

San Francisco Orchid Society

Newsletter

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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.

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SFOS Meeting:

Tues., August 4th, 2009

AOS Judging: 7:00 p.m.

Skills Session: 7:05 p.m.

Meeting: 7:30 p.m.

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 6:30pm and
7:00pm.

Skill Session

To Be Determined

Plant Opportunity Table

provided by Steve and Cindy
Beckendorf.

August Speaker

Leon Glicenstein

on **A Costa Rican Odyssey**



photo by Dr. Judith Johnsrud

Leon Glicenstein has recently retired from Hoosier Orchids and will share with us some of the fantastic species found during his travels to Costa Rica. He began growing orchids in 1954, and became assistant to the curator of orchids at the Brooklyn Botanic Gardens, then Carl Withner, from 1957 to 1960. He has advanced degrees in Chemistry and Horticulture, with an emphasis on plant breeding, cytology, and cytogenetics. Working as a plant breeder for five years at Linda Vista S.A. in Costa Rica, he photographed, in the wild, approximately 80% of the then known orchid species of Costa Rica. He worked for Hoosier Orchid Company from 1998 to their recent closing in 2008. He also found new species such as *Telipogon glicensteinii*, *Macroclinium glicensteinii*, *Pterichis leo* and *Lepanthes glicensteinii*. He won the second American Orchid Society Dillon/Peterson Essay Contest using one of his Costa Rican experiences. He has photographed many of the orchids in the Northeastern United States, Florida, and all of the orchids in California, where he located some taxa not formerly known to exist there. He has given numerous conservation oriented lectures, both nationally and internationally, showing orchids growing in their native habitats. He was a guest speaker at the Miami WOC. Before coming to Hoosier Orchid Company he worked for an internationally known plant breeding company breeding crops such as Chrysanthemums, Carnations, Azaleas and Roses. Leon is also the past chair of the AOS Conservation Committee.

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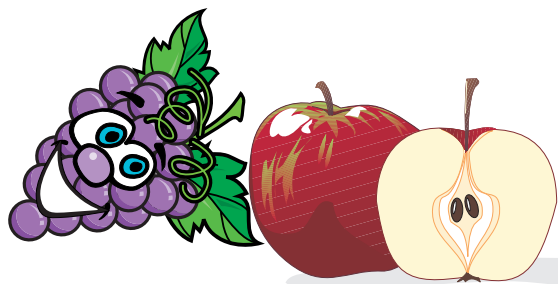
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Refreshments

Ci-E

SFOS members are encouraged to help out with refreshments, setup and cleanup at Monthly Meetings. If your last name falls within the letter range **Ci-E** please bring snacks such as fresh fruit, ice cream, 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!



New Members

SFOS welcomes the following new members who have joined in the last month:

John Benet (returning)
Alice Nyhan

Future Speakers

September 1 - Steve Beckendorf on the genus
Rhynchostele

October 6 - Gary Meyer, Draculas

November 3 - Francisco Miranda, topic TDB

Newsletter Submissions

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15th of the month to: **angelic@orchidesign.com**

or mail to: 1361 Plum St., San Jose, CA 95110

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!

AOS Awards

7/2/2009 - California Sierra Nevada Judging Center - Sacramento

- **Lc. Big Dipper 'Dubna', AM 80**
(Lc. Little Dipper X L. sincorana),
Exhibited by James Morris

7/7/2009 - Pacific Central - San Francisco

- **Dendrobium unnamed hybrid 'Golden Gate', HCC 77 (prov)**
(Den. glomeratum x Den. pseudoglomeratum),
Exhibited by Golden Gate Orchids
- **Laelia purpurata var. triloba 'Winston', JC**
species, Exhibited by Amy and Ken Jacobson
- **Odontoglossum nobile 'Gina', HCC 79**
species, Exhibited by Golden Gate Orchids

7/20/2009 - Pacific Central - Oakland

- **Laelia purpurata var. sanguinea 'Hot Nights', AM 82**
species, Exhibited by Amy and Ken Jacobsen

Pictures or stats can be found at

<http://www.aospacificcentral.org> and <http://www.csnjc.org>

FCC = First Class Certificate (90–100 pts.)

AM = Award of Merit (80–89 points)

HCC = Highly Commended Certificate (75–79 pts.)

CHM = Certificate of Horticultural Merit

CCE = Certificate of Cultural Excellence

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CBR = Certificate of Botanical Recognition

Prov = Provisional award, pending confirmation of identification by an AOS-approved taxonomic authority.

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Orchids in the Park

Volunteers needed

Orchids in the Park is taking place on September 12-13 at the County Fair Building in Golden Gate Park. We need as many volunteers as possible to help with set up of the tables on Friday morning, September 11th, and teardown on Sunday afternoon, September 13th. In addition, volunteers are needed for security, plant hotel, SFOS sales, and admissions. Please contact Tom Perlite or Jean Lee for additional information.

For volunteers we need:

Security—Friday evening (1 person); Saturday (8 people 10:00 am- 5:00pm); Sunday (8 people 10:00 am - 5:00 pm)

Set up – Friday morning @8:00 am (8 people)

Tear down – Sunday evening @5:00 pm (8 people)

Plant Hotel – 4 people Saturday & Sunday; 1 on Friday to set up

SFOS Sales – Maybe 4-6 people Saturday and Sunday

Admissions – 2-3 people Saturday and Sunday

Central exhibit – 1-2 people Friday pm

Raffle – 3 people Saturday and Sunday

We will have sign-up sheets at the August and September SFOS General Meetings. This is our Fall fundraiser and your participation is needed.

Contact Jean Lee, (415) 665.6079,
or Tom Perlite, (415) 990.1314,

Summer Gardening Fair

SF Botanical Garden

9th Avenue entrance to the Arboretum

Saturday, August 1st 2009

10 am to 3 pm

The San Francisco Orchid Society will have a membership table with postcards publicizing Orchids in the Park, September 12 & 13, 2009.

Dan Newman (Hanging Gardens) will also be selling orchids.

SFOS Bulletin Board

The Bulletin Board is a free service for SFOS members' orchid-related items. Send items by the 15th of the month to: 1361 Plum St, San Jose, CA 95110, or e-mail: services@ORCHIDesign.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.

The SFOS has a Bulletin Board System (BBS) set up for the society. It's at: <http://groups.google.com/group/orchid-doctor> We welcome everyone to visit this new section to either post their questions about orchids or to share their knowledge with the general public. It can also be accessed from our website by clicking on "Ask the Orchid Doctor." We are going to be posting all of the questions sent to the orchid doctor there as well.

Upcoming Events

- **August 1, 2009 10 – 3pm Summer Garden Fair**, SF Botanical Garden 9th Avenue entrance to the Arboretum
- **August 4, 2009 , 7:30pm – SFOS General Meeting**
Leon Glicenstein, A Costa Rican Odyssey
- **Sept 1st, 2009 , 7:30pm – SFOS General Meeting**
Steve Beckendorf on the genus Rhynchostele
- **Sept. 12-13, 10-5pm – Orchids in the Park Show & Sale**, San Francisco County Fair Building (Hall of Flowers) 9th Ave. & Lincoln Way. Information go to: www.orchidsanfrancisco.org or (415) 665-6079

Change of address?

Send all address and e-mail changes to:
Judy Bley / Membership Chairperson
415-826-8372 Email: jabley@pacbell.net
SFOS Membership
P.O. Box 27145, San Francisco, CA 94127



Laelia anceps ('Helen' X 'Ultimo')

Orchids in the Park Vendors

Andy's Orchids
Boomer's Orchid Ark
Cal-Orchids
Ecuagenera
Gold Country Orchids
Golden Gate Orchids
Greenhouse Specialists
Hawk Hill Orchids
J&L Orchids
Napa Valley Orchids
Orchid Design
Orchids and Gardens
Orchids of Los Osos
Seed Engei
SLO Gardens
Tanya Lam's Orchid Supplies
The Elusive Orchid

Minutes of The Board of Directors Meeting San Francisco Orchid Society, July 14th, 2009

Present were: President: Jean Lee, Vice President: Eric Hunt, Show Chair: Dennis Westler, Treasurer: Dan Peter, Membership: Judy Bley, Secretary: Kay Klumb, Directors: Maureen Clarke, Ellen Edelson, and Allison Lehman
Absent: Director Ricki Kohn

I. President's Report

A. Jean presented letters from the AOS Pacific Central Judging Region, California Polytechnic State University at San Luis Obispo, and The San Francisco Botanical Garden Society thanking SFOS for our donations.

B. Jean confirmed that SFOS will have a booth at the San Francisco Botanical Garden's Summer Gardening Fair on Saturday, August 1st from 10am to 3pm. Volunteers will publicize Orchids in the Park and promote SFOS membership. Dan Newman will provide orchid specimens for the table and will also sell orchids. Some SFOS members are still needed to help at the booth.

C. Jean reported that SFOS has received a request to link our website to the World Orchid Conference. She said that SFOS policy has been to link members' orchid businesses, vendors that participate in our shows, orchid societies, and non-commercial orchid information sites. The Board agreed that WOC fits into those parameters and Eric will add the link to SFOS' web site.

D. Jean said that the POE Show Committee would like to have Bruce Rogers as an Ambassador at Large to help to solicit community support for POE. The Board agreed to designate Bruce as Ambassador at Large for this year.

E. Jean informed the Board that Angelic Nguyen is designing the postcard for Orchids in the Park. It should be ready this week. An online printing company (fullcolorprint.com) will print 10,000 4.25x6 inch cards for \$322.00.

II. Vice President's Report

Eric gave an update of speakers which will appear in the Newsletter.

III. Secretary's Report

Kay had nothing to report.

IV. Membership Report

A. Judy reported that SFOS has 240 current members, 2 of which joined at the half year rate (\$12.50.)

B. Kay moved to eliminate the half year membership rate. Allison seconded the motion. Discussion was held in which the Board agreed that the membership term would continue to be the calendar year with no prorating and that if someone joined at the very end of one year, the membership would be applied to the next year. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

C. Judy mentioned that some former members are

continuing to benefit from privileges reserved for current members. Ellen said that she has posted some signs indicating that plant sales, library use, and gray ticket raffle are only for members. Volunteers will be reminded to inquire about membership status before allowing participation at those activities.

D. Eric will get a quote for printing a new roster.

V. Treasurer's Report

A. Dan informed the Board about the coverage and cost of SFOS' insurance policies, about \$3000.00 per/year. Maureen commented that several quotes had been obtained and our current policies were the most reasonable..

B. Dan presented a listing of the extensive fees that Wells Fargo charges SFOS for our accounts and credit card services. He will do some investigation to see if another provider can do better.

VI. Old Business

A. POE Update

1. Dennis said that the Show Committee has been meeting. Fugazi Travel is offering a \$15,000.00 sponsorship and terms are being negotiated. Other sponsors are being sought. Small sponsorships will be offered, i.e .Ribbon Sponsor for \$1500.00 and Lecture Sponsor for \$500.00. Corporations will be offered a 20% discount to their employees for publicizing POE. Sloat Garden Centers was asked to put POE in their emails and to sell tickets at their stores. (Dennis and Tom Perlite do presentations for Sloat.) Museums, etc. will be asked to sell tickets at their evening events.

2. Dennis confirmed that POE will start on Friday with an Early Bird Special admission. The Gala will be held on Friday night.

3. Dennis expects the vendor packages to be mailed soon. The vendors' deadline is in 9-09.

VII. New Business

1. Jean presented an invitation from the Asian Art Museum for SFOS to place an orchid display at their Emerald Cities Exhibit of Doris Dukes' collections, October 20 – 25. The board agreed that it could be an opportunity to publicize POE. Jean will work with Tom Perlite to create a display.

2. Ellen informed the Board that she had purchased 2 new push carts at a very reasonable cost.

Eric moved to adjourn, Ellen seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Kay Klumb

AOS Speaker's Day August 8th, 2009

More info on the CSNJC speaker's day. There are 150 tickets available for the event (the Oddfellow's Hall only holds that many people), of which 25 have been sold already. You may want to tell your club members that advance tickets can be had by contacting Sue Wedegaertner suewede@clearwire.net . That way they can be sure to get in.

I thought this would be a 'just show up and buy at the door' sort of thing, but it looks like its a hotter ticket than I thought it'd be... sheesh, we only got the tickets printed up over the weekend and already 25 are gone. Imagine that. Never underestimate the power of orchid addiction, I guess... *G*!

Kathy Barrett

Here's further information on the upcoming Speaker's Day (8/8) at the California Sierra Nevada Center. I've attached the same .pdf I sent you a while ago to put in your July newsletters. Please also note that the CSNJC web page has a .pdf file of a flyer you can print out and take to your home societies for your member's information. It has a map to the Oddfellow's Hall on it (we all know how Dennis Olivas stresses the need for maps on all show flyers, *G*!)

AOS members get in for \$5, non-AOS pay \$15, unless they want to join the AOS in which case they get in for \$5 and get a blooming size plant courtesy of Gold Country Orchids. Anyone extending their AOS membership for an additional year at this event gets a plant from Gold Country, too. Sponsoring societies to the CSNJC get in for \$5 whether they are AOS or not (those societies are listed on our web page. Wear your club's nametag* or bring your AOS membership card so we know ya.) Members of clubs that are not in the CSNJC and who are not members of the AOS get in for \$15. They can take advantage this meeting to ask Carlos Fighetti the benefits of joining, *G*, see schedule below. (* I think one of our societies doesn't let people take their name tags home. Just tell us if you belong to that society.)

Additionally, Alan Koch and Gold Country Orchids would like to invite Pac Central's and CSN's orchid society AOS Reps to an informal get together and BBQ at Gold Country Orchids in Lincoln (8/7) where they can meet with Carlos Fighetti and Ron McHatton while they are out for the speaker's day. They can voice any concerns, make suggestions, hob nob or just have fun. If your society

doesn't have an AOS rep then the president is invited. Since I don't have the names of the AOS reps can y'all forward them to me so I can actually send them a real invitation? Like a person who wasn't raised by wolves, *G*! Further info can be had from Alan gcorchids@aol.com People who sign up to work the show are invited to attend the BBQ too (yes, we need help). RSVP with Alan.

If anyone wants to buy tickets in advance you can contact either Susan Wedegaertner suewede@clearwire.net or me.

Here's a Very Tentative schedule of the event. I'm not sure this has been finalized, so don't quote me yet but it gives you some sort of an idea what's happening:

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 9:00 AOS judging, this is an invitation to the public so they can see how we judge (This event takes the place of the August meeting, so please bring your plants)
- 11:00 Understanding Dendrobiums and their culture
Roy Tokunaga from H & R Nursery
- 12:00 Lunch Break
- 1:00 Simplified Orchid Genetics for the General Grower
Ron Mc Hatton, Director of Education AOS
- 2:00 Taiwan, Fantastic Modern Phalaenopsis
Carlos Fighetti, AOS President
- 3:00 Break out Sessions:
 - Carlo Fighetti on Phalaenopsis culture
 - Roy Tokunaga on Dendrobium culture
 - Ron Mc Hatton on miniature orchid culture
 - Dennis Olivas on Paphiopedilum culture
 - Alan Koch on Cattleya culture
- 3:45 Questions and Answers with AOS officers and trustees Ron Mc Hatton, Carlos Fighetti, Terrie Hunt and Alan Koch

Kathy Barrett

CALIFORNIA
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Presents a

Speaker's Day

Saturday August 8, 2009

9AM to 5PM

Oddfellow's Building
1831 Howe Ave at Alta Arden
Sacramento, Ca. 95838

Featuring

Roy Tokunaga

H & R Nurseries

Understanding Dendrobiums, their variety & culture

Ron McHatton

Director of Education for the American Orchid Society

Simplified Orchid Genetics for the General Grower

Carlos Fighetti

President of the American Orchid Society

Taiwan, Fantastic Modern Phalaenopsis

American Orchid Society Judging

See how we do it!

Break out sessions with culture talks on Phalaenopsis, Dendrobiums, miniature orchids, Paphiopediums and Cattleyas.

Silent Auction divisions of awarded plants even FCC's!

Plants for sale with 10% of all plant sales donated to the American Orchid Society.

Vendors are D&D Orchids, H&R Nurseries, Gold Country Orchids & H.P. Norton

General admission - \$15.00

Sponsoring Societies (to CSNJC) or AOS members - \$5.00

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First Class



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Orchids in the Park

Show & Sale

**September
12 & 13, 2009
10 am - 5 pm**

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Demonstrations/Raffle

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Benefits Orchid Conservation
& The Conservatory of Flowers

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