

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, Nov. 4th, 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

**Bruce Davidson on
Mounting Orchids**

**Plant Opportunity Table
Marni Turkel**

November Speaker

Mario A. Blanco on Orchids and their pollinators

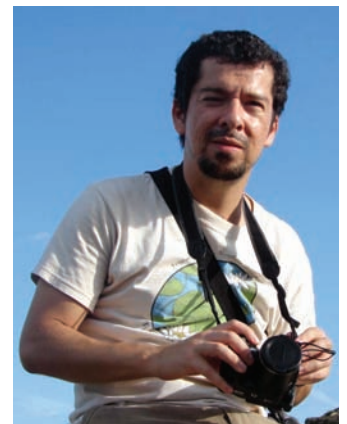
Mario Blanco was born in Costa Rica in 1972. He became interested in orchids as a young boy by exploring his grandmother's greenhouse. As a teenager he joined his local orchid society, where he participated in judging workshops. He majored in Biology at the University of Costa Rica, and worked for several years as a research assistant with the orchid collection at Lankester Botanical Gardens. He came to the United States in 1997 for a three-month internship at the Marie Selby Botanical Gardens, to learn about Costa Rican species of *Lepanthes*.

Mario's main interests include the taxonomy and systematics of orchids (especially members of subtribes Maxillariinae, Oncidiinae and Pleurothallidinae), nomenclatural issues, and morphological adaptations of orchids for coping with their environment. He is also interested in the detailed structure of orchid fruits and flowers and their adaptive significance. For many years, Mario has been fascinated by the pollination biology of orchids.

Mario is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in orchid systematics at the University of Florida, under the direction of Dr. Norris Williams. The goal of his dissertation is to produce a monograph of the genus *Lockhartia*.

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Welcome new members:

Give a warm welcome to our new members:

Menny Cheung

Missy Cresap

Ratchakorn Tolson

Michael & Deborah Benton

Christopher Herndon

Abraham Kalichman

Jody MacKenzie

Nicollette Eason

Refreshments

Ci-E

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

SFOS Endowment

The San Francisco Orchid Society has established an Endowment to guarantee the SFOS has the resources to continue our mission in the future. Please support your Society with a donation or pledge to the Endowment. All donations are tax-deductible. To make a donation or get more information on the SFOS Endowment please contact one of the members of the Endowment committee:

Maureen Clarke

Eric Hunt

Ricki Kohn

Dan Peter

Future Speakers

December 2: Alan Koch on Mini Cattleyas

Membership Dues 2009

Dear San Francisco Orchid Society members,
We are coming upon the end of the year, and it is time for your annual membership dues.

For those of you who have not done so yet, please send in your dues to the address listed, or bring in a check or cash to the next general meeting.

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

Pacific Orchid Exposition News:

New Security Chair(s) Needed

The San Francisco Orchid Society is currently looking for a new Chair, or Co-chairs to run Security for the Pacific Orchid Exposition (Preview night, March 5th 2009, Show days March 6-8). After several years Bob Christensen has decided to retire to pursue other interests. He has done a more than excellent job and leaves the committee with a very efficient set of procedures, so there will be no need to "re-invent" the wheel.

During the show, the Security Committee provides volunteers to cover entrances and exits, take tickets and prevent movement of plants between the show and sales area. During breakdown the Security Committee assures that no one enters the show and sales area but those who are involved. The Chair, or a Co-chair will need to be present during show hours, and will be in contact through radio headset with the Volunteer chair, Show Chair, and others. This committee is essential to the running of the show, and requires a large number of volunteers.

If interested, please contact me either through e-mail (denniswestler@aol.com) or at 415.336.2752.

Dennis Westler,
Chair,
Pacific Orchid Exposition

Orchid Design

Sat. Nov. 15 & Dec. 13

Holiday Open Greenhouse

Special 20% off on Orchid arrangement,
gift basket pre-order

Email: angelic@orchidesign.com

1361 Plum St.

San Jose, CA 95110

408.476.7153

AOS Awards

10/1/08 - California Sierra Nevada - Sacramento

- **Paphiopedilum charlesworthii 'Beaujolaie', HCC 75**
species, Exhibited by Dave Sorokowsky
- **Paphiopedilum charlesworthii var. album 'Condor Wintergreen', HCC 78**
species, Exhibited by Bob and Lynn Wellenstein
- **Paphiopedilum charlesworthii var album 'Montrachet', AM 82**
species, Exhibited by Dave Sorokowsky
- **Plectrelminthus caudatus 'Shukria', AM 82**
species, Exhibited by Jeff Tyler

10/7/08 - Pacific Central - San Francisco

- **Cattleya Heathii 'Winston', AM 81** (C. loddigesii x C. walkeriana), Exhibited by Amy and Ken Jacobsen
- **Masdevallia O'Brien's Passion 'McCracken', HCC 78** (Masd. Annette Hall x Masd. coccinea v alba), Exhibited by Trudy Hadler

10/18/08 - Diablo View Orchid Society Show - CSNJC

- **Lc. Angel Heart 'Nora', HCC 79**
(Lc. Puppy Love x C. Penny Kuroda), Exhibited by Ken Cook

10/20/08 - Oakland - Pacific Central JC

- **Bc. Hawaiian Blush 'Winston', AM 80**
(Bc Bryce Canyon x Bc. Donna Kimura), Exhibited by Amy and Ken Jacobsen

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.

Change of address?

Send all address and e-mail changes to:

Eric Hunt / Membership Chairperson

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Minutes of SFOS Board Meeting 10-14-08

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

Absent: Director: Ricki Kohn

I. Past President's Report

Jean presented a thank you letter from Brent Dennis, Director of the Conservatory, for SFOS' contribution of orchid plants and sterilization equipment to the Conservatory.

II. Vice President's Report

- A. Bruce said that Mario Blanco will present a talk on pollination for SFOS meeting in 11-08 and Alan Koch will speak on Mini-Catts in 12-08. Suggestions were made for skill sessions and opportunity tables, and also speakers for 2009. Bruce informed the Board that Marie Antoinette Wineries is interested in holding a wine tasting at an SFOS Meeting to promote the wine club which benefits Orchid Conservation Alliance. The Board agreed that 12-08 would be a good time for that event.

III. Secretary's Report

Kay had nothing to report.

IV. Membership Report

Eric stated that he would email membership renewal reminders soon and work on fine tuning the stationery design.

V. Treasurer's Report

Dan reported that he doesn't have the final figures yet, but that attendance and thus income from OrchidFest is down from last year, to about \$6000 net for 2008.

Dan presented a proposal for printing and distributing the Newsletter from Dave Robison of \$0.10 per page for printing plus about \$100.00 for processing each month. Dave also stated that it might be possible to bring the cost down a bit by using different paper and processing methods. The fee for the 10-08 Newsletter is \$280.00.

After discussion, Eric moved to accept the pricing for the Newsletter as proposed by Angelic Nguyen and Dave Robison's Orchid Design, Bruce seconded and the motion was passed with thanks to Angelic and Dave for working with us to minimize expenses.

VI. Old Business

- A. The Board wishes a speedy recovery to Noble Emery and appreciates Bob Christiansen's help in setting up equipment for the last meeting and asks that he continue until Noble is able to resume physical activity.
- B. Jean said that she was pleased with the quality of POE postcards we had printed to advertise the change of date for 2009 and Andy's Orchids had promised to enclose one with each of their orders.
- C. Dennis reported that a second meeting had taken place with the Development Director of Fort Mason regarding other possible revenue sources for POE. He said that the Show Committee has investigated the feasibility of using more "green" materials and found that they are not more expensive. POE will use glasses from Schott-Zwiesel that do not contain lead and are less expensive and better quality than previous years' glasses. There will be a solar panel truck parked outside the entrance that will provide power for part of the show. POE may commission tote bags for sale. The art wall will be expanded. Plant It Earth will again sponsor \$10,000 for the entry display. Tom Perlite has graciously agreed to be in charge of the entry display with Sloat Garden Center and Golden Gate Palms contributing plants. Corporate sponsorship is now as high as last year with the exception of Toyota. On site hosts have been identified to deal with setting up the wineries for Preview Night.

Kay moved to adjourn the meeting, Maureen seconded, and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Kay Klumb

Arachnorchis (Caladenia) rosella Conservation Effort

text and photo by Dr. Randall W. Robinson

There are only about 140 known *Arachnorchis (Caladenia) rosella* in the wild. They are found in two areas in the world near Melbourne, Australia. One of those habitats was slated for development. The conditions on the developer have proved too great for him to meet and he is in the process of selling the block of land. Local residents, the [Dunmoochin Foundation](http://www.dunmoochin.org/) and the [Trust for Nature](http://www.trustfornature.org.au/) have expressed interest in purchasing the land. Subsequently, there is a proposal to form a consortium of people and groups to purchase the land. Even with all the pooled resources, there is not enough money to make the purchase and manage the plants. We are dedicated to saving this special wild orchid species, but we need financial help. Both the [Trust for Nature](http://www.trustfornature.org.au/) and the [Dunmoochin Foundation](http://www.dunmoochin.org/) are charitable trusts. You can contact either one.



Cam Beardsell is a very strong advocate for this beautiful species. Over the past 25 years, Cam has been the lone caretaker of this precious orchid. He has protected most of the plants from the Cloughs' and rabbits' diets. The weeds that appear near the plants have been meticulously removed by hand. To read and explore more about *Arachnorchis (Caladenia) rosella* and the people trying to save it visit <http://www.orchidconservationcoalition.org/pr/arosella.html>

The Orchid Conservation Coalition (OCC) is a grassroots organization made up of people, orchid societies, and orchid businesses dedicated to raising awareness and money for orchid conservation.

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

- **November 1 & 2 - Santa Barbara Orchid Estate's Fall Open House.** An annual event for the Central Coast. (800) 553-3387 <http://www.sborchid.com/events.php>
- **November 4, 7:30pm - SFOS General Meeting** Mario Blanco on **Orchids and their pollinators**
- **November 8-9 10-5pm Orchid Society of California Show** Lakeside Garden Center in Oakland - 10AM to 5PM each day, FREE. Plants must be entered by 8PM on November 7 for judging. There will be a plant drawing every hour. The awards ceremony will begin at 5:30 PM Saturday, with hors d'oeuvres and soft drinks. You may bring your own wine. Tickets are \$5.00 per person or \$10.00 per person after 2:00 PM Saturday, 11-8-08. For more information go to www.OrchidSocietyofCalifornia.com
- **November 22 & 23 - Orchid Society of Santa Barbara Fall Show** - 10 AM at SB Museum of Natural History, 2599 Puesta del Sol Road, Santa Barbara. <http://www.orchidsb.net/calendar.htm>
- **December 2, 7:30pm - SFOS General Meeting** Alan Koch on **Mini Cattleyas**
- **December 7, 2008 - OrchidMania Winter Open House**, 11-3pm, 717 Paris, San Francisco, CA 94112
- **January 17-18, 2009 10-5pm - Peninsula Orchid Society Show** at Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Ave, Redwood City. www.penorchidsoc.org

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First Class

Happy Thanksgiving



Green...with Envy

SAN FRANCISCO ORCHID SOCIETY'S 2009

PACIFIC ORCHID EXPOSITION

Gala Benefit Preview

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

SHOW & PLANT SALE

MARCH 6 - 8

Cattleya leopoldii alba by Sally Robertson

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PACIFIC ORCHID EXPOSITION

Save the Dates for
AMERICA'S FINEST ORCHID SHOW!

Gala Benefit Preview

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

\$35 ONLINE/ \$40 AT THE DOOR

SHOW & PLANT SALE
FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY
MARCH 6 - 8

GENERAL \$12 ONLINE/ \$14 AT THE DOOR

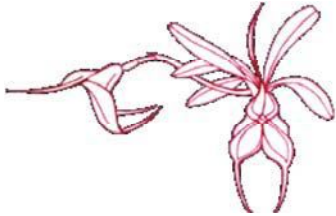
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SAN FRANCISCO ORCHID SOCIETY
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

What type of Membership do you want?

- New
- Renewal
- Change of Address for current membership

How should we send the SFOS newsletter:

- Electronic Mail (as pdf attachment)
 - U.S. Postal Service
- [E-Mails save SFOS much needed funds!]

Dues per household:

Annually \$25.00 (January through December) ; Mid-year \$12.50 (July through December)

Please give us your information:

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State Zip: _____

Email: _____

Home Phone: (_____) _____

Orchid Related Business: _____

Business Address: _____

City / State / ZIP: _____

Web Address: _____

Business Phone: (_____) _____

How did you hear about the Orchid Society? _____

Please mail to the address above.