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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:

Tuesday, July 7th, 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

Jeff Tyler on
Bulbophyllum culture

Plant Opportunity Table

OrchidMania

July Speaker

Jeff Tyler on Bulbophyllum Orchids –
Beautiful Bizarre Creatures and how I grow them



My love affair with the Bulbophyllums started at my first orchid show. I purchased what is probably the queen of all Bulbophyllums, *B. echinolabium*. Since that time, I have become completely infatuated with them. My current collection consists of about 141 Bulbophyllums, growing in a 10' x 12' greenhouse dedicated primarily to them.

Bulbophyllum is one of the largest genera in the orchid family, with approximately 1800 species. The genus was first described by Louis-Marie Aubert du Petit-Thouars in 1822. The name originates from the Latin word *bulbus* (bulb-like) and the Greek word *phyllon* (leaf), referring to the pseudobulbs with one (or rarely) two leaves. They can be found in Southeast Asia, India, Madagascar, and South America, with Southeast Asia as the center of diversity for the genus.

In this talk, I will introduce you to some of my favorite Bulbophyllums and how I grow them. I suspect you may be shocked by what you will learn. I hope you enjoy my talk and please feel free to ask questions. Thank you, Jeff Tyler

Speaker Bio: Jeff started growing orchids at 16 while a teenager in Corpus Christi. His first love is Orchids but over the years he's grown orchids, bonsai, hoyas, and african violets. He currently lives in Sacramento with his partner and two large backyard greenhouses filled with orchids. He's President of the Sacramento Orchid Forum and a member and former board member of the Sacramento Orchid Society.

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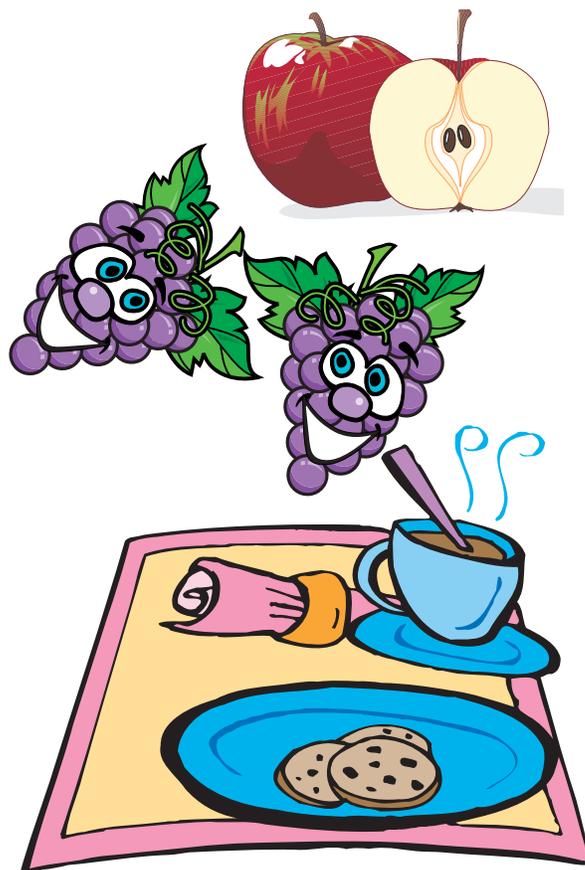
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Refreshments

A-Ch

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-Ch** 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!



Change of address?

Send all address and e-mail changes to:

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SFOS Membership

P.O. Box 27145, San Francisco, CA 94127

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

CSNJC is a 501 c3 organization

Minutes of The Board of Directors Meeting San Francisco Orchid Society, June 9th, 2009

Present: Jean Lee, Dan Peter, Eric Hunt, Judy Bley, Ellen Edelson, Maureen Clarke, Ricki Kohn, Dennis Westler, Allison Lehman

Absent: Kay Klumb

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

I. Presidents Report:

1. We have been asked, as usual, to participate in the Summer Gardening Fair at the S.F Botanical Garden, August 1, 2009. In the past we have participated to solicit membership and to promote our fall show (OrchidFest, now to be known as Orchids In The Park). Dan Newman has provided plants for both show and sale at this event in past years. He is not sure he will be able to participate this year, and so Jean suggests we wait to see before agreeing to participate and paying the fee.

2. Chris Mende, a new addition to our Library staff, was not properly credited in the last newsletter (an incorrect name was listed). Judy Bley will send the proper contact information to Angelic for inclusion in future newsletters.

3. Jean received an e-mail from Cal. Poly Professor David Hennings alerting us to the fact that his name has apparently been dropped from our list of e-mail newsletter recipients. He has not received it for several months. This will be corrected.

4. There was discussion of whether the current newsletter should be available for general viewing on the website. Based on discussion, current newsletters will only be available to members, and will not be posted for general viewing until the following month on a trial basis. Members will receive a link to the current newsletter so that they will be able to view and download it.

II. Vice President's Report:

July - Jeff Tyler, Bulbophyllums, Jeff Tyler Skill Session - Bulbophyllums, Opportunity Table OrchidMania

August - Leon Glicenstein - Cloud Forests of Costa Rica, Skill Session Open, Steve Beckendorf and Cindy Hill Opportunity Table

September - Open

October - Gary Meyer, Draculas, Gary Meyer Skill Session - Draculas, Opportunity Table Hawk Hill Nursery

November - Francisco Miranda, topic TBD, Skill Session Open, Opportunity Table Francisco Miranda

For next February's meeting, Eric will approach Cindy Hill about conducting a program on how to enter plants for show with the new computer plant entry system.

III. No Secretary's report as Kay is out of town.

IV. Membership Report:

There are currently 293 members, with 47 not current with their dues. At the last meeting there were two renewals, and one new member.

A current list will be generated for use at meetings to regulate plant and raffle sales, and access to the library.

V. Treasurer's Report:

1. A cover letter and check for \$7500 was sent to David Hannings. The letter explains our current financial situation and the consequent need to reevaluate our level of support to Cal Poly for 2010. The letter also asked for more detailed reports from him in the future.

2. Last year's total charitable donations were \$12,238. This year's are \$9,700.

3. With all expenses finally accounted for, the profit from POE is \$15,000. This underscores the importance of (and current difficulty in getting) corporate sponsorship. It behooves anyone in the society who has appropriate corporate contacts to share them with the board as we seek sponsorship for the 2010 show.

4. Eric and Dan are to meet to discuss the current fees supporting our website. They will determine if we are getting the most for our money, or if we can get by spending less.

5. Dan is embarking on a task of finding out why we are paying such high fees to our bank. He expects this to be a long and difficult process as the bank has not been particularly forthcoming in the past.

VI. Old Business:

Mailing list- Maureen has gone over our POE mailing list, acquired from GMS (a commercial mailing house) and has made deletions based on returned postcards she had. She will now turn the list over to the Larose Group who will do the same with returned cards they have. Maureen also expressed ideas she has about determining bad addresses based on the absence of the last four zip code digits. She has deleted about 500 names from the list of 18,000.

The SFOS amplifier will be checked out by Paul Bourbin. Even though it was functioning properly at the June Meeting, it still should be looked at based on recent problems.

There was discussion of the possible beneficiaries for Orchids in The Park (the renamed OrchidFest), instead of Cal Poly, so as to have new publicity hooks. Eric made a motion that admission benefit the Conservatory of Flowers and an Orchid Conservation organization. Ellen seconded, and the motion passed.

VII. New Business:

POE Report- Dennis discussed the current state of POE production and anticipated changes. The theme for 2010 is CARNAVAL. The idea being bright, and colorful, Latin flavored and escapist. Given the economic climate, publicizing the event as an inexpensive "local getaway" a pleasant day of beauty and fantasy can't hurt. The Thursday preview is likely to be done away with, replaced by a Friday evening Gala benefit. The feeling is that many more people will attend a wine and hors d'oeuvres event on a Friday evening. The show will open with an "early bird" event on Friday morning for those who want first crack at the vendors' plants (higher admission, mimosas and donuts, or similar). And then open to the public at 11:00 am. Some of our "in kind" sponsors have already expressed a desire to help next year, and a few of our cash sponsors have as well, for which we are very thankful. We have discussed not having the bus side posters this year, but no decision has been made. They are costly at this point and there is no way to assess their effectiveness, as they are almost subliminal.

There was a short discussion of ways we might cut operating cost losses this year, a concern of many local horticultural societies, no specific action was taken, or recommendations made.

Eric moved the meeting be adjourned at 8:45 pm

Respectfully submitted;

Dennis Westler (acting secretary)

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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 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

- **July 7, 2009 , 7:30pm – SFOS General Meeting**
Jeff Tyler on Bulbophyllums
- **July 10-12, 29th Annual Santa Barbara Orchid Estate International Orchid Fair**, Earl Warren Showgrounds, 3400 Calle Real, Santa Barbara, CA. (Highway 101 at Las Positas Road). For more information, visit the website: <http://orchidfair.com/>, email to sboe@sborchid.com or call 1-800-553-3387.
- **August 4, 2009 , 7:30pm – SFOS General Meeting**
Leon Glicenstein, Cloud Forests of Costa Rica

House for Rent

2 Bedroom single home in San Jose with a big lot, big greenhouse and 5 shade houses in the nice area, plus Rose, Peony... garden. For rent \$1,800/mth. Please call (408) 947-0486 for more information.

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!