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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.

December Speaker - Tanya Lam

Membership

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SFOS Meeting

Tues. December 6, 2011



SF Orchid Society

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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

Tanya Lam

**Growing Orchids in
Coconut Mixes**

Skill Session



Tanya Lam

Tanya grows many species and hybrids in San Jose, California. Her special interests are both species and hybrids of dendrobium, epidendrum, paphiopedilum, encyclia, and cattleya, and she is recently exploring many other orchid genera. Tanya likes "showy" orchids and long or frequent blooming orchids. She always 'wowed' the Orchid Society members with her beautiful and well-grown plants.

Orchids are grown in all sorts of potting mixes, including lava rock, sponge rock, fir bark, sphagnum moss, charcoal and others. Each has its own advantages and disadvantages. Our speaker this month will tell us about mixes made from chopped or shredded coconut husks, mixes that she has found to be successful.

Growing Orchids in Coconut Mixes

Chris Mende
Paphiopedilum **Culture**

Plant Opportunity Table
Tanya Lam

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Tanya has been growing orchids for a decade, during which time she listened, experimented, and was creative in adjusting her growing methods to provide her orchids with their healthiest rooting systems, and in turn enjoy their best performances in flowering. During the first few years of growing orchids, her job required extensive travel, which required her to have good planning and orchid mixes that stay moist exactly seven days. Tanya created her own mixes to fit her weekly watering schedule and condition. Her orchid mixes turned out to be outstanding, and in her talk she will share with us her successes using two different types of coconut medium. Orchids have become Tanya's obsession and second profession.

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 available

A new membership directory is available. More information on how to obtain a copy will be available soon. 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 or 415-826-8372.

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

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Welcome New Members

Joseph Kautz

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

Refreshments

S -W

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

SFOS Board Meeting November 8, 2011

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

I. 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. Steve elicited suggestions for a skill session presenter on preparing plants for judging at POE.

C. Ricki said she had been told that orchids brought for Show and Tell must have labels. Board members said that was false and that plants are often brought specifically to be identified by our experts. All agreed that identification is an appropriate use of Show and Tell. Ricki volunteered to put an item in the Newsletter so everyone is informed.

II. Treasurer's Report.

There was no new information.

III. Membership Report

A. Judy stated that current membership is 227; one joined at the repotting workshop and one former member rejoined at the last meeting.

B. Those who had participated in the repotting workshop reported that it was an enjoyable event, but very few members attended. They noted the graciousness of the open green house proprietors and that Bob Hamilton was especially generous in sharing his expertise and materials. Chris volunteered to write an item for the Newsletter. Discussion was held about how to increase participation and possible venues for another event. Jean reported that the Conservatory expressed interest in having an event for SFOS.

C. There had been some email discussion about adding a link to join/renew SFOS membership through PayPal on the website. Some Board members think that the convenience will significantly increase membership. Judy asked how she will know who joined or renewed by using PayPal. Dennis said that the completed membership applications could be sent directly to her from the website. He needs the application as a word document in order to put that into effect.

D. Kay asked if there is any tracking of use of SFOS' website. Dennis responded that SFOS does have Google Analytics, but no one uses the reports. Ricki listed some of the information the reports usually cover. Dennis volunteered to send the report to the Board members.

IV. Old Business

A. Ellen said she had no new information about the storage locker. She has notified the management to inform her if a smaller, ground floor unit becomes available. Some discussion was held, but it was decided to table the issue.

B. Jean reported that we have a signed print of Dianne Feinstein's painting of a Phalenopsis for the POE Silent Auction.

C. Dennis said that much of POE planning is ahead of schedule. He announced that Lynne Murrell has volunteered to chair the Silent Auction, so the only vacancy is for ticket sales. He reported that website is up and running for POE tickets and that there are some possible sponsors expressing serious interest. Thirty vendors have signed up and are listed on the website. A denim shirt with an embroidered Masdevallia design is being produced to be available only to members by order for \$50.00.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Kay Klumb

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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.

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Upcoming Events

· December 6, 2011, 7:30pm - SFOS General Meeting

Tanya Lam - Main Speaker - Subject: **Growing Orchids in Coconut Mixes**

·Saturday, December 3 & Sunday, 4, 2011 Casa de las Orquideas Annual Open House 9 AM to 4 PM.

170 South Nardo Ave. Solana Beach, CA 92075. Lots of new cymbidium seedlings and meristems are waiting to make their debut! Special guest growers include Andy's Orchids and

The Rowland Collection. Parking is limited so please consider carpooling. Visit www.orquideas.com, email: casa@orquideas.com or call Loren Batchman at (858) 755-7572

·Saturday, December 10 & Sunday, December 11, 2011 Bud Segraves' Orchid Sale

After Bud Segraves, a long time member and past president of many orchid societies in Northern California, a good friend of us passed away; Bud's family decide to sell his orchids which is one of the best orchid collection in the Bay Area. There are Species & Hybrids, large Flowers of Cattleyas, Laelias, specially Laelia Purpuratas, Vandas, Phalaenopsis, others... and many in spikes Cymbidiums, Zygos, Australian Dendrobiums (outdoors growing) will be available.

Please save the weekend of December 10th & 11th to visit Bud's greenhouse to buy some orchid gifts for friends and yourself.

Bud's greenhouse Address:

115 Lu Ray Drive

Los Gatos, CA 95032

Please spread the words out to friends and bring your own boxes. Cash, checks and credit card will be accepted. For inquiries and question please contact Angelic Nguyen at (408) 476-7153 or email: services@orchidesign.com

· Saturdays through December 17 and possibly longer. 30% Discount on Pottery by Marni Turkel.

The pottery is open Saturdays from 11 am to 4 pm and by appointment at other times through December 17th and possibly longer. I am in the process of shifting my business from ceramics to orchids and am closing out all pottery stock on hand. I am discounting all stock 30% off of the marked prices. This is for both first and second quality work.

Since seconds are already discounted 50%, they are now 65% off of the regular price.

Come visit the pottery of Stony Point Ceramic Design, 2080 Llano Rd Suite 1B, Santa Rosa CA 95407.

If you want to make an appointment or have any questions, you can contact me at 707 328 5973.

From Highway 101 in the Santa Rosa area, take Highway 12 West towards Sebastopol. Go 4 miles to the stop light at Llano Road and turn left. Go approximately 1 quarter mile to 2080 Llano Road and turn left into the driveway. The pottery is in the middle of the first building on the left.

www.marniturkel.com

· Saturday, January 7 & Sunday, January 8- "Orchids Under The Oaks" at Alden Lane Nursery

10 AM - 4PM, Alden Lane Nursery, 981 Alden Lane, Livermore, CA. Contact Sue at (925) 447-0280- or sue@aldenlane.com. Click on Upcoming Events on their Website www.aldenlane.com

· **Friday, January 20, 2011 Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers Annual Collector's Auction 7:00 pm. Auction preview from 6:30 PM to 7:00 PM.**

The San Mateo Garden Center, 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo Take the Alameda de las Pulgas exit off Highway 92. Turn south. The Garden Center is located between 26th and 28th Avenues. For information, contact: goldcoastcymbidiegrowers@gmail.com or visit the website at

www.goldcoastcymbidiegrowers.com

· **Saturday, January 28 & Sunday January 29 - Peninsula Orchid Society Show and Sale**

Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Ave., Redwood City. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. both days. Orchid show, presentations and demonstrations, member sales area, and vendor sales area. Adult admission only \$5. Seniors, disabled, and children 12-16 admitted for \$3. Parking is free.

Upcoming Speakers

January 2012: Steve Beckendorf, Searching for Rare Odontoglossums

February 2012: Santiago Ramirez, Orchids and Orchid Bees

Notices

Attention Young Orchid Growers

It's not too soon to start pampering your plants for the **Pacific Orchid Exposition-** February 24, 25 26, 2012. The "Imperiale Youth Prize" is a special award that recognizes cultural excellence by those seventeen years old and younger. The prize hopes to reinforce the enthusiasm of young growers who play an important role in the present and future of orchid growing, conservation, and research. One winner will be recognized with a rosette and medal for their accomplishment. To win, plants may be entered in either Novice, Advanced, or Commercial/Open categories. In addition, plants will also need to be entered in Class 1201. As is the case with other orchids submitted for ribbon judging, plants must be grown by the owner for at least six months. So show your spirit, share your skills, bring your best plants, and lead the way into the future.

For more information: info@orchidsanfrancisco.org

Exhibitors Wanted

Are you interested in putting in an exhibit in the POE this year?

We are pleased to invite you to be an exhibitor in the 60th Pacific Orchid Exposition. The theme for the 2012 Exposition is "A Salute to the Golden Gate". This year the San Francisco Orchid Society's 60th Annual Pacific Orchid Exposition will coincide with the 75th Anniversary of the Golden Gate Bridge, and the festivities will combine the works of horticulture and architecture.

We would very much like you to be part of the celebration, so if you are interested in being an exhibitor or have any questions about being an exhibitor, please email Ken Giebel at kgiebel@calhfa.ca.gov and he will get you a complete Exhibitor Package.

Shedding Light on the Silent Auction

At POE 2012 we're planning to make the Silent Auction more visible, more fun, and hopefully even more profitable for the Society. The Committee is looking for cool auction items, and we will appreciate your ideas and donations. Past experience tells us that fine wine, dinners, trips, unusual events, and special Orchids generate strong competitive bidding. And we're planning to add some new orchid-related items to the auction this year.

Please email me your ideas, or look for me at the November 1 meeting. I look forward to working with you.

Lynne Murrell

lmurrell@matson.com

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

Repotting Workshop Report

Chris Mende

Our October 16 repotting workshop day began overcast and foggy. Mary Gerrittson, Jean Lee, Kay Klumb, Judy Bley, and I set up tables and supplies in the courtyard between Dan Newman's Hanging Gardens and Sheldance Orchids in Pacifica, hoping for the best. The weather cooperated well and we all had plenty of sun! By the time Dan's Open Greenhouse began we had a couple of eager learners and gained a new SFOS member, but we had hoped for many more attendees. We brought snacks and beverages of various kinds to tide us over during the day and it was a very enjoyable social event.

In addition to Dan's Open Greenhouse, John Leathers, Gary Meyers, and Bob Hamilton's Hawk Hill nursery was having Open House as well as Joe and Kathy Parker's adjacent personal greenhouse filled with Draculas. After hearing about these for a long time, it was very exciting to finally see these wonderful collections and to learn more about how these experts grow their plants!

A wonderful surprise in the "repotting station" was that Bob Hamilton came up the hill from his greenhouse with quite load of Odontoglossums he needed to divide and repot, so those of us gathered around left with a few each of those divisions and had a chance to

chat about Odonts with him. Since I love the genus and feel as if I could never have too many, it was heaven for me! I'm sure others felt the same. Mary also repotted a very nice Masdevallia hybrid and gave divisions to bystanders. I know I'll certainly never miss a repotting workshop again!

We on the Board would love to hear from members about the reasons few attended. Distance? Conflicting activities? Lack of interest in the subject? Please approach any of us, since we hope to encourage more social contact between members and hoped this would be a good way to do that.

Chris

New SF Orchid Society 2012 Denim Shirts for Members



The SFOS will be offering Port and Company denim shirts that are 100% cotton to our members for \$50. These are preorder only. Samples will be available at the Dec. general meeting. **All orders must be in by December 30, 2011** and can be picked up at the POE or the March SFOS meeting. You can place your order at the general meeting or contact Frances Larose at flarose@prmagic.com to place an order.

Orchid Conservation Alliance 2012 Calendars Now Available

The 2012 Orchid Conservation Calendar, featuring beautiful photos of rare and endangered orchids by Ron Parsons, Mary Gerritsen and Steve Beckendorf are now available. Calendars will be available for purchase at the December SFOS meeting for \$10 each. 100% of the proceeds go to support the Orchid Conservation Alliance and their efforts to support Orchid Conservation and Orchid Habitat. For more information about the Orchid Conservation Alliance, see their website: orchidconservationalliance.org

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.

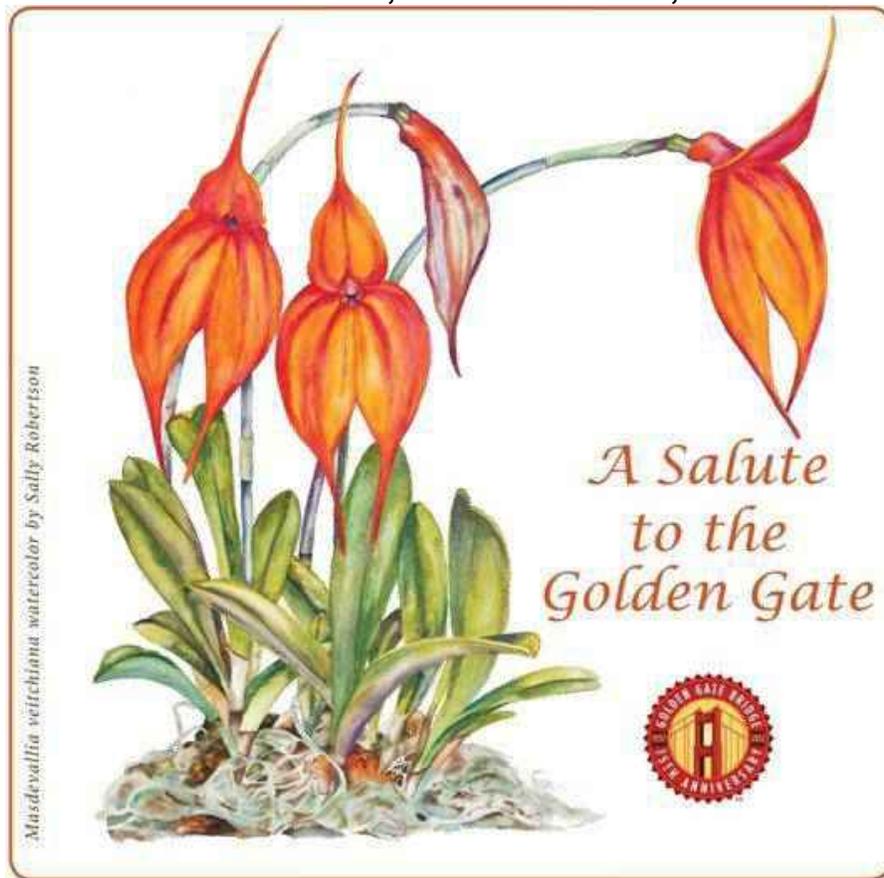
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Announcements

60th PACIFIC ORCHID EXPOSITION - FEBRUARY 24, 25, 26, 2012
"A Salute to the Golden Gate"

FORT MASON, SAN FRANCISCO, CA



Ticket Sales Chair Needed for POE 2012

Pacific Orchid Exposition 2011 was run without a ticket chair and though this worked, it was stressful for those involved. This year we are beginning a new process for on-line ticket sales, as well as making changes in the way we conduct sales at the door. The show committee believes this will make the ticket sales process easier, and perhaps make our attendance statistics more accurate. It is, however, essential that we have a ticket sales chair to help develop the new procedures, and to keep things running smoothly.

This is an important position and a well run ticket sales committee assures that an attendees first moments at the show are pleasant, and that lines do not become too long.

If you are interested in hearing more about this position, please get in contact with me at denniswestler@aol.com or (415)336-2752.

Thank You!
Dennis Westler
Chair,
Pacific Orchid Exposition

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Please visit for special gifts this holiday season, and year round for classic Prints of Roses, Orchids, Iris and other flora, elegant Still Life images and views of the Water Garden. Check it out! Referrals appreciated.

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With heartfelt thanks to Web Designer par excellence Amy Lenzo of Clear Light Communications:
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Reminder, the Studio & Garden will be open this Friday, Saturday & Sunday, part of Bolinas Stinson Beach Open Studios
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We hope to see you.
Happy Holidays!



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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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