

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., June 1st, 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

Dan Newman, Hanging Gardens,
Growing Pedilonum Dendrobiums

Plant Opportunity Table

Golden Gate Orchids

June Speaker

Greg Allikas on

Jewels of Oceania: The Pedilonum Dendrobiums



Greg Allikas is known the world over for his brilliant photographs of orchids, flowers and foliage. His extensive knowledge of the subject and his arts background offer a unique interpretation that is both accurate, and stunningly beautiful. He has been a commercial photographer and orchid grower since 1970. He is awards photographer for the AOS West Palm Beach Judging Center, Florida-Caribbean Judging Center in Miami and numerous annual orchid shows in the U.S. and abroad. His photos are regularly seen in American Orchid Society publications including the annual calendar and Orchids magazine. He has written articles for both Orchids magazine and Orchid Digest. His orchid articles have been published in Russia, Germany, Sweden and South America. His most recent book, co-authored with Ned Nash, is titled Four Seasons of Orchids. In 2005, Greg was honored to consult on and supply photography for a United Nations postal administration endangered species stamp release featuring 12 endangered orchid species. Recipient of the Silver Medal from the American Orchid Society, Greg is the proprietor of the popular Orchid Photo Page on the World Wide Web at www.orchidworks.com

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Congratulations 2010-2011 Officers & Directors of the San Francisco Orchid Society

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Members of the Board by reason of the office (ex officio)

Membership: Judy Bley

Show Chair: Dennis Westler

Refreshments

F-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 **F-H** 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

July – Rudolf Jenny - The subtribe Stanhopeinae

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

AOS Awards

May 4, 2010 - Pac Central JC- San Francisco

- **Cattleya intermedia var. orlata 'Otto Haettinger', AM 82**
species, Exhibited by Amy and Ken Jacobsen
- **Slc. unnamed hybrid 'Winston', HCC 78 (prov)**
(Lc. Koolau King x Slc. Circle of Life),
Exhibited by Ken and Amy Jacobsen

May 14, 2010 - Pac Central JC - Orchid Society of California Mother's Day Show

- **Cymbidium Cricket 'Pala Pala', HCC ? pts and CCM 86**
(Cym. devonianum x Cym. madidum),
Exhibited by Esther Boivin
- **Holcoglossum flavescens 'May Jean', HCC 76**
species,
Exhibited by Ricky Wong

May 5, 2010 - California Sierra Nevada Judging Center - Sacramento show

(this judging was held in the parking lot)

- **Masdevallia O'Brien's Passion 'Persistence', HCC 76** (Masd. Annette Hall x Masd. coccinea),
Exhibited by Kathleen F. Barrett
- **Paph S. Gratrix 'Cabernet', AM 80**
(Paph. bellatulum x Paph. leucochilum),
Exhibited by Dave Sorokowsky
- **Paphiopedilum Wood Wonder 'Cote d'Or', AM 81** (Paph. Zellwood Station x Paph. Hsinying Maru),
Exhibited by Dave Sorokowsky

Correction from May 2010 newsletter

April 17, 2010 - California Sierra Nevada Judging Center - Sacramento show:

Lycaste schilleriana 'Apaulo', HCC 79,
species, Exhibited by White Oak Orchids

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:

Judy Bley / Membership Chairperson

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SFOS Membership

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Plea for Skill Session Volunteers!

We need new people to provide skill sessions for our members. Many of you have given freely of your time and knowledge but it's unfair to continue asking the same group of people every month. If you are willing to put together a short 20-25 minute hands-on lesson covering any area of orchid culture, please contact Eric Hunt, 415-225-6561. Suggested areas are: Mounting Orchids, Windowsill Growing, Growing Under Lights, Your First Greenhouse, Repotting, Mounting, Growing Outdoors in the Bay Area, Preparing your Orchids for a Show, Growing a specific type of orchid; or come up with something new and innovative! As a Thank You from the Society, we take the skill session presenter to dinner, paid for by the Society, and the skill session presenter gets first pick of the plants on the Opportunity Table!

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

2010 Pacific Orchid Exposition

Photos by Eric Hunt
 To learn who grew these spectacular plants as well as more photos from the show, click on <http://bit.ly/9h3S5g>



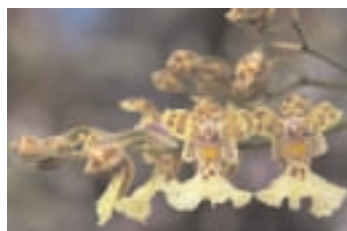
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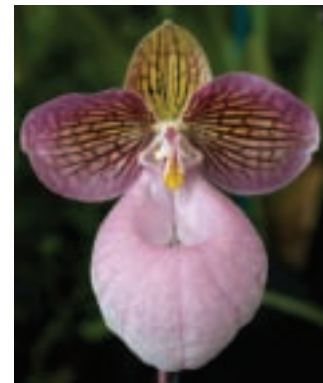
Angraecum (florulentum x eburneum)



Bulb. sumatrana



Caucaea andigena



Paph. micranthum



Paph. rothschildianum



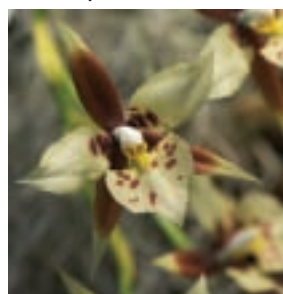
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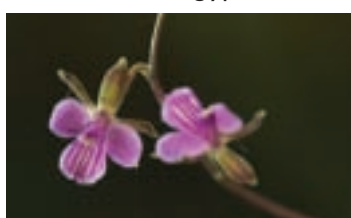
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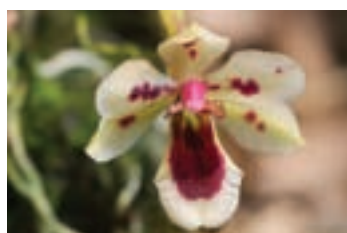
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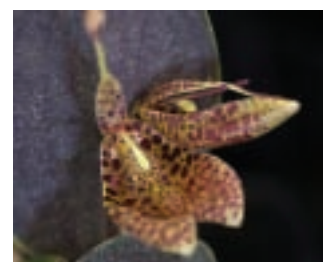
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Tetramicra urbaniana



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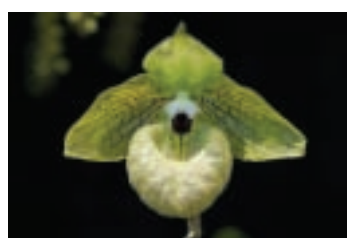
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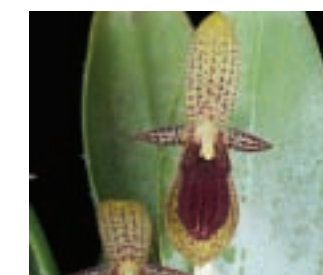
Schoenorchis gemmata
'Stony Point'



Pleurothallis truncata



Paph. malipoense



Pleurothallis punctulata



Miltoniopsis roezlii v. xanthina



Paph. Norito Hasegawa
'Montana de Oro'

EIGHTH ORCHID DIGEST SPEAKER'S DAY! "CATTLEYS"

**Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens,
San Marino, California
Saturday, June 12, 2010 - Noon to 8:00 pm
in Friends Hall**

FEATURING

**All Genera Flower Display - Orchid Sales -
Expert Lectures - Dinner Remember!!** Open at
11:00AM to bring your blooming plants for the
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**Lecturers:
Greg Allikas,
Bill Rogerson
Amy Chung
Harry Akagi**

**Dinner Speaker:
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**Make Your Reservations Now!
Regular Pacific South Judging will take place at
10:00 am on the Friends Hall Patio.**

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!

Research Grant

The SFOS has awarded a \$500 research grant to Blaine Marchant, an undergraduate Biology student at the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, WA, to support his research into the reproductive Biology of *Goodyera oblongifolia*. This research grant is in support of the SFOS mission as a 501(c) 3 nonprofit to support orchid research and conservation. He will present his research results to the SFOS upon their completion and will give a short presentation on his research the next time he is in the Bay Area. He is originally from Palo Alto.

Reproductive biology of *Goodyera oblongifolia* (Orchidaceae)

in the South Puget Sound Prairies, WA

Blaine Marchant

Advisor: Prof. Elizabeth Kirkpatrick
Biology Department, U of Puget Sound

Abstract

In the proposed study, I will be collaborating with Prof. Betsy Kirkpatrick's study of the ecology of the South Puget Sound Prairies. I will investigate the reproductive biology of populations of the native orchid, *Goodyera oblongifolia*, surrounding the South Puget Sound Prairies of Western Washington in order to understand what limits the reproduction of these populations and what factors determine how individuals of these populations allocate resources to sexual reproduction, asexual reproduction, and vegetative growth. I will use controlled pollination experiments and surveys of reproductive and vegetative growth before, during, and after flowering to determine whether reproduction is limited by available pollinators, resources, and/or other factors. I will also survey the number of flowers and fruits, the number of vegetative offshoots, and the leaf area of plants in populations of varying sizes, before, during, and after flowering to determine whether or not population size has an effect on resource allocation or if there are any correlations between these factors in *Goodyera oblongifolia*. This study will provide additional knowledge of the wide diversity of orchid reproduction, as well as knowledge of the reproductive strategies found in the Puget Sound Prairies.

Big thanks to POE Volunteers

Photos by Jean Lee



Minutes of SFOS Board Meeting

May 11, 2010

Present were: President: Jean Lee, Show Chair: Dennis Westler, Membership: Judy Bley, Secretary: Kay Klumb, Directors: Maureen Clarke, Ricki Kohn and Allison Lehman.

Absent:

Vice President: Eric Hunt, Treasurer: Dan Peter, Director: Ellen Edelso.

I. President's Report

A. Jean congratulated the Board members on their reelection and expressed SFOS's appreciation for the members' continued service on the Board.

B. Jean announced that Paul Bourbin will purchase a lapel microphone to replace the one that went missing after POE. SFOS will reimburse him for the cost which he expects will be about \$230.00.

C. Jean reported that Eric requested a volunteer to bring a laptop computer to meetings for the speaker's use as he no longer has access to one and that Ellen has volunteered to bring hers to each meeting.

II. Vice President's Report

Eric is excused from meetings and has posted the list of speakers for future meetings on the website.

III. Secretary's Report

Kay had nothing to report.

IV. Membership Report

A. Judy said that there were no new members or renewals during the past month.

B. Judy reported that all the information for the new roster has been sent to Angelic and she hopes to hand out rosters at the 6-1-10 SFOS meeting.

V. Treasurer's Report

Dan is excused from meetings. Dennis said that figures are almost final and show that POE lost about \$9200.00.

VI. Old Business

Dennis reported that Ft. Mason had made some concessions to POE for about \$2,000.00, but continued to be uninterested in making POE profitable. Their rates will be even higher next year, so the Show Committee is seriously considering a change in venue. The only place big enough seems to be the Concourse Center at 7th & Brannan. Although the basic rental fee is greater, there would be substantial savings on related fees, i.e., no need for shuttles and fewer security guards. Some Show Committee members will make a site visit and the Committee will make a decision soon.

VII. New Business

Eric had emailed a request from Blaine Marchant, a junior at the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, WA, who is from Palo Alto, CA. He is doing a study on *Goodyera* this summer and, although he was awarded a grant from the university to support himself while conducting research, they did not finance his full experimental budget. His abstract states in part "I will investigate the reproductive biology of the orchid, *Goodyera oblongifolia*, in Western Washington populations to understand their reproductive limitations and what factors determine how individuals allocate resources to sexual reproduction, asexual reproduction, and vegetative growth" He hopes to publish the results in a scientific journal and use them in his senior thesis. The Board agreed that his abstract for the research and longstanding interest in orchids, as well as a carefully detailed budget totaling \$2003.60 were worth consideration. Kay moved to grant \$500.00 for Blaine Marchant's *Goodyera* research, Ricki seconded, and the motion carried after discussion which included proposals to ask Blaine to present his results at an SFOS meeting and for his permission to print the results in our Newsletter.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Klumb

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First Class

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

- **June 1, 2010 , 7:30pm – SFOS General Meeting**
Greg Allikas - Pedilonum Dendrobiums
- **June 5-6: San Jose Orchid Exposition 5**, San Jose Japan Town, Miraido Club House, 550 6th St., San Jose, CA 95112 For More Information:
bwdavidson2@bbnow.net
- **June 12, 2010 – Eighth Orchid Digest Speaker's Day! "Cattleya"** Noon to 8:00 pm in Friends Hall Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens, San Marino, CA Contact: Simone Friend, 4349 Dogwood Ave., Seal Beach, CA 90740 Phone: (562) 431-1247
E-mail: orchidsimonef@aol.com
- **July 6, 2010 , 7:30pm – SFOS General Meeting**
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Saturday

June 5, 2010 9:00AM-6:00PM

Sunday

June 6, 2010 10:00AM-5:00PM

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