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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.

August Speaker

Ron Kaufmann

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SFOS Meeting

Tues. August 2, 2016



Tues. August 2, 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

Ron Kaufmann
Orchids of Tropical America

Skill Session
Video of POE 2015

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Plant Opportunity Table

Chair - San Diego Orchid Conservation Committee
Founding Director - Orchid Conservation Alliance

Ron Kaufmann



Our speaker in August will be **Ron Kaufmann**, chair of the San Diego County Orchid Society Conservation Committee and a founding director of the Orchid Conservation Alliance. Ron has been growing orchids for two decades and has travelled extensively to view orchids in the wild in Asia and South America, particularly Brazil, Ecuador and Colombia.

Ron is a marine biologist by training, and his scientific work includes studies of Antarctic and deep-sea ecosystems as well as marine communities in coastal Southern California. His orchid collection began with a reedstem *Epidendrum* and progressed to a diverse assemblage that contains mostly species orchids.

Ron has a long-standing interest in conservation and has been a member of the SDCOS Conservation Committee for more than 15 years and chair since 2004. Since 1991, the Conservation Committee has awarded more than \$185,000 to support projects in 21 different countries. Ron also helped to found the Orchid Conservation Alliance and serves on the boards of the OCA, EcoMinga Foundation (a conservation foundation based in Ecuador) and Orchid Digest.

Ron grows most of his orchids in a 36 x 24 foot greenhouse and several outdoor shade-covered areas around his house in San Diego. Friends have suggested that he build a second, much larger greenhouse to accommodate the many plants that often make walking through his greenhouse an exercise requiring extensive training in gymnastics and yoga to avoid serious injury. Thus far, this recommendation hasn't been followed, although the temptation is always there.

Orchids of Tropical America

**John Leathers
and
Bob Hamilton**

John Leathers and
Bob Hamilton will also bring
plants to sell

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Ron's talk titled "Orchids of Tropical America" will discuss why orchids are among the most diverse families of plants, as well as stories about orchid explorers and the many ways in which orchids attract animals, including humans. This presentation is based on the recently published book "Orchids of Tropical America," which he co-authored with Joe Meisel (Ceiba Foundation for Tropical Conservation) and Franco Pupulin (University of Costa Rica and Lankester Botanical Gardens).

The book "Orchids of Tropical America" introduces experts and novices to Central and South America's most spectacular orchids. Genus descriptions are written in plain language and packed with stories about the ecology, uses and history of each group. More than 480 beautiful photos highlight examples from each genus, and the easy-to-use identification system permits quick recognition of more than 120 prominent genera. Nature reserves from Mexico to Brazil are highlighted, where visitors can enjoy orchids in the wild. Whether you travel to see these unique plants, raise them in your home, or admire them from afar, this guide offers new insight into the diversity and history of orchids.

Copies of the book will be for sale: \$25 (cash or check)

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Zygopetalum maxillare

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 instructions for forgotten password.

If there are errors, please contact Florence Inserto -

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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

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

Q - S

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



Gomesa praetexta

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 July 11, 2016

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

Excused: Dennis Westler, John-Eric Otter, Florence Inserto, Frances
Larose

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.paccentraljc.org/>
Please check the Web site for the
most recent awards.

AOS Awards from the Central
Valley of California and Northern
Nevada

<http://www.csnjc.org>



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Send all address and e-mail
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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

The meeting started at 7:30.

I. Treasurer

A. Jack: Balances as of June 30, 2016: Checking \$1080.12, High Yield Savings \$107,688.08, Market Rate Savings \$1507.65. Jack presented the Pacific Orchid and Garden Exposition (POGE) budget for fiscal year 2017 to the board. Several items in the budget were discussed and revised by Jack. The revised budget was reviewed. A motion was made to pass the budget as revised. The motion was seconded and passed.

II. Vice President

A. Mary: August speaker will be Ron Kaufman, topic: Orchids of Tropical America, Opportunity Table by John Leathers and Bob Hamilton, and they will also bring plants for sale. Ron will also have books for sale. The video made for last year's POE will be shown as the Skill Session. September speaker will be Ron Parsons, topic TBD. October speaker will be Cindy Hill, topic: Cindy's Favorites and How to Grow Them. November will be round table discussions; ideas for topics to be discussed are welcome. December will be the Holiday Party.

III. Membership

A. Claire: The membership list is up to date. Florence is working on matching the list to the roster, and deleting all those who have not renewed.

IV. POGE (Pacific Orchid and Garden Exposition)

A. Tom's report: Vendors: His main efforts have been to obtain non-orchid vendors for the show. The orchid vendors have been notified of the change in venue and are all very supportive. Here is a list of the non-orchid vendors Tom has contacted and their responses:

A. Silvestri Co. ---very excited about the show and will sponsor again with statuary, perhaps do something in the foyer/lobby area. May also have a vendor booth.

B. Annie's Annuals---e-mailed and called, but nothing so far. Difficult to get someone who makes these decisions. Waiting for a return call.

C. Bamboo Giant Nursery---management has decided not to do shows for the time being.

D. Digging Dog Nursery---emailed and called. Waiting to hear back from the owners.

E. Geraniaceae---February is too early for their plants to be ready to sell. No.

F. Hida Tool and Hardware Co.---emailed and called. Waiting to hear back from the owners. They are considering it.

G. Lyngso Garden Materials---will most likely sponsor the show with landscaping materials again.

H. Momiji Nursery (Maples)---will participate, even though it is too early for their plants to have leafed out.

I. Sloat Garden Center---emailed and called. Waiting for a decision from the corporate office.

J. Succulent Gardens---emailed. Owners on vacation and will call when they return.

K. World's Rare Plants (carnivorous plants)---will participate

L. Bamboo Sourcing---emailed and will follow up with a phone call

M. Pottery by Kitoi (unique pottery)---interested in participating

N. The Urban Farmer---emailed and called. Waiting to hear back from the owner

O. Flora Grubb---not doing shows

space limitations. Thank you!
Sincerely,
San Francisco Orchid Society



Amazon Smile - OCA



Any purchases you make on Amazon through Amazon Smile yields an 0.5% donation to the **Orchid Conservation Alliance**.

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. Make sure you designate OCA.

- P. Santa Barbara Greenhouses---emailed and called. Not interested.
- Q. The Gardener in Berkeley—does not want to participate
- R. Lone Pine Nursery---called and the owner didn't want to talk
- S. Flora Grubb—not doing shows
- T. Cactus Jungle---considering participating; need to discuss further with staff
- U. Plant Warehouse--- visited, emailed, called. No response yet
- V. Bird Rock Tropicals—emailed, called. No response
- W. Utsuwa Floral Design---visited, emailed; will let me know, but interested; staffing issue
- X. Grow Nursery---interested
- Y. California Succulents---emailed, no response

If any of the board has any personal contact with anyone on this list or other nurseries, it would be helpful if you called them to encourage their participation.

The Vendor Invitation packet will go out to all vendors by the end of July, as we did last year.

Pricing for the Vendor booths will be comparable to last year, but those vendors who do not install an exhibit will pay \$250.00 more for a 10' x 10' booth. The committee will discuss this further, as the booth pricing is an issue with the non orchid vendors.

Cow Palace

Frances and Tom spoke to the Cow Palace about the show and discussed the following:

- A. General parking for the show will be \$12.00 per day. There is ample handicapped parking near the front of the building.
 - B. Vendor and volunteer parking will be \$10.00 per day. Vendors will be allowed in and out access with their passes, but the volunteers will only be allowed one entrance per parking purchase.
 - C. Volunteers will have a separate entrance where they will receive their credentials and gain entrance to the show.
 - D. Various ticket prices including Preview night ticket cost. The Preview ticket price will to be determined based on what the Cow Palace provides for the evening, and will include the cost of parking.
 - E. Symphony and other special group pricing and logistics
- Once the specifics are nailed down, we will sign a contract.

V. Orchids in the PARK (OITP)

A. Angelic: OITP 4th email update sent to Vendors, Final Poster w/ Vendors listing, Show schedule, Floor plan. There are 16 vendors: Andy's Orchids, Amsoil/Aggrand (Fertilizer), Barsch Tropicals, Brookside Orchids, Calwest Tropical Supply, Carl Carter Bromeliads, City College of San Francisco (CCSF), D & D Orchids, Ecuagenera, Hanging Gardens, Orchids and Garden, Orchid Design, Phrao Orchids Nursery, Seed Engei, The World Rare Plants, Tiny Jungle. Vendor checks have been sent to Jack, with the exception of Ecuagenera, who will pay at the show.

Chairs & Volunteers

- 1)* Security - Casper Curto
- 2) Badges - Chuck Chan
- 3) Merchandise sales (books, t-shirts, posters) - Jean Lee
- 4) Membership signups - Claire Zvanski

- 5) Plant Sales - Kay Klumb
- 6) Setup and Take Down - Angelic & Dave Robison
- 7)* Admissions - Jack Ryder
- 8) Plant Hotel - Dave Hermeyer
- 9) Vendor Relief - Dave Hermeyer
- 10) Food - Lisa Lee
- 11) Raffle - Angelic Nguyen
- 12) Publicity/Promotion - Angelic Nguyen
- 13) Demonstration - Mary Gerittsen
- 14) *Orchid Doctor - TBD

Name badges have been designed and will need to be assembled, volunteers are being recruited, there will be 5 speakers, the demonstration schedule is done, there will be 16 ads for SFGate, Event Pages in the SF Chronicle, SJ Mercury News.

Angelic has posted the poster and photos on SFOS Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and other sites. OITP Event SFOS Facebook Page created:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/722045011271699/>

<http://www.spingo.com/calendar/event/5619234>

<http://sanfrancisco.eventful.com/events/orchids-park-/E0-001-093946183-2@2016072310>

She is planning to create 4 more ads for SF Chronicle Due on 7/13, sending the updated poster and show schedule to vendors, web master, newsletters editors, create & send out 2nd & 3rd Email blasts, create more Event Pages on the web, contact KQED, newspapers, radio Bay Voice, 1500AM, TV for announcement, ads, article, interview, talk show, continue to post flyer, related show information, pictures on AOS, SFOS and other society's Facebook pages, arranging orchid baskets, T-Shirts, books, artwork for the auction. The banner will be put up on Friday and sign boards will be set up on Saturday morning.

VI. New Business

A. Bylaws Amendments to Cover Email Communications: Claire noted that the bylaws do not seem to have any guidance about virtual (online) board meetings and discussing items between board meetings via emails. She will go through the bylaws more thoroughly and prepare a statement for the board for an upcoming meeting.

B. Expansion of Library Storage at the County Fair Building: The SFOS received a donation of books from Steve Beckendorf and Cindy Hill, and more locker space is needed to store them. Dave has contacted Parks and Recreation about renting another locker, but there are none currently available. He is also looking into buying another locker. Mary suggested that some of the duplicate books that the SFOS has could be sold. Dave and Chuck Chan will go through the books in the locker next week. The list of books on the website is out of date, and Chuck has a list that also needs to be updated. Dave will follow up and discuss this further at the next board meeting.

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.



Orchids in the Park
San Francisco Orchid Society's Summer Show & Sale
July 23 & 24, 2016 • 10 am - 5 pm

San Francisco County Fair Building
(Hall of Flowers) 9th Ave. & Lincoln Way
Golden Gate Park - San Francisco

Demonstrations/Raffle

Admission:
\$5, Seniors \$4,
under 16 free.

www.orchidsanfrancisco.org

Upcoming Events

August 2, 2016 7:30pm - SFOS General Meeting

**Main Speaker - *Ron Kaufmann - Orchids of Tropical America*
"Skills" Session - *Viewing of POE 2015 Video***

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.

October 19-23, 2016

The Huntington Botanical Gardens 2nd Annual International Orchid Show and American Orchid Society Members' Meeting

Theme: Elegant Orchids

Show Dates: October 21- 23, 2016

Show times 10:30am to 4:30pm (Friday: 12pm - 4:30pm).

Location:

The Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens
1151 Oxford Rd.

San Marino, CA 91108

Website: www.aosfall2016.com

NOTE: Orchid society members and vendors who participate in the show (whether by helping to orchestrate the displays, contributing a plant, or supporting sales) function as temporary volunteers and thus have free admission during setup and show dates. Just wear your Orchid Society member badge or bring your membership card from a participating orchid society to show our guards at the entrance. We want to encourage fruitful and symbiotic relationships with the community of orchid societies.

November 5 & 6, 2016 58th Annual Santa Barbara Orchid Estate

Fall Open House Saturday 8 AM to 5 PM; Sunday 9 AM to 4 PM Held at Santa Barbara Orchid Estate, 1250 Orchid Drive, Santa Barbara, CA 93111 www.sborchid.com

November 19 and 20, 2016 Orchid Society of Santa Barbara Fall Show and Sale

Saturday 10 AM to 5 PM; Sunday, 10 AM to 3:30 PM Fleischman Auditorium, Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History (just north of the Old Mission) Laelia anceps displayed at their peak diversity of color. Fall-blooming cymbidium and cattleya species. AOS and CSA judging. Select vendors.

www.sborchid.com

Speakers

September 2016: Ron Parsons Topic: TBD

October 2016: Cindy Hill Topic: Cindy's Favorites and How to Grow Them

November 2016: Round Table Discussions

December 2016: Holiday Party

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

Volunteers Wanted for Orchids in the Park 2016

Volunteer Job Descriptions for the Orchids in the Park ***The SFOS would like you to volunteer!***

There are a range of volunteer positions at the show you can fill to match your skills and physical abilities. You will get to preview the show if you volunteer for set up. For whatever position you volunteer, you be able to meet and talk with great orchid growers, both local and from around the world. You can sign up online with our event at Volunteer Spot

<http://vols.pt/9nDE34> . As a thank-you, you will receive a "Show Bucks" coupon, which can be used as a \$5 credit towards buying plants at the show. See you at Orchids In The Park!

How to use Volunteer Spot:

1. Go to the Volunteer Spot page for Orchids in the Park:

<http://vols.pt/9nDE34>

2. Enter your email address to register, and click the "Next" box.

3. Find the day and position that interests you the most, click the "Sign Up" box, and enter the info requested.

It's that easy!

You can add to your volunteer positions or view, edit, or delete them at any time. You'll receive an email notice for what positions you've signed up for, and a few days before the event you'll get a reminder email.

Thank you for volunteering! The SFOS appreciates your commitment to making our show a success!

If you would like more information for any of the positions, please contact Dave Hermeyer: dave@hermeyer.us

Before the show: Bulletin boards: Are you computer talented? We really need someone to help post the information about the show on computer billboards, event sites, newspapers, and radio stations. Please contact Angelic Nguyen angelic@orchidesign.com as soon as possible if you would like to help with this very important job of promoting the show.

At the show: Help us put on our show and make it a success. Most shifts are 3 or 4 hours, but please feel free to volunteer for more than one shift. Shifts on Friday are 9-noon, noon-3:30, and 3:30-7. On Saturday and Sunday shifts are 10-1:30, and 1:30-5. On Sunday after the show, take down is 5 to about 7. Lunch is served on all three days to volunteers, and light snacks and beverages will also be available. If you would like to bring friends or a significant other to help out, that would be great! Volunteers do not need to be SFOS members.

Friday jobs:

Set up: Put up the tables for the exhibits and vendors, and cover them with black plastic table covering. This is a physical job and requires some lifting, moving, standing and walking. (Friday 9-noon, noon-3:30, and 3:30-7)

Friday night closing: Make sure that the Park Patrol arrives, lowers the roll-up door, and secures the building before leaving. (Friday 6-8 pm)

Set up the exhibit: Set up the display of flowering plants for the show. This job requires some lifting, standing and walking. (Friday 1-6)

Saturday and Sunday Jobs

Cashiers: Greet people as they come in the door to the show. Take admissions, and make change. Hand each person a door prize drawing

slip to fill out. The door prize will be given out at the end of the show. (door prize will be announced and on display at the show). This is a sit down job. (Saturday and Sunday 10-1:30, and 1:30-5)

SFOS Table: At this table, volunteers will answer questions about SFOS membership, hand out cards to people to encourage them to come to show, sell books, T-shirts and other materials the society will have available for the show. Much of this job can be done sitting down. (Saturday and Sunday 10-1:30, and 1:30-5)

Raffle Table: Sell tickets for raffles. There will also be raffle tickets for blooming orchids that will be given away at several times during the show. There will also be a raffle at the end of the show for gift baskets (orchid arrangements, books, materials, t-shirt). Much of this job can be done sitting down. (Saturday and Sunday 10-1:30, and 1:30-5)

Plant Hotel: Accept and temporarily store plants from people who have purchased plants at the show so they can continue shopping. This is an up and down job, some light lifting required. (Saturday and Sunday 10-1:30, and 1:30-5)

Security: We need people to stand at the exits (front, back and side door) and check purchases for "dots" to make sure that people have paid for their plants. This job requires some standing, although you can sit down if it is not busy. (Saturday and Sunday 10-1:30, and 1:30-5)

Orchid Concierge: This is a newly created position this year to help people with their purchases. Transport orchids from the Plant Hotel out to the curb, and wait for the purchaser to come by with their car for pick up. This job will require light lifting, standing, and walking in and out of the building. Parking has been identified as one of the major issues with the show, and we are trying to be creative to help people to come to the show and to purchase orchids. (Saturday and Sunday 10-1:30, and 1:30-5)

Floater: This job has no real definition - basically you will just help out wherever needed. If it is crowded, more people may be needed for certain jobs, or a volunteer might not show up. (Saturday and Sunday 10-1:30, and 1:30-5)

After show is over:

Take Down: Remove the table coverings, take down the tables, load tables on the dollies, load the truck, and clean up. This is a physical job, requiring some lifting, standing, and walking around. (Sunday after the show 5-7)

Prepare your Plants for Orchids In The Park

The San Francisco Orchid Society will put together a summer blooming orchid display at Orchids in the Park. Please start grooming your plants to show them at Orchids In The Park. Contact Angelic@orchidesign.com if you would like to help arrange the SFOS display Area on Friday July 22 from noon to 7 pm.

Please send Angelic your show plant list and she will make unique, nice plant tags for them.

Thank you for your participation!

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.

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 June 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. 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>

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Orchid Conservation Coalition
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AOS Conservation Committee Member

President for the San Francisco Orchid Society Still Sought

The Society still has not fulfilled its need for a President for the term June 2016 - June 2017. Not only is it awkward and inconvenient for the board to do its work, but as a 501c3 my understanding is that the society has a legal responsibility to fill the positions to maintain its status as a non profit. I am currently investigating and asking about this. Nevertheless, with over 200 members it would be wonderful to have someone fill the position for the society. Please contact either myself Claire Zvanski, Lynne Murrell or Dave Hermeyer.

Thank you!
George McRae

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?

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Jacque Wrinkle

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Ken Cook

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Special Events

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San Francisco Orchid Society's Summer Show & Sale
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- Phrao Orchid Nursery
- Seed Engei
- Tiny Jungle
- The World Rare Plants

DEMONSTRATION

Saturday

- 11 am – Judy Carney
Repotting Cymbidiums
- 1 pm – Bruce Rogers
Orchids You Can Grow Outside
- 3 pm – Lynne Murrell
What Orchids Really Want

Sunday

- 11 am – Dave Hermeyer
Mounted Orchids
- 1 pm – Dexter Hodes
Mounting & Growing
Cool-Growing Miniature Orchids
- 3 pm – Dave Robison
How to Grow Phalaenopsis

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To register for the training, contact:

Erika Frank, Director of Volunteers & Education
(415) 637-4326 or efrank@scof.org
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