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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

Tues. July 1, 2014



Tues. July 1, 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

Ricky Wong

Neofinetia falcata: History,
Appreciation, Hybridization,
& Culture

Skill Session

Dennis Olivas
Phalaenopsis

Ricky Wong

Neofinetias falcata

History, Appreciation, Hybridization, & Culture

Ricky Wong

Ricky Wong started his interest in orchids while he was in elementary school. In 1995, he received a Phalaenopsis as his first orchid and his collection has grown ever since. After graduating from college, he started to volunteer extensively at OrchidMania, where his passion for orchids continued to grow. Ricky is currently part of the AOS judging program and is a Probationary Judge. He is currently a Director at large for the Orchid Society of California (OSC), and has been in various board positions with the OSC. Ricky grows exclusively outdoors without the use of a greenhouse and prefers to grow cool-cold growing species and primary hybrids that do well outdoors year-round in the Bay Area.



Neofinetia falcata

**History, Appreciation,
Hybridization, & Culture**

windowsill/garden window
culture, watering, fertilizing,
transplanting

Plant Opportunity Table

Dennis Olivas
D & D Orchids

2013-2014 SFOS

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Newsletter Editor



The presentation will introduce some of the different varieties found in Neofinetias, including flower types, variegation, leaf shape and root tip color. The presentation will also include some hybridizing information and culture tips for the Bay Area.

**There is no Dinner with
the Speaker this Month**

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Minutes of the SFOS Board Meeting

SFOS Board Meeting June 4, 2014

Present: George McRae, Mary Gerritsen, Valerie Mountain, Steve Beckendorf, Claire Zvanski, Dave Hermeyer, Dennis Westler

Excused: Florence Inserto, Chris Mende, Carol Zoltowski, Jean Lee, Dexter Hodes

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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

The meeting started at 7:30.

I. Vice President's Report

A. Steve: The speaker for the July meeting will be Ricky Wong, topic: Neofinetias. Dennis Olivas will provide the plant opportunity table. The Skill Session is TBD. The speaker for August is still being confirmed.

II. Membership

A. Claire noted that 2 new members have joined as well as one renewal.

III. Treasurer

A. Carol sent in the bank account report: Market Rate Savings \$1506.66, Checking: \$22,344.88, High Yield Savings: \$171,639.16.

IV. Old Business

A. Orchids in the Park- Postcards were passed out at the June monthly meeting and volunteer sign- up sheets were set out for members. Mary and George are going to send out packets of postcards to other orchid societies and the vendors. George is also working on setting up an orchid article for the San Francisco Chronicle the Wednesday before the show. Mary and Frances are working on the SF Chronicle advertisement, as well as notices in other local papers. There are 5 confirmed vendors so far, with commitments needed from the others by Friday 6/13. Mary is also preparing information to be added to the SFOS website about the show.

B. Correction to last Month's Minutes- Claire will staff the membership table at OITP, and assist as needed at the front entry table with ticket sales. Kay Klumb will be handling the member plant sales table.

V. New Business

A. Donation- Mary proposed making a donation to the Orchid Conservation Alliance to help support a guard at the orchid reserves in Ecuador managed by Fundacion Ecominga. Mary made a motion to donate \$3000 to the OCA in support of Fundacion Ecominga's request. The motion was seconded and passed by all.

B. POE- Dennis was unable to join the meeting until the end due to Skype issues. He confirmed the dates for the POE as February 19-22. The next POE meeting will be June 17th. The meeting was adjourned at 8:13.

Respectfully Submitted,

Valerie Mountain

SFOS Bulletin Board

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

go to the SFOS website and follow the instructions for forgotten password.

If there are errors, please contact Florence Inserto - flojoinsert@yahoo.com or Claire Zvanski: (415) 341-3085 czvanski@hotmail.com.

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
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

**Angelique Fry
Ernest McGray, Jr.
Keith Dabney**

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

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

July 1, 2014 7:30pm - SFOS General Meeting

Main Speaker - Ricky Wong

Subject: *Neofinetia falcata*: History, Appreciation, Hybridization, Culture

Skill Session- Dennis Olivas - Phalaenopsis windowsill/garden window culture, watering, fertilizing, transplanting

July 11-13th Santa Barbara Orchid Estate Open House

Friday & Saturday 8am-5pm, Sunday 9am-4pm, 1250 Orchid Drive, Santa Barbara CA 93111, for more information call 800-553-3387 or email sboe@sborchid.com.

July 19 & 20, 2014 D&D Flowers Grand Opening new location

9:00 am to 3:00 pm 169 First Avenue Daly City, CA 94014
D&D Flowers is not open to the public except during the open house.

Directions 280 South from San Francisco: Take the Eastmoore Avenue exit and veer to the left onto Sullivan Avenue. At the stop light, make a right onto Washington Street, go over the freeway to San Pedro (Catholic church at the intersection). Make a right onto San Pedro and continue through Misson Street between Bank of America and Wendy's Burger. At the stop sign, make a left onto First Avenue. Greenhouse is on the left hand side of the 3rd house with the red garage and a sign reading Demattei Nursery. Enter the gate of the chain link fence with red lattice to the left hand side of the red garage.

Directions 280 north of South City: Take the Eastmoore Avenue exit and eventually you would like to be on the 2nd to the left hand side lane at the stop light. Make a left hand turn onto Junipero Serra Blvd and at the stop light make a right hand turn onto San Pedro Road. Continue through Misson Street between Bank of America and Wendy's Burger. At the stop sign, make a left onto First Avenue. Greenhouse is on the left hand side of the 3rd house with the red garage and a sign reading Demattei Nursery. Enter the gate of the chain link fence with red lattice to the left hand side of the red garage.

Limited street parking so please car pool. Do not park within

C - G

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

AOS Awards

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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 chain link fence.

Mahalo for your cooperation!

August 1, 2, and 3, 2014 Symphony of Orchids! Hilo Orchid Society's 62nd Annual Show and Sale

Edith Kanaka'ole Stadium. Displays, demonstrations, orchid sales and orchid-related products. Refreshments, entertainment. \$5 donation; keiki under 12 free. 808-333-1852 or www.hiloorchidsociety.org.

We have arranged special rates with two of our local hotels. Please contact Barbara Fahs at hiiakas@lava.net for rates and details.

Aloha!

August 2, 2014 California Sierra Nevada Speaker's Day

9 AM to 5 PM 1831 Howe Ave at Alta Arden Odd Fellows Bldg., Sacramento, CA Featuring Jim Rose-Cal-Orchid; Theresa Hill-Hillsview Garden; Carlos Fighetti-President-Intl Phalaenopsis Alliance. \$10 advance; \$20 at the Door Sponsoring Societies/AOS members; \$25 General Admission. Tickets in advance can be purchased from Susan Wedegaertner at sgwede@gmail.com CSNJ website:

August 2 & 3, 2014 Orchids in the Park

New, earlier date! This show has been held in September in the past. Save the date! Saturday & Sunday 10 AM - 5 PM SF County Fair Building - Hall of Flowers - Golden Gate Park 9th Ave & Lincoln Way San Francisco.

Upcoming Speakers

August 2014 -TBD

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

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



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

President's Message

It occurs to me that by the time you read this and the newsletter, we will be on the downward slide to shorter days and longer nights. This is the peak of the growing season. As I write this I am acutely aware of the dire water situation facing all of us as Californians and westerners. As an orchid grower, how do I reconcile this? My plants need water. But I must become creative and clever in its delivery. Buckets in the shower to capture excess. Sparing "sprinkles" as compared to the periodic drenching I used to give. Every drop carefully accounted for. What are you doing? Share your ideas here in the newsletter. A rain barrel would be terrific for conservation.... if it would rain. As of today, Fathers' Day, at my house in El Cerrito it has been 50 days since I had measurable precipitation. By the first of July, the night of our meeting it will have been 65 days. July first, is the first day of the meteorological season. I'm not a praying man, but when in the precipitation fox-hole as it were, everyone becomes a religious man.

On another note, August second and third is the weekend for Orchids In the Park!! It is a great opportunity for our society to boost some income to cover our operating costs. It's fun too! There are lots of vendors and member plants to choose from as well as interesting talks through the weekend. PLEASE VOLUNTEER!!!! Sign ups for everything from set up to take down. The sign up sheets will be passed around at the July meeting!

George McRae

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Announcements

**WANTED - CHAIRPERSON
FRONT ENTRANCE DISPLAY AT POE**

We need a chairperson for the front entrance display for the upcoming 2015 POE. This person would design and coordinate the installation of the front entrance display, and recruit volunteers to help with the installation. Tom Perlite is willing to assist the chairperson in the logistics and sourcing materials. It is a fun job and all of the volunteers who have helped with the display the past few years do a terrific job. Please contact Tom Perlite tperlite@sbcglobal.net 415-990-1314.

MEMBER PLANT SALES ORCHIDS IN THE PARK

Help your Society and yourself by selling your excess plants at the Member Plant Sales table. Make space for your new orchids. Just inform Kay of your intent to bring plants and mark each sale plant with its name, your code and price, i.e., Maxillaria marginata KK-1 \$10.00, and give Kay a master list. Help to sell plants for at least 3 hours. You get 75% of the price. SFOS gets 25% and pays the sales tax. You may bring plants anytime during the event, but Friday or early on Saturday is best. If you have questions, ask Kay at a meeting or contact her at kayklumb@gmail.com or 415 648-8271.

Orchids in the Park-Volunteers Needed!

The San Francisco Orchid Society has two main fund raising activities each year: **Orchids in the Park** and the **Pacific Orchid Exposition**. This year the POE was successful and met its fund raising objectives. Orchids in the Park is also a critical component of the SFOS fund raising this year. We really need the support of our membership to put on a great "**Orchids in the Park**" that will help support the activities of our society as well as showcase our society. Please support the SFOS by volunteering, attending, entering your blooming plants and spreading the word of the Orchids in the Park to your friends and family. The 2014 **Orchids in the Park** will be August 2 & 3 at the Hall of Flowers in the San Francisco County Fair Bldg. at 9th Ave. and Lincoln Way.

Before the show: Help us promote our show by passing out copies of the show postcard to everyone you know. Leave some at work. Pass them out at the grocery store or the nursery you frequent. Talk to your friends and co-workers about the show. Word of mouth is one of the best ways to let others know about the show. If you are a member of another orchid society, please take a stack of the postcards (available at the July SFOS meeting) and take them to the other orchid society meetings. Bring the cards to other plant meetings you attend -e.g. Native

Plant, Succulent, Gesneriad, Bromeliad, Garden Club.

At the show: Help us put on our show and make it a success. This is a great way to get to know other members and become involved with the SFOS. Each volunteer shift is usually 4-5 hours, but please, feel free to volunteer for more than one shift. Shifts are Friday 9-12, 11-2, 6-8, Saturday 9:30-1:30, 1-5. Sunday 9:30-1:30, 1-5, and take down (5 to about 7). Lunch will be provided on Saturday and Sunday for those volunteers staffing at least one four hour shift that day, and light snacks and beverages will also be available. If you would like to bring a friend(s) or significant other to help out, that would be great. Volunteers do not have to be SFOS members.

If you would like to volunteer for any of the following positions, please sign up at the July meeting or contact the chair of the respective committee.

Friday (Aug. 1) jobs:

Set up: set up the show...put up the tables for the exhibits and vendors, cover them with the black plastic table covering. This is a physical job and requires some lifting, moving, standing and walking. (Friday 9-12). Contact Mary Gerritsen meg570@comcast.net

Set up the exhibit: set up the central display of flowering plants for the show. This job requires some lifting, standing and walking. (Friday 11-2). One person will also be needed for Saturday morning (9-10 am) to finalize the member plant display. Contact Mary Gerritsen meg570@comcast.net

Friday night closing: Watch over the premises while vendors complete their setups and until the Park Patrol arrives and secures the building. (Friday 6-8 pm) Contact Mary Gerritsen meg570@comcast.net

Saturday and Sunday (August 2 & 3) Jobs:

Set up the exhibit: One person will also be needed for Saturday morning (9-10 am) to finalize the member plant display. This person could then help out with one of the other jobs for the remainder of his/her shift. Contact Mary Gerritsen meg570@comcast.net

Cashiers: Greet people as they come in the door to the show. Ask attendees to fill out our "attendee registration page" where they write down their email address for future contacts from the SFOS. Everyone filling out this page will be given one free door raffle ticket. Take admissions (\$4 per adult, \$3 seniors (over 65), Children under 16 are free, and make change. This is a sit down job. (Saturday and Sunday; 9:30-1:30 and 1-5). Contact Mary Gerritsen meg570@comcast.net

SFOS Table: At this table, volunteers will answer questions about SFOS membership, hand out cards to people to encourage them to come to POE, sell books, T-shirts and other materials the society will have available for the show. Much of this job can be done sitting down.

Raffle Table: Vendors will donate plants that will be given away at several times during the event. This raffle is the "door raffle" and is distinct from the RAZZLE DAZZLE RAFFLE. Volunteers are needed to collect and set up the prize plants, sell tickets and conduct the drawings. Much of this job can be done sitting down. (Saturday and Sunday; 9:30-1:30 and 1-5). Contact Mary Gerritsen meg570@comcast.net Tel: 650 348 6492

Plant Hotel: Accept and temporarily store plants from people who have purchased the plants at the show so they can walk around and continue shopping. This is an up and down job, some light lifting required. We are asking each person checking in plants to pay \$1 for per box to help cover the costs of the boxes. (Saturday and Sunday; 9:30-1:30 and 1-5).

Security: We need people to stand at the exits (front, back and side door) and check purchases for "dots" to make sure that people have paid for their plants and to ensure that patrons pass through the entry door. This job requires some standing, although you can sit down if it is not busy. (Saturday and Sunday; 9:30-1:30 and 1-5). Contact George McRae ELEGANS@aol.com

Floater: This job has no real definition...basically you will just help out wherever needed. If it is crowded, more people may be needed for certain jobs, or a volunteer might not show up. (Saturday and Sunday; 9:30-1:30 and 1-5).

After show is over:

Take Down: Remove the table coverings, take down the tables, load tables on the dollies, load the SFOS property truck, and clean up. This is a physical job, requiring some lifting, standing, and walking around. Sunday after the show (5-7). We need plenty of volunteers so we finish before 7 to avoid extra charges. Contact George McRae ELEGANS@aol.com

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

Special Announcement - New Shipment!

A limited supply of 2-volume sets of "A compendium of miniature orchids" by Ron Parsons and Mary Gerritsen are now available. The cost will be \$140/set. Books are only sold as 2-volume set, and are signed by the authors. If you are interested in purchasing a set, please contact Mary at meg570@comcast.net

The Conservatory of Flowers Needs Docent Volunteers

Docents educate adult visitors about the Conservatory's fascinating collection of tropical plants and the importance of conserving the rainforest and San Francisco's stunning historic greenhouse. Docent tours for the public are offered Tuesday-Sunday at 11:00, 12:30, and 2:30. The comprehensive training program for docents will be held in **August** and **September**- See more at: <http://www.conservatoryofflowers.org/support/volunteer>

The Conservatory provides hands-on age-appropriate docent-guided and self-guided tours of the historic greenhouse and the vast botanical collections to more than 9,000 students and teachers free-of-charge. Tours meet the science content standards for California Public Schools. Help us support science and nature education!

San Francisco Conservation Committee

Have some extra divisions of orchids? Need to make room in your greenhouse for some new acquisitions? Why not donate your plants to the SFOS Conservation Committee. We will be selling plants at Orchids in the Park, with all proceeds going to support the conservation efforts of the SFOS. If you would like to donate, but need help to get your plants to the show, please contact Mary Gerritsen meg570@comcast.net and we will help out with your donation. Your donations are tax deductible.

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Special Events

ORCHIDS in the Park



Photo by Ron Parsons

August 2-3, 2014. Save the Date!
San Francisco Orchid Society Summer Show and Sale, County Fair Building, Golden Gate Park
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Presents

California Sierra Nevada Speaker's Day

Saturday, August 2, 2014
9am to 5pm
Odd Fellows Building
1831 Howe Avenue at Alta Arden
Sacramento, CA

Featuring:

Jim Rose

Cal-Orchid

The Laelias of Mexico, their hybrids and how to grow them

Theresa Hill

Hillsview Garden
Complex Paphiopedilums

Carlos Fighetti

President of the International Phalaenopsis Alliance
Phalaenopsis Species, Their Habitat and Culture

Vendors:

Hillsview Gardens
Paphiopedilums

Cal-Orchids
A Variety of Orchids

Gold Country Orchids
Mini-cattleyas that bloom 2 - 3 times a year

Carlos Fighetti
Phalaenopsis

D & D Flowers
Dennis will have whatever the others do not

\$10 advance
\$20 at the door for Sponsoring Societies or AOS members
\$25 general admission

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**California Sierra Nevada
Speaker's Day**

Saturday, August 2, 2014
9am to 5pm
Odd Fellows Building
1831 Howe Avenue at Alta Arden
Sacramento, CA

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS - Saturday, August 2, 2014

- 9:00 AOS Judging, see how we judge
- 11:00 The Laelias of Mexico, their hybrids and how to grow them
Jim Rose, Cal-Orchid
- 12:00 Lunch Break
- 12:45 Auction
- 1:45 Complex Paphiopedilums
Theresa Hill, Hillview Garden
- 2:45 Phalaenopsis Species, Their Habitat and Culture
Carlos Fighetti, President of the International Phalaenopsis Alliance
- 3:45 Break out Sessions
Theresa Hill on Paphiopedilum culture
Carlos Fighetti on Phalaenopsis culture
Dennis Olivas on growing Cattleyas outdoor in Northern California

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Volunteers Needed at the Conservatory of Flowers



Comprehensive training program prepares new volunteers to lead tours for adults or children.

Jungle Guides introduce elementary school students to the wonders of the rainforest.

Docents educate adult visitors about the Conservatory's fascinating collection of tropical plants and San Francisco's stunning historic greenhouse.



Training Program

The Conservatory welcomes adult volunteers of all experience levels. The training program will be held Wednesdays from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. from August 6 through September 17.

Shared Commitment

Just like the Conservatory's plants, the volunteer program relies on regular watering and feeding. That's why we ask all volunteers to commit to two shifts per month for at least one year. In return, the Conservatory offers educational and social opportunities, free passes and discounts, and an engaging, flexible environment.



To register for the training, contact:

Erika Frank, Director of Volunteers & Education
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ConservatoryOfFlowers.org

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