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SFOS Meeting

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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.

October Speaker

Chris Mende
A Cautionary Tale

The latest Paphiopedilum events

Chris Mende
The Tiny Jungle

Retired San Francisco psychiatric nurse **Chris Mende** began growing plants in a tiny Victory Garden in Pasadena. Red and white radishes, and carrots! It was a far cry from the 1700 sq.ft

Tues. October 7, 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

Chris Mende
The Tiny Jungle

A Cautionary Tale

Skill Session

Susan Anderson
Growing Orchids in Your Home

Plant Opportunity Table

Chris Mende
The Tiny Jungle

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intermediate greenhouse she now maintains in Daly City. Retirement is a good thing! Now the owner of The Tiny Jungle, she grows everything that will succeed in her greenhouse from Pleurothallids to Paphs. The Paphs initially reigned. Now they are gradually finding themselves smiling across the aisles at various terrestrials, tropical foliage plants of several kinds, Coelogynes, Dendrobiums, Phrags.... A second greenhouse is planned soon: larger and cooler! Ah, diversity! Chris's collection is eclectic and somewhat eccentric. The Paphs are mostly species, particularly hard to find ones. The plants are carefully chosen to provide interest, charm, fragrance, fascination. Lately, the ongoing drought has prompted a serious review of possible water-sparing storage and re-use techniques. There is much afoot at The Tiny Jungle!



A Cautionary Tale

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Chris will speak on the latest Paphiopedilum events - various newer species to enter the US legally, as well as ones which probably won't be here for a while. The sad conservation disaster associated with one of these, Paph. canhii, will be delineated. The primary forests which Paphs need are becoming dramatically degraded in Southeast Asia: Thailand, Malaysia, Borneo, Indonesia, Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam. Trees for wood and land for agricultural use trump orchids. Market pressure for novel plants, however, is the most recent undoing of the newly discovered and very fragile new Paphiopedilum ecosystems. What's to be done?

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

NoSFOS Board Meeting was held in September 2014

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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

October 7, 2014 7:30pm - SFOS General Meeting

Main Speaker - Chris Mende

Subject: A Cautionary Tale - Paphiopedilum events

Skill Session- Susan Anderson- Growing Orchids in your Home

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

October 18, 10:30 AM - 5 PM, October 19, 2014, 11 AM to 4 PM
Fall Festival Orchid Show and Sale The Orchid Forum of
Sacramento Orchid Exhibits, classes and orchid sales. Shepard
Garden and Arts Center Sacramento, CA Free Admission

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. Free admission -
Free parking

The 56th Annual Santa Barbara Orchid Estate Fall Open House
Saturday November 1, 8 AM to 5 PM - Sunday November 2, 9
AM to 4 PM

Our Fall Open House celebrates Mexican Laelia species and it is
our Cymbidium Season Kickoff. Annual Silent Auction starts mid-
October and closes at 4 PM on Nov. 2.

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November 7th & 8th 9AM - 4 PM Carmel Valley Orchid Society
Fall Orchid Festival Orchid displays, orchid sales, silent auction
and classes. Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula - 4590
Carmel Valley Road, Carmel, CA www.carmelorchidsociety.org

FEATURED ARTICLE

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
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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

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

**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

T - A

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



The Orchid Society of Santa Barbara Fall Show and Sale November 15, 10 AM to 5 PM and November 16, 10 AM to 3 PM.

Enjoy displays of Laelia anceps and other fall bloomers at the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History. Bring a plant or two for AOS judging, CSA judging, or both (fill out judging forms Saturday 9:00-9:45 AM, pick up plants Saturday 3-5 PM or Sunday 10 AM-4 PM). Plant sales by select vendors and OSSB members. Visit the beautiful nearby Santa Barbara Mission and rose gardens and Santa Barbara Botanic Garden. Payment of museum admission is required to view show, currently: Adults, \$12; Seniors (over 65) and Youth (13-17), \$8; Kids (2-12), \$7; and under 2, free. For more information e-mail fmorchids@hotmail.com or call SBOE.

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 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

November 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

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.



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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



President's Message

Orchid keeping opens doors at every turn. I particularly love the moments of "who'd-a-thunk?" Orchids Magazine has an interesting piece about orchids in trouble because they seem to satisfy a culinary craving. Recently, I have the privilege of acquiring an *Ansellia africana*. I've always liked the idea of growing a monster. I tried a *Grammatophyllum* a couple of times and had terrible results in that I couldn't apparently keep them hot enough. So the idea of trying to grow from a small division an orchid specimen of unfathomable size intrigues me to no end. There are lots of interesting tid-bits about this orchid as well. They are called trash-basket orchids. Meaning that in situations where there isn't a lot of nitrogen to go around, they grow their root upwards to catch debris. In this mass of debris, networks of fungus grow to decompose the material and provide the plant with ample quantities of food. They are drought tolerant and are users of what is called CAM photosynthesis or Crassulacean acid metabolism. It is a carbon fixation pathway that evolved in some plants as an adaptation to arid conditions. In a plant using full CAM, the stomata in the leaves remain shut during the day to reduce evapo transpiration, but open at night to collect carbon dioxide. Wiki has a nice explanation about it, as well as a chart indicating that orchids are the largest group of plants using this method. Which then backs up the admonishment we hear from experienced growers that under watering an orchid is preferable to over watering.

Ansellia is a vulnerable orchid as well. According to CITES, "This species is an ornamental, and is therefore heavily collected throughout its range. In South Africa it is used as a love charm, as an antidote for bad dreams and at homesteads to ward off lightning. It is used to treat asthma in Mozambique. Recently extracts are being used in alternative therapies in the USA and Europe where it is said to inspire confidence, grace, vision and dreaming." Well, we don't get much lightning, and now I can be assured of my safety. As far as a confidence building, certainly keeping it alive and getting to thrive and become the hoped for giant will guaranteed instill me with oodles of confidence. What about you? Are there nifty things about your plants which "goose" you? For more reading see:

<http://www.iucnredlist.org/details/44392142/0>,

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Crassulacean_acid_metabolism,

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ansellia>

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.

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



"Orchids in the Wild" Orchid Trips Orchid Conservation Alliance

Spring 2015 – ORCHIDS OF THAILAND

Peter Williams of Mae Tang Tours has put together an itinerary covering temples, markets, orchid farms, wildlife sanctuaries, and mountain excursions into an amazing trip proposal. Dates of the trip are March 20 to April 4, 2015. The cost of the trip is \$2250 per person double occupancy, \$2850 per person single occupancy, not including air fare to Thailand. A maximum of 14 persons will be accommodated on this trip, so book early. This trip will be led by OCA director Mary Gerritsen.



Summer 2015 – BOTANICAL ILLUSTRATION ON THE BRAZILIAN AMAZON

Dulce Nascimento is a Brazilian botanical artist living in Rio who also teaches botanical illustration. Some of you have seen and purchased her work in the OCA booth at orchid shows. She and American print artist and illustrator Kathi McCord will be leading a trip on the Amazon riverboat 'Otter'. The trip will run from June 3rd to June 12th, 2015 and originates in Manaus. Cost is \$2150 for double occupancy and \$2950 for single occupancy, not including airfare to Manaus. The trip is limited to 14 passengers. More details of the itinerary will be available in October. This trip will be led by OCA president, Peter Tobias.

More information on the trips, detailed itinerary and booking forms can be found here:

http://www.orchidconservationalliance.org/OCA/OCA_Trips.html

Thank you for your support of the orchid conservation alliance,

Sincerely,
Mary Gerritsen

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Special Events

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Saturday, October 4th
9am-4pm



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Shepard Garden and Arts Center
Saturday October 18, 2014
10:30 am to 5:00 pm
Sunday October 19, 2014
11:00 am to 4:00 pm

Free Admission

Santa Cruz Orchid Show and Sale

Saturday, November 1, 9AM to 5PM
Sunday, November 2, 10AM to 4PM

At Soquel High School,
401 Old San Jose Road
Soquel

Free parking
Free Admission

Masdevallia
Bella Donna

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Frank Drake

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Santa Cruz Orchid
Society and the Soquel
High School FFA/ROP

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Fall Orchid Festival

presented by the
Carmel Orchid Society

**Friday,
Saturday
November
7th & 8th
9AM - 4PM**

**Orchid Sales
Orchid Display
Silent Auction
Orchid Care Classes
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