



## 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.

### August Speaker

[Welcome New Members](#)

## **SFOS Meeting**

**Tues. August 2nd,  
2011**



SF Orchid Society

**Tues. August 2, 2011**  
**AOS Judging: 7:00  
PM**  
**Skills Session: 7:05 PM**  
**Meeting: 7:30  
PM**

San Francisco County Fair  
Building, Golden Gate Park,  
9th Avenue and  
Lincoln Way, San Francisco.  
Plants submitted for  
American  
Orchid Society Judging must  
be entered between 6:30  
pm and 7:00 pm.

### **Speaker**

**Ron Parsons**  
The Orchids of the  
Philippines 2011



### **Ron Parsons- Philippines 2011**

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 nearly 30 years, and has a slide collection that numbers well over 80,000 slides! He went "digital" nearly two years ago, and in this short time has taken thousands of photos of orchids, wildflowers and other rare plants. His photographs are featured on his website: [www.flowershots.net](http://www.flowershots.net). Ron's photography is featured in many magazines, book chapters and book covers, including two that he is a co-author on (along with SFOS president, Mary Gerritsen). He and Mary are currently working hard on their new book and part of the research for that book is the subject of the talk this month.

### **The Orchids of the Philippines 2011**

## Skill Session

### **Allison Lehmann**

Achieving more success in growing windowsill orchids.

## Plant Opportunity Table

**Tom Perlite**  
Golden Gate Orchids

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Ron loves to travel, visit other countries, and once there, photograph orchids and wildflowers, visit orchid and other plant enthusiast's collections. His talk for August is entitled "Philippines 2011" and is an account of his recent trip to this archipelago of 7000 islands. His friend, Jim Cootes, (author of Orchids of the Philippines and discoverer of many new orchid species) invited Ron to meet him there and travel to several islands: Luzon, Mindoro, Leyte, Samar and Cebu. With the pressures of overpopulation, deforestation, and overcollection, orchids in the wild in the Philippines have become increasingly difficult to find and photograph. On this 12 day trip, Ron photographed many orchids in the wild, in private collections, and at the well known Philippine orchid nursery, Purificacion.

### **Dinner with the Speaker**

Please join us in the parking lot in back of the SF County Fair Building at 5:30 PM sharp.

## **A New Membership Directory is coming!**

If you do not want your contact information shared with fellow members\* or if anything has changed (address, telephone number, or e-mail). Please notify Judy Bley at [jabley@pacbell.net](mailto:jabley@pacbell.net) or 415-826-8372.

*\*The directory is only for SFOS members and information is not shared.*

## **Welcome New Members**

**Lauren Garske**  
**Elaine Mazer**

Please welcome our new members whenever you meet them and

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especially at the San Francisco Orchid Society meetings.

**Refreshments**

**A-D**

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



## Minutes of SFOS Board Meeting 7-12-11

Minutes of SFOS Board Meeting 7-12-11

Present were: President: Mary Gerritsen, Past President: Jean Lee, Vice President: Steve Beckendorf, Show Chair: Dennis Westler, Membership: Judy Bley, Secretary: Kay Klumb, Directors: Ellen Edelson, Allison Lehman, and Chris Mende  
Excused: Director: Ricki Kohn

### I. President's Report

Mary deferred her reporting to the discussions on the individual items below.

### II. Vice President's Report

A. Steve announced the speaker schedule for the next several months which will be printed elsewhere in the Newsletter and on the website.

B. Jean clarified that one fairly new bulb for the projector had burned out and the replacement bulb has disappeared. Mary said that she ordered 2 new bulbs and would take the projector home to make sure it works before our next meeting.

C. Kay asked about policy for Speaker's Dinner guests. After discussion, the Board agreed to continue the policy of the last few years: to take the speaker and 1 guest, the host of the speaker if someone is providing housing, and the skill session provider to dinner as SFOS guests, as well as the SFOS dinner host. Mary advocated keeping the total cost to \$50.00 per month. Steve volunteered to pay for his own dinner if necessary to keep costs to \$50.00.

D. Steve relayed comments he had received that our new speaker's fee (\$150) and plant table (\$300 for 30 plants) allowance are the lowest anywhere and unrealistic. After discussion, the Board decided to make no changes at this time, but to monitor the responses. He said that, so far, speakers and plant providers have been willing to make allowances due to our financial constraints.

### III. Membership Report

A. Judy stated that current membership is 219, which includes 1 person who joined this month.

B. Judy reported that 18 members who had been receiving printed Newsletters have elected to receive email Newsletters and 4 members have paid to continue to receive a printed copy, leaving 71 who will just get postcards.

### IV. Treasurer's Report

A. Mary reported that Dan has agreed to work with the budget that was passed by the Board and to remain as interim treasurer until a new treasurer is identified.

B. Ellen volunteered to make deposits and inform Dan for the time being.

### V. Secretary's Report

Kay's report was deferred to Old Business.

### VI. Old Business

A. Insurance: Mary has enrolled SFOS members in the California Garden Clubs, Inc. which includes insurance for officers and directors for \$200.00 per year. She said they will also provide \$1 million liability insurance for our meeting and events location for \$20.00 per year. [Later corrected to \$163.50.] She is getting a quote for \$2 million liability for POE. Ellen asked how much the deductible is. Mary agreed to get that figure.

B. Kay reported on items of SFOS non-compliance with the Bylaws:

1. Article III - Dues, " Section 1. A membership shall terminate on the occurrence of any of the following events: " "c. Failure of the member to pay dues as set by the Board within 30 days after they become due and payable." [January 1] Membership benefits, i.e. Newsletters, have been continued for several months to people who have not paid their dues.

2. Article V - Meetings, "Section 4. Notice of the Election Meeting, each regular monthly meeting, and any other meetings shall be prepared and mailed by the Secretary or designated assistants to each member at his or her last know address at least 10 but no more than 60 days prior to the date of such meeting." Until last month, notices (the Newsletter) usually went out about 7 days before the meetings. The Board agreed that the Newsletter should go out at least 10 days before meetings and that the Bylaw allows for notice by email as well as U S Post.

3. Article IX - Duties of Officers, "Section 3. The Secretary shall attend to the following:" "b. Membership records." Now that Membership Chair is a separate position and Board member, it would be more accurate to make a separate Section for membership.

4. Article XI - Elections, "Section 5. The Election Meeting:" Items "a. Election of Officers:" and "b. Election of Directors:" both call for a written ballot to be taken of members. No one on the Board can recall ever having an election by written ballot.

5. After some discussion, Steve moved to allow Kay to prepare changes in the Bylaws for the Board's consideration, Mary seconded, and the motion passed. After the Board approves the proposals, they will be presented to the membership for adoption.

C. Donations. Dennis moved that the Board decide on donations after Orchids in the Park, Ellen seconded, and the motion passed.

D. Storage: Mary presented a proposal from Abbey Rents for about half of our current cost, but with less space, hours, and probably no electricity. Ellen said that she makes 12 to 15 visits per year to the locker after hours to organize materials for the shows. Those materials must be returned after the shows or another day's rent would be charged. Mary said that Abbey Rents does a lot of work with POE, wants to work with SFOS, and may be willing to do some of the transport to and from shows, so Ellen will talk to them. She will also explore options at our current storage facility.

#### E. Orchids in the Park

1. Mary reported that she has ordered 2,000 4x6 postcards and 300 8 1/2x11 fliers for distribution. Stanford will send out the emails using our Constant Contact account to around 8000 individuals and societies that have indicated an interest in orchids.

2. Jean has enlisted Chooi Eng Grosso to distribute cards at the Summer Gardening Fair from the Chinese Brush Painting Booth as SFOS will not have a table this year.

3. Ellen volunteered to also distribute cards at the Summer Gardening Fair from the California Native Plant Society Table.

4. Mary presented "The Razzle Dazzle Orchid Raffle" which was conceived by Linda Tripp and will be promoted by her. Flier available on the website.

5. Mary announced that Bob Christenson has agreed to coordinate volunteers again and that many people have signed up. More volunteers are needed.

6. Mary said that her daughter, Maddie Parks, has agreed to coordinate the catering which is hoped will cut food expenses.

F. On-line Directory: Dennis said that our webmaster apologizes for the delay and will be

gathering information. He has the names of the programs she uses. Dennis stated that he was not clear about the number of fields that could be available for search. Judy said that she has some requests to restrict information and she will supply an amended spread sheet.

G. Sound System:

1. Allison has consulted with Paul Bourbin. Although he prefers a higher-end system, he has said that the compact system with 2 microphones which she identified would likely perform well for about 15 years and it is less costly, at about \$1,000.00. Jean made a motion that Allison be empowered to purchase the system which she identified that does allow for a return if inadequate, Steve seconded and the motion passed.
2. Ellen mentioned that the microphone lapel clip went missing. She will purchase a new one.

H. Newsletter: Board members relayed favorable comments on the Newsletter and identified a few omissions. All in all, Stanford was commended and thanked for his great work. Some members did not receive it because of quirks in their spam filters. A fix for that is in the works.

I. Show Chairs Meeting. Dennis reminded that the meeting is set for 7-14. He is disappointed at the poor response to his invitation.

VII. New Business

- A. August Board Meeting. Three Board members will be out of the country, so Jean moved that the August Meeting be cancelled, Mary seconded, and the motion passed.
- B. Virtual Board Meeting. Mary proposed getting set up for a virtual meeting in September. She will arrange with each Board member a test run prior to that. Ellen asked that the virtual meeting start later, at 7:15, to allow her time to get home. The Board agreed.

Steve moved to adjourn the meeting, Allison seconded, and the meeting ended.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Klumb

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## AOS Awards

American Orchid Society Pacific Judging Center Web site: [www.aospacificcentral.org/](http://www.aospacificcentral.org/)  
Please check the Web site for the most recent awards.

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## AOS Speaker's Day

Please note that the Annual AOS Speaker's Day will be Saturday August 6th 9AM to 5PM, Oddfellow's Building - 1831 Howe Ave at Alta Arden, Sacramento, Ca. 95838. Speakers will be Marc Hatchadorian, Tom Parker, and Erich Michel. Topics still need to be announced but will include some orchid biology and angraecums. Pricing is \$10 in advance for our sponsoring societies and AOS members, \$15 at the door for our sponsoring societies and AOS members, and \$25 for non-AOS or non-sponsoring society. As always there's a gift if you join the AOS at the meeting. Tickets in advance from Susan Wedegaertner:

[suwede@clearwire.net](mailto:suwede@clearwire.net)



AOS Award -  
POE 2011  
Masdevallia 'El  
Diablo' photo-  
Eric Hunt

## 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](mailto: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.

~ August 2011 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2  SFOS Meeting	3	4	5	6  AOS Speaker's Day
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## **Upcoming Events**

### **August 2, 2011, 7:30pm - SFOS General Meeting**

Ron Parsons - Main Speaker - Subject: Philippines 2011

Allison Lehmann - Skills Session - Achieving more success in growing windowsill orchids

### **July and August -Most Weekends Tanya Lam's Orchid Sale (see flyer) 2011**

Hundreds of orchids for sale-public invited. Tanya grows many orchid species and hybrids along with divisions of bulbophyllum, cymbidium, dendrobium, epidendrum, cattleya, vanda, and more... She also has a large selection of orchid growing supplies for sale.

Location- 2096 Mandalay Place, San Jose, CA 95138 Contact info: 408-826-1101

[tanyalam.orchids@gmail.com](mailto:tanyalam.orchids@gmail.com)

### **September 17 & 18, 2011 Orchids in the Park- County Fair Building - Golden Gate Park**

The San Francisco Orchid Society presents the annual *Orchids in the Park* sale and exhibition at the County Fair Building, 9th and Lincoln way in San Francisco. There will be demonstrations, lectures, raffles and sales of orchids. Admission is \$4, seniors - \$3 and children under 16 are free.

### **September 17 & 18, 2011 Razzle Dazzle Orchid Raffle -Orchids in the Park**

Raffle tickets will be available at the San Francisco Orchid Society meetings and at the Orchids in the Park event itself. Three separate raffle tickets will be sold for three very special orchids accompanied by an array of orchid accessories (see details on flyer). The prize drawing will be at the Orchids in the Park show at noon, September 18. Raffle tickets are limited.

## **Upcoming Speakers**

September 2011 - Roy Tokunaga

October 2011 - Jacob Knecht

November 2011 - Marni Turkel

## **Notices**

### **Historical Information Wanted**

I need your help!

I am writing a short history of the [San Francisco Orchid Society](#) about the history of its activities including shows. This piece will be uploaded to the SFOS website for general information about our Society.

If you know any historical information about the Society or have archival materials about the period of the early days of the Society, please contact me. I would be happy to interview you to obtain your information or to receive copies of your archival material for use in the website.

Please contact me with information or questions.

Thanks in advance.

Carol Zoltowski  
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415-657-3222

**Member's Corner**

South Bay Orchid member Bud Segraves is very ill and is currently at the Valley House Rehab Center. Please feel free to visit. [www.valleyhouserehab.com](http://www.valleyhouserehab.com)  
Valley House Rehabilitation Center  
991 Clyde Avenue  
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Thanks and regards,  
Tanya Lam  
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**Tanya Lam Orchids Open House**

## TANYA LAM'S ORCHID SALES

**MOST weekends in July and August**  
**Open House on Saturday July 30, 2011**



Cym. Finlaysonianum

Catt. Seabreeze 'Blue Ribbon' HCC/AOS

Aer. cryptodon

### **Hundreds of orchid for sales – Public Invited**

Tanya grows many orchid species and hybrids, come to shop for her many great divisions of bulbophyllum, cymbidium, dendrobium, epidendrum, cattleya, vanda, and more... She also has a large selection of orchid growing supplies for sales.

**Location: 2096 Mandelay Place, San Jose, CA 95138**

**When: Every weekend in July and August except for  
7/23, 7/24, 8/6, 8/7**

**Time: 9am – 4pm**

**Contact info: (408) 826-1101,  
[tanyalam.orchids@gmail.com](mailto:tanyalam.orchids@gmail.com)**

**Note: Rare divisions available: Cymbidium finlaysonianum, Vanda tricolor var suavis, Dendrobium aggregatum, Bulbophyllum lobbii, Laelia purpurata alba, Laelia tenebrosa, Aerangis cryptodon, Rhyncolaelia digbyana, Stanhopea nigroviolacea, awarded cattleya hybrids, and many more...**

**Announcements**

San Francisco Orchid Society  
presents

Orchids in the Park

A Sale and Exhibition



Photo of *Polystachya perrieri*  
Ron Parsons

Sat-Sun Sept 17-18 2011

10 am-5 pm

County Fair Building, 9th Ave & Lincoln Way  
San Francisco

Admission \$4, Seniors \$3 Children under 16 free

Demonstrations, Lectures, Raffles  
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[www.orchidsanfrancisco.org](http://www.orchidsanfrancisco.org)

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# The Razzle Dazzle Orchid Raffle

a special raffle offered by the San Francisco Orchid Society , a 501(c)3 organization

Actually, 3 separate raffles, each featuring a fabulous, rare, and highly collectible orchid, and an assortment of orchid related supplies (e.g. books, pots, baskets, potting media). Each prize has a value of well over \$200. Tickets \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Only 300 tickets will be sold for each prize, and tickets only available at San Francisco Orchid Society meetings (Tuesday Aug 2, and Tuesday Sept 6, OR at Orchids in the Park (Sept 17-18, Hall of Flowers San Francisco) OR through the Razzle Dazzle Raffle committee representative ([razzledazzle@orchidsanfrancisco.org](mailto:razzledazzle@orchidsanfrancisco.org)). Drawing is Sept 18, noon at Orchids in the Park. Winner need not be present



## *Phragmipedium kovachii*

Touted as the most exciting orchid discovery of the last 100 years, *Phragmipedium kovachii* has captured the fancy of orchid growers around the world. With brightly colored flowers that have a spread of up to 8 inches across, plants of this highly desirable species are valued at hundreds to thousands of dollars for a well grown clone. Culture: excellent water, evenly moist media, bright indirect sunlight, intermediate conditions. Donated by Gary Meyer and PeruFlora.



## *Cymbidium elegans*

An unusual *Cymbidium* species, this plant is so different from most cymbidiums that some find it hard to believe it is in the same genus. The densely, many flowered inflorescence carries a display of beautiful, funnel shaped, butter-cup yellow blooms. Rarely seen in collections, there are few sources of this species in the US. The original clone of this plant was imported from the Nursery International in Kalimpong India, in 2003. Culture: Intermediate-cool, bright indirect sunlight, and a somewhat cooler winter. Donated by Cindy Hill.



## *Dracula Raven*

Clones of this hybrid of *Dracula vampira* x *Dracula roezlii* have only been shown three times at an orchid show, and garnered two Award of Merits, one First Class Certificate (AOS) and, additionally, a BEST IN SHOW (POE, 2011). The larger flowers of this plant are extremely dark (nearly black) and are in fact, probably the blackest orchids available. There are very very few plants of this highly desirable grex in collections. Culture: cool-intermediate, humid in well draining medium, bright indirect sunlight, and water of excellent quality. Donated by John Leathers and Bob Hamilton.

**Tickets:** [razzledazzle@orchidsanfrancisco.org](mailto:razzledazzle@orchidsanfrancisco.org)

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## **ORCHIDS IN THE PARK**

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

#### **Volunteer Job Descriptions for the Orchids in the Park**

**If you would like to volunteer for any of the positions, please contact *Bob Christensen* - telephone: 415-337-6571; email: [rcc572@aol.com](mailto:rcc572@aol.com)**

The San Francisco Orchid Society has two main fund raising activities each year: Orchids in the Park and the Pacific Orchid Exposition. This year in particular, we would really appreciate the support of our membership to put on a great "Orchids in the Park" that will help to raise monies for our society. Please support the SFOS by volunteering, attending, and spreading the word of the Orchids in the Park to your friends and family.

#### **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, radio stations etc.). Please contact Mary Gerritsen [meg570@comcast.net](mailto:meg570@comcast.net) as soon as possible if you would like to help with this very important job of promoting the show.

**Razzle Dazzle Raffle Ticket Sales:** This year for the first time we are having an exciting raffle event that should appeal to the experienced orchid grower. We have three prize packages, each featuring one of three very special orchids and an assortment of orchid supplies (bark, moss, pruners, plant clips, hangers etc). The orchids offered as prizes are: Phragmipedium kovachii, Cymbidium elegans and Dracula Raven. (Special thanks to Gary Meyer, Cindy Hill and Bob Hamilton&John Leathers for supplying the orchids; and special thanks to our members for supplying the orchid supplies that go with them). More information about the raffle and the prizes will be posted soon on the SFOS website. If you would like to help with ticket sales and show promotion, please contact Linda Tripp [2reallinda@att.net](mailto:2reallinda@att.net)

**At the show:** Help us put on our show and make it a success. Each volunteer shift is usually 4-5 hours, but please, feel free to volunteer for more than one shift. Shifts are Friday 9-1, 1-6, 6-8, Saturday 9:30-1:30, 1-5 Sunday 9:30-1:30, 1-5, and take down (5 to about 7). Lunch will be provided on Saturday and Sunday for those volunteers manning at least one four hour shift that day, and light snacks and beverages will also be available. If you would like to bring a friend(s) or significant other to help out, that would be great. Volunteers do not have to be SFOS members.

#### **Friday jobs:**

**Set up:** set up the show...put up the tables for the exhibits and vendors, cover them with the black plastic table covering. This is a physical job and requires some lifting, moving and standing and walking. (Friday 9-1) also (1-6)

**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. Ask attendees to fill out our "attendee registration page" where they write down their email address for future contacts from the SFOS. Everyone filling out this page will be given one free raffle ticket. Take admissions (\$4 per adult, \$3 seniors (over 65), Children under 16 are free, and make change. This is a sit down job. (Saturday and Sunday; 9:30-1:30 and 1-5)

**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.

**Raffle Table:** Sell tickets for raffles. There will be three special raffles this year for special RAZZLE DAZZLE ORCHID RAFFLE (see the SFOS WEBSITE for more information). There will also be raffle tickets for blooming orchids (more for the beginner) that will be given away at several time periods at the show. Much of this job can be done sitting down. (Saturday and Sunday; 9:30-1:30 and 1-5)

**Plant Hotel:** Accept and temporarily store plants from people who have purchase the plants at the show so they can walk around and continue shopping. This is an up and down job, some light lifting required. We are asking each person checking in plants to pay \$1 for per box to help cover the costs of the boxes. (Saturday and Sunday; 9:30-1:30 and 1-5)

**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; 9:30-1:30 and 1-5)

**Orchid Concierge:** This is a newly created position this year..the objective is 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; 9:30-1:30 and 1-5)

**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; 9:30-1:30 and 1-5)

**Orchid Barker:** we need at least 4 volunteers on both Saturday and Sunday to go out into the Park and hand out flyers to people in the park, to talk up the orchid show. This is a walk around, be friendly and fun position-you will get to meet and greet lots of people. Every weekend thousands of people come to Golden Gate Park to visit the Strvbina arboretum.

the museums and the California Academy of Sciences. The goal of this job is to let people know about our show and where it is.

**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)

## **ORCHIDS IN THE PARK**

### **MEMBER PLANT SALES**

Help your Society and yourself by selling your excess plants at the **Member Plant Sales** table. Make space for your new orchids. Just mark each sale plant with its name, your code and price, i.e., Max. 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 Klumb at a meeting or contact her after 8-19-11 at [kayklumb@gmail.com](mailto:kayklumb@gmail.com) or 415 648-8271.

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