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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:

Tuesday, July 1st, 2008

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

Debra Atwood

Reading your roots for successful repotting

Plant Opportunity Table

Debra Atwood

July Speaker

Patricia Harding on *Huntleya*, *Kefersteinia* alliance

Patricia Harding will be speaking on the *Huntleya* clade, a group of orchids covering the genera *Huntleya*, *Pescatorea*, *Stenia*, *Kefersteinia*, and *Chondrorhyncha* among others. She is currently working on a book that will cover the known species of the group, and will share some of her work along with many pictures, stories, and cultural advice for this group.



Revered by avid orchid collectors for its delightful, star-shaped flowers, *Huntleya* is a small group of orchids found low in the forest.

Besides their striking colors — from deep blue to waxy red, royal purple to almost black — flowers of this group are known for their distinctive shapes, patterns, and textures. As appealing as these lovely tropical orchids are, their identification has been confused since the first species was described in the mid-1800s. Recent DNA studies have led to a clearer understanding of relationships and, as a result of this clarity, it is now possible to sort out the taxonomic problems and identify the characteristics that set species apart. In this first book devoted to the *Huntleya* alliance, author Patricia Harding presents evidence from the scientific literature, other growers, and her own experience that will enable orchidists everywhere to identify their plants and grow them successfully.

Patricia A. Harding has been growing and photographing orchids for three decades. An accredited American Orchid Society judge in the Pacific Northwest Center, she is co-author of *The Debatable Epidendrums* (Timber Press, 2004). She travels extensively to study and photograph orchids in the wild and is a frequent speaker on the topic.

Patricia is retired from the workforce and now does orchids, as a writer, traveler, photographer and observer, with a little orchid growing on the side. When she's not traveling she lives in Oregon.

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List of new members:

Give a warm welcome to our new members:

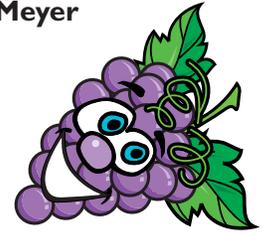
James Tollios & Howard Greils

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Nathaniel & Lila Meyer

Refreshments

Q-Si



SFOS members are encouraged to help out with refreshments,

setup and cleanup at Monthly Meetings. If your last name falls within the letter range **Q-Si** 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!

Thank you Steve Radman for providing the juice and water for each of our meetings. Your donations are much appreciated.

Joe Rosen

The society extends its condolences to the wife and family of Joe Rosen. Joe passed away unexpectedly while on a recent visit to Israel.

Joe was a former board member of the Society and enjoyed growing a nice collection of Cymbidiums, Dendrobiums and other genera at his home. We will miss his enthusiastic help at the Pacific Orchid Exposition. The Society also thanks his wife for donating Joe's orchid collection to the members of the society — a wonderful gesture.

Eric Hunt, Director

Thanks Caryle



Caryle Wyatt set up a membership table at the Epiphyllum Show on Saturday June 7th. Caryle was past SFOS membership and newsletter editor for seven years and POE Hospitality Committee Chair for last several years. Currently, Caryle works with Asuka and Sophia Valenzuela at the SFOS Plant Sales at each meeting. Thank you Caryle for your past efforts and your continuing work and support of the San Francisco Orchid Society.

Jean Lee

AOS Awards

5/31/08 - Express Orchid Expo

- **Paphiopedilum emersonii 'Kate's Moon' HCC 76**
species
Exhibited by Mr. & Mrs. T.W. Culbertson
- **Odontoglossum Snow Fall 'Dalmatian' HCC 75**
(Odm. Tribbles x Odm. Bogong)
Exhibited by Golden Gate Orchids
- **Dendrochilum aurantiacum 'Cozette' CBR (prov)**
species
Exhibited by Kreg Martin

6/3/08 - Pacific Central - San Francisco

- **Paphiopedilum liemianum 'Kate's Choice' AM 80**
species
Exhibited by Mr. & Mrs. T.W. Culbertson

6/4/2008 - California Sierra Nevada - Sacramento

- **Paphiopedilum Salvadore Dali 'Monster' HCC 79**
(Paph. liemianum x Paph. victoria-regina)
Exhibited by Ramon de los Santos

5/19/08 - Pacific Central - Oakland

- **Cymbidium England's Rose 'Remy' HCC 75**
(Cym. Fifi x Cym. Western Movie)
Exhibited by Rose Jacchico
- **Paphiopedilum Ho Chi Minh 'Monster' HCC 75**
(Paph. delenatii x Paph. vietnamense)
Exhibited by Ramon de los Santos
- **Paphiopedilum Transdoll 'Majida' HCC 76**
(Paph. liemianum x Paph. rothschildianum)
Exhibited by Ray Gleason

Pictures or stats can be found at

<http://www.aospacificcentral.org> and <http://www.csnjc.org>

FCC = First Class Certificate (90–100 pts.)

AM = Award of Merit (80–89 points)

HCC = Highly Commended Certificate (75–79 pts.)

CHM = Certificate of Horticultural Merit

CCE = Certificate of Cultural Excellence

CCM = Certificate of Cultural Merit

CBR = Certificate of Botanical Recognition

Prov = Provisional award, pending confirmation of identification by an AOS-approved taxonomic authority.



Paph. lemersonii 'Kate's Moon' HCC 76



Odm. Snow Fall 'Dalmatian' HCC 75



Dendrochilum aurantiacum 'Cozette' CBR (prov)



Paph. Ho Chi Minh 'Monster' HCC 75



Paph. liemianum 'Kate's Choice' AM 80



Paph. Transdoll 'Majida' HCC 76



Cym. England's Rose 'Remy' HCC 75



Paph. Salvadore Dali 'Monster' HCC 79

Minutes of SFOS Board Meeting 6-10-08

Present were: Past President: Jean Lee, Vice President: Bruce Davidson, Treasurer: Dan Peter, Show Chair: Dennis Westler, Secretary: Kay Klumb, Directors: Maureen Clarke, Ellen Edelson, Eric Hunt, and Ricki Kohn

I. Past President's Report

A. Jean announced that OrchidFest will be in the Gallery of the County Fair Building on 9-20 & 21-08, with set up on Friday, 9-19-08.

B. Jean said she would write a thank you for the Newsletter to Caryle Wyatt who had set up an SFOS membership table at the Epiphyllum Show on 6-7-08.

C. Jean stated that Joe Rosen, a former, longtime member of SFOS who served on the Board some years ago, had passed away suddenly. His wife, Rose, donated his entire orchid collection to SFOS at the 6-3-08 meeting. Eric will write a notice for the Newsletter.

D. Neither Frances Larose nor Jean has received confirmation from David Hannings at Cal Poly of the mailing address for the scholarship check so it has not been mailed yet.

E. Jean informed the Board that Steve Radman has been donating the juice and water for the refreshment table and suggested we thank him formally.

F. Jean announced that the October - December Art Exhibit at the Helen Crocker Russell Library of Horticulture (one of our beneficiaries of POE Preview Night) will be "Vanishing Orchids, 19th Century Botanical Prints collected by Jack Kramer." The exhibition preview will be from 5:00 to 7:00 pm on 10-7-08, just before our meeting. Jack Kramer is from the Bay Area and may be present at the preview. He has offered the prints for sale to benefit the Library.

G. Jean read a letter from an anonymous member who is advancing the creation of an endowment fund for SFOS and donating \$500.00 as a challenge grant for its beginning. The idea was well received by the Board and individual board members pledged to meet the challenge twice over. Dan moved that the Board accept the challenge and move forward to create an endowment. Maureen seconded and the motion passed. A committee consisting of Dan, Eric and Ricki will look into the legal and other requirements.

II. Vice President's Report

Bruce reported that arrangements are complete for Patricia Harding to speak at our next meeting and he is working on getting skill session and opportunity table providers. He plans to get the entire year's schedule in place in the near future. He will write a letter setting the parameters for speakers and present it to the Board.

III. Secretary's Report

Kay clarified that Dan sends IRS donation letters to our generous benefactors.

IV. Membership Report

A. Eric reported that there are more new members so membership is approaching 300.

B. Eric said that Angelic wanted to wait to put out the roster until SFOS has a new president. The Board instructs that the roster be mailed to members ASAP as it is long overdue.

C. Eric will check on the status of our new stationery and envelopes.

V. Treasurer's Report

A. Dan presented an overview of SFOS' finances which shows annual revenue of \$65,000 and expenses from \$50,000 to \$70,000, which sometimes results in a loss of \$5,000. Our largest expenses are donations to non-profits, \$15,000; newsletter, \$11,000; opportunity table, \$7,200; and speakers, \$8,000. The Board would prefer to have a higher net income and discussion was held under "Old Business."

B. Dan said that last year's budget was reasonable for this year as well and, after discussion, Maureen moved that we adopt last year's budget for this year. Eric seconded and the motion carried. VI. Old Business

A. Cost of Opportunity Table vs. revenue from ticket sales. The Board agreed that the Opportunity Table is a member benefit not a money maker, but would like it to be less of an expense. It has been clear that tables of rarer, healthier, and in-bloom plants draw more ticket sales. Various strategies were discussed concluding in a motion initiated by Maureen that Bruce can use his judgment to get higher quality plant tables of no fewer than 40 plants [for \$600]. Ricki seconded and the motion was passed.

B. Cost of production of a color newsletter vs. e-mail newsletter in color and hard copies in black and white. It was pointed out that many members consider their printed newsletters a necessary benefit for their memberships. The Board decided to ask Dave to come to the next Board meeting to explain the financial details of putting out the newsletter and work with us to lower the cost.

C. Advertisements by non-members in our newsletter. Eric will check to see if the advertisers are members.

D. SFOS Meetings-program sequence. Several Board members noticed that having a short break between show and tell and the speaker led to less audience disruption during the speaker's presentation. The break will continue and a plea will be made for courtesy to the speaker and members who are listening by asking conversation to cease during the presentation.

E. POE update. Dennis reported that the theme will be "GREEN...With Envy," and there will be more emphasis on education.

VII. New Business

A. Participation in the Summer Gardening Fair on 8-2-08, 10:00am to 3:00pm. In the past, SFOS has promoted OrchidFest, POE, and membership at this event by providing fliers, answering questions, and exhibiting orchids provided by Dan Newman. SFOS has paid the entrance fee (\$35.00 this year) and allowed Dan to sell orchids there. Kay made a motion to participate in the same way this year, Ellen seconded, and the motion was carried.

B. Production of the OrchidFest postcard advertising. The Board agreed that Angelic has done a great job in the past of designing and promoting the event to all her orchid contacts, so, if her health permits, we would like her to design and produce 10,000 postcards.

C. Bruce informed the Board that Marie Antoinette Winery is offering to form a wine club and donate a percentage of the revenues to Orchid Conservation Alliance in exchange for promotion by OCA and orchid societies. The meeting was adjourned unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Kay Klumb

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First Class

Happy 4th of July

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.

The SFOS has a Bulletin Board System (BBS) set up for the society. It's at: <http://groups.google.com/group/orchid-doctor>
We welcome everyone to visit this new section to either post their questions about orchids or to share their knowledge with the general public. It can also be accessed from our website by clicking on "Ask the Orchid Doctor." We are going to be posting all of the questions sent to the orchid doctor there as well.

Upcoming Events

- **July 1, 7:30pm – SFOS General Meeting**
Patricia Harding on **Huntleya, Kefersteinia alliance**
- **July 11-13: Santa Barbara Orchid Fair** Earl Warren Showground, 3400 Calle Real, Santa Barbara. Contact: Santa Barbara Orchid Estate (800) 553-3387 sboe@sborchid.com
- **August 5, 7:30pm – SFOS General Meeting**
Bruce Rogers on **Sobralia**

GET WELL SOON!

We wish **Ron Parson** and **Anna Chai** a quick recovery from their surgeries, and Happy Birthday Ron!

We would like to thank all of you, dear friends from all orchid societies, who sent get well gifts and cards to Angelic. Those gifts made Angelic feel better and get back to her normal works. – Angelic & Dave R.

Change of address?

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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: 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!