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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 6, 2013



SF Orchid Society

Tues. August 6, 2013
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

Dennis Olivas

Dennis Olivas

Dennis Olivas was born on the island of Kauai, Hawaii. As a lad, he helped his mom grow her orchids and got hooked. When he joined the Future Farmers of America, his project was raising and selling these beautiful and exotic plants. In 1980 he moved to the mainland and swore off the orchid family - but not for long - as he was introduced to Rod McLellan's Acres of Orchids. From there his whole life became one downward spiral. First he filled his home with upwards of 6,000 plants. Later he leased a greenhouse space for his ever-burgeoning orchid collection. Since he's a glutton for punishment, his collection grew, overflowing the 3,000 sq. ft. greenhouse in Half Moon Bay.

Dennis has been President of the Peninsula Orchid Society, San Francisco Orchid Society, Diablo View Orchid Society and the Santa Cruz Orchid Society. He is an accredited judge of the American Orchid Society. Dennis belongs to more than 14 orchid societies and tries to assist them whenever possible.

Cool-Growing Monopodials

Not all monopodials like *Vanda*, *Angraecum*, *Ascocentrum*, and *Phalaenopsis* are warm growers. There are species that are cooler growers or will adapt to the cool cycles of the bay area. Come and observe which species/hybrids will grow with less heat than you were thought you needed to provide.

D & D Flowers

**Cool-Growing
Monopodials**

Skill Session

Cindy Hill

Five Ways to Kill an Orchid

Plant

Opportunity Table

Dennis Olivas

D & D Flowers

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Photo: Ron Parsons

Dinner with the Speaker

There will be no dinner with the speaker this month.

2013 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 there are errors, please contact Florence Inserto - floinserto@yahoo.com or Claire Zvanski: (415) 341-3085 czvanski@hotmail.com .

2013 Dues Are Now Payable

(\$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

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Please welcome our new members whenever you meet them and especially at the San Francisco Orchid Society meetings.

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

I - O

SFOS members are encouraged to help out with refreshments, setup and cleanup at Monthly Meetings. If your last name falls within the letter range **I - O** please bring snacks such as fresh fruit, crackers & cheese for the next meeting. About three dozen cookies, one cake, one to two pounds of fruit or cheeses, or one box of crackers is an appropriate amount. Remember to pick up your raffle ticket as one of the rewards of sharing - and good luck in the



drawing!

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Minutes of SFOS Board Meeting

SFOS Board Meeting 7/8/2013

Present: Mary Gerritsen, Steve Beckendorf, Carol Zoltowski, Jean Lee, Florence Inserto , Claire Zvansky, Chris Mende, Dennis Westler, Dave Herrmeyer.

Excused: Valerie Mountain

Vice President (Steve Beckendorf)

Speaker and provider of opportunity table for August meeting is Dennis Olivas on cool growing monopodials. Sept speaker is expected to be Francisco Miranda, but this is still being arranged and uncertain. Oct. speaker is Ron Parsons on his recent (second) China trip - different aspects than his previous talk on this subject. November speaker is Roy Tokunaga.

Treasurer (Carol Zoltowski)

Carol expressed dismay at the state of our finances and feels the general situation to be precarious. She is also quite unhappy with there being more than one person writing checks for the organization and is uncomfortable with the difficulty of knowing the exact status of each account for this reason. The checking account balance is \$7955.47, the High Yield Savings account balance is \$136,544.01, and the Market Rate Savings account is \$1505.97.

General discussion ensued regarding budgetary responsibilities of the Board in general and regarding the POE budget in particular, with Steve Beckendorf and Carol Zoltowski feeling responsible to attend the Show Committee's next meeting to ascertain how the budget is allocated.

Membership (Florence Inserto)

There is a block of 78 life members of whom many are inactive. The paid active membership is 110. Florence will send a new Paypal membership form to Dennis to forward to Kathy for inclusion on the website, so that we can gather both names when couples join. The current form does not allow for this. Activities to help make new members welcome were discussed - doing conscious outreach to new members, a membership packet with information, new members orientations periodically, since the first was very successful. Chris suggested developing some kind of partnering of old and new members during the first few months of their attendance. We want to be as welcoming and friendly as we can to overcome what some feel is a reputation for being unfriendly to newcomers. There was discussion on getting the list of business members updated and possibly adding a member business page to the website additionally to already existing links.

Old Business:

Orchids in the Park(OIP) needs a new volunteer coordinator, since Bob Christenson cannot do it. This is an urgent matter, since OIP is not far off! Other OIP chairs are listed here and duties were briefly discussed.

Plant Hotel: Florence
Setup: Jean Lee
Return of property to locker: Ellen Edelson
Table Coverings and central display, Tom Perlite
Security: Stanford
Membership table/Raffle: Claire Zvanski (?)
Member Plant Sales: Kay Klumb
It was decided not to do an extra OIP raffle this year.

Reluctance by members to exhibit plants at OIP was discussed and a decision was made to create three prizes that will be awarded to members' plants by a "People's Choice" vote. These prizes are \$100 for first prize (donated by Mary G) and a book for second, and one of the ceramic trophies (in storage) for third.

Budget

After much discussion on ways to reduce the cost of each item proposed by Mary's draft, it was decided that prior to finalization and approval more in-depth information from the POE show committee's budget was needed. Hence finalization was deferred until after the next Show Committee meeting which will be attended by Carol Zoltowski, Steve Beckendorf, Mary Gerritsen, Jean Lee and Dennis Westler.

To reduce bank charges Claire Zvanski and Chris Mende will investigate the possibility of using either the San Francisco Federal Credit Union, or Umpqua Bank which is relatively new in San Francisco and offering low cost services.

The Website was briefly discussed and Dennis and Mary urged all to provide Dennis with items to post, since we are all responsible for the content.

Conservation (Mary)

Funds raised by POE towards conservation were \$2712.98 and by OIP were \$1800. Allocation pending committee meeting.

Next Board Meeting will be August 12, 2013

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AOS Awards

AOS Awards

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

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SFOS Bulletin Board

The Bulletin Board is a free service for SFOS members' orchid related items. Send items by the 15th of the month by email to: stanford@rkmediasolutions.com Include your name, phone number, and how long you want the item to run. We will also run items of interest from other orchid societies. All submissions will be reviewed and may be edited.

Upcoming Events

August 6, 2013 7:30pm - SFOS General Meeting

Main Speaker - Dennis Olivas

Subject: Cool-Growing Monopodials

Skill Session- Cindy Hill -Five Ways to Kill an Orchid

August 2-4, 2013 Hilo Orchid Society's 61st annual show and sale: Orchids Around the World Edith Kanaka'ole Stadium, 350 Kalanikoa Street, Hilo. Gorgeous orchid displays, mini-classes, sales of rare orchids and orchid-related products, refreshments, entertainment. \$5 donation; keiki 12 and under free. For more information call 808-333-1852 or visit www.hiloorchidsociety.org.

August 3, 2013 Palomar Orchid Society's Annual Orchid Auction

At the Pavilion at Lake San Marcos. 11am - 4pm. For more information contact posorchidsall4@gmail.com or see www.palomarorchid.org

September 28 & 29, 2013 SFOS Orchids in the Park - SF County Fair Bldg

The SFOS Orchids in the Park sale and exhibition is on Saturday and Sunday from 10 AM - 5 PM each day at the County Fair Bldg., 9th Ave. & Lincoln Way in San Francisco. Admission - \$4; Seniors - \$3 Children under 16 free. The show will feature hundreds of plants for sale from local, national and international vendors along with exhibits, demonstrations and seminars. For more information- visit www.orchidsanfrancisco.org or email: info@orchidsanfrancisco.org

Upcoming Speakers

September - Francisco Miranda

October - Ron Parsons - Second China trip - New Observations

November - Roy Tokunaga

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

Orchids in the Park-Volunteers Needed!

The San Francisco Orchid Society has two main fund raising activities each year: **Orchids in the Park** and the **Pacific Orchid Exposition**. Unfortunately this year the POE was less successful than last year, and did not meet its fund raising objectives. Thus the Orchids in the Park is a critical component of the SFOS fund raising this year. We really need the support of our membership to put on a great "**Orchids in the Park**" that will help support the activities of our society and showcase our society. Please support the SFOS by volunteering, attending, entering your blooming plants and spreading the word of the Orchids in the Park to your friends and family. The 2013 **Orchids in the Park will be Sept. 28-29 at the Hall of Flowers in the San Francisco County Fair Bldg. at 9th Ave. and Lincoln Way.**

Before the show: Help us promote our show by passing out copies of the show postcard to everyone you know. Leave some at work. Pass them out at the grocery store or the nursery you frequent. Talk to your friends and co-workers about the show. Word of mouth is one of the best ways to let others know about the show. If you are a member of another orchid society, please take a stack of the postcards (available at the August and September SFOS meetings) and take them to the other orchid society meetings. Bring the cards to other plant meetings you attend-e.g Native Plant, Succulent, Gesneriad, Bromeliad, Garden Club.

At the show: Help us put on our show and make it a success. This is a great way to get to know other members and become involved with the SFOS. Each volunteer shift is usually 4-5 hours, but please, feel free to volunteer for more than one shift. Shifts are Friday 9-12, 11-2, 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 staffing 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.

If you would like to volunteer for any of the following positions, please sign up at the Aug. or Sept. meetings or contact the chair of the respective committee.

Friday (Sept 27) 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, standing and walking. (Friday 9-12). Contact Jean Lee jeanleorchids@gmail.com ; tel (415) 665-6079

Set up the exhibit: set up the central display of flowering plants for the show. This job requires some lifting, standing and walking. (Friday 11-2). One person will also be needed for Saturday morning (9-10 am) to finalize the member plant display. Contact Jean Lee jeanleorchids@gmail.com ; tel (415) 665-6079

Friday night closing: Watch over the premises while vendors complete their setups and until the Park Patrol arrives and secures the building. (Friday 6-8 pm) Contact Jean Lee jeanleorchids@gmail.com ; tel (415) 665-6079

Saturday and Sunday (Sept 28 & 29) Jobs:

Set up the exhibit: One person will also be needed for Saturday morning (9-10 am) to finalize the member plant display. This person could then help out with one of the other jobs for the remainder of his/her shift. Contact Jean Lee jeanleorchids@gmail.com ; tel (415) 665-6079

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 door 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). Contact Jean Lee jeanleorchids@gmail.com ; tel (415) 665-6079

SFOS Table: At this table, volunteers will answer questions about SFOS membership, hand out cards to people to encourage them to come to POE, sell books, T-shirts and other materials the society will have available for the show. Much of this job can be done sitting down. Contact Jean Lee jeanleorchids@gmail.com ; tel (415) 665-6079 or Claire Zvanski claireandbear@comcast.net (415) 341-3085

Raffle Table: Vendors will donate plants that will be given away at several times during the event. This raffle is the "door raffle" and is distinct from the RAZZLE DAZZLE RAFFLE. Volunteers are needed to collect and set up the prize plants, sell tickets and conduct the drawings. Much of this job can be done sitting down. (Saturday and Sunday; 9:30-1:30 and 1-5). Contact Mary Gerritsen meg570@comcast.net Tel: 650 348 6492

Plant Hotel: Accept and temporarily store plants from people who have purchased 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) . Contact Florence Inserto flojoinsert@yahoo.com

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 and to ensure that patrons pass through the entry door. 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). Contact Stanford stanford@rkmediasolutions.com

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). stanford@rkmediasolutions.com

After show is over:

Take Down: Remove the table coverings, take down the tables, load tables on the dollies, load the SFOS property truck, and clean up. This is a physical job, requiring some lifting, standing, and walking around. Sunday after the show (5-7). We need plenty of volunteers so we finish before 7 to avoid extra charges. Contact stanford@rkmediasolutions.com or Ellen Edelson e.edelson@sbcglobal.net (415) 731-5924

**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.

San Francisco Orchid Society Conservation Committee

The SFOS conservation committee needs your help! Our next fund raising activity will be at the **Orchids in the Park**. This is a great chance for those extra plants of yours taking up room in your greenhouse, lath house or kitchen table to find a new home, and to raise money for conservation at the same time. The committee is seeking donated orchids and/or orchid related supplies which will be sold at the member sales table at the Orchids in the Park. For these donated items, 100% of the proceeds will go to support orchid conservation. We now have a web page describing our activities (<http://www.orchidsanfrancisco.org/conservation.html>), and we hope to have sufficient funds to begin reviewing projects for funding in 2014. Set aside those extra plants and divisions!

To donate at **Orchids in the Park**, simply mark each sale plant with its name, your code and price, i.e., *Maxillaria marginata* KK-1 \$10.00, and give Kay Klumb, who is chairing member plant sales, a master list of your plants, codes and prices. This is important because we need to track our plant sales, and it is also used to generate a receipt for your donation. Be sure to put on your master list that you are donating the orchids to the conservation committee. If you can, we would really appreciate it if you can also volunteer for plant sales for at least 3 hours. Please contact Kay Klumb about available volunteer times at kayklumb@gmail.com or 415 648-8271. 100% of the donated price will go to the conservation committee. There will be Conservation Committee stickers and plant labels available at the next two SFOS meetings-please use these to help identify your plants as conservation committee donations. Note that there is a limit of 100 plants

per member. Plants should be healthy, free of disease and in good condition.

On-line Membership Roster

We have been updating our membership lists, and hopefully the on line roster is up to date too. If you want to check your information, or look up someone's contact information, go to www.orchidsanfrancisco.org/member/login.php

If you have forgotten your password there is a link to recover your password. If you have an orchid related business (e.g. nursery, decorating, landscaping, flower arranging, art, ceramics, photography etc.) and would like it listed in our business listing, please contact membership: czvanski@hotmail.com or flojo1337@yahoo.com

Member Eric Wells donated **The Wild Orchids of California** and **North American Native Terrestrial Orchid Propagation & Production** to the SFOS Library that he purchased from the Native Orchid Conference. Thank you very much for your donation Eric!

Please note - SFOS members can check out books from our Library and return them at the next monthly meeting.

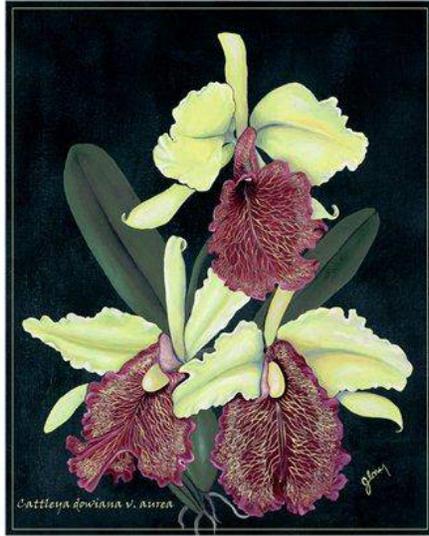
SFOS Member's Morning at Golden Gate Orchids

Tom Perlite of Golden Gate Orchids has informed the board that he will be closing his business later this year. He has graciously invited San Francisco Orchid Society members to visit his greenhouses and have a chance to purchase plants. Tom has many hard to find species and wonderful hybrids (many of them awarded), and this is a great opportunity to get some unusual purchases. Golden Gate will be open to SFOS members only on **Saturday, August 24** from **9 AM until 12 PM**. Golden Gate Orchids is located at 225 Velasco Avenue San Francisco, CA 94134. Phone number is 415 467-3737. Tom has been a valued member of our Society and a good friend, as well as a key element of the successes of both the Pacific Orchid Exposition and the Orchids in the Park. We are really going to miss Golden Gate Orchids. There will be more information available at our August meeting. While parking is not a problem, carpooling is encouraged. Note that the Society will not be providing transportation to Tom's. Velasco Ave is in the Sunnydale area of San Francisco, just down the street from Geneva ave near the Cow Palace. This area is readily accessible from US 101.

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Special Events

Orchids Around the World *Hilo Orchid Society*
2013 ANNUAL SHOW & SALE



Thursday, August 1st Benefit Preview Party

Friday, August 2nd 9am - 6pm

Saturday, August 3rd 9am - 5pm

Sunday, August 4th 10am - 2pm

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PRESENTS

2013 Orchid Auction



Saturday, August 3, 2013
Preview at 11:00 am
Auction starts at 12 Noon

The Pavilion at Lake San Marcos
1105 La Bonita Drive
San Marcos, CA 92078

FREE ADMISSION AND PARKING
More info at www.palomarorchid.org



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or **Claire Zvanski**: (415) 341-3085 - czvanski@hotmail.com

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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!

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