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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.

July Speaker

Winn Winmaw

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SFOS Meeting

Tues. July 7, 2015



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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

Winn Winmaw
*Orchids of the
Shan Plateau*

Skill Session

Debra Atwood
Napa Valley Orchids
Where the Bugs Are: Orchid Pests

Plant Opportunity Table

Orchids of the Shan Plateau in Myanmar

Winn Winmaw

Winn was born in Shan State, eastern Burma, where *Cymbidium lowianum*, *Vanda coerulea* and *Paphiopedilum charlesworthii* are found abundantly in the wild. The first orchid that Winn collected from the forest floor was a dendrobium species. He was 7 years old. With this he began taking care of orchids in his family's garden.

As an undergraduate studying physics at the University of Rangoon, Winn was a member of the Department of Botany's orchid society. Later he lived in Japan for four years for further study and training. In 1988, he moved to the United States and settled in Orange County. Eventually he began collecting and growing orchids here.

Today he has a large orchid collection, many of which are vandaceous orchids. He grows his plants in a shade house and greenhouse. He has been a member of the Newport Harbor Orchid Society since 1995.

Recently Winn has made several trips back to Burma and has explored orchids in nature. He shares his orchid experiences by giving presentation to orchid societies.



Orchids of the Shan Plateau

Napa Valley Orchids

2015-2016 SFOS

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In December of 2013, Winn made another orchid expedition to the Shan Plateau the eastern part of Burma (now Myanmar). The Shan Plateau can reach an altitude of over

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SFOS NEWSLETTER

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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

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2015 Dues

(\$25 per year-Individual)

(\$40 per household-2 or more- per year)

2,000 meters (6,562 ft) with beautiful landscapes and humid subtropical climate. It is pleasantly warm during the day time and cool at night.

Winn will cover the following during his presentation: His orchid talk at the closing ceremony of a vocational education class on orchid growing; a mountain near his hometown, where he collected his first orchid, when he was seven years old; the camping experience at Ashe-Myin Anauk-Myin Mountains that run North to South with the highest peak at 2115 meters (7,070 ft); wild orchid collecting; and of course, pictures of orchid habitats that are difficult to reach without experienced guides and porters. According to Winn, this journey was the most adventurous and treacherous compared to his previous orchid expeditions.

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- June 8, 2015

DH called meeting to order at 7: 48 PM. There was a break for dinner at 8:17. The meeting resumed at 8:40.

FI recording tonight's meeting.

Roll Call: Present:

Incoming / Outgoing

- President David Hermeyer
- Vice President Lauren Nguyen / Steve Beckendorf
- Treasurer Jack Ryder
- Secretary
- Membership Florence Inserto, Claire Zvanski
- POE Show Chair Dennis Westler
- Past President
- Directors Dexter Hodes, Claire Zvanski, Fred Schechter

Excused: Valerie Mountain (Secretary), Chris Mende (Director) and Mary Gerritsen (Past President)

Guests: Jean Lee, Tom Perlite

Agenda was reviewed.

Treasurer's report: (JR): Met with past treasurer, Carol Zoltowski, and deleted her name and added his name to the

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

**Allyson Moulton
Besgrow-New Zealand
Bob Chirico
Helmut Drews**

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

S - Z

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

list of signatories. In the process of receiving all financial records from Carol. He will have next year's budget and a financial report for next board meeting.

Vice President's report (LN/SB): Lauren has been working with the outgoing VP, Steve Beckendorf to line up speakers for the next fiscal year. Sam Tsui will be rescheduled possibly January 2016.

July: Winn Maw from Burma; topic: TBD
August: Bob Hamilton, a local member; topic: TBD
September: Guillermo Salazar; topic: TBD
October: Holger Perner from China; topic: Orchids of China (preorder available)
November: Fred Clarke, a local member; topic: TBD
December: Norman Fang; topic: Native Orchids of Taiwan or genus Cataseum.

Membership (FI/CZ): There was one new member who joined at the June meeting. Three members passed away. A total of life members, regular members and sustaining members will be given at the July meeting.

CZ notes new members are younger and interested in volunteering during the POE/OiTP. FI continues to have computer issues and CZ has been performing the bulk of the work.

A suggestion was made to match a new member with a mentor. It was tried in previous years with some success. In the newsletter, there will be a call for mentors whose names will be available for new members to access at the meetings and on the website.

CZ is mailing the newsletter to 3 members/month as most members receive the newsletters electronically.

POE Report (DW/TP): The next show meeting is 18 June at the SF Hall of Flowers. There will be a final vote to decide if the Gala will continue. There has been a decrease in attendance, the caterer is unreliable, and a loss of revenue. There are suggestions about increasing revenue for the Gala i.e., encouraging members to purchase Gala tickets or contacting corporations to host private parties after the show is closed in the evening. To have the Gala event be profitable, at least 900 tickets must be sold. In 2015, ~ 430 tickets were sold.

The group continues to look for other corporations to sponsor the POE. There are several types of sponsorship available. Vendors are being contacted.

ORCHIDS in THE PARK (OiTP) (LN): Waiting for more vendors to send in checks. Working on public relations and advertising for the event. Will be putting out email blasts,



AOS Awards

AOS Awards

American Orchid Society Pacific Judging
Center Web site: :

<http://www.pacentraljc.org/>

Please check the Web site for the most
recent awards.



Change of Address

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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 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



Facebook evites as well. Working with Jean Lee for other
ideas.

Continue to look for volunteers. Need a chairperson to head
the security committee. Looking for seminar speakers for
Saturday and Sunday. Will need three for each day. Mary
Gerritsen may have a list of contacts.

The price will be: General Admission \$5; Seniors (65 and
over) \$4 and children under 16 are free. More postcards will
be printed for distribution.

OLD BUSINESS

GoToMeeting (DH): Next month's board meeting will be
tested on this site. DH will set it up and have a test link up
soon.

Storage Locker (DH): Cost of a locker is \$6,000/year. Most
of the items are for POE and some for OiTP. It is full, but to
cut costs we are looking for other spaces. The size needed
is 10 x 20 x 8 ft. about the size of a garage. JL will take a
picture of the current locker after OiTP. We may look on
Craig's list to find a suitable garage for rent.

Show Bucks for OiTP (LN): A motion was made and
seconded to delegate to the chairperson to set the threshold
to qualify for vouchers. Motion passed. The vouchers are
offered to incentivize members and friends to volunteer
during OiTP.

NEW BUSINESS

Amendment: To amend May board meeting minutes to
reflect that JL made the motion to send donations to Helen
Crocker Library ET. Al., and FI seconded.

San Francisco Botanical Garden (DH): Motion made and
seconded to donate \$100 for the 75th Anniversary
Celebration. Motion passed.
DH proposed participation for the SFBG Summer Garden
Faire. Deferred until the next board meeting.

Membership category changes (DH): Proposed adding
higher categories which members would receive incentives.
Single; Family; Sustaining (member may receive ticket to
Gala event/weekend pass at POE); Friend: receive
sustaining gifts and other gift(s) and; Patron: receive the
above gifts plus other gift(s)

Proposal moved to table to next Board meeting in July 2015.

Careers in Horticulture (TP): Motion made and seconded
to donate \$1500 in July 2015 to support the program that is

sponsored by the SF Sheriff's Department and supports the POE. Motion passed.

SFOS brochures/postcards (FI): Requested to update information and/or combine the current brochure and postcard. FI and CZ will work on it.

Refreshments (FI): Motion made and seconded to discontinue refreshment table if a chairperson is not found by September 2015. Motion failed.

Meeting adjourned by DH at 9:48 PM

Respectively submitted,
Florence Inserto
Acting Secretary, SFOS
Membership Co-chair

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

July 7, 2015 7:30pm - SFOS General Meeting

Main Speaker - Win Winmaw
Subject: *Orchids of the Shan Plateau*

Skill Session- Debra Atwood - Napa Valley Orchids

Where the Bugs Are: Orchid Pests

July 25 - 26, 2015 Orchids in the Park Saturday and Sunday, 10 AM to 5 PM. Thousands of orchids both species and hybrids for your collection or to start one. Many are easy to grow and maintain-come see the show and enjoy the beauty and wonder of all types of orchids. \$5 Admission, \$4 Seniors, 16 years and under-free. SF County Fair Building corner of 9th Ave. and Lincoln Way.

August 1, 2015 Saturday California Sierra Nevada

Speaker's Day 9 AM - 5 PM Odd Fellows Building 1831
Howe Avenue at Alta Arden Sacramento, CA \$10 advance;
\$20 at the door for sponsoring societies or AOS members;
\$25 general admission Speaking will be Glen Decker of
Piping Rock Orchids, Peter Tobias of the Orchid
Conservation Alliance and Steve Beckendorf of the AOS
Conservation Committee.

July 4th & August 1st, 2015 California Orchids Mini

Sales Continue - 10 AM - 4 PM 515 Aspen Road,
Bolinias 415-868-0203 info@californiaorchids.com
Mary Nesbit/California Orchids www.californiaorchids.com

November 11-15, 2015 AOS Members Meeting Hosted by
the Northern Nevada Orchid Society
Atlantis Casino & Resort 3800 S. Virginia Street, Reno,
Nevada 89502 www.nnvos.org

Upcoming Speakers

August 2015 - Bob Hamilton

September 2015 - Guillermo Salazar from Florida

**October 2015: Holger Perner from China; topic:
Orchids of China (preorder available)**

November 2015: Fred Clarke, topic TBD

**December 2015: Norman Fang; topic: Native Orchids
of Taiwan/genus Cataseum.**

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

ARE YOU LOST?

ARE YOU LOST, LONELY, OR BEWILDERED AT SFOS MEETINGS? Probably not, because you are an accomplished orchidist and a long time Society Member.

On the other hand, many new Members **do** have these feelings, and would appreciate a personal Coach to turn to at meetings as well as close to home to help them become absorbed into our orchid community. The plan is to present new members with contact information for two Coach volunteers from which to choose.

If you have the time and inclination to extend yourself as a Coach, please email the following information to **Fred Schechter** at onpump@gmail.com:

Name, Neighborhood, email, telephone and/or cell phone

number, orchid specialty, and the most convenient time for receiving an initial contact call.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Notes from the Prez

Sellageny and Oh-Eye-Tee-Pee

In a SFOS survey about three years ago, some newer members wrote they found our meetings intimidating, both socially (that it was hard to meet and talk with older members) and botanically (that beginners found the myriad of all the Latin names overwhelming). It's true – as a new member and relative orchid newbie I felt pretty isolated and ignorant for a long time after I joined the Society. I remember one meeting where there was some talk about a very nice genus that I liked called Sellageny, which mystified me greatly since when I got home afterward I couldn't find it listed in any of my beginner's books. It was only much later that I found out that the genus at that meeting was actually Coelogyne. If I had just asked one of the other members at the meeting, I could have learned that answer much sooner, and maybe made a new acquaintance as well.

So if you're a new or newish member, please know that we were all in your shoes at some point. Be patient, and try to meet a member or two at each meeting. Don't hesitate to ask someone if you have a question about some particular plant, or want to know something about our meetings or any other aspect of the SFOS. And you older members, please reach out to our newer members to let them feel welcome!

Oh my gosh – Orchids in the Park is next month! This year is just flying by, don't you think? I was looking at my calendar today, and believe it or not OITP is just a mere 5 weeks away! Many of you may not know that although OITP is much smaller than the Pacific Orchid Exhibition, it's often a big money maker for SFOS. Our Orchid Society takes a lot of money to exist, and we depend on having successful shows to keep putting on the wonderful meetings and activities we all love.

Our members play a vital role in making OITP a success, and we appreciate you all! If you haven't done so already, please volunteer for a shift (or two or three...) at the show. There are a wide range of volunteer positions at the show you can fill to match your skills and physical abilities. You can sign up on the sheets at the July meeting, or you can call or email any of the show chairpersons listed elsewhere in this newsletter. As a thank-you, we will be giving volunteers "Show Bucks" coupons, which can be used as a \$5 credit towards buying plants at the show.

Being a volunteer not only helps SFOS – you'll help yourself too! You'll have opportunities to meet more of your fellow

members who would just love to share their orchid experiences and knowledge with you. You can meet and chat with orchid vendors and other people behind the scenes. Best of all is that you'll have a sense of accomplishment and pride that you've played a part in producing one of the best orchid shows in the country!

Dave Hermeyer
President
San Francisco Orchid Society

MEMBER PLANT SALES
ORCHIDS IN THE PARK
July 25 & 26, 2015

Help your Society and yourself by selling your excess plants at the Member Plant Sales table. Make space for your new orchids. Just inform Kay of your intent to bring plants and mark each sale plant with its name, your code and price, i.e., Maxillaria marginata KK-1 \$10.00, and give Kay a master list. Help to sell plants for at least 3 hours. You get 75% of the price. SFOS gets 25% and pays the sales tax. You may bring plants anytime during the event, but Friday or early on Saturday is best. If you have questions, ask Kay at a meeting or contact her at kayklumb@gmail.com or 415 648-8271

California Sierra Nevada Judging Center

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

Speaker's Day -August 1, 2015. Speaking will be Glen Decker of Piping Rock Orchids, Peter Tobias of the Orchid Conservation Alliance and Steve Beckendorf of the AOS Conservation Committee.

Kathy Barrett

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Special Events



Photo by Ron Parsons

Orchids in the Park

San Francisco Orchid Society
Summer Show and Sale

July 25-26, 2015

10 am-5 pm

San Francisco County Fair Building
Golden Gate Park

\$5 admission, \$4 seniors 65+
Children 16 and under free

Seminars & Workshops

Thousands of Orchids for Sale!

Our vendors for 2015

Orchids and Gardens, Hanging Gardens, D & D Flowers,
Ecuagenera, Seed Engel, ORCHIDesign, Brookside Orchids
Austin Creek Orchids, Andy's Orchids, Barsh Tropicals
The Tiny Jungle, Paphiness, Calwest Tropical Supply
Orchid Zone, City College of San Francisco
Orchid Conservation Alliance

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Presents

**California Sierra Nevada
Speaker's Day**

Saturday, August 2, 2014
9am to 5pm
Odd Fellows Building
1831 Howe Avenue at Alta Arden
Sacramento, CA

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS - Saturday, August 2, 2014

- 9:00 **AOS Judging, see how we judge**
- 11:00 **The Laelias of Mexico, their hybrids and how to grow them**
Jim Rose, Cal-Orchid
- 12:00 **Lunch Break**
- 12:45 **Auction**
- 1:45 **Complex Paphiopedilums**
Theresa Hill, Hillview Garden
- 2:45 **Phalaenopsis Species, Their Habitat and Culture**
Carlos Fighetti, President of the International Phalaenopsis Alliance
- 3:45 **Break out Sessions**
Theresa Hill on Paphiopedilum culture
Carlos Fighetti on Phalaenopsis culture
Dennis Olivas on growing Cattleyas outdoor in Northern California

\$10 advance
\$20 at the door for Sponsoring Societies or AOS members
\$25 general admission

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