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SFOS Meeting

Tues. Feb. 4, 2014

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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.

February Speaker

Dave Sorokowsky

Multifloral Paphs

Dave Sorokowsky

After receiving his degree in biochemistry from the University of Toronto, Dave opted to step outside his chosen field and operated a tropical fish import business for eight years. Upon returning to school, Dave received degrees in enology and viticulture from Brock University in St. Catharines, Ontario. While attending Brock, Dave began acquiring orchids one 2" pot at a time and before he graduated, Dave had over 100 orchids. Winemaking and a passion for orchids prompted Dave to seek a warmer climate in California about one year later. Dave has been growing paphiopedilums for about eight years and seriously hybridizing for



Tues. February 4, 2014
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

Dave Sorokowsky
Multifloral Paphs

Skill Session

Cindy Hill
Preparing your plants for POE 2014 registration

Plant Opportunity Table

Dave Sorokowsky
Paph Paradise, Modesto, CA

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the past six of those eight years. His paphiopedilums have received 47 awards to date from the American Orchid Society, with many of those awarded plants playing important roles in his breeding program.



Multifloral Paphs



Dave Sorokowsky will review the main building block species used in creating multifloral hybrids and will discuss current trends in breeding. These are some of the most spectacular paphiopedilums and their size, shape and color have improved markedly in recent years.

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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Minutes of the SFOS Board Meeting

SFOS Board Meeting January 13, 2014

Present: Mary Gerritsen, Jean Lee, Dennis Westler, Valerie Mountain, Chris Mende, Florence Inserto, George McRae, Steve Beckendorf, Dave Hermeyer, Claire Zvanski
Excused: Carol Zoltowski

I. Vice President's Report

A. Steve: February speaker will be Dave Sorokowsky, topic: Multi Floral Paphiopedilums. He will also provide the plant opportunity table and may have plants to sell. Cindy Hill will present the Skill Session, topic: how to prepare plants for display and register them for the POE. All members are encouraged to enter their plants at the POE. March and April speakers are not confirmed yet. The speaker for May will be Sebastien Vieira from Columbia.

II. Treasurer Report

A. Carol sent in her report stating that, as of the 3rd week in January, our High Yield Savings account balance is \$86,595.83, the Market Rate Savings account balance is \$1506.35, and the Checking account balance is \$26,996.86. Vendor fees for the POE are still coming in.

III. Membership

A. Florence and Claire are continuing to update the membership information and get it passed onto the website. Name tags for new members are getting completed. The orchid care books to be distributed to the new members are in the library cabinet. Claire will be staffing the membership table at the POE and will have all forms and books available for new members.

IV. Old Business

A. POE Update- Dennis reported that we are still negotiating for sponsorship from Taiwan, which is delaying finalizing the advertising information. An Acura Dealer will also be a sponsor this year. They will have cars on display in the parking lot. Postcards for the show are being sent out. The volunteer match website is up and running. A meeting is planned for committee chairs at 6:00 at the February monthly meeting. There is a need for a chair person (or persons) for the Plant Hotel as well as more volunteers for Security. Jean will take care of the volunteer lunches and helping with plant entry. The other orchid societies in the area are being contacted to ask for volunteers for the show. The next POE Board meeting will be January 20th at 6:00 PM. Any member who wishes to attend should contact Maureen Clarke. The seminar schedule has been set up, and will include a talk and book signing by Ron Parsons on Saturday morning and Bruce Rogers on Sunday morning.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00.

Respectfully Submitted,
Valerie Mountain

SFOS Bulletin Board

Pacific Orchid Exposition- 2014 - Orchids And All That Jazz

February 20-23, 2014 Ft. Mason, San Francisco, CA

Plant Registrars for the Spring Show - Welcome!

Are you familiar with orchid genera names? Want to make a big contribution to the show? Organized? Like to work mostly sitting down? If so, we'd love to hear from you!

We are looking for a team of intrepid volunteers to coordinate plant entry for the Pacific Orchid Exposition. Plant registrars are the folks who help people know which category their plant should be entered in,

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FEATURED ARTICLE

2013-2014 Membership Directory

The new membership directory is now online on the SFOS website. All members with an email address in our records should have received instructions for login and password. If you have forgotten your password, you can still use the directory. Just go to the SFOS website and follow the instructions for forgotten password.

If there are errors, please contact Florence Inserto - floinsert@yahoo.com or Claire

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**2014 Dues
Are Now Payable**

(\$25 per year-Individual)
(\$40 per household-2 or more- per year)
Dues may be payable at any SFOS meeting,
or go the Web site www.orchidsanfrancisco.org
and use Pay Pal or mail to
SFOS- Membership
PO Box 27145
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- \$25/year or \$40/year (with Email Newsletter Option)
- \$45/year individual (with USPS Mail Newsletter Option)

Thank you!

Welcome New Members

Mary Richardson
Lauren Nguyen
Mary Landers
Joan Roesenberg
Jack Ryder
Justin Ott
Janet Hopkin
Karen Olson
Dianna Lew
Yasko Gamo

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

NOTICE TO BUSINESS MEMBERS OF THE SFOS

Member Orchid Related Businesses in our Roster are out of date. All current SFOS members who wish to have their Orchid Related Businesses listed need to contact membership. See contact information above or at end of this newsletter.

Refreshments

X - 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 **X - E** please bring snacks such as fresh fruit, 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!

answer questions, and keep the entry books carefully organized so all is ready to go for ribbon, trophy, AOS and CSA judging on Thursday .

Plant registration takes place from noon to 9 pm on Wednesday, February 20, and 8 to 9:30 am on Thursday, February 21. You do not need to be there for the entire time. It's interesting and fun working with plants and exhibitors.

For details, please contact **Cindy Hill** by email at hill-cynthia@comcast.net or call 510-524-1854.

Don't Let The Youth Prize Pass You By.

**The Imperiale Youth Prize
Pacific Orchid Exposition 2014**

If you are seventeen or younger, it's time to represent your best. Show off your orchids, show off your skills. Join in the excitement at this year's **Pacific Orchid Exposition 2014**. The San Francisco Orchid Society is proud to announce the return of the youth prize. **The Imperiale Youth Prize**, which is awarded annually at the Pacific Orchid Exposition, recognizes cultural excellence by those seventeen and younger. But without you there is no "Best Orchid Plant Grown by a Youth." Enter a plant. You may find yourself with a ribbon. You might win the youth prize. You will have fun. Entries are accepted at the POE 2014 show prior to the opening.

POE 2014 Pre-orders for Foreign Vendors

Note to all SFOS members. A number of our foreign vendors are accepting pre-orders. This is an excellent way to make sure you get the species you are looking for. As we receive the price lists, they will be posted to the SFOS web page:

<http://www.orchidsanfrancisco.org/poe.html>

For example, just in, the price list for Hengduan Mountains Biotechnology-check out the unusual, rare paphiopedium species as well as various Cypripedium species. Just click on the link for this vendor. Also available: Peru Flora, Ooi Leng Sun Nursery, Orquideas del Valle and Ecuagenera.

**Compendium of Miniature
Orchid Species now available!**



The new two volume book "**A compendium of miniature orchid species**" by SFOS members Ron Parsons and Mary Gerritsen is now available.

The SFOS is planning a special purchase of the book from the



AOS Awards

AOS Awards

American Orchid Society Pacific Judging Center

Web site: www.aospacificcentral.org/

Please check the Web site for the most recent awards.



Change of Address

Send all address and e-mail changes to:
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Newsletter Items

The SFOS Newsletter welcomes news, articles, events, and any other items of interest to members. Send items by the 15th of the month in an email to Stanford Stapleton at: stanford@rkmediasolutions.com 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!
Sincerely,
San Francisco Orchid Society



TECH CORNER

Fertilizer for the Fertilizer Challenged

At many orchid society meetings, the speaker will gravitate, often prompted by an audience question on care, to a discussion about fertilizer. You can almost feel the veil come over the eyes and ears of the audience. Some seasoned vets may be able to feed and water with their eyes closed, with one hand tied behind their back, but fertilizer questions comes up over and over. Fertilizers and orchid nutrition are actually a pretty complicated subject, but fortunately you don't have to be chemist or biologist to grow great orchids!

What fertilizer should I Use?

You want to use a fertilizer made specifically for orchids. One reason for that is because general plant fertilizers usually have a lot of their nitrogen in a form called urea, which needs bacteria in potting

publisher for SFOS members, and will be able to offer the books at a discount from the retail price.

The retail price is \$162 for the two volumes (plus shipping costs); the SFOS will be able to offer the books at a discounted price. Books will only be sold as the two volume set. Those who preordered the new Compendium of Miniature Orchid Species can pick them up at the February meeting. Sorry, due to the very limited number of books, preorders only. The final cost for the preorders is \$140. Please make checks payable to the San Francisco Orchid Society". There will be a few more books available at the POE. If you are interested in getting these books at the special discount price, send an email to info@orchidsanfrancisco.org.

More information about the contents of the books is provided here:

<http://www.redfermnaturalhistory.com/books/a-compendium-of-miniature-orchid-species-vol-1/>

<http://www.redfermnaturalhistory.com/books/a-compendium-of-miniature-orchid-species-vol-2/>

Hengduan Mountains Biotechnology Price List for Paph Forum & San Francisco Orchid Show(POE 2014) - Available on the SFOS Website

Dear friends and customers,

The PDF file is available on the SFOS Website with the price list that we offer for the Paph Forum and San Francisco Orchid Show (POE) in 2014.

Please read the following information before anyone would like to place an order:

- 1, How to order: Please refer the PDF price list file, and write to sales@hengduanbiotech.com or info@hengduanbiotech.com for confirming availability, price and postage cost.
- 2, How to pay: We take cash or personal check made out to Wenqing Perner. We receive Paypal payment as well. Our paypal account is sales@hengduanbiotech.com, please add 3% commission fee, as paypal China charges us 6%commissions, so we share the cost with our customers.
- 3, How to deliver:
 - I, Pick up and pay at the show site.
 - II, For the customers who do not go to the show, we would bring your ordered items over and send to you.

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Botanical Study Tour Available

Please contact us regarding the botanical study tour in Guangxi and Fujian provinces that we offer in May 2014. We also organize a tour in June focused on Cyrtipediums and other temperate orchids and alpine plants in Sichuan. The tour plan would be released soon. Pre-order dead line for the May 2014 tour is 15 March 2014. Come join us for a fun and educational tour.
Thank you!

Mrs. Wenqing Perner
Hengduan Mountains Biotechnology



soil to break it down. Orchids, being primarily epiphytes, don't have this bacteria. You should keep in mind that there is no simple answer to what nutrients a particular orchid needs. Different species use different amounts of nutrients, and for any particular species it will also depend on your potting media, amount of light, season, etc. Fortunately most orchids aren't too fussy, as long as you don't use too much fertilizer. If you use too much fertilizer there will be a high concentration of total dissolved solids (TDS), which can burn orchid roots.

There's a lot of interesting and non-technical practical information about orchid fertilizer available. Ray Barkalow's FirstRays website has lots of very useful articles about orchid nutrition, culture, growing conditions, etc. (http://www.firstrays.com/free_info.htm)

An interesting study was done few years ago at Michigan State University which showed that, contrary to the prevailing thinking at the time, orchids don't need high levels of phosphorus (<http://www.aos.org/Default.aspx?id=417>). Out of the study came a new fertilizer, called MSU formula (actually two formulas, one for pure water like in San Francisco, and one for high-mineral well water) The pure water formula is 15-5-15, and it also contains calcium, magnesium, and several other trace minerals needed by orchids. This fertilizer is used by some SFOS members who are commercial growers. SFOS has recently started to sell 1-lb packages of an MSU-type fertilizer at meetings and at our two annual shows. If you haven't used it before, we highly recommend it.

But how *much* fertilizer should I use?

For those of use who aren't a math whiz, figuring out how much to use isn't always easy. As a rule of thumb, you want to have a nitrogen concentration of around 100 to 200 parts per million (ppm). There's a nifty on-line calculator on the FirstRays website (<http://www.firstrays.com/fertcalc.htm>). Simply plug in the N-P-K (Nitrogen-Phosphorus-Potassium) numbers from your fertilizer and your tsp/gallon you use and voila! you can find the concentration of each nutrient, plus your TDS. Or with a second calculator on the same page, you can enter the nitrogen number and desired nitrogen ppm concentration, and find out how many tsp/gallon to use. So whether your goal is 150 ppm or 250 ppm you can easily enter your fertilizer numbers, feed your plants with confidence and sleep easier knowing you've done them right! So take that, Mr TDS! oops, I mean total dissolved solids.....

**George McRae
Dave Hermeyer**

Sources of TDS Meters:

http://www.orchid-depot.com/shop/shop_tdsmeter.htm

<http://www.planetnatural.com/product/handheld-tds-meter-tds-3>

SHOW & TELL CORNER

Here are some wonderful orchids members brought in to the last meeting to share

Proposed 'Orchids in the Wild' trip to Brazil to visit Reserva Serra Bonita, Chapada Diamantina, and Salvador, Bahia

March 14 - March 29, 2014

As OCA members (all SFOS members are OCS members as well) may know from the OCA November 2014 newsletter, the OCA has recently invested in Reserva Serra Bonita, near Ilheus, Brazil, as part of our program to protect orchid habitat. Because interest in this reserve is high, we have designed a trip to visit there and to visit other orchid sites in the nearby region of Chapada Diamantina. Please click on the link to learn more and to view the proposed itinerary.

http://attachment.benchmarkemail.com/c331141/2014_trip_to_Brazil_narrative_offering.pdf

Preparing Your Orchids for Display at POE 2014

COME ONE, COME ALL! Everyone is invited to bring your plants in for display at the spring show! It's fun to share your blooming beauties with others, to get to know your fellow society members, and it's exciting to see visitors learn about growing orchids by seeing your plants. Here are suggestions for getting your plants in show-ready condition.

For best results, start well before the show date.

One to two months before the show:

Identify likely candidates for display – plants that are beginning to spike, those that bloom regularly in February, ones that can be transported in your car. Begin to stake inflorescences as they get to 6-8 inches tall, preferably using bamboo stakes and twist-ties, so they present themselves at their best. (It's better to begin staking early than too late.) Use a long enough stake to support what is expected to develop. Inflorescences can be trained to be upright or arching. Flower buds will adjust their position towards light, so keep the plant orientation stable once the spike begins to develop. (I do this by keeping the tag at the back of the pot.) Paphiopedilums should be staked so the flower hangs normally, not facing the sky.

Make sure ventilation is good to avoid botrytis fungus spotting. Botrytis is likely when nights are cool and humidity is high, without good air movement, and can cause last-minute problems.

One week before the show

Clean up dead leaves, dried backbulbs, bracts, old spikes and blooms. Gently clean leaves with 50:50 water and milk or lemon juice (top only) and a cotton ball or clean damp soft cloth (do not use on glaucous-leaved plants). Do not use leaf shine products! Trim dead leaf tips at an angle to appear natural, using **sterile** razor or scissors. Examine the foliage, especially the undersurface, and sheaths, for signs of scale and other pests. Be careful - Inflorescences are soft when immature but as they elongate, can become brittle and inflexible. Keep water off the buds and flowers to minimize damage.

Attach more twist ties to stake if needed, but keep it unobtrusive. Trim a tall stake to flower level to avoid poking out an eyeball. You can use



Laelia anceps
Grown by Roy Wyman and Larry White



Paphiopedilum venustum
Grown by Chris Mende



Tuberochilum guineense

cotton balls to but space between developing buds, if needed - just remove them before watering.

A few days before the POE setup

Select the 'finalists' that will be at their blooming prime for the show. Keep protecting emerging buds from bruising, water damage, botrytis. Begin to think about how best to transport the plants. Planning is critical to success. Suitable boxes, packing, helping hands and a vehicle are all part of successful transport. When selecting plants will be in flower at show time, consider how they can be packed and how those containers can fit in your vehicle.

Day of show setup and Transport:

Soak the plant well and apply some fresh mix/bark topdressing. Consider adding some spanish moss to keep delicate roots covered. Clean the pot or use a decorative slip pot or cachepot to hide the plastic pot. Make sure plant is correctly labeled, legibly, with all names fully written out. Put YOUR NAME tag, phone number, on tape or address label on bottom of pot and on an extra label inside the pot. Make sure you have no hitchhikers! Leave infested plants at home. Hosing off aphids as a quick fix inevitably leaves a few hitchhikers that may spread to other plants at a show.

Check that your inflorescences are staked and tied to display their blooms to best advantage. Try to use stakes of the uniform diameter and color (preferably an inconspicuous green); ties should match each other and be as inconspicuous as possible.

Before loading your plants in the car, pack the inflorescences with soft tissue paper or florist's wrapping paper to minimize chafing by leaves etc. Use temporary stakes to support arching or pendulous spikes and wedge the pots into styrofoam boxes to ensure plant and spike are stable during trip to the show; this should prevent them falling over if you need to stop suddenly. You may want to double pot plants for extra stability in a moving vehicle. (Set plant pot inside a larger empty) pot or bucket.

While in transit, watch out for sunburn or freezing. Park in the shade if plants are left in the car. Use a picnic cooler to transport tiny pleurothallids in cool, humid comfort.

Unpack carefully, checking that any stakes are still secure. Groom again if needed, and remove any travelling supports. If the plant is normally hung or suspended in your growing area it is your responsibility to ensure that the plant is appropriately staged. Some members have created a variety of stands for their plants: all you need is something that will display the plant to its best advantage. This is particularly important for plants with trailing or hanging flowers.

Enter plants in show – go to the registration desk, ask for help if you have questions, to make sure your plants are entered in the correct class.

Remember, the more flower plants at the show, the better the show. So bring your plants or send them with someone else!! BE PART OF THE PARTY!!

If you have questions about preparing your plants for the big spring event, contact me at hill-cynthia@comcast.net. See you at the show,

Cindy Hill
POE Ribbon Judging Chair

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 Include your name, phone number, and how long you want the item to run. We will also run items of

Grown by Judy Carney

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interest from other orchid societies. All submissions will be reviewed and may be edited.

Upcoming Events

February 4, 2014 7:30pm - SFOS General Meeting

Main Speaker - Dave Sorokowsky- Paph Paradise, Modesto, CA

Subject: Multifloral Paphs

Skill Session- Cindy Hill - Preparing your plants for POE 2014 registration

Learn how to Enter your Plants in the Big Show!

Would you like one or more of your blooming beauties to be on display at the POE? Come to the skills session with Cindy Hill, and you'll find out how easy it is. Bring along the names of some of your plants for practice, and we'll see how to determine which Class they go into. Entering plants is simple and free. Displaying your plants is fun, and a good way to increase confidence in your skills. (You will get compliments from people who see your entries!). And if you have non-member friends who are proud of their prowess as a grower, invite them to enter plants. The more plants we have the more beautiful and exciting the show becomes. Cindy will also describe how ribbon and trophy judging works (in case you've ever wondered). Tonight you'll learn all you need to know for you and your plants to join in the fun. So bring your questions, and start grooming those plants for the party!

January 25-26, 2014 Peninsula Orchid Society Annual Show and Sale

10AM to 5PM both days, \$5 adult entry, \$3 senior (55) and young adult (12-16), \$1 extra for a two day pass. Community Activities Bldg., 1400 Roosevelt Ave., Redwood City, CA. Presentations, vendor sales, member sales and a lovely show. Anyone may enter orchids from 2:00 to 6:30 PM on Friday, January 24th. For more information go to our Facebook page or <http://penorchidsoc.org>

February 1-2 Sonoma County Orchid Society Show & Sale: Orchids in the Redwoods

\$8. Saturday 10-5pm, Sunday 10-3pm Santa Rosa Veterans Building, 1351 Maple Avenue, Santa Rosa Call 415-457-0836 or see <http://www.sonomaorchids.com/springSale.html> for details.

February 15 - 23, 2014 Japan Grand Prix International Orchid Festival 2014

Tokyo Dome, Tokyo, Japan 10 AM - 5:30 PM

February 20 - 23, 2014 Pacific Orchid Exposition- 2014 - Orchids And All That Jazz

Ft. Mason, San Francisco, CA

Fort Mason Center Festival Pavilion, San Francisco, Ca. Thursday, February 20: **Gala Benefit Preview**, 6:30 PM – 10:00 PM; **Expo Show**-Friday, February 21: 10 AM – 6 PM; Saturday, February 22: 9 AM – 6 PM; Sunday, February 23: 10 AM – 5 PM. Gala tickets: \$40 online, \$45 at the door (includes wine glass and tastings). Expo tickets: General admission \$13, Senior admission \$10. Info. www.orchidsanfrancisco.org/gala.html or email info@orchidsanfrancisco.org

March 14-16 Santa Barbara International Orchid Show

9am-5pm Earl Warren Show Grounds, Exhibit Hall 3400 Calle Real, Santa Barbara, CA Email sborchidshow@gmail.com or visit <http://www.sborchidshow.com/> .

Upcoming Speakers

May 2014 -Sebastian Vieira from Columbia

Notices

Wear Your Name Badge

The board voted to provide a special raffle ticket to members when they pick up and wear their name tags at our meetings. A drawing for a plant from the opportunity table will be limited to this and will immediately follow the choice by the person who did the Skill Session and the winner from the Show and Tell table. So, wearing your name tag will get you an early selection from the opportunity table.

Your name tag will be available at the membership table.

Member's Corner

SFOS Monthly Show and Tell Table

We want to thank our members who bring in their plants for display at the monthly meetings. This is a great viewing experience for all and a great way to learn about new plants we might want to try to grow in the future for ourselves.

But did you know that you can bring in a blooming plant that you might not be certain about the name or type and have our group of experts help identify your plant? The more you know, the better your chance of success. Thank you for participating and we'll see you and your plants at the next monthly meeting.
The Board

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Announcements

Greetings San Francisco Orchid Society Member It's time to renew your membership!

With the passing of another year, it's time to renew your San Francisco Orchid Society Membership for 2014.

Your dues help the Society fulfill its mission to foster the culture and cultivation of orchids and to educate the public about orchids. Each year, the Society puts on one of the largest orchid shows in the U.S., brings you speakers from around the world giving presentations on all manner of topics about orchids and presents a diverse and highly educational plant table at each monthly meeting.

The Society thanks you for your support this past year (or half year to those of you who've joined since June!) and we hope you'll continue your membership for 2014. Dues are \$25/year individual or \$40 per couple - a bargain when compared to many other plant

societies.

The Society also established an endowment, a savings account basically, to support the mission and operation of the Society in the future. All contributions to the endowment are tax-deductable. This is a great opportunity to make a donation before the end of 2013 and it will really help secure the future of the Society for years to come.

Thank you and we'll see you at the Hall of Flowers!

Claire Zvanski and Florence Inserto
San Francisco Orchid Society
Volunteer Board Members
Membership C0-Chairs

On-line Membership Roster

We have been updating our membership lists, and hopefully the on line roster is up to date too. If you want to check your information, or look up someone's contact information, go to www.orchidsanfrancisco.org/member/login.php. If you have forgotten your password there is a link to recover your password. If you have an orchid related business (e.g. nursery, decorating, landscaping, flower arranging, art, ceramics, photography etc.) and would like it listed in our business listing, please contact membership: czvanski@hotmail.com or flojo1337@yahoo.com

San Francisco Orchid Society

Member Plant Sales Table

Pacific Orchid Exhibition 2014

The SFOS Plant Sales Table is open to all current SFOS members. You can place for sale a maximum of 100 plants on our sales table at any given time.

If you bring plants to sell at the Plant Sales area you **MUST** work in this area for a minimum of 3 hours. The arrangement and timing of those volunteer hours are at the discretion of the Chair to best support the SFOS sales area. If you are working in other areas, please contact the Chair for instructions on managing the Plant Sales volunteer obligations to best benefit the Society.

And if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at the number or email listing below. **We need VOLUNTEERS to help with Plant Sales** and so if you can help on any of the days [February 20-23], please let me know.

PLEASE NOTE-CHANGE FROM YEARS' PAST: Volunteers for Preview night **must** be approved by me prior to volunteer sign-up and the number of volunteers are limited for Preview.

The following must be observed:

1. All plants must be healthy, disease and pest free. Plants for sale must be established. Recent repottings may be refused for sale at the table. The society retains the right to refuse to sell plants that are infested with pests, show signs of disease or are not established.

2. When working as a volunteer, you must work to sell all the plants not just your own.
3. All plants must be properly labeled. LABELS MUST BE PRINTED LEGIBLY. IF WE CAN'T READ IT, WE WON'T SELL IT.
4. Plants must be listed accurately and legibly. A copy of this list must accompany your plants. Please keep a copy of this list for yourself. Each plant must be listed separately with a unique number. Be sure to list your name and code on each page. Please include your name and contact information on each page.
5. You must have your plants checked in by a member of the Plant Sales team. Until your plants are checked in by a Plant Sales team member, they will not be sold. Do not leave your plants unless they are checked in.
6. NO plants will be sold BEFORE 4 PM on Thursday, February 20-there are NO EXCEPTIONS. After 4 PM and before the show is officially open to the public, plants sales will be for exact cash or check only.
7. Identification: Please put a three letter and one number code on each plant. Each code must be verified and approved with the Plant Sales chair before leaving your plants. This lessens the possibility that no two individuals inadvertently use the same letter code. If your plant is very small, you may abbreviate the genus name on the ID tag and leave off any award abbreviations such as AM/AOS, FCC/AOS. You must however write out the entire name on the master log sheet that is left with the chair for the overall plant inventory.

SAMPLES:

Example #1: copy of your master list of plants brought to sell with how your identification information should be listed. Keep a copy and give a copy to us

Carol Zoltowski CZC Phone: 645-213-4235
 (Your Name) (Your Code)

#	Name of Plant	Price
Sales Check in		

CZC 1 Paphiopedilum rothchildianum 'Borneo' AM/AOS \$10.00

CZC 2 Paphiopedilum rothchildianum 'Romeo' FCC/AOS \$15.00

8. Each plant must have a **white sticker firmly attached** with the information coinciding with the list. To avoid confusion, the information on the white sticker should include only the cost, the plant #, and your code.

EXAMPLE #2: Plant ID tags that are SECURELY attached to plants,

CZC#1
 Paph. rothschildianum
 'Borneo' AM/AOS
 \$10.00

CZC#2
 Paph. rothschildianum
 'Romeo' FCC/AOS
 \$15.00

9. We will not hold plants in and around the Plant Sales area for pickup or later sale. The Plant Hotel will hold purchases for pickup later in the day.
10. Bring your plants to the **SFOS** plant sales area Wednesday

night (February 19, from 6 to 9 PM) or Thursday, Friday, Saturday, or Sunday preferably before the show opens for the day.

(Feb.20th to 23rd).

11. Sales tax will be added to the total cost of each plant. You will not to add sales tax to the price that you list on the plant. The Plant Sales staff will do this at the time the sale is made.

12. Pick up your unsold plants after 5:00 PM on Sunday the 23rd. POE rules might not allow you to enter the show for breakdown until 5:30 or later so take that into account when planning your pickup. The society is not responsible for the loss of any plants or for plants not reclaimed by the owner. We do our best to maintain security but sometimes not all plants will be accounted for. We apologize in advance for this.

You will receive payment for your plant as soon as possible after the show. The society retains a 25% commission.

Thank you and thank you for volunteering.

Carol Zoltowski

415-657-3222

czoltowski@sbcglobal.net

Volunteers needed for the POE

Plant Hotel:

This is one of the most important jobs at the POE (at least in the eyes of the orchid buyer), and can be one of the most fun. What better way to see what orchids people bought than to see the packages they check in at the plant hotel.

Staffers in the plant hotel take excellent care of these precious purchases until the owners come to claim them before they go home. Please consider working a 3 hour shift in the plant hotel. There are a few openings for the Gala evening (late shift), as well as lots of slots on Friday mid-day and afternoon, Saturday mid-day and afternoon, and any of the shifts on Sunday. It would be wonderful if someone who has done this before could be the "co-chair" for at least one of the days of the show.

This year we have no one, and Mary is trying to do this as well as juggle the seminars, announcements, PR and lots of other jobs. If you are interested in volunteering OR being a chair for a day, please contact Mary Gerritsen meg570@comcast.net Free POE 2014 T-shirts to anyone who wants to be a chair for a day! If you are co-chair, you also get 2 Gala tickets!

Security:

There are many slots for security open, particularly for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. It is a non-physically stressful opportunity, and multiple "sit-down" jobs. Please contact George McRae at <mailto:Elegans@aol.com>

Book Sales

-A great sit-down job! We really need a few people to staff the book sales booth this year. Here are the duties:

1. Open boxes of books from the storage locker and arrange 2-3 copies of each with the one that is priced on top.
- 2 Tax is included in the marked price.
3. Cash or check are preferable but can be charged at Tee Shirt sales booth (which is adjacent to the Book Sales booth).
4. Record each book sold on an inventory sheet.

All dates and times are open. PLEASE VOLUNTEER! Free POE 2014 T-shirts to anyone who wants to be a chair for a day! If you are co-chair, you also get 2 Gala tickets! Contact Jean Lee jeanleorchids@gmail.com

SFOS Display:

We need a few volunteers to help put up the SFOS display and place members plants as they come ins. If you are interested, please contact

meg570@comcast.net. Set up is on Wednesday February 19, the day before the show starts.

POE 2014 Orchids.... and All That Jazz
The Pacific Orchid Exposition Welcomes Back the Taiwan Tourism Bureau as Presenting Sponsor

The San Francisco Orchid Society is thrilled to announce that the **Taiwan Tourism Bureau** has come on board once again as the presenting sponsor for the 62nd Annual Pacific Orchid Exposition, themed "**Orchids...and All That Jazz**".

We are honored to have the support of the Taiwan Tourism Bureau and hope that our event will help highlight what a wonderful destination Taiwan is for orchid lovers. Their backing has been so important in growing and expanding the Pacific Orchid Exposition. Taiwan is the largest producer of orchids in the world, making this a particularly appropriate partnership.

The Taiwan Tourism Bureau, along with our POE marketing director Frances Larose, have also been instrumental in setting up an important media sponsorship with CBS San Francisco. The Pacific Orchid Exposition will be prominently featured in commercials on KPIX-TV and throughout five different radio stations which broadcast to the greater Bay Area.

We also have collected a wide array of lavish items for our exciting live auction and silent auction. Some of the prizes include \$8,000 cruise to Asia, an African safari, original paintings, day trips and excursions, fine wine, and more.

The Pacific Orchid Exposition will take place February 20-23 at Fort Mason Center's Festival Pavilion. The event can always use good volunteers and relies on our wonderful members to help spread the word about this event, which is our largest annual fundraiser.

See you there!

Pacific Orchid Exposition 2014
Seminar Schedule and Special events

Day Time Speaker Title/Special event

Friday 10:30 am **Holger Perner**, Paphiopedilum and Cypripedium Orchids of China

Friday 2:30 pm **Steve Beckendorf**, Recent Orchid Discoveries in Peru

Saturday 10:30 am **Ron Parsons** Miniature Orchid Species

11:30 am **Ron Parsons and Mary Gerritsen** Book signing. Ron and Mary will be signing copies of their new books "A Compendium Of Miniature Orchid Species"*

Saturday 2:30 pm **Peter Tobias** Orchid Conservation Alliance: New Projects

Sunday 10:30 am **Bruce Rogers** General Orchid Culture

11:30 am **Bruce Rogers** Book signing. Bruce will be signing copies of his book "Orchid Whisperer"*

*Copies of the books will be available for purchase at the show.

About the speakers:

Holger Perner, Ph.D. is well known for his expertise in Asian orchids, especially Paphiopedilums. He authored a recent series of excellent articles on Paphs and on Cypripediums in Orchids Magazine, and he is also a co-author of the book "Orchids of Huanglong". He is the owner of Hengduan Biotechnologies, a nursery headquartered in Chengdu China, and specializing in propagating and sales of Chinese slipper orchids. Holger will provide an overview of these orchids, their habitats and their beauty .

Steve Beckendorf is a Professor Emeritus of Molecular and Cell Biology, UC Berkeley. He is well known for his enthusiasm for Odontoglossum orchids and their relatives, and has been actively involved in the discovery of unusual or lost species, leading to many trips to the cloud forests of Mexico and South America. Steve will talk about some of his recent discoveries in Peru.

Ron Parsons is a well known bay area flower photographer, and has thousands of his photographs published in orchid and other horticultural magazines, books, and other publications. He is the co-author of four botanical books: *Masdevallias*, *Gems of the Orchid World*, *Calochortus*, *Mariposa Lilies and their Relatives*, and *A Compendium of Miniature Orchid Species*, Volume 1 and 2. Ron will provide an overview of some highly desirable miniature orchid species.

Peter Tobias is a professor at Scripps Research Institute in La Jolla, and an active orchid hobbyist with a focus on orchid conservation. He is the president of the Orchid Conservation Alliance, the foremost North American orchid conservation entity. The Orchid Conservation Alliance promotes orchid conservation by developing orchid reserves in the tropics. Peter will talk about and show pictures from the reserves with which the Alliance is working.

Bruce Rogers is a nursery man with a long history in cultivation of orchids. He recently published a new book "The Orchid Whisperer: Expert Secrets for Growing Beautiful Orchids" which is currently the number one selling orchid book in the world. Bruce will share some of his expert "secrets".

Calling all Ribbon Judge Volunteers for POE!

We are looking for members to participate in ribbon and trophy judging at the upcoming Pacific Orchid Exposition. Judging takes place on Thursday, February 20. Volunteers need to be available from around noon through 4:30 pm (lunch is provided). Familiarity with orchid genera, the categories for judging at POE, and a cooperative, friendly outlook are helpful. To learn more, or to volunteer, contact Cindy Hill via email hill-cynthia@comcast.net or phone: (510) 524-1854, by February 10.

More POE 2014 News

GALA BENEFIT PREVIEW - POE 2014

The San Francisco Orchid Society invites everyone to paint the town with "**Orchids and All that Jazz**". Exhibits and displays will incorporate musical creative concepts while matching music is played throughout the show. The SFOS proudly supports local horticultural conservation efforts and for the first time ever, will donate \$10 (\$5 to each organization) of every Gala ticket sold to both the **San Francisco Conservatory of Flowers and the U.C. Botanical Garden in Berkeley**. These horticultural institutions make it possible for rare, exotic, and endangered species of plants to be researched, protected, and displayed for all the public to enjoy. SFOS Members can purchase discount tickets for the GALA for \$35 at the February meeting. Please come out and enjoy the wine, music and orchids, support your orchid society, and support local horticultural conservation efforts. You will get a free souvenir wine glass as well, something to remember this wonderful event.

LIVE AUCTION AT THE GALA

-Some fantastic possibilities

Azamara Club Cruises - Estimated Value \$8,000

Escape to anywhere your heart desires with this luxurious cruise from Azamara Club Cruises. Select your choice of exotic ports to visit and enjoy the view from your Club Oceanview Stateroom on either the Azamara Journey or the Azamara Quest. With locations such as Rome, Barcelona, Istanbul, Monte Carlo, Singapore, Stockholm, Hong Kong, and much more, the world is truly your oyster.

5 Night African Safari for 2 from Ezulwini Lodges - Estimated Value \$4,250 (minimum starting bid \$3,500)

Now is the chance for the vacation you've always dreamt about! Enjoy 6 days and 5 nights for two in a thatched bungalow and ride along on an authentic safari game drive. Dine on traditional South African meals and relax with a libation by the pool.

2 Night Wine Country Getaway at the Sonoma Orchid Inn - Estimated Value \$500

Take refuge in a quiet retreat at the Sonoma Orchid Inn, nestled in the rolling hills high above the Russian River. This cozy bed and breakfast has been fully restored with private baths, wireless high speed internet, and hot tub, yet still offers all the charm of the original 1906 farmhouse.

Conservatory of Flowers Private VIP Tour - Estimated Value \$500

Get ready for an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour at one of San Francisco's famed institutions. Conservatory of Flowers Exhibit director Lau Hodges will provide a special group tour for 6-8 people, including little known horticultural facts and illustrating how exhibits are built. This is a one-of-kind opportunity to see sights that are not open to the general public.

There will be lots of exciting and valuable items in the Silent Auction at the POE as well, including another safari trip, paintings, memberships, event tickets, books, special plants, wine etc. Be sure to check out the silent auction and bid on something!

Conservation Committee Needs Your Plants!

Make some room in your greenhouse or growing area and support orchid conservation at the same time. If you would like to donate plants for the conservation committee, please fill out the plant sales spread sheet with a three letter code (e.g. your initials) followed by a number for each plant, and include the name of the plant. Then affix a label to the pot with the same three letter code, number, name of the plant and if you like a little growing information (e.g. cool, intermediate, warm, dry rest etc). Provide a price for the plant. At the top of your plant entry sheet, be sure to write "Plants donated to the conservation committee".

Donations are tax deductible! If you are donating OR selling plants at the show, Carol Zoltowski would really like some help with plant sales. Contact her for further information regarding available shifts. The maximum number of plants you may have in member sales is 100, whether they are donated or not. Additionally even if you donated plants, please check and pick up (or have someone else check) for your plants leftover at the end of the show-we don't want to have to discard them if they are not sold!

Plant entry sheets, conservation stickers and purple plant labels will be available at the February meeting.

The conservation committee hopes to reach its fund raising goal (\$10,000) and we are nearly there! We hope to begin grant submissions in the spring, and initiate our support of some worthy conservation projects. Anyone is welcome to join the conservation committee.

Conservation committee members: Steve Beckendorf, Cindy Hill, Mark

Sullivan, Carl Carter, George McRae and Mary Gerritsen.

DON'T FORGET TO ENTER YOUR PLANTS IN THE SHOW! A GREAT RULE OF THUMB-ENTER EVERYTHING THAT'S IN BLOOM! YOU NEVER KNOW-YOU CAN WIN A RIBBON OR EVEN A TROPHY!

Everyone is welcome to enter plants. Come to the February meeting skill session to learn more about plant preparation and entry for the show, led by Cindy Hill, orchid grower extraordinaire!

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Special Events

Peninsula Orchid Society 2014 Show & Sale



Saturday, January 25th
Sunday, January 26th
10 am - 5 pm

Community Activities Building
1400 Roosevelt Avenue, Redwood City, CA

Admission \$5 Adults, \$3 Senior, \$3 Children 12-16, Free for accompanied children under 12
Two day pass \$1 more

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Orchids in photograph by Sally Robinson

ORCHIDS and all that JAZZ

SAN FRANCISCO ORCHID SOCIETY'S 62ND ANNUAL
PACIFIC ORCHID EXPOSITION

GALA BENEFIT PREVIEW THURS. FEBRUARY 20, 6:30-10:00 PM
SHOW & PLANT SALE • FEBRUARY 21 - 23, 2014
FRIDAY 10AM-6PM • SATURDAY 9AM-6PM • SUNDAY 10AM-5PM
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Admission \$13 online/\$15 at door. Senior \$10 online/\$12 at door. Gala \$40 online/\$45 at door. 16 years & under free accompanied w/ adult (except Gala).
3 Day Pass \$25 (excludes Gala & special events). Gala Benefit Preview prices and information on reverse.

Parking available at Marina Middle School, Sat & Sun, entrance on Bay between Moscone Park & the school. Complimentary shuttle.

For Tickets & Information please visit

www.orchidsanfrancisco.org

Additional Information: The Larose Group 650-548-6700

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