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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.

November Speaker

Ron Parsons
Orchid Hunting in Ecuador

Ron Parsons of Flowershots

Ron Parsons is considered by many to be one of the finest flower photographers in the United States. His photography and encyclopedic knowledge of orchids is known both nationally and internationally. He has been photographing orchids, wildflowers

Tues. November 4, 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

Ron Parsons
of Flowershots

Orchid Hunting in Ecuador

Skill Session

Dan Newman
Repotting Masdevallias

Plant Opportunity Table

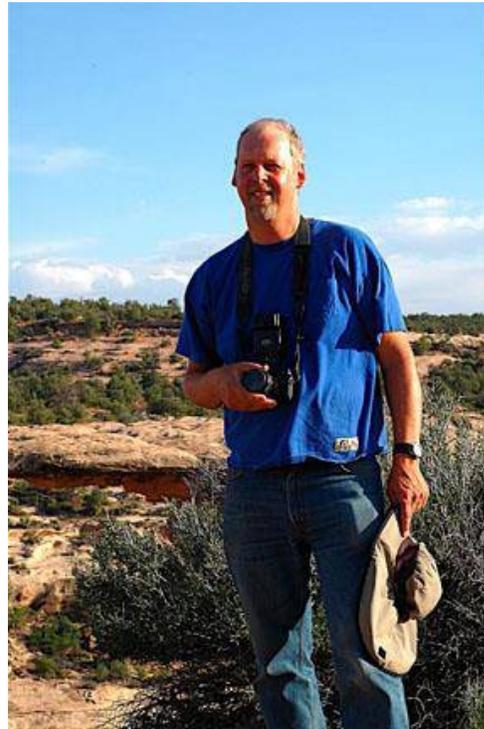
Dan Newman
Hanging Gardens Orchids

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and almost every other kind of plant for over 30 years, and has a botanical slide collection of over 100,000 strong as well as more than 40,000 digital images. Ron's photos have been featured on and in journals, magazines and numerous books including the three he has co-authored with Mary E. Gerritsen. He is the second author with the first two, *Masdevallias, Gems of the Orchid World* and *Calochortus, Mariposa Lilies and their Relatives*, but is the first author of the new *A Compendium of Miniature Orchid Species* that was released earlier in 2014.



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Ron loves to travel, photograph orchids and other wildflowers *in situ*, visit botanical gardens and personal collections almost more than anything else. His talk this month is on his first trip to South America, an Ecuadorean orchid adventure with Ecuagenera, consisting of the guide Gilberto Merino, Mary Gerritsen, Laurent Minet (from Belgium), Peter Hottewitzsch (from Germany) and Ron. They traveled through quite a bit of southern Ecuador to such beautiful and orchid-rich areas as the Cordillera del Condor, Cajas National Park, Podocarpus National Park, etc. where approximately 125 species of orchids were seen in bloom. This talk features the highlights of this wonderful trip

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 October 13, 2014

Present: George McRae, Mary Gerritsen, Valerie Mountain, Dennis Westler, Steve Beckendorf, Carol Zoltowski, Tom Perlite, Chris Mende

Excused: Dave Hermeyer, Florence Inserto, Claire Zvanski, Dexter Hodes

The meeting started at 7:30.

I. Treasurer

A. Carol reported the current account balances. Checking: \$27,460.03, High Yield Savings: \$152,549.36, Market Rate Savings: \$1506.86. This reflects funds received from POE

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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 Florence Inserto - floinsert@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

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• \$25/year or \$40/year (with Email Newsletter Option)

vendors to date. Profits from Orchids in the Park were \$5981.56 after taxes.

II. Vice President's Report

B. Steve: The speaker for the November meeting will be Ron Parsons, topic: TBD. The plant opportunity table and Skill Session are also TBD. There will not be a speaker for the December meeting. A holiday social event is being planned for the meeting.

III. POE

A. Tom & Dennis: Vendor response so far has been good. 5 vendors from last year are not returning for various reasons, and there will be some new ones. 5 vendor booths are still available. Tom is still waiting to hear from some vendors. Booth fees have been increased, which seems to be acceptable to the vendors. Suppliers for the show are all on board, and in the preliminary phases of preparation. Some adjustments were needed for the floor plan. Taiwan looks positive for signing on as a sponsor at this time. The ticket sales window on the SFOS Facebook page is up and running, and we have a Twitter account, which Frances is using. Dennis will have Frances set up the ticket sales window on the SFOS site as well.

IV. Membership

No report this month.

V. Holiday Party

A. George proposed a potluck and plant swap for the December monthly meeting. Mary suggested having hot food provided by a nearby market or caterer, paid for by SFOS funds, with members bringing in a potluck dish of their choice. There will be a Show & Tell table, and members can talk about their own plants at the beginning of the evening, then the meal with social time following. Either a plant swap or gift plants for those who attend were discussed. More details to follow as they are finalized.

VI. Donations

A. At the June 9th board meeting, Mary proposed making a donation to the Orchid Conservation Alliance (OCA) 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 to support funding for a guard to protect a reserve where conservation research is being conducted. The motion was seconded and passed by all. Subsequently, there has been some confusion about where these funds are coming from- Conservation Committee funds or the donation allotment in the SFOS budget. Carol noted that the Conservation Committee funds are not part of the SFOS budget, and she felt the money should come from the Conservation Committee funds. This is income from plants donated to the Conservation Committee for sale at OITP and POE. A discussion was held about whether the Conservation Committee or the SFOS should provide the funds for the OCA proposal. A motion was made that the SFOS Board will reconsider funding the OCA proposal that was voted on in June should the Conservation Committee not fund the proposal. The motion was seconded and passed with one dissenting vote. The

- \$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

B - 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 **B - 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

Conservation Committee will discuss the OCA proposal and get back to the SFOS board.

VII. New Business

A. A member was offended at the October monthly meeting when Ellen presented her views about a couple of San Francisco ballot measures. This was discussed and per the by-laws for 501.3C organizations it is prohibited to present political issues or candidates.

B. George noted that he has noticed people using e-cigarettes at other orchid society meetings that he attends. He would like this to be banned at SFOS meetings. City laws were checked and an ordinance was passed on March 2014 prohibiting their use in city buildings.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15.

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

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

Main Speaker - Ron Parsons

Subject: Orchid Hunting in Ecuador

Skill Session- Dan Newman - Repotting Masdevallias

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.

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!

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November 1 & 2, 2014 -Cal-Orchid Open House - Santa Barbara

Sat. & Sun. 1251 Orchid Dr. Santa Barbara, CA 805.967.1312

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

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

December 2014 -Holiday Fest - See President's Message

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

President's Message

Greetings! And a Happy beginning to the holidays to all!

This December, join us for:

Solstkwanchannakmas!

Instead of our usual speaker meeting, the S.F.O.S board invites you to a Holiday Party! Whatever your predilection.

I'm sure there is a cheerful tune to raise a toast there somewhere. We will provide the main dish, or dishes, most likely a turkey, and a ham and a vegetarian dish like a nice lasagna. We will also supply dishes, cutlery, glasses and beverages. We ask members to provide a side dish of your choosing, like a salad, cookies, cheese and crackers, a dessert. Something to share.

And Old Saint Norchid will be gifting to each member a small plant as a token of appreciation to all of you for all you do for this incredible society. Plants will be provided from Sunset Valley Orchids, The Tiny Jungle, and a very generous gift from Saint Tom Perlite. Gifted plants to members only. When you arrive go to the member table, get a ticket which allows you the luck of the draw from a wonderful selection of plants! AND a plant swap! Bring in a plant you would like to see re-homed, get a ticket and then by random draw you get to take home a plant you may have never adopted before. We will STILL have our show and tell, AND in lieu of a speaker we will have a year-end discussion of orchids and your husbandry challenges. Let's eat, drink, and make merry! AND get to know each other, and most of all, thank each other for all we do.

December 2, 2014 at 7pm.

**Your President,
George McRae**

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Announcements

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

Cypripedium List Hengduan Mountains Biotechnology 2015

Dear friends and customers,

In the attachment file please find a price list for cypripedium in 2015. Please feel free to give this PDF file to anyone that might have interest in. Please read the following information before anyone would like to place an order:

1. **Order timing:** We ask for the order confirmation as soon as possible. The latest is 10th December 2014. The reason is the cypripedium seedlings growing in our high mountain nursery and need to be taken out before the soil gets frozen.

2. **How to order:** Please refer the PDF price list file, before you place an order. Please write to sales@hengduanbiotech.com, or info@hengduanbiotech.com for confirming availability, price and postage cost.

3. **How to pay:** We receive your payment via money transference to our bank in Euro in Germany, or in US\$ via our PayPal account sales@hengduanbiotech.com, please notice that we do not share the bank transfer commission and if you pay by PayPal, please add 3% commission fee, as PayPal China charges us commissions and we share the cost with our customers.

4. **How to deliver:**

I. For customers who are in EU, we would deliver your order at the end of March 2015, When we go to Dresden Orchid Show in Germany or European Orchid Conference in London, after we confirm your payment. We send out our plants from Germany or England or you could pick up at the show site.

II. For the customers in America, we would take part in San Francisco Orchid Show held in February 2015. The preordered plants would be sent via US priority or be picked up at the show site.

The other orchids and flask list would come soon.
Mrs. Wenqing Perner
Hengduan Mountains Biotechnology

Pricelist and Details

http://attachment.benchmarkemail.com/c331141/Cypripedium_Price_List_Hengduan_Mountains_Biotechnology_2015.pdf

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Special Events

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

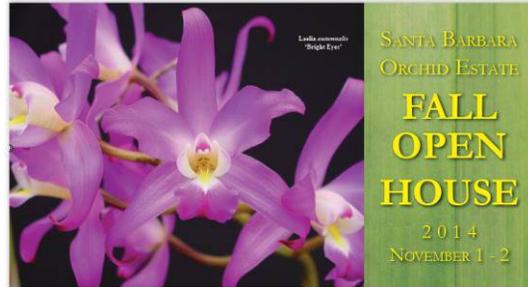
Free parking
Free Admission

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

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