorf, Loren Bialik, Judy Bley, Margaret and Terry Boomer, Judy Carney, Anna Chai, Chuck Chan, Tristan Crane, Kevin Daly, Mike Drilling, Ellen Edelson, Adam Elvenfeuchter, Noble Emery, Mary Futey, Ilie Gaceu, Chooi Eng Grosso, Jeff Harris, Dave Hermeyer, Florence Inserto, Walt James, Renate Johnson, Todd Kennedy, Jacob Knecht, Ricki Kohn, Alek Koomanoff, Yanson Leung, Hillary Lounsbury, Alan MacRae, Susan Mak, George McRae, Chris Mende, Valerie Mountain, Elsie Mueller, Brad Nguyen, Mary Nisbet, Dennis Olivas, Karen Olson, Yunor Peralta, Dan Peter, Mike Rector, Tina Saravia, Jean Scott, Paula Shiu, Gerardus Staal, Stanford Stapleton, David Stickley, Mark Sullivan, Angela Tsai, Russ Varnado, Eric Wells, Dennis Westler, Miki White, Pav Wilkinson, Youngjae Woo, and Carol Zoltowski, Claire Zvanski. My sincere apologies if I missed anyone.

Thank you to the following donors for the Razzle Dazzle Raffle: Dale Martin (Austin Creek Orchids), Kris and Jim Foster (Foster's Nursery), Tom Perlite (Golden Gate Orchids), Mary Nisbet (California Orchids), Marni Turkel, Gerardus Staal, Sandra Fallat (Sleepy Hollow Orchids), Lyne Murrell, Goodman Building Supply, Dyna-Gro, Sunnyside Nursery, Susan Hamilton (Orchids and Gardens), Marin Orchid Society, Bob Christensen Judy Carney, Bruce Rodgers (Bruce Rodgers Orchids), Sloat Garden Centers, Debra Atwood (Napa Valley Orchids), and Cal-Orchid.

**Thank you!**

Mary Gerritsen  
President, SFOS

**Razzle Dazzle Orchid Raffle Winners**

Congratulations to the winners of the Razzle Dazzle Orchid Raffle: *Phragmipedium kovachii* (Tristan Crane, San Francisco), *Cymbidium elegans* (Lisa Mannheimer, San Rafael), *Dracula Raven* (Margareta Ruff), Novato.

**THE RAZZLE DAZZLE ORCHID RAFFLE**  
**DONATED ITEMS**

Plants:

<i>Phrag kovachii</i>	Peruflora, by Gary Meyer
<i>Cymbidium elegans</i>	Cindy Hill
<i>Dracula Raven 'Black Knight'</i>	John Leathers & Robert Hamilton Hawkhill Orchids

Goodies:

Stony Point Ceramic Planters, 2/ 7" per prize	Marni Turkel
Masdevallias, Gems of the Orchid World, signed, Mary Gerritsen & Ron Parsons	

Potting media:

Bark:	
Fine, 2 cu ft.	Dale Martin Austin Creek Orchids
Med, 2 cu ft.	Kris & Jim Foster Fosters Nursery
Large, 3/4 gal. bags Orchiata	Tom Perlite Golden Gate Orchids
Bark, med. Orchiata & charcoal mix: 3/2 gal. bags	Mary Nisbet California Orchids

Perlite:  
Fine, 3/1 gal. bags  
Med, 3/1 gal. bags  
Large, 3/1 gal. bags

Marni Turkel  
Marni Turkel  
Kris & Jim Foster  
Fosters Nursey

Charcoal:  
Fine: 3/small bags  
Med - large: 3/2 gal. bags

Gerardus Staal  
Mary Nisbet  
California Orchids

Sphagnum. NZ Moss:  
3/ 1/2 kilo pkgs.

Tom Perlite  
Golden Gate Orchids  
Tom Perlite

Redwood mulch: 3/ 4 gal. bags

Golden Gate Orchids  
Sandra Fallat,  
Sleepy Hollow Orchids  
Lynne Murrell

Cork slabs: 3

Grapewood mounts, 3

#### Pesticides

Safer Soap, 1 qt.  
Neem Oil: 3/32oz. bottles

Goodman Building Supply  
Dyna-Gro

#### Fertilizers:

Maxsea 16-16-16  
Romeo's 18-18-18: 2/8oz. bags

Sunnyside Nursery  
Susan Hamilton  
Orchids & Gardens

Nutricote: 3/8 oz. bags  
Dyna-Gro: 3/32 oz. Foliage-Pro 9-3-6  
3/32 oz. Pro-Tekt 0-0-3

Marin Orchid Society  
Dyna-Gro  
Dyna-Gro

Liquinox B-1  
Growmore Seaweed Extract

Goodman Building Supply  
Goodman Building Supply

#### Containers:

Wood baskets, 6 w/hangers  
Rand Air Cone pots, 6 Lg.  
Plastic net and regular pots, 3 sets various sizes

Bob Christiansen  
Lynne Murrell  
Sandra Fallat  
Sleepy Hollow Orchids

#### Miscellaneous:

Shears: pair, pruning, med.  
Sterilizing torch  
Razor blades: 3/packs of 100 ea.  
Wire, coated: 3 packs  
Labels, 3 packs of white  
Labels: 3 packs yellow & 3 packs twisties

Sunnyside Nursery  
Judy Carney  
Marni Turkel  
Marni Turkel  
Marni Turkel  
Mary Nisbet

Floral wire: 3 packs/18"

California Orchids  
Mary Nisbet

Stakes: 3 packs/24"

California Orchids  
Mary Nisbet

Botani Wipes: 3 boxes

California Orchids  
Mary Nisbet

Clips: 3 bags of 25 ea.  
Orchid note cards: 3 pkg of 6  
SFOS membership, 1 year

California Orchids  
Mary Gerritsen  
Lynne Murrell  
Bruce Rogers  
Bruce Rogers Orchids

Nursery Gift Certificates: 3/\$25  
Orchid vendors' gift certificates  
Cal-Orchid

Sloat Garden Centers  
Napa Valley Orchids



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## Announcements

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### **PACIFIC ORCHID EXPOSITION - FEBRUARY 24, 25, 26, 2012 FORT MASON, SAN FRANCISCO, CA**

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#### **Silent Auction Chair Needed for Pacific Orchid Exposition**

Over the past several years, first by past members Janet and David Browne and more recently by Frances Larose, our Silent Auction has grown into a significant money maker and attraction at our show. The society would like to find a dedicated chair for the silent auction to help it grow further and achieve its full potential.

This could be an exciting undertaking for a person with the following qualifications:

- Good people skills and phone skills
- Outgoing
- Willing to ask both friends and others for donations
- Organized, and good follow through
- Some creativity and flair for display (set up of the auction table)
- Potential to lead a group of interested volunteers in making the auction a success

The bulk of our items have, in past years, been fine wines. And though these do make for good bidding, we can take this in any direction, adding plants, supplies, or anything really (both goods and services) that a chair, and their committee, can solicit. If this interests you at all, please contact either Dennis Westler (Pacific Orchid Exposition chair; [denniswestler@aol.com](mailto:denniswestler@aol.com), (415)336-2752) or Frances Larose (Promotions chair; [flarose@prmagic.com](mailto:flarose@prmagic.com), (650)548-6700) Either one can discuss this position further. This can be an excellent and creative way to help the society, and contribute to the success of our major show.

The SFOS would also be interested in possibly setting up an on-line bidding component of the silent auction. If this is something you feel you could help with (whether or not you want to be the show chair), please let Dennis or Frances know.

### **Ticket Sales Chair Needed for POE 2012**

Pacific Orchid Exposition 2011 was run without a ticket chair and though this worked, it was stressful for those involved. This year we are beginning a new process for on-line ticket sales, as well as making changes in the way we conduct sales at the door. The show committee believes this will make the ticket sales process easier, and perhaps make our attendance statistics more accurate. It is, however, essential that we have a ticket sales chair to help develop the new procedures, and to keep things running smoothly.

This is an important position and a well run ticket sales committee assures that an attendees first moments at the show are pleasant, and that lines do not become too long.

If you are interested in hearing more about this position, please get in contact with me at [denniswestler@aol.com](mailto:denniswestler@aol.com) or (415)336-2752.

Thank You!  
Dennis Westler  
Chair,  
Pacific Orchid Exposition

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### **SOUTHLAND ORCHID SHOW -HUNTINGTON LIBRARY - PASADENA, CA**

For Show information, contact: Micaela Solis: [orchids365@aol.com](mailto:orchids365@aol.com)



*Beauty and the Bees*

**Southland Orchid Show**  
at the Huntington Library,  
Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens  
October 14-16, 2011  
Friday 12:00pm - 4:30pm  
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