

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., Aug. 3rd, 2010

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

Kathy Barrett, Growing Bulbos in
Short Baskets

Plant Opportunity Table

Anna Chai

August Speaker

Ron Parsons on Bulbophyllums

Ron Parsons is considered by many to be one of the finest flower photographers in the United States. His photography and encyclopedic knowledge of orchids is known both nationally and internationally. He has been photographing orchids, wildflowers, and almost every other kind of plant for over 25 years, and has a slide collection that numbers well over 80,000 slides! Ron loves to travel, photograph orchids and wildflowers in situ, visit orchid and other plant enthusiasts' collections, and most of all, to take photographs of plants and flowers that he likes.



Ron's photos have been featured in journal articles, on book covers, and in several books. Please see the publications page of his website (www.flowershots.net) for more information about his books and journal articles. If you are interested in using any of Ron's photographs in a book or journal article, please contact Ron—he has many different shots of thousands of different orchid species and wildflowers, as well as many other plants. Ron switched to digital photography late last year and now has over 10,000 digital images, and among other projects is currently working on a book on miniature orchid species.

The SFOS is delighted to have Ron as our speaker this month, on the subject of Bulbophyllums. Although this huge genus of over a thousand species is in a state of taxonomic disarray, most growers can at least identify them in bloom as a Bulbophyllum due to the hinged lip (and often malodorous flowers). These plants are popular with many hobbyists due to their fantastic blooms of many shapes, sizes, colors, and textures. Bulbophyllums are found on every continent where orchids grow, but the majority are found in tropical Asia. Usually considered to be warm or hot growing, there are many that will grow intermediate and even some that are cool tolerant. This presentation features a nice cross-section of this amazing group of orchids.

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San Francisco Orchid Society's Fall Sale

2010 Orchids in the Park

Gallery, SF County Fair Building
Saturday September 11th 10 am - 5 pm
Sunday September 12th 10 am - 5 pm
Admission: \$ 3.00

This is our Fall Sale and we really need to make this a successful event. SFOS members need to participate. There will be sign-up sheets at the meeting for: set-up Friday Sept. 10th, Sat. & Sun. during the sale, and breakdown Sunday from 5-7 pm.

Refreshments

Li-M

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

Future Speakers

September – Glen Decker - How to grow great Slipper Orchids?
October – Fred Clarke - Mini & Compact Cattleyas
November – Tanya Lam - Long Lasting and Frequent Blooming Orchid Species
December – Peter Lin -The 3 A's of the Orchid World: Angraecum, Aerangis, and Aeranthes
January 2011 – Amy Jacobsen - Laelia purpurata: Queen of the Brazilian Spring
February 2011 – Eric Hunt - Late Winter & Early Spring Orchids in Southeastern Australia

Newsletter Submissions

The SFOS Newsletter welcomes news, articles, events, and any other items of interest to members. Send items by the **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!

San Francisco Orchid Society presents
Orchids in the Park
Sale and Exhibition

Saturday & Sunday
September 11 & 12, 2010
10 am - 5 pm

Gallery, San Francisco
County Fair Building
9th Avenue & Lincoln Way
San Francisco

Demonstrations,
Lectures, Raffle

Admission: \$3.00
(Children under 14 are free)

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AOS Awards

July 6, 2010 - Pacific Central - San Francisco

- **Paphiopedilum Julius 'Austin Creek' AM 82-CCE 90**
(Paph. lowii x Paph. rothschildianum)
Exhibited by Dale Martin

July 7, 2010 - California Sierra Nevada Sacramento

- **Bc. Erotion 'Persistence' HCC 75**
(B. glauca x C. walkeriana)
Exhibited by Kathleen F. Barrett
- **Dendrobium Lemon Ice 'Erk' AM 80**
(Den. cruentum x Den. trigonopus)
Exhibited by Ted C. Foin
- **Lc. Amethyst Star 'Neon'? 'Purple Flame'? HCC 77** (Lc Mini Purple x L. longipes)
Exhibited by Japheth Ko
- **Plectorrhiza brevilabris 'Julie Anne' CHM 85**
species
Exhibited by James Morris
- **Rodrumnia Orchidom Lovely Lady 'Skippy Red' HCC 78** (Tolu. pulchella x Rrm. Orchidom Red Love)
Exhibited by Bob Conaty
- **Vascostylis Salaya Blue 'D's Delight' AM 83**
(Vasco. Blue Haze x Asca. Meda Arnold)
Exhibited by Dick and Donna Murrill

July 19, 2010 - Pacific Central - Oakland

No awards.

July 23, 2010 - Pacific Central - Peninsula

3 awards but no info yet

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
CCM = Certificate of Cultural Merit
CBR = Certificate of Botanical Recognition
Prov = Provisional award, pending confirmation of identification by an AOS-approved taxonomic authority.

California Sierra Nevada
Judging Center
csnjc.org

SPEAKER'S DAY **Saturday August 7, 2010** **9AM to 5PM**

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

Featuring

- **Glen Decker** - Piping Rock Orchids
Phragmipedium kovachii, breeding & culture
- **Ron McHatton** - Director of Education
for the American Orchid Society
Subject to be Announced
- **Marguerite Webb** - J&L Orchids
Species culture for home, lights and greenhouse

Break out sessions - tentative talks on
Cymbidiums, Species & Miniature Orchids,
Paphiopediums and Cattleyas.

Silent Auction divisions of awarded plants - even
FCC's!

American Orchid Society Judging - enter your
plants!

Vendors are D&D Flowers, Piping Rock Orchids,
Gold Country Orchids & J&L Orchids
10% of all plant sales donated to the American
Orchid Society.

General admission \$15.00

Sponsoring Societies (to CSNJC)
or AOS members
\$5.00 In advance
\$10.00 at the door

Minutes of SFOS Board Meeting 7/13/10

Present: President: Jean Lee, Show Chair: Dennis Westler, Membership: Judy Bley, Directors: Maureen Clarke, Ricki Kohn and Ellen Edleson

Absent: Vice President: Eric Hunt, Treasurer: Dan Peter, Secretary: Kay Klumb, Director: Allison Lehman

I. President's Report

- A. Jean reported that Eric will be sending out an e-mail to members to ask them to vote on-line for the 2011 POE theme. The choices are Natural Wonders, Carousel of Colors and Orchid Wonderland.
- B. Very few people have signed up to volunteer for Orchids in the Park. Membership needs to participate in our show and sale. People are needed on 9/10 at 9 AM for set up; Saturday and Sunday 9/11-12 from 10 to 5, and Sunday from 5 to 7 for breakdown. Bob Christensen will again be the volunteer coordinator. One member sent a donation as she is unable to volunteer. Ellen will be out of town and Elise Lew and Tina Savaria will oversee breakdown and return of supplies to the storage locker.
- C. We will again participate in the Summer Gardening Fair at the SF Botanical Garden on 8/7, which will provide an opportunity to promote Orchids in the Park and membership. Our table will be in the front before people get to the toll entrance for nonresidents.

II. Vice President's Report

It was suggested that the date and time should be added to the article on future speaker's listing in the newsletter and on the web site.

III. Secretary's Report

Kay Klumb was excused due to her vacation.

IV. Membership Report

- A. The final changes and edits for the membership roster have been sent and it will be available for distribution at the next meeting.
- B. Cindy Hill raised a concern about not knowing member's names and suggested name tags at the last meeting. She and Judy Bley will meet and look at various alternatives. Oakland's members are provided with a raffle ticket that is drawn at the beginning of each raffle when they have their name tag on. This would be an additional benefit to members. A member suggested shirts with the society emblem and the member's names and said she would pursue a grant for this idea. Various alternatives were discussed and Cindy & Judy will review options.
- C. Ricki said she approached a woman she did not know who seemed to be alone and learned she was a new member and had a lot of questions. Ideas about how better to welcome new members were discussed. Maureen and Ellen said they were given binders when they joined that had benefit information, the by laws and other material. Judy suggested that we provide an information sheet to new members. Jean said the Garden Club has a person in charge of new members who calls and welcomes them, answering questions and providing information on upcoming events. This provides a personal touch. Jean asked for suggestions

about who might be approached to assume this role. It was decided that Judy will call Chris Mende to find out if she might be willing to assume this role.

V. Treasure's Report

- A. Acting treasurer Maureen Clarke provided a spread sheet done by Dan. A lot of questions ensued. Expenses are far exceeding income. The cost of membership was discussed and Maureen agreed to look at her records to determine cost in previous years. She later reported that the \$25 fee began in 2005.

The rent for the storage locker is being increased from \$ 447 to \$ 472 per month effective 8/12. Our locker is 10'x18' and holds all of the supplies for POE and Orchids in the Park. Ellen agreed to explore if lower rates are available elsewhere.

As there were unanswered questions, Dennis moved to carry over the vote on the budget until the next meeting. Ricki seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

VI. Old Business

- A. Dennis reported that the show committee for POE agreed to put the choices for the 2011 show theme to the full membership for a vote. The vote needs to be concluded by the end of the month to allow time for design and production of posters, mailings and publicity items. We will not have the same band next year and the committee is now looking at other options. The vendor mailing will be out by the end of the month. There currently is one vendor on the waiting list.
- B. The rental agreement requires us to be out of the building, with all chairs and tables returned to storage by 10 PM. Our regular meetings have been running late. Ellen provided a suggested time table and discussion ensued on the need for flexibility. Announcements take longer prior to POE and Orchids in the Park. It was felt that a break after show and tell and prior to the speaker is essential. It allows people to stretch, go to the bathroom, buy raffle tickets, etc. and has greatly reduced the number of people getting up and moving about during the speaker's presentation. It is also important to allow time for members to ask questions and voice concerns. It was agreed that we need to be flexible, but also be aware of the need to keep things moving. Show and tell needs to move along without side comments and discussion. The board has to lead by example by honoring the schedule.

VII. New Business

- A. One of the hand held microphones is no longer functional. Paul estimates that the cost of new mikes and their amp to be \$500 each. Given the cost and our budget it was agreed after discussion that we would continue with one hand held mike and the clip on. The clip on should not be held, but used as designed to avoid inadvertent damage.

Ricki moved to adjourn, Maureen seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Bley for Kay Klumb.

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SFOS Bulletin Board

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Upcoming Events

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Ron Parsons - Bulbophyllums
- **September 7, 2010 , 7:30pm – SFOS General Meeting** Glen Decker - How to grow great Slipper Orchids?
- **Sept. 11-12 10am - 5pm – 2010 Orchids in the Park** Gallery, SF County Fair Building (Hall of Flowers) San Francisco. Admission: \$ 3.00 Information at: www.orchidsanfrancisco.org or (415) 665-2468

Membership Notice

Contact by e-mail requires that you report any changes. In July we e-mailed folks to vote on the 2011 POE theme. 16 of our members did not have the opportunity to vote as their e-mail bounced back as no longer valid. Please keep membership informed of e-mail changes even if you do not get our newsletter by e-mail. Thanks!

Judy Bley
Membership Chair

Change of address?

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