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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.

May Speaker

Janet Lamborn

Account Manager specializing in:
Ornamental and Field Crop Diagnostics
Agdia, Inc/Agdia Testing Services

"Don't put on the virus blinders, your collection is depending on you!"

SFOS Meeting

Tues. June 2, 2015



Tues. June 2, 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

Janet Lamborn

*"Don't put on the virus blinders,
your collection is depending on
you!"*

Skill Session

Dennis Westler
The Orchid Doctor is In
(See more details under **Upcoming**
Events)

Plant Opportunity Table

Asuka Orchids

2014-2015 SFOS

Janet Lamborn

Janet Lamborn has been involved in the plant diagnostic industry for over fourteen years at Agdia, Inc. Starting in Agdia's Testing Services Laboratory, she gained considerable knowledge of the crops received in the lab, including orchids. After several years in Testing Services, Janet moved into the Sales and Marketing department. She works closely with Agdia's customers, including specialty crop groups such as orchid societies, making sure members and hobbyists understand what they should be testing for and the options that are available.



***"Don't put on the virus blinders, your
collection is depending on you!"***

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We're going to look closely at each viral pathogen, what it looks like and how it's transmitted. We will also talk about sanitation practices, testing options and what to do with those results.

About the Company



Agdia Testing Services offers a full range of diagnostic assays for the detection of plant pathogens. They have over 31 years experience in all

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agricultural sectors, worldwide, including ornamental, vegetable, fruit and field crops. They utilize many different technologies to meet each sectors' rigorous testing requirements in order to provide Agdia customers accurate results. Agdia Testing Services works closely with each customer, from researchers to diagnosticians and growers both in the greenhouse and field, to provide their results in the most cost effective and rapid way while maintaining customer confidentiality.

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- April 13, 2015

Present: George McRae, Valerie Mountain, Steve Beckendorf, Carol Zoltowski, Tom Perlite, Chris Mende, Claire Zvanski, Dexter Hodes, Dennis Westler, Dave Hermeyer Excused: Jean Lee, Florence Inserto
The meeting started at 7:30.

I. President's Report

A. George: the slate of candidates put together by the nominating committee was presented to the membership at the April meeting. The candidates are listed below.

President: Dave Hermeyer

VP: Lauren Ngyuen

Treasurer: Jack Ryder

Board: Fred Schechter

Continuing officers:

Secretary: Valerie Mountain

Board: Claire Zvanski

Board: Chris Mende

Board: Dexter Hodes

Nominations can still be made by SFOS members up until the election.

B. The budget for 2015- 2016 will be reviewed by the board. Refer to the Treasurer's report below.

II. Vice President's Report

A. Steve: The speaker for May will be Janet Lamborne on virus testing. Plant Opportunity Table and Skill Session are TBD. June's speaker will be: Sam Tsui on Paph hybrids. Other upcoming speakers will be Bob Hamilton for July, Winn Winnmaw from Burma for August, and Guillermo Salazar from Florida in September. Steve is in the process of lining up speakers for the fall months.

FEATURED ARTICLE

2015 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 -

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2015 Dues

(\$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

George Su
Rick Beverly
Deb Jones
Sharon Langan
David Scheel
Lydia Klenova
Dean Varni

Please welcome our new members
at your earliest opportunity.

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

G - L

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

III. Membership

A. Claire: There were 5 or 6 renewals at the April monthly meeting, along with one online renewal. Some new members have joined over the past month. There were several guests at the April meeting to hear the Cisco Dietz presentation.

IV. POE

A. Dennis & Tom: Preparation for the 2016 POE is in the preliminary stages. We are waiting to see if Taiwan is interested in sponsorship again this year. Dennis has a new contact for possible sponsorship from Mainland China. Herbst Pavilion as a new venue was discussed, but this may be taken over by the Academy of Art, and we would lose our preferred date & place at the Festival Pavilion. We have the Festival Pavilion reserved and need to commit and pay by June. No new news about Piedemonte Caterers, who are apparently suspended from catering at Ft. Mason for a year. Tom is following up on this with the Park staff, as well as with Frances and the POE committee. Other caterers have much higher rates. Any suggestions for potential caterers from the membership will be welcomed. The next POE meeting will be April 23rd. Please contact Maureen Clarke if interested in attending. Tom was asked if he wanted to continue as POE Production Manager. He said that he does want to stay on and felt that the general review from the vendors was positive for the 2015 show. Steve made a motion noting that the board was pleased with Tom's management and would like him to continue as Production Manager for the 2016 POE. The motion was seconded and passed by all.

V. Treasurer

A. Carol: Checking: \$39,490.44, High Yield Savings: \$158550.72, Market Rate Savings: \$1507.09. She has just received the tax bill of \$2827 for this quarter. This tax bill is higher than the rest of the year due to POE sales. Net profits for 2015 POE will be around \$17,500. Operating expenses for the SFOS without POE are about \$27,000 for the 2014 calendar year. The budget for the SFOS is about \$30,000. Big ticket items include the storage locker, rent for the hall, speakers, plant table, and accounting. The society is doing well financially, but expenses need to be kept in control. Carol recommends that sales taxes be passed on to the customers for all items sold at POE and OITP. Dennis noted that the POE committee will be discussing ways to increase attendance and sponsorship income at the 2016 POE. Allocations for each budget item were discussed, and Carol will put together a budget proposal for the May board meeting.

VI. Website

A. George reported that Kathy, our current website manager, can no longer work on the website. She has recommended her former associate, Orysia, to take over the position. Her prices would be lower and she would be shared by the POE committee.

VII. New Business

A. Tom was contacted about a donation of books and magazines from the estate of Cynthia Flag. Tom will look these over and see what



AOS Awards

AOS Awards

American Orchid Society Pacific
Judging Center Web site: :

<http://www.paccentraljc.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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SFOS Membership

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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 Plea
se 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



would be of interest for the SFOS for the library, to sell at meetings or
shows or as a donation to the Helen Crocker Russell Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50.

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

May 5, 2015 7:30pm - SFOS General Meeting

Main Speaker - Janet Lamborn

Account Manager specializing in: Ornamental and Field Crop
Diagnostics
Agdia, Inc/Agdia Testing Services

**Subject: "Don't put on the virus blinders, your collection is
depending on you!"**

Skill Session- Dennis Westler - The Orchid Doctor is In

Dennis Westler will be on hand for this month's skill session. He will
answer questions regarding general orchid culture, the growing of
specific plants that may be giving you problems, and diagnosing
problems with insects, disease and improper growing technique. If
you have plants with problems, please bring them to the meeting,
but make sure diseased parts (or the entire plant) are in sealed
plastic bags! And actual plants/plant parts are infinitely better than
pictures.

May 2-3, 2015 D & D Flowers Spring Open-house 9 AM to 3 PM. At

the new location on 169 1st Avenue, Daly City, CA 94014. (D&D
Flowers is not open to the public except during the spring and fall
scheduled open houses) Greenhouse is on the right 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 on the left hand
side of the red garage. Please drive safely. Limited street parking so
please car pool. Do not park within the chain link fence. Mahalo for
your cooperation!

May 7 - 10, 2015 - 2015 Filoli Flower Show - Voyages...with an International Flair Woodside, CA for more information:
<http://www.filoli.org>

May 9 - 10, 2014. Orchid Society of California Mother's Day Show and Sale. Fri 12:00 PM - 6 PM, Sat & Sun 10 AM - 5 PM, Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Drive, Lake Merritt, Oakland. Free admission.

May 16, 2015 Saturday Orchid Sale at Ken Cook's Greenhouse 8:00 a.m. to Noon 5711 Amend Rd., Richmond, CA 94803 (El Sobrante area) Cool (Masdevallia and Draculas) Intermediate (species and hybrids) Email Address kencook.kc@gmail.com

June 5 - 7, 2015 San Jose Orchid Exhibition and Wine Tasting. \$10 Special Preview Night Friday 5:30 - 9:30 pm. \$5 Sat. & Sun. 9am - 5 pm. Wine Garden \$10 Fri - Sun. Winchester Mystery House, 525 S. Winchester Blvd., San Jose, CA 95128.

Upcoming Speakers

June 2015 - Sam Tsui - Paph Hybrids

July 2015 - Bob Hamilton

August 2015 - Winn Winnmaw from Myanmar (Burma)

September 2015 - Guillermo Salazar from Florida

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

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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

President's Message

Hooray, hooray the month of May..... I had an odd thought the other day. Actually in concert with some meteorological observations I do. The days are getting longer, but at a decelerating rate. At the peak last month, the days were getting longer at about two minutes and thirty seconds a day. Now it's about two minutes and fifteen seconds a day. Then I thought, the days will begin to get shorter in about seven weeks. It was odd only in that I ought to paying more attention to the "now" rather than what is ahead in the coming months.

Part of the keeping of orchids is efficient use of time. A longer evening means the opportunity of repotting with sunlight, Or watering. Or feeding. Like I said; efficient use of time. I have found that I care for my plants intuitively. Meaning, for me, that I realize it's been a while since I actually did the caring things for my plants I really need to do and boy is it great that I have some sunlight in the evening to stem the tide of oncoming disaster. My schedule is non fixed and most times improvisational. So I can't with any certainty say "Saturdays are when I feed", etc. Many Saturdays, I'm up early and home from a job well after midnight as an example. So I try and do the things I need to do when I can steal time to do them. Watering, I can get to but my situation means that feeding usually is something lacking. Repotting? That's a good one! And I'll be here till Thursday! The point is, it would be nice to stay somewhere ahead of the curve.

This is my last post as your President. The May meeting will also be my last as your president. I will run the May board meeting and then, the gavel is handed over to Dave. That is, if he is elected. I believe you

have a great board to elect at the May meeting. All seem excited to serve. And importantly, all appear to get along. I will be completely honest with you. I inherited a board that in many cases did not get along and spent a great deal of my time as president absorbed in thinking about how to make folks get along to do the club's business. And much of the club's business did not get done because of it.

Any group of people will have differences of opinion. However, it is less than healthy when participants can't seem to put down the 'rock" so to speak and it becomes personal. Folks resigned, re-joined, and finally-permanent resignations. The biggest problem is that all the participants have long histories with the Society and have extremely valuable experience. This was squandered because of the conflicts. I am not a trained mediator. I asked people to work out their issues privately and this did not occur. So, it is up to all of us to keep the mission of the Society in our hearts and minds-education and conservation being the most paramount. Enough from me. The Society is in good shape financially and with any luck the Society can surmount the difficult obstacles that a rapidly changing San Francisco seems to be hurling in its path. Take care of each other.

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George McRae

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

San Francisco Botanical Garden is having a 75th Anniversary Celebration on Sunday May 31, from 11AM to 5PM. SFOS will have a table there to promote our society, recruit new members, and to chat with folks about orchids. The event is free to the public, and as many as 5,000 people may attend. There will be international music and dance performances, and activities for children and adults. I need some volunteers to help staff the table for just an hour or two - so you'll have plenty of time to enjoy the rest of the celebration! Please contact me at dave@hermeyer.us or 415-255-6322.

Dave Hermeyer

California Sierra Nevada Judging Center

The California Sierra Nevada Judging Center has its April awards online, just in time for show season. <http://www.csnjc.org>

Kathy Barrett

Orchid Books for Sale AOS & Orchid Digest Bound Magazines-Free

I recently picked up many books and AOS and Orchid Digest magazines from Cynthia Fleig's family. Cynthia was a longtime member and judge in the area who passed away in February. All of the magazines are bound for each year dating back to 1962. I will bring them to the meeting in May and would like the membership to know they will be there for free to the members. The family wanted them to find a good home rather than throwing them out. There were also quite

a few books which will be added to the library or sold at a later date.
Tom Perlite

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Special Events



Mother's Day Weekend
Saturday and Sunday
May 9th and 10th
10AM - 5PM

Orchid Show & Sale 2015

Lakeside Park Garden Center
666 Bellevue Avenue Oakland CA 94610
Next to the Gardens at Lake Merritt Botanical Garden in Lakeside Park

FREE ADMISSION • Orchid displays • Orchids for sale • Culture sessions • Raffles
Presented by orchidsocietyofca.org • This card good for one FREE raffle ticket!

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