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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.

January Speaker

Carol Klonowski
South African Orchids

Join the SF Orchid Society
Contact the Membership Chairman
Welcome New Members

SFOS Meeting

Tues. January 6, 2015



Tues. January 6, 2015
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

Carol Klonowski

*South African Orchids and the 2014
World Orchid Conference*

Skill Session

Judy Carney
Preparing your plants for the POE

Plant Opportunity Table

The Orchid Zone
2014-2015 SFOS

and the 2014 World Orchid Conference

Carol Klonowski

Carol Klonowski has been growing orchids since the 1980's when a friend in Berkeley, California, gave her a cattleya and it bloomed out with three big, dark lavender flowers and an intoxicating fragrance. She built an entire greenhouse in her backyard to accommodate the precious plant, which only led her to buy more orchids. Then another friend gave her a gift membership to the Orchid Society of California and it's been a serious passion ever since.

She can recall going to monthly meetings at OSC and DVOS where orchid legends such as the late Frank Fordyce and Dick Emory would be available to answer the many questions an eager hobbyist could ask.

Carol has served as Director, Vice President, and President of the Orchid Society of California for most of the past two decades and is currently an Accredited Judge with the American Orchid Society, California Sierra Nevada Judging Center.



South African Orchids and the 2014 World Orchid Conference

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This talk covers the recent 21st World Orchid Conference in Johannesburg, South Africa, and gives an overview of this most unique country's orchids. From the well-known Disas to rarer but no less interesting Bartholinas, and from fynbo, mountainside and savannah habitats, we will explore why South Africa was chosen as the host nation for this prestigious event. In addition, Carol will offer a preview of the next WOC in Guayaquil, Ecuador, and offer reasons why everyone should plan to attend.

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- No December 2014 Meeting

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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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2015 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

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

January 6, 2015 7:30pm - SFOS General Meeting

Main Speaker - Carol Klonowski

Subject: South African Orchids and the 2014 World Orchid Conference

Skill Session- Judy Carney

Preparing your plants for the POE

January 16, 2015. Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers Annual Collector's Auction. Preview 6:30 PM. Auction starts at 7:00 PM. San Mateo Garden Center, 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo, CA. Information: Carl Jukkola at cjukkola@aol.com or Darrel Wong at bacyms@yahoo.com or call (510) 582-5896.

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.

January 24th and 25th, Peninsula Orchid Society Show & Sale. Community Activities Building (not Red Morton Community building down the street), 1400 Roosevelt Ave., Redwood City. Show hours are 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM both days. Entry fees are \$5 regular, \$3 senior, handicapped, children 12 to 16. Children under 12 free, accompanied by an adult. Parking is free. Orchid show, vendor sales, member sales, presentations, free plant hotel. For more information at <http://penorchidsoc.org>.

February 19 - 22, 2015 SFOS 63rd Pacific Orchid Exposition Ft. Mason Festival Pavilion, San Francisco

Gala Benefit Preview - Thursday Feb. 19, 2015 6:30 - 10 PM;
Show and Plant Sale - February 20 - 22, 2015 Friday 10 AM - 6 PM; Saturday 9 AM - 6 PM; Sunday 10 AM - 5 PM. Tickets & Information: www.orchidsanfrancisco.org

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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

H - M

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

Upcoming Speakers

February 2015 - 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

President's Message

We've only just hung our stockings by the chimney with care. Maybe we'll leave them up into the New Year. Early and late. Switch 'em around and you get the changing Global climate. Examples are my cymbidiums now bloom whenever they feel like it. Plants that need a bit more chill aren't getting it. Keeping orchids has reinforced being a keen observer of the world around me. Keen-ish, maybe. My bees are enjoying the warm today and yesterday (as I write) and were bringing home the pollen.

Any hoot, as of today, the days are getting longer by a few seconds. The evenings have been gaining light since around the 6th, and now the sun is setting a full five minutes longer (Dec. 23rd). What does this mean, to the SFOS membership? Why, it means Pacific Orchid Expo is just up ahead! Indeed,



AOS Awards

AOS Awards

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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



the P.O.E. committee is charging ahead under some terrific
leadership. Committee chairs will be putting out sign-up sheets
in January. Frances Larose will have publicity material for all of
us to distribute. So consider where you would like to volunteer.
Plant Hotel (Lauren Nguyen), Security (Stanford Stapleton),
Credentials, plant sales, judging, books and tee shirts, you
name it! Lots and lots of opportunities. We want to fully staff for
the Gala with SFOS members, first.

So here are some resolutions to consider as we welcome
2015: 1) renew your membership. 2) P.O.E. volunteering. 3)
ENTER YOUR PLANTS!!! 4) Keep being the wonderful
generous people you are!!

Happy New Year!!!!!!

Yr obt. svrt,

**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



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

Calling all Ribbon Judging Volunteers for POE 2015

Even though the December holidays are really occupying everyone's minds, it is not too soon to be thinking about our world famous orchid show, the Pacific Orchid Exposition that will be held at Fort Mason from February 19 through the 22nd. There will be lots of volunteer opportunities but none as important or as much fun as the reason we are even having a show—for the competition for the best orchid in classes and different growing categories and the creme de la creme—the best Orchid in Show—Ribbon Judging.

Ribbon Judges are really needed! And I especially need those who have done ribbon judging in the past to volunteer again. Our very talented leader, Cindy Hill has stepped down starting this year and she has set the bar high for excellence and fun with this area. To put it more directly, I will need help making sure I don't trip over my own feet when it comes to getting everything done in a timely manner!

Ribbon Judging occurs Thursday afternoon, the 19th and volunteers must arrive by 11 since we start promptly at 1 PM. And when I say start, I mean 'out on the floor' starting...For those of you who have done this before, there is Fort Mason clean up starts at around 4 and the infamous Zamboni machine does its thing which makes hearing very difficult. There are lots of plants to go through and best of class and special trophy awards after the actual ribbon awards.

Anyone can be a member of a team and I will try very hard to put experienced ribbon judges with those who have less experience. If you have special interest or knowledge of a particular genus, let me know that because I will also try to match you with your areas of expertise or interest. I can't always do it but I will try.

So join us to kick off the POE in style! There will be signup sheets at both the January as well as the February SFOS monthly meetings. Or you can beat the crowd and avoid the long lines at the signup table by sending me an email at

czoltowski@sbcglobal.net or leave me a message with your phone number or email at 415-657-3222 by **FEBRUARY 10**.

POE 2015 Volunteers Needed for Member Plant Sales

It is that time of year again. POE 2015 is right around the corner and here are the 'how to' rules for submitting plants for sales at the member plant sales area. Please take the time to read these notes and pieces of information [there will be a test-just kidding!]. There are a few things that are slightly different from last year.

Please do a shift as a sales volunteer. You don't have to be selling your own plants or be an expert about orchids. It is really a nice place to meet fellow orchid enthusiasts and you have the added bonus of really seeing first-hand the great plants that are brought in. You can beat the crowd and get the best deals for the nicest plants. We have a nice group of people who donate their time year after year. They are the best part of the job as far as I am concerned. Hanging out with them is a treat that I look forward to every year. You can share in the fun.

If we get enough volunteers, no one has to stand on one's feet for long periods and has more time to shop and enjoy the show with breaks away from the sales table. The customers who come to POE and visit the member sales area are also very special. Many of them come year after year. I even recognize some of them from past years. There is real excitement in the air around the sales table and there are great stories to tell and learn about when you talk to customers.

Everyone who brings plants for their own personal sales or for donation are obliged to donate at least 3 hours of a sales shift within the sales area. That time can be split into segments depending on just how busy it is at a given time. If you don't help the sales area for a shift, we won't put your plants out for sales. Please see me for any special circumstances.

POE 2015 Member Plant Sales

Information for SFOS Members Who Want to Sell Plants

1. Each SFOS member will be permitted to have 100 plants only in the Member Plant Sales area at a time. That means that as your individual plants are sold, you can bring in more. Each night I will make a tally of those plants sold and make that information available to anyone who wants to call me about it.
2. Place a label on each plant and make 2 inventory sheets-one for your records and one to give to the chair/sales staff for record keeping.
3. Labels must be legible and that includes the price. Member codes will be 3 letters followed by 1 to 3 numbers. At the time of check-in, your chosen letter code will be checked to insure that there are no duplicate codes. Before being placed on the sales table, plants must be checked in by a SFOS Member Plant Sales volunteer. The volunteer staff is responsible for removing any plants that are diseased or not established. A good rule of thumb

is, if you would like to buy the plant, then it is good to sell to someone else.

4. Plants can be checked in for sale starting Thursday morning **February 19 from 10 AM until 6PM**. Please do not leave your plants without official check-in. If you 'drop plants off' without check in we won't put them on the bench for sale.

5. The San Francisco Orchid Society will assume a 25% commission for the sale of plants at the table.

6. Each person bringing plants to sell must work at the plant sales table for at least 3 hours-it doesn't have to be all at one time. I do know that the POE is a huge undertaking and there are many people who do lots of volunteer time in a variety of areas.

BUT...there are lots of plants in the member plant area and just a few loyal folks who sell everyone's plants year after year. If you are busy doing other things, you must find someone to take your shift obligation. And that shift obligation will have to be at a time where there is a need.

7. When you work at the sales area, your purpose is to sell EVERYONE's plants, not just your own plants. Anyone who attempts to sell his or her individual plants without going through the show plant sales procedure will be asked to leave the area with their plants. No side deals!

8. Each member who brings in plants is completely responsible for any loss to his or her plants. In other words, we do our best to promote and sell plants and to safeguard them from loss, theft or damage. But it happens.

9. Plants can be removed from the plant sales area on Sunday beginning at 15 minutes before the close of the show. Any exception to this must be cleared with the chair or co-chair of the Member Plant Sales area.

10. There will be no 'saving' plants [removing plants from the general sales table] for anyone other than those folks who are working in the plant sales area at the time of their shift.

11. No plants will be sold at the Member Plant Sales area **BEFORE 4 PM on Thursday, February 19**. There will be no exceptions. No one can put plants behind the sales table for later purchase. We try to keep the sales area a 'level playing field' where everyone gets an equal crack at the bargains that are there. Sales at that time, before the opening of the show, will be for exact amount cash or check only.

Volunteers are needed for all shifts on all days especially Friday all day, Saturday all day, and Sunday AM! Sunday PM shifts are always overbooked. It will be first come, first served for volunteers for Preview Night until all shifts are filled. Signup sheets will be available at the January and February SFOS meeting or you can contact me at czoltowski@sbcglobal.net or 415-657-3222. ***Hope to see you in the member Plant Sales area of the POE.***

Carol Zoltowski
Member Plant Sales Chair
415-657-3222

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Special Events

Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers

Cymbidium Orchid Auction



Friday, January 16, 2015

Auction 7:00 PM

Registration & Preview 6:30 - 7:00 PM

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Cym. Tower of Fire 'Flambe'

Catalog & Photos will be Available after January 5, 2015 at:

www.GoldCoastCymbidiumGrowers.com

Email Questions or Inquiries to bacyms@yahoo.com or call (510) 582-5896

Orchids - Nature's Beauties
Peninsula Orchid Society
2015 Show & Sale



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