

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:

Tuesday, Sept. 2nd, 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

If you have problems with your orchid,
bring it in (sealed in plastic bag) ask

Orchid Doctor Dennis Westler

Plant Opportunity Table
OrchidMania

September Speaker

Peter Tobias on Orchid Conservation programs



Peter Tobias first started growing orchids in Chicago in the early 1970s but his hobby "...really got out of control" when he moved to Encinitas, a coastal town just north of San Diego, in 1980. His collection is primarily species orchids, most of which are grown outdoors.

In 1999 he visited the Atlantic Rainforest in Brazil. After that he started his own little rainforest, with the rain provided by hand, in his two large backyard avocado trees.

Peter was a founding member of the San Diego County Orchid Society's Conservation Committee. The success of that endeavor in San Diego led to the idea that orchid lovers nationwide, and even internationally, might support an organization devoted to orchid habitat protection.

In 2006 the Orchid Conservation Alliance received its 501(c)3 designation from the US government, allowing it to collect donations tax-free for orchid conservation purposes. In 2006 a \$10,000 fund raising drive was successful and the money was donated to Ecominga, an Ecuadoran orchid conservation foundation.

In his talk, Peter will describe the current activities of the Orchid Conservation Alliance and its plans for future conservation projects.

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Krull Smith Orchids

Our October speaker is Frank Smith from Krull Smith Orchids, the winner of 19th World Orchid Conference. You can pre-order outstanding orchids at: <http://krullsmith.com>

Krull-Smith, Inc.

2815 West Ponkan Road

Apopka, Florida 32712

Phone: 407.886.4134

FAX: 407.886.0438

E-Mail: sales@krullsmith.com

OrchidFest Volunteers

The San Francisco Orchid Society's annual OrchidFest will be held September 20-21 at the Hall of Flowers in Golden Gate Park. This year we will be adding some new vendors and it promises to be fun time for everyone.

OrchidFest is one of our main sources of funding for the day-to-day operation of the SFOS, and relies solely on volunteers to operate. If anyone would like to volunteer to help with any aspect of the show setup, security, admissions and breakdown, please contact

Tom Perlite (415 990-1314) or

Paul Chim (510 635-3260).

See you there!

Tom Perlite

Welcome new members:

Give a warm welcome to our new members:

Michael Flandi

Kristi Dedini

Refreshments

W-Z



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

Chateau Marie Antoinette

A Family of Fine Wines

Mr. Bruce Davidson
Director of Sales
Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites-San Jose International Airport
1350 N. Fourth Street
San Jose, CA 95129

Re: The Orchid Conservation Alliance Wine Club

From: Ms. Marie & Mr. Bill Temple

8/24/08

Dear Bruce,

After our recent wine and orchid experience at your Express Orchid Exhibition it occurs to us that a mutual alliance can be very profitable for your conservation group and CMA wines. Your members and growers all seemed to enjoy our fine wines.

We believe a wine club to the benefit of conservation would be both enjoyable and long lasting. We provide the wines on-line at discounted prices and donate the sales commission to the Orchid Conservation Alliance. We have done this quite successfully with several non-profit organizations who are very happy with the arrangement.

There are several purchase options available under the wine club as follows:

Option 1: *Quarterly Wine Club*: A quarterly purchase of three wines which the club member may choose.

Wine Categories to select from include **Premium** or **Reserve** and **Fine Wines**. Our reserve wines retail between \$32.00 and \$40.00 per bottle. The club price will be \$25.00 each for the Cabernet Marie's Reserve and Merlot Marie's Reserve; \$20.00 for the Chardonnay Marie's Reserve. The sampler reserve pack (1 each) \$70.00 plus S&H.

Our fine wines include Hacienda de Santa Maria, Ming Wine Dynasty, CMA White Zinfandel, Fume Blanc and Merlot 2004. Fine wines retail for \$10.00 each plus S&H. Any three fine wines \$30.00 plus S&H

Option 2: *Mix Match Wine Club* Select a combination of any quantity (minimum 3) wines total. You may choose from premium or reserves at the club discount price with your choice of fine wines at \$10.00 each plus S&H.

Sincerely,

Marie Antoinette Temple
Bill Temple

Minutes of SFOS Board Meeting 8-12-08

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

Absent: Treasurer: Dan Peter, and Director: Maureen Clarke

I. Past President's Report

A. Jean informed the Board that Chooi Eng Grosso, Maureen Clarke, and Kay Klumb had passed out OrchidFest cards to Summer Gardening Fair attendees.

B. Jean presented the letters of acknowledgement and appreciation from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo for the scholarship check.

II. Vice President's Report

A. Bruce gave an update on future programs, to be listed in the newsletter. Board members made suggestions for future programs.

B. Discussion was held to clarify the speaker's dinner. It was agreed that SFOS provides dinner for the speaker, speaker's partner, speaker's host (if any) and the vice president. Kay made a motion that the skill session presenter be invited for dinner, Ricki seconded and the motion carried.

C. Eric agreed to take responsibility for the projector to insure that photos are presented well.

III. Secretary's Report

Kay had nothing to report.

IV. Membership Report

A. Eric reported that the roster was mailed to paid members and there are extras for new members.

B. Eric will make arrangements with George Su to get the stationery that was printed.

C. Discussion was held about modifying the design of the new stationery. Eric will work with George to implement the Board's choices and produce a sample for the Board's approval.

V. Treasurer's Report

In Dan's absence, Jean reported that Conservatory of Flowers staff shopped for orchids at Orchidmania to purchase with SFOS' grant. She also said that the Conservatory is in need of torch equipment to sterilize pruning/grooming tools. As SFOS' grant was limited to funds to purchase orchids, Dennis moved that monies donated may be used for orchid-specific supplies. Eric seconded and the motion was passed.

VI. Old Business

A. Ricki had emailed a draft of a press release for the Endowment Fund to the Board members. It was discussed and Kay agreed to edit it for the Board's approval.

B. Eric said that Angelic is working on determining the precise per page cost of printing the newsletter in black and white. Eric will also get a quote from another printer.

C. Bruce reported that Marie Antoinette Winery is developing a link for orchid societies to put on their websites

so a percentage of revenue gained through the sale of wine would go to the Orchid Conservation Alliance.

D. Dennis reported that he and Frances Larose had met with Fort Mason staff about the increase in fees for POE. Fort Mason had already waived the 10% surcharge being imposed for renovation, but would not lower the 7% increase over last year. The Development Director, however, did have some ideas to bring in more revenue from corporations, i.e. special after hours presentations/parties. Dennis said that corporate sponsorship is approaching last year's level, even without Toyota which is not continuing its promotion. The first vendor letters have gone out. There is a substantial waiting list of vendors to fill any gaps. Ticket prices have been set for the Preview Gala at \$35 on line/\$40 at the door; for POE at \$12 on line/\$14 at the door; and for seniors at \$8 on line /\$10 at the door.

Eric moved to adjourn the meeting, Bruce seconded, and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Kay Klumb

What's in bloom for 2008 OrchidFest?

Come and find out what's in bloom for OrchidFest

Trichoglottis
brachiata



Aeranthes grandiflora
'Green Ice'



Vanda Rothschildiana

**Marni Turkel /
Stony Point Ceramic Design
Annual Open House and Pottery Sale
Saturday, September 27 th
10 am until at least 3 pm
2080 Llano Road #1B, Santa Rosa**

Great deals on all ceramics by Marni Turkel. That includes vases, planters, flower arranging containers, dinnerware, barrel rims and urns. This one day annual clearance sale is a chance to save at least 50% on seconds, discontinued shapes and colors, trials and overstocked items. Also 20% off on all first quality stock on hand. One hour north of the Golden Gate.

Directions to the Pottery:

From Highway 101 in Santa Rosa, take Highway 12 West towards Sebastopol. Go 4 miles to the stop light at Llano Road. Turn left onto Llano. Go approximately 14 mile to 2080 Llano Road and turn left into the driveway. We are in the first building on the left.

In case of heavy traffic, you can use Stony Point Road to Hwy 12 as an alternative to Highway 101 once you get to the North Petaluma area. Going west from any of the following exits from Hwy 101 will take you to Stony Point Road: Old Redwood Hwy/Penngrrove, West 116/Cotati/Rohnert Park, Rohnert Park Expressway, Todd Road, and Hearn Avenue. You will cross over (or under) 101 and turn right at Stony Point, then continue to Highway 12.

For questions call 707-328-5973 or e-mail marni@marniturkel.com

Change of address?

Send all address and e-mail changes to:
Eric Hunt / Membership Chairperson
eric@erichunt.com (415) 225-6561

SFOS Membership
P.O. Box 27145
San Francisco, CA 94127

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!

*California Orchids
Fall Sale!*

**Saturday, September 13th
9am - 4pm**

**We'll have many wonderful species and hybrids,
seedling to specimen sizes,
in and out of flower.**

**Great plants on our 'Fall Clearance' table.
Cut flowers, supplies, sound advice.**

SOMETHING NEW! Send an email to request our 'out of flower' plant list. This list includes species and hybrids that may not be out for sale on Sept 13th. If you give us one week's notice we can have them packed and ready for you when you come to the sale. Email us at info@californiaorchids.com

California Orchids 515 Aspen Rd. Bolinas, Ca 94924
(415) 868 - 0203

For directions go to:

www.californiaorchids.com/events_directions.html

AOS Awards

7/1/08 - Pacific Central - San Francisco

- **Dendrobium cuthbertsonii 'Red Gem', AM 88** species, Exhibited by Golden Gate Orchids
- **Dendrobium cuthbertsonii 'Ruby', AM 82** species, Exhibited by Golden Gate Orchids

8/6/2008 - California Sierra Nevada - Sacramento

No awards

8/18/08 - Pacific Central - Oakland

No awards

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

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CBR = Certificate of Botanical Recognition

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

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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.

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

- **September 2 , 7:30pm – SFOS General Meeting**
Peter Tobias of Orchid Conservation Alliance on **Orchid Conservation programs**
- **Sept. 13-14: Sacramento Orchid Forum Show**, Sacramento Garden and Art Center, McKinley Ave, Sacramento. Contact: Jeff Tyler cgaxquai@tokyo.com
- **September 20 & 21 – OrchidFest** Sale & Exhibition 10 am - 5 pm, Hall of Flowers, 9th Avenue & Lincoln Way, San Francisco. General Admission: \$3; Senior, Disabled: \$2. Children 12 and under are free when accompanied by an adult. Benefits our Scholarship at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. Information: www.orchidsanfrancisco.org 415.665.2468 (See flyer)
- **October 7 , 7:30pm – SFOS General Meeting**
Frank Smith of Krull-Smith/ TBA

OrchidFest Vendors

23 Local and International Vendors including:

Andy's Orchids • Asuka Orchids
Boomer's Orchid Ark • Cal-Orchid
Divine Orchids • D & D Flowers
Ecuagenera • Gold Country Orchids
Golden Gate Orchids • Hanging Gardens
J & L Orchids • Kaoru Oka Orchids
May On Nursery • Napa Valley Orchids
Orchid Design • Orchids & Gardens
SLO Gardens • The Elusive Orchid
Valley Orchids...

Growing Orchids in Sacramento
Sacramento Orchid Forum
Annual Show and Sale



September
13th & 14th 2008
Sat. 11:00 - 5:30
Sun. 10:00 - 4:00

Garden & Art Center
3330 Mckinley Blvd.
Sac. Ca. 95816

Award Winning Orchid Vendors
Orchid Repotting Demonstration
Sat. & Sun. 12:00 - 1:00pm
Free Parking & Admission

San Francisco Orchid Society presents

OrchidFest

Sale & Exhibition

Demonstrations • Lectures • Raffle

Hall of Flowers

9th Avenue & Lincoln Way, San Francisco



General Admission: \$3
Senior, Disabled: \$2
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