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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.

July Speaker

Dan Newman

Hang It Up!

Dan Newman

SFOS Meeting

Tues. July 2, 2013



SF Orchid Society

Tues. July 2, 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

**Dan Newman
of Hanging Gardens**

Hang It Up!

Skill Session

Judy Carney

Tips on Growing from Past Experiences - What I Learned



Dan Newman started growing orchids in 1982. His first successful subject was a Dendrobium hybrid bought as a tiny seedling at a lei stand in the Honolulu Airport. When that plant finally grew up and bloomed a few years later, he was hooked! By 1996 he had 350 orchids in a one-bedroom apartment. That year he moved his plants into a rented commercial greenhouse in San Francisco. He took over the large species collection of his friend and orchid mentor, Walter Teague, and his hobby evolved into his nursery, Hanging Gardens. Dan started growing orchids full-time in 2000, and moved to a larger greenhouse in Pacifica a few years later. He currently has 12,000 to 15,000 plants, mostly cool to intermediate growers (it's hard to maintain warm conditions in Pacifica!). His collection includes a few hybrids, but the great majority of his plants are species. He also grows a number of "companion plants" that share the natural habitats of orchids.

Dan joined the San Francisco Orchid Society in 1987, and served as its president in 1996/97. In recent years, he has spoken on various topics to orchid societies in California and elsewhere.

Hang It Up!

People who love to grow orchids are lucky the orchids are so adaptable. No plant naturally evolved to live in a pot, yet that is the way most orchids are cultivated. Many species can be induced to thrive in pots on a bench, but there are significant holdouts that demand special treatment. These include the many

Plant
Opportunity Table
Dan Newman
Hanging Gardens

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orchids that send their leafy growths upward but their flowers sideways or downward, others with vegetative growth that defies containment in a pot, and some that assert their epiphytic nature by refusing to grow well unless their roots are exposed to air and/or light.

Accommodating the needs of these special cases can help the grower maintain a healthier and more diverse collection.

The presentation will offer a look at a sampling of orchid species that benefit from alternatives to traditional pot culture, followed by a brief demonstration and discussion of cultural techniques. A handout with information about sources for "out-of-pot" materials will be available.



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

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Thank you!

Welcome New Members

**John Griffin
Clarissa Dyer
Philip Go**

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

C - H

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



Minutes of SFOS Board Meeting

**There was no
June Board Meeting**

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AOS Awards

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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

July 2, 2013 7:30pm - SFOS General Meeting

Main Speaker - Dan Newman

Subject: Hang It Up!

Skill Session- Judy Carney

Tips on growing from past experiences, some of the most important things I've learned that help me grow a plant as best that I can.

July 12 - 14, 2013 33rd Annual Summer Santa Barbara Orchid Estate Open House

Friday & Saturday 8AM - 5PM; Sunday 9AM - 4 PM. 1250 Orchid Drive, Santa Barbara, CA 93111 Celebrating the Exotic and Fragrant Beauties of Summer. The large flowered Cattleyas (Laelias) of Brazil, the Stanhopeas and Encyclias of Central and South America, and many other genera. Premier of our fragrant-orchid list. Frequent potting and mounting demonstrations. And of course, we will have the \$7.50 specials of selected seedlings, bare-roots, and sprouted cymbidium backbulbs. Questions? Call us at (800) 553-3387, or e-mail us at sboe@sborchid.com

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

Upcoming Speakers

TBD

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



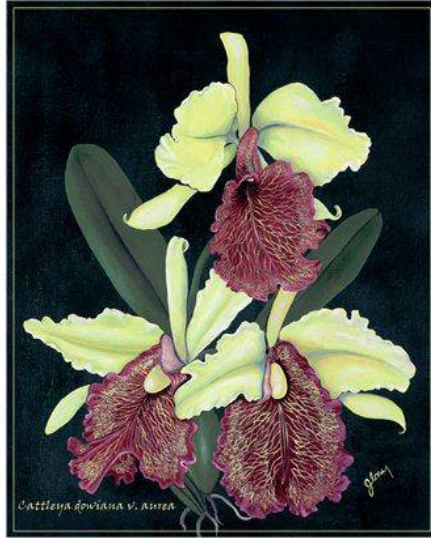
Top AOS Award for Cultural Excellence Goes to our own Judy Carney!

At the June meeting Judy Carney brought in a glorious specimen plant of *Schoenorchis juncifolia*. The plant was stick-mounted, and with its long, wispy stems and wisteria-like flowers, measured over 5 feet from top to bottom. It carried more inflorescences and individual flowers than could be counted. Judges of the American Orchid Society awarded it a 92 point Certificate of Cultural Excellence (CCE/AOS). The AOS grants close to 4000 awards for quality and culture each year -- in the 50 states, South America, the Caribbean and beyond. Of these, only 25-40 are Certificates of Cultural Excellence. This award goes to the GROWER, not to the plant. It is a very special honor, and reflects Judy's exceptional ability to grow orchids. We all knew that Judy is a wonderful grower; now the rest of the worldwide orchid community gets to know too! We are proud of you, Judy!

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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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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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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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