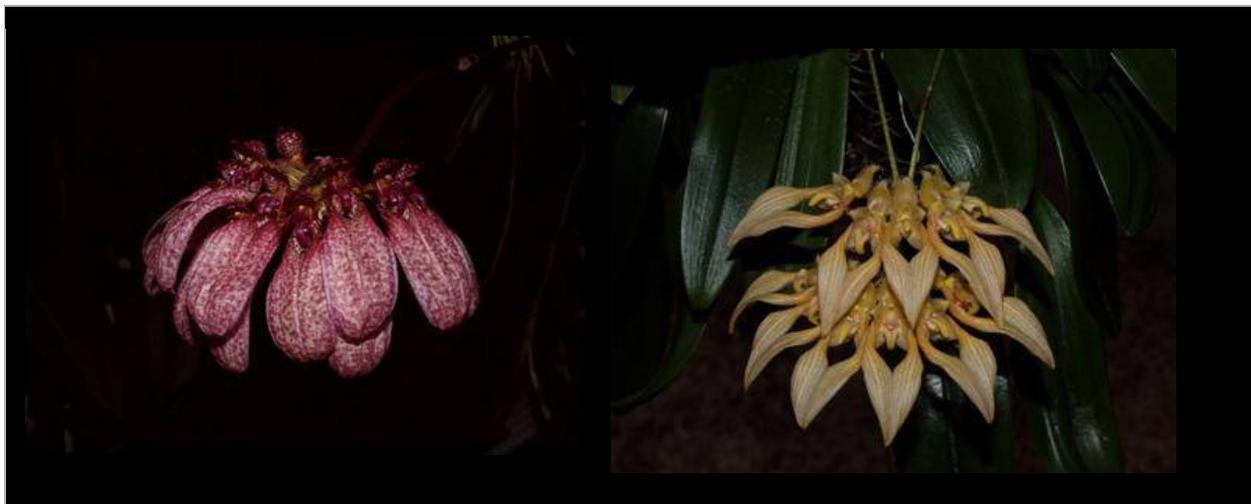


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SFOS Meeting

Tues. March. 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.

March Speaker

Jeff Tyler

Bulbophyllum Orchids: Beautiful Bizarre Creatures and How I Grow Them

Jeff Tyler

My name is Jeff Tyler and I have enjoyed growing plants every since I can remember. As a kid growing up in Corpus Christi, Texas, I would grow anything I could, from cuttings, seeds, etc. When I was about 16, I lived in a rental home and my father helped me build a greenhouse. It was at this time that I tried growing my first orchids. I failed miserably! I was very good at growing Hoyas, though. Unfortunately, I did not live in the rental home long enough to master growing orchids. I also don't think I had the patience at the time!

Next, my family and I moved into a townhouse where I had a small 6' x 6' greenhouse with a small collection of various kinds of plants (no orchids this time).

Inside the house I started growing African Violets under lights. I soon joined my local African Violet society and later also joined a Bonsai Society.



Tues. March 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

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I moved to Sacramento in 1988 and as a young adult, I gave up growing plants for the most part—living in apartments is not a great place to grow plants. Then ten years ago I purchased my first home with my partner. In the spring of 2003 I built a 10' x 12' greenhouse and decided to try my hand at growing orchids again. In the summer of 2007 I built a second 10' x 20' greenhouse and in 2013 I built yet another greenhouse that is 14' x 20', you can probably guess that I can now grow orchids just fine! LOL!

I belong to two Orchid Societies (Sacramento Orchid Society and The Orchid Forum). I am very involved in both. I have been a board member for both societies, vice president for the Forum several times over the years and President once, SOS annual show public educational coordinator, Orchid Forum Show Chair for 2007 and 2008, and the list goes on!

I currently have about 1000 (mostly species) orchids. Bulbophyllums are my favorite. I also love Stanhopeas and Vandaceous orchids. I have had six orchids awarded by the AOS: Cattleya landata 'Laura' HCC, Promenaea colmaniana 'Mameha' HCC, Vandachosylis Si Tai Tai 'Mameha' HCC, Plectrelminthus caudatus ' Shukria ' AM/AOS, Bulbophyllum mandibulare ' Hatsumomo ' HCC & Fredclarkeara After Dark ' Nightmare Before Christmas ' AM/AOS
I traveled to the 2008 W.O.C. in Florida and it was amazing!
Simply put, I LOVE LOVE LOVE ORCHIDS!
Thank you, Jeff Tyler

***Bulbophyllum Orchids:
Beautiful Bizarre Creatures and
How I Grow Them***



My love affair with the Bulbophyllum orchid started at my first orchid show. I purchased what is probably the queen of all Bulbophyllums, B. echinolabium. Since that time, I have become completely infatuated with them. It took almost three years for my B.

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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.

echinolabium to grow large enough to bloom.

I joined the Sacramento Orchid Society shortly there after and soon met someone who has been a mentor, friend and fellow Bulbophyllum enthusiast, Howard Gunn whom I can't thank enough for his kindness and generosity.

My current collection consists of about 350 Bulbos., which I grow in two greenhouses dedicated almost exclusively to this one genus.

Bulbophyllum is the largest genus in the orchid family, with 1805 species. This genus was first described by Louis-Marie Aubert du Petit-Thouars in 1822

The scientific name has been derived from the Latin word bulbos (bulb-like) and the Greek word phyllon (leaf), referring to the pseudobulbs on top of which the leaf is growing. (pronounced: bulb-oh-fill-um).

In this talk, I will introduce you to as many Bulbophyllums as time will allow and tips on how I grow them. I suspect you may be shocked by what you will learn. I hope you enjoy my talk and please feel free to ask questions.

Thank you, Jeff Tyler

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 February 10, 2014

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

The meeting started at 8:00.

I. Vice President's Report

A. Steve: March speaker will be Jeff Tyler, topic: Bulbophyllums. He will also provide the plant opportunity table. Florence and Claire will host the Skill Session, topic: Welcome to our New Members. April speaker is TBD. The speaker for May will be Sebastian Vieira from Columbia.

II. Treasurer Report

A. Carol reported that, as of January 31st, our High Yield Savings account balance is \$86,603.19, the Market Rate Savings account balance is \$1506.41, and the Checking account balance is \$17,224.83. She also noted that it is quite difficult to keep track of SFOS finances with multiple people having access to the accounts. She requested that all checks passed to her include a receipt or description and be in an envelope if possible. A discussion was held regarding SFOS accounting and bookkeeping. Steve made a motion to have a review of the accounting and treasurer's job in May or June. Dennis would like to have Dan Peter also present for the review. The motion was seconded and passed by all.

III. Membership

A. Florence and Claire noted that there is some confusion about the new

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**2014 Dues
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(\$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

- SF, CA 94127-0145
- \$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

F - J

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

policy of individual and household membership fees, with some couples signing up for one individual membership. A reminder will be put in the newsletter to explain the different membership levels. The 2013 membership list is almost completed, and work is beginning on the 2014 list. A hard copy of the membership list for non- computer users will be available for the April monthly meeting.

IV. Old Business

A. POE Update- Dennis reported that the main objective now is to get more volunteers to staff all the positions throughout the weekend, particularly for Security and Plant Hotel. He is compiling a list of volunteers to send to Stanford, and sending out requests to other societies for volunteers. Show set up starts the week of February 17th, with the major push on Wednesday the 19th. Tom Perlite will be setting up the Taiwan exhibit. The POE ad on the SFOS Facebook page is getting good response.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05.

Respectfully Submitted,
Valerie Mountain

SFOS Bulletin Board

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 Cypripediums 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!

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**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



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

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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

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

Upcoming Events

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

Main Speaker - Jeff Tyler

Subject: Bulbophyllum Orchids: Beautiful Bizarre Creatures and How I Grow Them

Skill Session- Claire Zvanski and Florence Inserto- Welcome to New Members

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/> .

Saturday, March 29, and Sunday, March 30, 2014 THE SACRAMENTO ORCHID SOCIETY

Location: Scottish Rite Center, 6151 H Street, Sacramento Theme: "Orchid Bonanza"
Admission: \$7.00 at the door, children under 16 free with adult. www.sacramentoorchids.org

April 5 - 6, 2014 - Napa Valley Orchid Society's 21st Annual Festival of Orchids Show and Sale -Orchid Fiesta

10 AM - 4 PM
Napa Senior Activity Center 1500 Jefferson St., Napa 94559 Free Admission For more info: 707-252-4050
www.nv-os.org

April 5-6, 2014--Annual Central Coast Orchid Show and Sale---
sponsored by Five Cities Orchid Society--South County Regional Center, 800 W Branch, Arroyo Grande, CA--Sat. 9 am to 5 pm, Sun 10 am to 5 pm Admission \$5 Visit our website www.fcos.org map and directions and more information

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

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 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>

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

AOS Announces New Appointee Carol Zoltowski as Head of the Pacific Central Judging Region

For those of you who don't know me, please let me introduce myself. My name is **Carol Zoltowski** and I am the new head of the Pacific Central Judging Region for the AOS. I live in Brisbane and have been growing mostly species orchids in an intermediate greenhouse for about 15 years. My philosophy is I grow what grows for me so even if my heart gets captured by a particular genus, I have come to realize that falling in love with an orchid type is always the best thing. Not every orchid thrives in my conditions. I send my share to orchid heaven and I battle the pest invasion periodically along with their greedy and hungry cousins, slugs. I belong to two societies besides the AOS: the Peninsula Orchid Society and the San Francisco Orchid Society where I am the Treasurer. I am also a Trustee for the AOS and the chair of the Research and Conservation Committee.

My fellow judges and I at the Pacific Central judging region are really eager to support your organizations through participation in your local shows as both ribbon judges and AOS judges. If you are having a show coming up, let me know and I will fill out a form and send you a section for you to complete so we can inform the AOS headquarters about your show. We like to do this administrative process about 60 days before the show date but we can be flexible. Don't let the calendar days flying by interfere with your having a great AOS judging experience! We can be flexible.

Traditionally we have been holding judging on two different days each month: the first Tuesday at the SF County Fair Bldg at 9th and Lincoln in SF and the third Monday in Oakland at the Garden Center on Lake Merritt. Judgings begin at each site at 7 PM with plants accepted from about 6:15 PM until 7 PM. Observers are always welcome and are encouraged to come into the judging room and see how the process works. And of course, please bring in your prize plants for award consideration!

We have begun another different style of judging opportunities. In order to make transportation of your prize plants easier with all the traffic in the Bay area, we have begun holding pre-arranged judgings during society meetings-either as a skill session before the meeting or

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as the actual program itself during the meeting. When we hold a judging as part of a skill session or as a program, there is a great deal more information that is exchanged and questions are encouraged as we judge each plant is brought in for evaluation. As an example we have 3 such sessions scheduled at the Peninsula OS-one each in May, July and October.

We would really like to be a part of your society's educational program and if it something that your members would enjoy and appreciate, please contact me and we can discuss the details and pre-arrange the dates. There is no fee for this judging.

If you have any questions about the AOS judging program at all, please don't hesitate to contact me. My home number is 415-657-3222 and my email is czoltowski@sbcglobal.net. Looking forward to meeting you all and working with your societies learning about orchids.

Carol Zoltowski
Head, Pacific Central Judging Region AOS

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Announcements

In Memorium



Gerardus Staal, long time and much beloved member of the San Francisco Orchid Society passed away on Monday February 10, 2013. Born in the Netherlands, April 19, 1925, Gerardus received his doctorate from the Netherlands Institute of Plant Sciences at Wageningen and was immediately engaged for research into tropical crop management in the former Dutch East Indies. He worked at what is now known as Bogor Botanical Gardens, located about 60 km south of Jakarta. At that time, the gardens were known as the Botanical Gardens in Buitenzorg. He later came to the United States with his wife Mary and was employed as a research entomologist by Zoecon, Gerardus is an inventor on the patents for Enstar, Talstar and derivative instar-inhibiting insecticides and acaricides. Gerardus took an interest in orchids began growing them at home in Palo Alto, eventually building a large greenhouse for his collection,

and growing primarily cool-growing genera. For several decades Gerardus experimented with orchid hybridizing, often creating progeny with somewhat surprising results! Since growing the seedlings on to blooming size necessitated more bench space than he had available, Gerardus began to sell seedlings in flask, and having others grow and bloom them. This enterprise carried on until two years ago under the name Peninsula Hybrids. Many of us have some of his hybrids, often named for his family and friends- Masdevallia Mary Staal, Masdevallia Rein Staal, Masdevallia Maggie Avalon, Epidendrum Ross Newman, Severinara Lil, Roccafarteara Stella and so forth. Gerardus was also known for his inventive approaches to grow mounts first using rubber tiles, and then later on coco-fiber sticks. He also came up with unusual idea of using cut up UV-resistant venetian blind slats for plant labels. In 2012 Gerardus sold off his orchid collection, and replaced his greenhouse with a new cottage in the back of his larger home in Palo Alto. Mary and Gerardus moved into the smaller cottage and other his daughter and family then moved into the larger home.

Gerardus was an active member of many orchid societies (in addition to the SFOS) in the San Francisco Area, including Malahini Orchid Society, Peninsula Orchid Society, The Bay Area Pleurothallid Alliance, and the Orchid Society of California. Many of the Pleurothallid Alliance potluck meetings were held in the home of Gerardus and Mary, and were memorable experiences. On numerous occasions, Gerardus was a speaker or skill session leader at SFOS, best known for his expert opinions on pesticides, fungicides and bactericides. He served SFOS as plant registrar for the POE for many years. Until recently Gerardus was a regular attendee at SFOS meetings, usually accompanied by his wife of many years Mary Staal. He will be long remembered as a kind and knowledgeable gentleman.

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

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 an 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".

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

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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



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