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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.

September Speaker

Peter T. Lin

Spectacular Orchids

A portrait of the most beautiful and spectacular orchids from around the world.

Peter T. Lin

Peter T. Lin started growing orchids over 25 years ago, but then stopped due to school and starting a career. It wasn't until about 7 years ago that the orchid "bug" came back and he is now heavily involved once again. He is an accredited judge with the American Orchid Society and a hybridizer of mini-catts. He enjoys meeting with other orchid enthusiasts, and can often be found at various orchid shows and societies around the

SFOS Meeting

**Tues. September 2,
2014**



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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

Peter T. Lin

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Skill Session

Dexter Hodes
Cool Growing Miniatures

Plant Opportunity Table

Peter T. Lin
Diamond Orchids

2013-2014 SFOS

country. He also has hundreds of photos of his orchids that he maintains on Flickr. You can view them by typing this address into the internet:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/minicatt/collections/>

Due to limited growing space, Peter likes to specialize in miniature orchids, both species and hybrids, and has received numerous AOS awards. His other interests in orchids include Dendrobiums, Angraecoids, and Neofinetias. He maintains a collection of a thousand or more orchids at his home in Southern California in 3 small greenhouses, as well as in the house under fluorescent lights.



Spectacular Orchids

***A portrait of the most beautiful and spectacular
orchids from around the world.***

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Peter T. Lin will be presenting a fast paced PowerPoint talk, and will take you on a journey of some of the world's exciting orchid species and hybrids. Some of these are well-known and grown in cultivation, others are somewhat rare and little seen in this country. This will be an entertaining yet educational review of the diversity of plants and flowers in the orchid family.

Peter will be providing the plants for this month's opportunity table. There will be a nice selection of orchids, so be sure to buy your tickets!

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

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SFOS NEWSLETTER

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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 Zvanski: (415) 341-3085 czvanski@hotmail.com.

2014 Dues

SFOS Board Meeting August 11, 2014

Present: George McRae, Mary Gerritsen, Valerie Mountain, Dennis Westler, Florence Inserto, Claire Zvanski, Chris Mende, Carol Zoltowski, Dexter Hodes. Tom Perlite also joined the meeting at the beginning for the POE discussion.

Excused: Steve Beckendorf, Dave Hermeyer

The meeting started at 7:30.

I. POE

A. The issue of plant disposal after the POE was raised by the Board. Some of the foreign vendors are throwing their left-over plants away at the end of the show. The Board is recommending that Tom ask the foreign vendors to consider donating their remaining plants to the Conservatory of Flowers or UC Berkeley Botanical Garden. Cindy Hill will not be judging plants at the 2015 POE. Dennis is going to ask her if she can recommend someone to take her place. There is a possible candidate for the Show Treasurer position. Carol and Dennis will be meeting with her to discuss her qualifications and let her know the responsibilities of the position. Tom excused himself from the meeting at this point.

B. Dennis reported that there are some issues with the theme and poster image for this year. Sally Robertson would like to do an image of *Phragmipedium kovachii*, and Taiwan would prefer a southeast Asian orchid. Taiwan has not firmly committed as a sponsor yet. Carol noted that the POE budget for 2015 is being set up, so they are still using the 2014 budget for now.

II. Vice President's Report

A. George for Steve: The speaker for the September meeting will be Peter Lin, topic: TBD. The plant opportunity table and Skill Session are also TBD.

III. Treasurer

A. Carol gave the bank account report as of August 11th: Market Rate Savings \$1506.79, Checking: \$10,822.76, High Yield Savings: \$161,652.91. She has paid the 1st installment of \$16,000 to Fort Mason for POE 2015. She has also paid one remaining bill for POE 2014 of \$5000 for We Drive You shuttle service. The \$5 volunteer vouchers for OITP were a good incentive this year, but the process of collecting the vouchers and paying the vendors needs to be better organized for next year. A suggestion was also made to purchase new cash registers for OITP and POE to facilitate collecting sales tax for member plants, books and other items. Carol also noted that there is more space left in the Data Safe boxes for additional financial records storage.

IV. Membership

A. Florence and Claire: No new members joined at OITP this year. One new member joined online after the show. There was discussion about making the membership table more visible and separated from the admission table at the front entrance, and possibly include raffle ticket sales at the membership table. As of the 1st of June, there were 77 lifetime members and 166 regular members. With the new members and renewals since then, there a total of 251 members in the Society.

V. Old Business

A. Orchids in the Park- Mary reported that the show went well. A precise count of attendees was not possible, so she is not sure if the number was

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Welcome New Members

**Yasko Gamo
Darlene Mirabella
John Whitney
April Escamilla
Min Kwaan**

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

N - S

SFOS members are
encouraged to help out with
refreshments, setup and
cleanup at Monthly Meetings.
If your last name falls within
the letter range **N - S**, please
bring snacks such as fresh

higher than last year. The vendors were happy with the earlier dates. The number of people coming in was even both days and Sunday in particular seemed to be much better than last year when there were many events going on in the park. No admission was charged after 3:00 on Sunday, which encouraged more people to come in and buy plants later in the day. There was some discussion about the admission fees and discount coupons. One vendor suggested to Mary that the show be free admission with an increase in the vendor fees to make up the difference in income. Mary will prepare a survey to send out to all the vendors to see if they like this idea. Carol is still tallying up all the numbers for OITP. Lauren Nguyen has agreed to take over running OITP for 2015. Mary is working with her and is preparing a set of guidelines for OITP to be added to the SFOS website. She needs information from all who have chaired committees to complete the guidelines.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10.

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 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

September 2, 2014 7:30pm - SFOS General Meeting

Main Speaker - Peter T. Lin

Subject: Spectacular Orchids: A portrait of the most beautiful and spectacular orchids from around the world.

Skill Session- Dexter Hodes -Cool Growing Miniatures

October 4, 2014 California Orchids Fall Sale 9 am - 4 pm
515 Aspen Road, Bolinas, CA 94924 info@californiaorchids.com or
www.californiaorchids.com

November 1 - 2, 2014 Santa Cruz Orchid Society Annual Show and Sale Saturday 9 am - 5 pm; Sunday 10 am - 4 pm. Soquel High School
401 Old San Jose Road, Soquel.

January 17 & 18, 2015 First World Slipper Orchid Conference and 59th Paphiopedilum Guild- Hilo, Hawaii

Expert lectures, displays, orchid sales and AOS judging. Saturday and

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

AOS Awards

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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:
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Please include your name at the beginning or end of your

Sunday January 17-18, 2015 at the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel, Hilo, Hawaii. Sponsored by Orchid Digest. Tickets - \$95. More information and forms at www.orchiddigest.org .

Upcoming Speakers

October 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

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

text. All submissions will be reviewed and may be edited due to space limitations. Thank you!
Sincerely,
San Francisco Orchid Society



Photos by Angelic Nguyen

Orchids in the Park 2014

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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.

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

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.

BLOOMING ORCHIDS FOR SALE

So many things in bloom and bud yet there are no shows on my schedule for the rest of the year! Here is your opportunity to own many one of a kind orchids such as:

Aerangis articulata {counted 20 spikes this morning}

Aeranthes grandiflora {12 seedlings in spike and bloom}

Plectamenthus cadauta {3 available}

Gomesa crispa {too many spikes to count}

Trichoglottis Philippines { 5 plants in bud}

and many more unique items.

- Call for appointment, available most days incl. week-ends.
- Could possibly deliver at next meeting

Napa Valley Orchids 707-255-8266

napavalleyorchids@gmail.com

Thank you! **Debra Atwood**

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Special Events

California Orchids Fall Sale!

Saturday, October 4th

9am-4pm



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