

San Francisco Orchid Society

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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., July 6th, 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

Doug Pulley – Growing orchids in
baskets. Also how to make your
own orchid baskets.

Plant Opportunity Table

Doug Pulley

July Speaker

Rudolf Jenny, PhD. on

The subtribe Stanhopeinae



Rudolf Jenny, PhD, who has been working with orchids for more than 35 years, had a large collection of tropical orchid plants until 1995. Over many years, he has travelled in Central and South America in connection with his studies in pollination ecology and taxonomy. He has published about 400 articles in many of the world's leading orchid journals, including revisions of the genera Gongora, Stanhopea and Sievekingia. He is the owner of one of the most complete orchid libraries in private hands and maintains BibliOrchidea, the world's largest database for orchid literature with more than 160,000 entries, covering about 90 percent of the existing literature. It is accessible for free on the Internet at <http://orchid.unibas.ch/bibliorchides.index.php>. He is a research associate at the Jany Renz Herbarium, University of Basel, Switzerland, a member of about 40 orchid societies, and an honorary member of the European Orchid Council. In addition to orchids, cave-climbing has been a hobby for many years.



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San Francisco Orchid Society's Fall Sale

2010 Orchids in the Park

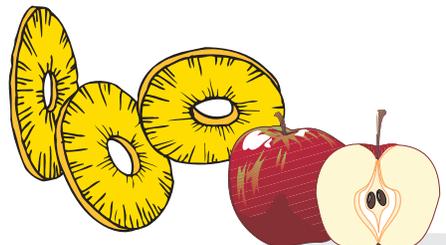
Gallery, SF County Fair Building
(Hall of Flowers)
Saturday September 11th 10 am - 5 pm
Sunday September 12th 10 am - 5 pm
Admission: \$ 3.00

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

I-Le

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-Le 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

August – Ron Parsons - Bulbophyllums
September – Glen Decker - TBD
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

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 CSNJJC)
or AOS members
\$5.00 In advance
\$10.00 at the door

Docents & Jungle Guides Needed

San Francisco's Conservatory of Flowers
Share your love of botany and tropical plants
with Conservatory visitors!

Jungle Guides lead tours for 2nd-5th grade classes. Tours are held every Tuesday-Friday from September through May at 10:00 a.m. Tours are offered at no cost to schools, and cover the basics of plant evolution, conservation, botany, and tropical ecosystems.

Docents educate adult visitors on the Conservatory's extensive collection of tropical plants. Docents lead the daily free tours at 11:00 and 2:30, as well as special guided tours for groups.

Training Program

The Conservatory welcomes volunteers of all ages and experience levels! The 7-session training program will be held at the Conservatory every Monday from July 12 through August 23 from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. The \$50 cost of the training program covers all mandatory training materials. Trainees will be paired with an experienced volunteer mentor to guide them through their first tours.

Just like the Conservatory's plants, the volunteer program relies on regular watering and feeding. That's why we ask all volunteers to commit to two shifts per month for at least one year. In return for this commitment, the Conservatory offers a comprehensive training program, ongoing educational and social opportunities, a 25% gift shop discount, and annual guest passes.

For more information, please contact:

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OrchidMania Off-Season Cymbidium Sale through July

All cymbidiums in our outdoor/cool area, \$8 for plants with names and \$4 for no name plants. Obtain some desirable plants at bargain prices. Repot yourself to your own preferences. Save us the repotting effort and help us clear space. See calendar & directions at www.orchids.org.
717 Paris St., San Francisco

AOS Awards

June 1, 2010 - Pacific Central - San Francisco

- **Masdevallia Golden Sun 'Winston' HCC 75**
(Masd. Canary x Masd. Angel Tang)
Exhibited by Ken and Amy Jacobsen

June 2, 2010 - California Sierra Nevada Sacramento

- **Cattleya Tahoe Rose 'Jocelyn' AM 85**
(C. walkeriana x L. purpurata)
Exhibited by James Morris
- **Paphiopedilum Robinianum 'Monster' AM 84**
(Paph. lowii x Paph. parishii)
Exhibited by Ramon de los Santos
- **Prosthechea vitellina 'Susan Hamilton' AM 80**
species
Exhibited by Chen-Hao Hsu
- **Rodrumnia Apple Hollow 'Joseph Matthew' HCC 79**
(Rrm. Hare Hollow x Rrm. Sycamore Hollow)
Exhibited by Susan Wedegaertner
- **Rodrumnia Mill Hollow 'Emily Rose' HCC 75**
(Rrm. Fox Hollow x Tolu. Maple Dancer)
Exhibited by Susan Wedegaertner
- **Rodrumnia Moon Hollow 'James Maxwell' HCC 77**
(Tolu. Bear Hollow x Rrm. Fox Hollow)
Exhibited by Susan Wedegaertner

June 21, 2010 - Pacific Central - Oakland

- **Paphiopedilum Robinianum 'Tanya Lam' AM 86**
(Paph. parishii x Paph. lowii)
Exhibited by Tanya Lam

Pictures or stats can be found at
<http://www.aospacificcentral.org> and <http://www.csnjc.org>

Change of address?

Send all address and e-mail changes to:

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SFOS Membership

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Arrest at SFOS June meeting

At the last SFOS meeting, a man who called himself Terry was arrested by the SF Police on suspicion of the burglary of artwork from the Helen Crocker Russell Library of Horticulture.

In early April five paintings by local artists and two 100 year old paintings, as well as 33 prints that had been for sale, were stolen. Terry Helbing came to all our meetings but never joined the San Francisco Orchid Society.

His apartment at 400 Ellis Street was filled with paintings, vases, rugs and other works of art belonging to multiple victims. The paintings and prints from the HCRL, valued at \$15,000, were identified as part of the recovered art.

D&D Flowers **Fall Open House**

D&D Flowers Fall Open House and Sale will be on July 17 and 18, 2010 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM in Half Moon Bay. The greenhouse is not open to the public except for the spring and fall open house events.

Really good deals... priced to sell. There is no list of plants available and divisions are sold on first come first served. We will be having a \$7.00 sale on many cattleya, oncidium and cymbidium seedlings and back bulbs. We accept cash or checks but no credit cards.

We are located in Half Moon Bay 1/3 mile east of Main Street off Hwy 92.

Just east of Spanish Town on Hwy. 92 there is a house and firewood business. Turn onto the street between the house and firewood business and go over the bridge into the greenhouse complex. D & D Flowers is the first greenhouse on the right. If you go beyond the large dinosaur statues in front of the house and Spanish Town and you are at Main Street, you've gone too far.

Mahalo!

Dennis Olivas

First Class Orchid Growers

photo by Ron Parsons

Greg Allikas

Greg Allikas was our June speaker and he spoke at the Peninsula Orchid Society the Friday before. He was so impressed at the skill of the growers showing plants at both orchid society meetings that he wrote a wonderful blog posting that appeared on the front page of the American Orchid Society website for several days. You can read his posting, titled **California Dreamin'**, and many other fascinating articles about the orchid world at www.aos.org



Polystachya perrierii exhibited by Marni Turkel, SFOS

Every now and then I come home from an orchid show feeling impressed with the plants exhibited. But it is rare that I leave an orchid society meeting just blown away by the diversity and quality of plants seen on the display table at not one, but two orchid society meetings within 20 miles and a week of each other. That was my experience in Northern California two weeks ago. We may have an easy time of growing orchids here in South Florida, but the members of the Peninsula Orchid Society of San Mateo and San Francisco Orchid Society clearly take pride in the impeccable culture of their orchids. Not surprisingly, the amount of orchid knowledge represented by these two groups is astounding.

Their memberships boast AOS judges, AOS Committee Members, orchid book authors and

photographers, contributors to *Orchids* magazine, fertilizer inventors and award photographers. A number of members are not only highly knowledgeable about orchids, but their native flowers as well and seem to be up for an outing any time, to any place. After the POS meeting at 10:00pm, a group took off for the long drive to Death Valley to photograph Calochortus species.



Zootrophion dayanum exhibited by Ginette Sanchou, POS

Orchids that might seem to be of impossible culture by some orchidists look easy in the care of these growers. And those that are seen elsewhere are grown to perfection here in the bay area and peninsula. The tables were covered with bright masdevallias, miniature pleurothallids, specimen-sized cattleyas and statuesque dendrobiums. Trays of the seemingly impossible Disa were on display as well as rarely seen species. This is species territory and orchid species exhibited easily outnumber orchid hybrids. There were even a few Vandaceous orchids seen: Aerides, Arachnis and Ascocenda.



Miltoniopsis vexillaria exhibited by Carol Zoltowski, POS

I was so involved talking to old friends and meeting new ones that I only took but a few photos. Thanks to Ron Parsons for supplying the images for this report. And thanks to all the members of both groups for such a warm welcome despite me phumphering through at least one of my talks.

If you are ever in the bay area on the fourth Friday or first Tuesday of the month, make a point to attend a meeting of POS or SFOS. You will surely be impressed, as I was.

A week later I was in Southern California for Orchid Digest Speakers Day. This year's theme was Cattleya and four speakers gave presentations on the culture and breeding of cattleyas and species formerly known as Laelia. The setting was the beautiful Huntington Libraries in San Marino. In addition to the lectures there was AOS bench judging on the patio. Five vendors were selling selections of orchids that were heavy on Cattleya. The high point of the day came after dinner, when Frank and Sue Fordyce presented "Heyday of Early California Growers" with ample help from Ernest Hetherington who was seated in the front row. What a great day!



Frank Fordyce and Ernest Hetherington photo: Greg Allikas

Greg Allikas- June 15, 2010

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Laelia speciosa exhibited by Cindy Hill with 5 flowers on one infls., SFOS

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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.

Upcoming Events

- **July 6, 2010 , 7:30pm – SFOS General Meeting**
Rudolf Jenny -The subtribe Stanhopeinae
- **July 9-11 the 30th annual Santa Barbara International Orchid Fair** - Earl Warren
Showgrounds in Santa Barbara, CA. Information at:
<http://www.orchidfair.com/>
- **August 3, 2010 , 7:30pm – SFOS General Meeting**
Ron Parsons - Bulbophyllums
- **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

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:

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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!