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The mission of the SFOS is to foster the culture and conservation 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.

June Speaker

Marni Turkel

Show Me the Plant

Marni Turkel

Marni Turkel (pronounced tur KELL) is a native of the San Francisco Bay Area and has been growing orchids since 1980. She grows in four enclosed greenhouses in Santa Rosa with approximately 1250 sq ft of growing space.

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SFOS Meeting

**Tues. June 7,
2016**



Tues. June 7, 2016
AOS Judging: 7:00 PM
Skills Session: 7:00 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

Marni Turkel
Show Me the Plant

Skill Session

Mary Gerritsen

Hang it up-How to mount orchids

Originally, her main interest was in cool-growing miniature species but plenty of larger plants have crept into the collection as well. With the addition of a warm greenhouse in 2015, she grows a wide range of species from warm to cold growers. Marni has been a contributor to Orchids magazine with her series called 'Well Worth the Space' and 'Give It a Rest'. Her articles have been translated into Dutch, German, Portuguese and Swedish for international publication. Photographs of her plants have been feature in articles in noted orchid publications including Orchids Magazine, Orchid Digest, Richardiana, The Orchid Review, and The Australian Orchid Review. For the last few years she has been sharing her photographs and knowledge on OrchidsForum.com.

Starting in 2009, Marni expanded her work with orchids to include propagation of orchids from seed and set up a flasking lab of her own to take the process from start to finish. It has grown rather fast and now has around 5000 flasks on her shelves at any given time. While she does some work for other clients, the business primarily produces and sell flasks of many of the orchids species in her collection. After working for over 43 years as a potter, she has retired from ceramics to pursue orchids full-time.



Plant Opportunity Table

Marni Turkel

Marni will also bring
plants to sell
2016-2017 SFOS

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AOS Representative

Show Me the Plant



How many of us have been disappointed when we finally bloom that plant we bought because the picture of the flower was so beautiful? Then it turned out to be a very small flower on a very long spike on an ungainly plant.

"Show Me the Plant" is a presentation that uses photographs of blooming specimen plants as well as close-ups to consider the whole plant for a sense of proportion and relationship and not just the flower in isolation. Marni will be talking about many of her favorite plants and will cover some basic information as well as specific needs for individual plants and strategies for growing specimen plants. This is a chance to see the best of her collection and learn how she grows it.

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 May 9, 2016

Present: Dave Hermeyer, Valerie Mountain, Jack Ryder, Tom Perlite, Jean Lee, Fred Schechter, Chris Mende, Claire Zvanski, Mary Gerritsen, Florence Inserto, Angelic Nguyen

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FEATURED ARTICLE

**2016 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

Excused: Dennis Westler, Dexter Hodes,
The meeting started at 7:30.

I. Treasurer

A. Jack: Balances as of April 30, 2016: Checking -\$453.98, High Yield Savings \$100,676.06, Market Rate Savings \$1507.58. Per Jack, the amount in Checking represents a QuickBooks balance and the account actually has closer to \$5000 in it with recent deposits. POE accounting is mostly wrapped up. The PO Box has been paid for. Jack noted it would be helpful to get an exact number of current members for accounting purposes. The first raffle ticket has been sold for the Fall Antique Raffle. Frances and Orysia have set up a PayPal account for the tickets, and a PayPal report could be used to make a list of ticket sales for use at Orchids in the Park (OITP). Jack presented the first draft of the budget for review and discussion. Several items were discussed and adjusted. Jack will make the revisions for the next board meeting.

II. Vice President

A. Mary: The speaker for the June meeting will be Marni Turkel, topic: Show Me the Plant (a discussion of 10 of her favorite orchids). She will also provide the Opportunity Table. Mary will run the Skill Session which will be a demonstration on Mounting Plants. Members can bring their own plants and mounting media and Mary will provide plants and mounts as well. Speaker for July will be Phyllis Prestia, topic: OCA Tour of Madagascar. Debra Atwood of Napa Valley Orchids will provide the Opportunity Table. August speaker will be Ron Kaufman, topic TBD, and Opportunity Table TBD.

III. Membership

A. Claire & Florence: They will be putting together an exact list of current members for the next board meeting. Mary has offered to help with this. They are looking at the other area orchid societies for ideas on recruiting new members for the SFOS. One idea was to offer a free raffle ticket for providing an email address at Orchids in the Park.

IV. POE

A. Tom's report: Fort Mason: Tom has requested a proposal from Fort Mason for POE 2017 during the week of February 20-27. To summarize the proposal: Total rental charges are approximately \$40,000. This is an increase of \$5,000 over last year. They are giving us a 50% discount on their normal charges. The ancillary charges total approximately \$20,000. \$1700 of this are charges for their Box Office service where they are in control of all of the ticket sales. If we are to stay at Fort Mason, we also need to add the cost of our usual security (\$4,000) and Red Cross (\$1500-\$2000), for a total cost at Fort Mason of \$66,000. Cow Palace: The proposal from the Cow Palace for the same dates: Rent for the South Hall, which is approximately the same size as the Festival Pavilion, is \$7500 or 10% of the admission charges, whichever is higher. In our case, 10% of our total admission charges would be approximately \$10,000-\$11,000, based on last year's admission receipts. The additional charges total approximately \$39,000. This figure does include security and medical staff provided by the Cow Palace. These figures are estimates but should be fairly close. The Cow Palace would also be in charge of all ticket sales. We will also get the additional space in the entrance of the Cow Palace as well as a few sales kiosks in the Concourse at no additional cost. We would most likely need to rent a side room for volunteer check in, that can also be used for other purposes. All food concessions are handled by the Cow Palace's concessionaire, and there should be plenty of food. Holding the show at the Cow Palace would eliminate the need for the shuttle service which would save us \$9500 in expenses. The Cow Palace would somewhat limit our volunteer access to the show without paying. They did not get into specifics, but Tom got the impression there would be some limits, since we are not in control of the Box Office. Recommendations: Tom would recommend moving the show to the Cow Palace, as it will cost us roughly

instructions for forgotten password.

If there are errors, please contact Florence Inserto - flojo1337@yahoo.com or Claire Zvanski: (415) 341-3085 czvanski@hotmail.com.

2016 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

**Gladys Kupper
Paula Sommer
Arlene Krieger
David W Scheel**

**Cassandra Killion
Robin Kerry Trefz**

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

\$26,000 less than if we were to stay at Fort Mason. He doesn't know how we can continue at the Fort with such an increase in costs. We would need an increase in attendance of more than 2000 people to offset those costs. The Cow Palace also provides ample parking which has become more and more of an issue at Fort Mason. Last month, the show committee discussed expanding and changing the scope of the show to add vendors who sell other plants and plant products to hopefully attract a broader audience and sponsorship. Some of the potential vendors mentioned were Momiji Maples, Maples for all Seasons, Annie's Annuals, Sloat Garden Center, Hida Tool Co., California Carnivores, Succulent Gardens, The Urban Farmer, and Proven Winners. This would be a departure from how our show has always been run, but we cannot continue to have the show and break even, or lose money as we did last year. We also discussed reducing the exhibit space and increasing the vendor area, so as to have a greater source of income from vendors. This would help offset operating expenses and we would not be so reliant upon the attendance to meet our expenses and make a profit. The Show committee discussed changing the name of the show to reflect the change in the show and addition of different vendors. The name discussed was the Pacific Orchid and Floral Exposition. Tom would recommend that it be the Pacific Orchid and Garden Exposition. This would allow for more sponsorship opportunities within the gardening arena, more than if we use "floral". Alternative Direction: Another alternative is to greatly reduce the size and scope of the show and return it to the Hall of Flowers. We could have the sale area in the room that we use for Orchids in the Park, and the exhibit space in our normal Meeting room. The back rooms could be used for volunteers and vendor hospitality if need be. We would be able to accommodate roughly 25 vendors in the space and generate roughly \$25,000 in vendor fees. The front outdoor area could possibly be tented to accommodate additional vendors or food vendors. Parking would continue to be an issue, as would the other events taking place in the park. Our overhead expenses would be greatly reduced in all areas as would our potential income. The volunteer needs for a small show would also be reduced as would the scope of the Production Manager and Publicity. Tom has not inquired as to the cost and availability of the Hall of Flowers for our show dates. The board discussed the report, noting that the shape of the hall at the Cow Palace would necessitate a different exhibition set up, and it does not have natural light. Overall, however, the Cow Palace seems like the best option. Mary made a motion to go forward with the Cow Palace for POE 2017. The motion was seconded and passed. Angelic suggested advertising the change in venue at OITP, and at the next monthly meeting.

V. Orchids in the PARK (OITP)

A. Angelic: The vendors have been contacted. Ten have confirmed, several are not coming and she is waiting for replies from 8 more. Cal West asked for one and a half booth spaces for \$750; this was okayed. The committee chairs have been set up. Angelic wants to encourage the members to bring in their plants for the center display, in addition to the vendor plants. She is working on ways to promote the show, using the newsletter, Facebook and other social media, and advertising. She inquired about using PayPal for selling tickets online. Jack noted that PayPal is not set up for this, and Eventbrite or other sites would be better for this. The board suggested that Angelic contact Frances for information about selling tickets online.

VI. New Business

A. Property Manager Replacement: Dave and Tom noted that they have had great difficulty getting in contact with Ellen to get access to the storage locker. She had all the keys for it, so the lock had to be drilled out and replaced. A discussion was held about replacing her as Property Manager, and who could replace her. Dave asked Tom if he would fill in temporarily for some aspects of the Property Manager position. Tom and others need access for the POE and OITP shows. Tom would need to be reimbursed for the use of his truck and for any time that his helper Rafael may spend on SFOS business. The keys would need to be shared among Tom, the storage locker facility and Dave or someone else in the society who needs to access the locker. Dave will be contacting Ellen about these changes.

have their Orchid Related Businesses listed need to contact membership. See contact information above or at end of this newsletter.

Refreshments

D - I

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

AOS Awards

American Orchid Society
Pacific Judging Center
Web

site: <http://www.pacentral.org/>

Please check the Web site for the most recent awards.

AOS Awards from the Central Valley of California and Northern

B. Newsletter Editor Replacement: Fred met with Stanford and decided he cannot help with this position. Dave will make another announcement to find someone to help Stanford.

C. Renewal of Go To Meeting: There is one month left before renewing Go To Meeting, which is used for the virtual board meetings. Overall, this site has worked much better than Skype. Mary made a motion to renew. The motion was seconded and passed.

D. Donations: Expoflores had contacted the society about a donation for the Ecuador Emergency Relief fund after the recent earthquake. The money would be used to build shelters that would later be turned into greenhouses. Tom noted that the greenhouses would be used for roses, not orchids, and that this did not really fit with our mission statement. Claire made a motion not to make the donation. This was seconded and passed. City College: Claire noted that Steve Brown and the City College students are very helpful at the 2 shows. They currently have \$1245 left over from previous donations and would like some direction on how to best use this, and any future donations. Tom made a motion to donate \$1000, with the society providing direction on working with the orchids in their greenhouse, and have the department be more involved with the SFOS. The motion was seconded and passed.

E. Renewal of Tom's POE Production Manager contract: Jean made a motion to accept the contract as written. The motion was seconded and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10.

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

June 7, 2016 7:30pm - SFOS General Meeting

Main Speaker - Marni Turkel

Subject: Show Me the Plant

Skill Session- Mary Gerritsen - Hang it up - How to mount orchids

This month's session is a workshop "Hang it up", a hands on demonstration and audience participation event. Mary Gerritsen will be demonstrating how to mount orchids, and there will be a Q&A about the culture of mounted orchids. She will provide some mounting material and plants for people to practice the technique. Members are also welcome to bring a plant they wish to mount along with a suitable mount.

May 21 & 22, 2016 D&D Flowers Spring Open House 169 1st Avenue Daly City, CA 94014 9:00 AM to 3 PM

Nevada

<http://www.csnjc.org>



Change of Address

Send all address and e-mail changes to:
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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



Amazon Smile - OCA

July 23 and 24, 2016 Orchids in the Park Show and Sale 10 am – 5 pm at the Hall of Flowers, County Fair Building (9th Ave. & Lincoln Way) in Golden Gate Park Local & International Vendors - Demonstrations - Raffle. Admission: \$5, Seniors \$4, under 16 free.

www.orchidsanfrancisco.org

Saturday, July 30, 2016 California Sierra Nevada Speaker's Day 9AM - 5PM Odd Fellows Hall 1831 Howe Ave (at Alta Arden) Sacramento, CA
95825 Tickets in advance are available from Susan Wedegaertner (sgwede@gmail.com) for \$10 for affiliated societies or AOS members, at the door it's \$30. Carrie Raven-Riemann, of orchidPhile, will talk about the 2016 Taiwanese Orchid Show and breeding lines presently active in Taiwan. Peter T. Lin of Diamond Orchids will talk about *Cattleyas coccinea* and *wittigiana* and have his breeding lines for sale. A new face to the west coast is Dotty Woodson, PhD from Texas A&M's AgriLife Extension program. She has been asked to talk about pest management, so if you want to know how to kill thrips, plan to attend.

Speakers

July 2016: Phyllis Prestia - OCA Tour of Madagascar

August 2016: Ron Kaufman (Founding Director of the Orchid Conservation Alliance) Topic: 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

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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

MEMBER PLANT SALES ORCHIDS IN THE PARK

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.

Notes from the Prez

Orchids in the Park

Well, you may not have noticed, but Orchids in the Park is coming up again in just two months, on July 23-24. 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. Please help us get the word out by "liking" our page on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/San-Francisco-Orchid-Society-150623501678349/>), and be sure to invite all your friends at the Facebook OITP page (<https://www.facebook.com/events/722045011271699/>). You can also let your neighbors know about OITP using Next Door (<https://nextdoor.com/>).

We'll have a dozen or more vendors from around the country, and we'll also have a large display area in the center of the show. We'd love to have as many members as possible bring in their blooming beauties for the display. So start getting your plants ready for the show. We all want to see them! We will also have an auction ending on Sunday at 2PM, with orchid arrangements, a gift basket, rare orchid plants, and orchid artwork.

And we need you to volunteer! 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 next meeting, or you can sign up online with our event at Volunteer Spot (<http://vols.pt/9nDE34>). You can also email me (dave@hermeyer.us) if you would like more information.

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



Noble Emery of Napa passed away on a Tuesday at home with family at his side. Noble has been in declining health and decided on his own terms that enough was enough and that he was "ready to leave".

For the past 40 years, Noble has been a pillar in many of the Bay Area Orchid Societies, as an active member and dedicated volunteer at orchid-related events. His presence will be missed.

Mr. Emery was featured in the Napa Valley Register's feature about the Napa Valley Orchid Society's 2015 Show and Sale with the following commentary:

"Although Napa resident Noble Emery is 96 now, he will never forget the thrill of falling in love with orchids.

He was walking down the street in Tokyo, Japan, where he was stationed in 1951, when he saw the most beautiful flowers he had ever seen in the window of a small mom and pop grocery store. Deeply smitten, Emery vowed to make orchids a part of his life.

It would be years before he could grow his own orchids, with the frequent moves he made to various posts throughout his military career, but his passion for the Cattleya orchids, that had caught his eye, never wavered.

When he retired from the military in 1981, Emery made up for lost time by filling three greenhouses on his property with orchids and joining five orchid societies. The 'Oncidium Beatrice,' named after Emery's wife, was registered with the Royal Horticultural Society in London and made the cover of an Australian orchid show.

'It is wonderful to see boys and girls coming into our orchid society. Someday those of us who are older will be gone and it is nice to know the younger people will carry on for us,' Emery said."

Over the past few years, Noble's health prevented him from driving, but with the assistance of his daughter Carol (top picture), Noble still surprised many by regularly attending orchid society meetings throughout the Bay Area. He volunteered at shows with "Plant Hotels", judging and even helping with providing supplies for sale and answering questions from new orchid growers.

He had been granted "Lifetime Member" status with the Napa Valley Orchid Society.

Noble was instrumental in developing the judging process at the Napa Valley Orchid Society's annual show and sale. He also made sure to acquire basic supplies for beginners and provide those items for sale at society meetings that were not available at typical retail outlets. Mr. Emery participated for a number of years as one of the editors for the NVOS newsletter. In short, Noble was a "go to guy".

Noble's mind was quick and this was proven during the NVOS' October feature presentation of Carol Klonowski's "The Great Orchid Quiz", as Noble was the only one to answer the origin of the "Blue Orchid". He knew his orchids.

Noble was preceded by his wife Beatrice who passed away peacefully on April 16, 2004. Beatrice shared Noble's passion for orchids, was involved in numerous Bay Area societies and enjoyed crafts. He is survived by three daughters and their families.

Services for Noble will be private as he was always a humble person never seeking the limelight.

Noble graciously decided to donate his varied collection of orchids to the Napa Valley Orchid Society's annual auction on May 13th. All proceeds of the auction benefited the NVOS general operating fund.

Amazon Smile Program Donates to the Orchid Conservation Alliance

The **Orchid Conservation Alliance** has been set up to be a recipient organization for the Amazon Smile program. Any purchases you make on Amazon through Amazon Smile yields a 0.5% donation to the OCA. Just go to <https://smile.amazon.com> and follow the links to have your purchases credit the OCA. There is no extra cost to you, and you will be helping The Orchid Conservation Alliance raise money to preserve orchid habitat in the Andes. Thank you!

California Sierra Nevada Judging Center

The California Sierra Nevada Judging Center has its May 2016 awards online for your enjoyment. <http://www.csnjc.org>

Kathy Barrett

Interested in a specific topic or speaker or skill session?

SFOS members are welcome to make suggestions for speakers or topics for our meetings, and also for our skill sessions before the meetings. Please send your suggestions to Mary Gerritsen meg570@comcast.net



1% for Orchid Conservation Update 31

1. Orchid Lovers of Trinidad and Tobago joins Orchid Conservation Coalition <https://sites.google.com/site/orchidloverstt/home>

The Orchid Lovers of Trinidad and Tobago was established in 2015 by a group of local orchid enthusiasts with the common goal of creating an organization that is fun, friendly, community minded and welcoming to all. MISSION STATEMENT: To advance and increase an awareness of orchid conservation, education and camaraderie to its members and the public, through shows, lectures and collaborative programmes and projects.

2. Orchid-gami <http://northamericanorchidcenter.org/category/orchid-gami/>

The United States Botanic Garden is working with the North American Orchid Conservation Center (NAOCC) to develop punch-out models of our native orchids

for use in a variety of educational activities. The models are colorful and fun and designed to capture the imaginations of kids of all ages. They also provide information about the conservation status and ecology of the orchid and link to the NAOCC and Go Orchids web sites. We are developing 25 of these punch-out models that represent orchids from across North America and plan on releasing them in 2016.

We are excited to share this prototype of our first model, the Showy Lady's Slipper (*Cypripedium reginae*). This model is a full-color, two-sided pdf file that can be downloaded here and printed at home. Give orchid-gami a try and let us know what you think. Email NAOCC@si.edu us your comments and suggestions, and let us know if you have a favorite orchid to include in this project.

For the download of the prototype *Cypripedium reginae*:
<http://northamericanorchidcenter.org/category/orchid-gami/>

3. Orchid Conservation Grants Upcoming Deadlines

American Orchid Society Conservation Grants: August 1
<http://www.aos.org/Default.aspx?id=50>

New Hampshire Orchid Society Conservation Grants: Ongoing
<http://www.nhorchids.org/page-1579475>

San Francisco Orchid Society Conservation Grants: August 1
<http://www.orchidsanfrancisco.org/conservation.html>

San Diego Orchid Society Conservation Grant: September 1
<http://www.sdorchids.com/ConsFunding.html>

Mark Sullivan

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AOS Conservation Committee Member

Newsletter Backup Editor Needed!

Our longtime Newsletter Editor, Stanford Stapleton, would like to find a backup editor to start training as soon as possible. The newsletter is created from a template, and is not very difficult to learn. If you are interested in helping to create our wonderful Newsletter, please contact Stanford (stanford@rkmediasolutions.com) or any board member. It is helpful to know Web page creation, html and other technical requirements but not necessary. It requires attention to detail and some editing skills. Your experience is the Society's gain.

Potting Party

On April 30 about a dozen of our members gathered for our first Potting Party at the Conservatory of Flowers. Our friends at the Conservatory generously allowed us to use their spacious Orchid Pavilion for our event. We started with a wonderful behind the scenes tour of the Conservatory and a sneak peek at the about to open special exhibit of succulents and fat plants. After our potluck lunch, Paul Bourbin and Dave Hermeyer gave demonstrations and tips on potting and mounting orchids. Following

that everyone got their hands dirty working with their own plants and plants provided for the event. Everyone had a great time!





Home and greenhouse for sale in Vista, CA

Guy Wrinkle passed away 3 years ago and for the last year and a half, his wife has been trying to sell the property. Anyone interested in an acre with a 3000 + sq ft greenhouse and shade house with RO system for the greenhouse?

The address is 2140 Warmlands Ave., Vista, Ca. 92084. Google that and the listing will appear.

Jacque Wrinkle

310-256-1726

The Tiny Jungle and D & D Flowers are both having Open House this coming weekend on the same property in Daly City!

The dates are **Saturday and Sunday May 21 and 22nd**
Hours 9 to 3 on both days

Address: 169 First Avenue, Daly City, CA. 94014

A wide variety of choice ORCHIDS, and many other fun and unique plants to grow with your orchids!

Refreshments and lots of fun for both new orchid shoppers and those of us with ever more refined taste and expectations. From fresh and established divisions to mature specimen plants.





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Next shipments to the USA 2016

We would like to let you know that we will be at the following show in the USA this year.

Jul. 23-24. San Francisco Orchid Society "**Orchids in the Park**" Show and Sale - San Francisco. Deadline for preorders: July 06.

If you would like to order some of our plants, we will be happy to send. If is not possible for you receive at some of these shows, we can send by post from the show to your address.

You can download our updated Price List 2016:

<http://www.ecuagenera.com/epages/whitelabel4.sf/?ObjectPath=/Shops/ecuagenera>

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Special Events

A black rectangular poster for an orchid event. On the left side, there is a photograph of a vibrant pink orchid with green leaves. The text is white and positioned to the right of the flower. The title 'Orchids in the Park' is in a large, elegant serif font. Below it, in a smaller sans-serif font, is the subtitle 'San Francisco Orchid Society's Summer Show & Sale'. The dates and time 'July 23 & 24, 2016 10 am - 5 pm' are also in a sans-serif font. The location 'San Francisco County Fair Building (Hall of Flowers) 9th Ave. & Lincoln Way Golden Gate Park - San Francisco' is listed in a smaller font. At the bottom, it says 'Demonstrations/Raffle' and 'Admission: \$5, Seniors \$4, under 16 free.' followed by the website 'www.orchidsanfrancisco.org'.

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Docents Needed at the Conservatory of Flowers



Comprehensive training program prepares new volunteers to lead tours for adults or children. The Conservatory welcomes adult volunteers of all experience levels.

Jungle Guides introduce elementary school students to the wonders of the rainforest.

Docents educate adult visitors about the Conservatory's fascinating collection of tropical plants and San Francisco's stunning historic greenhouse.



Training Program

The training program includes gallery tours, lectures, and one-on one sessions with mentors. Training will be held Thursdays from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. from July 14th through August 25th.

Shared Commitment

Just like the Conservatory's plants, the volunteer program relies on regular watering and feeding. That's why we ask all volunteers to commit to two shifts per month for at least one year. In return, the Conservatory offers educational and social opportunities, free passes and discounts, and an engaging, flexible environment.



To register for the training, contact:

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