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Membership

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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.

March Speaker - Ron McHatton

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SFOS Meeting

Tues. March 6, 2012



SF Orchid Society

Tues. March 6, 2012
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

Ron McHatton
The Orchids of Madagascar

Skill Session

Bill Weaver
How to re-pot Cymbidiums



Ron McHatton

Ron has been growing orchids for about 48 years and has an eclectic collection of plants representing a wide cross-section of the orchid family. Over the years his private collection has numbered in excess of 2500 plants, a direct result of no willpower or common sense. A PhD chemist by training, Ron is currently the American Orchid Society's Chief Operating Officer and the Director of Education. In addition to his professional position, Ron is an accredited American Orchid Society judge. Prior to joining the AOS staff, he volunteered for the organization for over 25 years, chairing several national committees, twice holding a seat on the organization's Board of Trustees and briefly serving as vice-president. In addition to Ron's volunteer support of the AOS, he has also been a long-time supporter of the Orchid Digest. In this role, he has served on its Board of Directors and Executive Committee for many years and as its President for three consecutive terms.

The Orchids of Madagascar

Plant Opportunity Table

Dan Newman

Hanging Orchids

2011-2012 SFOS

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Madagascar is a fascinating place. The fourth largest island in the world, it has a wide variety of both plants and animals that are found nowhere else. There are many species of our primate cousins, the lemurs, chameleons of all sizes and changeable colors, geckos that pretend they are leaves, hissing cockroaches, a giraffe weevil with a long extended neck, and a moth with a proboscis more than a foot long. This month, Ron McHatton will give us a tour of the orchids of Madagascar. As you'll see they, too, are extraordinarily diverse and are unique to Madagascar.

Dinner with the Speaker

Please join us in the parking lot in back of the SF County Fair Building at 5:30 PM sharp.

2012 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 Judy Bley at jabley@pacbell.net or 415-826-8372.

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2012 Dues are Due!

(\$25 per year)

Please pay your dues at the next meeting,
or go the Web site www.orchidsanfrancisco.org

and use *Pay Pal* or mail to

SFOS- Membership

PO Box 27145

SF, CA 94127-0145

- \$25/year (with Email Newsletter Option)
- \$45/year (with USPS Mail Newsletter Option)

Thank you!

Welcome New Members

**Cleo Appleton
Adrienne Carroll
Judy Gonzalez-Massih
Lawrence Lundbom
Pat Radosevich**

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

Refreshments

K- P

SFOS members are encouraged to help out with
refreshments, setup and cleanup at Monthly
Meetings. If your last name falls within the letter
range **K-P** 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 February 14, 2012

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

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. The Board would like to have a native orchid tour for SFOS members. Mary explained 3 possibilities: April on Mount Tamalpais, late May in Sonoma County, and July on the San Mateo Coast; blooming times are somewhat dependent on the weather, so dates would be determined later. She said that either she and/or Ron Parsons would plan and lead the tour(s.)

II. Membership Report

A. Judy stated that current membership is 238, which includes 56 who have not yet renewed for 2012. 4 new members joined in 2-12, and 18 renewed. 21 members have used PayPal for their dues. Some lifetime members have made a contribution equal to dues.

B. Ricki moved (after some discussion and revisions) that the Board acknowledge and thank people who have made financial contributions to SFOS. Steve seconded and the motion passed.

C. Judy expressed concern that the on-line roster is not up to date. Dennis assured her that all the changes she has submitted have been processed.

III. Old Business

A. Mary said that Allison is the nominating committee chair and reported that she has 5 people interested in the vacant positions. Candidates are needed for 3 elected positions: SFOS Treasurer, Secretary, and a Director. In addition, members are needed to fill 2 positions which are appointed by the President: Show Treasurer and Membership Chair. Dan would like a replacement and Judy had given notice that she will resign at the end of this month.

B. Mary conveyed that Allison thinks the descriptions in the Bylaws are inadequate and asked current office holders to supply more detailed descriptions of their duties. Kay commented that the Bylaws do adequately describe the Secretary's duties. Kay will prepare an updated version of the Bylaws for the website.

C. Dennis reported on POE: there is an auctioneer for the live auction and the floor plan is set for POE, although it will have to be modified slightly as a Taiwanese vendor cancelled. He has concerns about the amount of time and money being spent on Facebook. Ricki said that she's seen the street banners and several members reported hearing and seeing ads on radio and TV.

D. Dennis strongly suggested that SFOS supply a structure for mounted plants on the Society tabletop display. Ellen volunteered to lend some wooden lattice for that purpose. Mary will convey those ideas to the committee chair, Caspar Curto.

E. Mary asked the Board to identify needs to include in the budget for next year and is optimistic about having more income this year.

1. Dennis said that monthly programs are the 1st priority and the opportunity table is 2nd. The Board concurred. Steve said that he would appreciate having more

flexibility and asked for a report on how program expenses this year compare with other years.

2 Steve asked if there had been complaints about the reduced number of plants (30) for the opportunity table. No one had heard any. Ellen commented that blooming plants always attract more attention. She did not have the figures to say if raffle ticket sales are up or down. Rather than include all of the orchids that are sometimes donated in the raffle it was decided to have a free table for extra plants.

3. Mary raised the controversial issue of creating a separate bank account for POE, to distinguish it from the general SFOS operating account. Some discussion was held which concluded with agreement that accounting expertise was required and the issue should be tabled until April.

F. Ellen reported that she had obtained the deposit stamps for checks. She also had some mail to distribute. Mary agreed to get the mail from Ellen at membership meetings.

G. The visit to the storage locker was postponed.

H. Dennis relayed Alex Maximiano's offer of a box of the small version of Orchid Wiz to sell at POE. Any unsold may be returned, so it would be no risk to SFOS and have the possibility of some profit. The Board favored accepting the offer.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Kay Klumb

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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.

~ March 2012 ~						
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Upcoming Events

March 6, 2012, 7:30pm - SFOS General Meeting

Ron McHatton - Main Speaker

Subject: **The Orchids of Madagascar**

67th Santa Barbara International Orchid Show - "Orchidelic"

March 16 - 18, 2012 9 AM - 5 PM

Earl Warren Show Grounds, Exhibit Hall, 3400 Calle Real, Santa Barbara, CA. For information, e-mail: sborchidshow@gmail.com visit: www.sborchidshow.com/show

· March 16 - 18 Hatfield Orchids Santa Barbara International Show Open House.

Fri - Sun, 9AM - 4PM. 3793 Dufau Road, Oxnard, CA 93033. Rain or Shine! Hope you can join us, but if you can't, we can ship to you for free (weather permitting)! Call George at (805) 901 0340-, email him at George@HatfieldOrchids.com, or check our the website at <http://www.hatfieldorchids.com>

☐ March 17 - 37th Annual Cymbidium Society of America Congress.

Saturday, March 17th, Annual meeting at 8:30 AM. Lectures during the day with lunch and Awards Banquet in the evening. Adams Elementary School Auditorium, 2701 Las Positas Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93105. <http://www.cymbidium.org/congress.html>

☐ Saturday, March 24 , 9 AM - 4 PM, California Orchids Spring Sale - Bolinas, CA

Mary Nesbit of California Orchids in Bolinas is having their Spring Sale starting at 9 AM and closing at 4 PM. California Orchids is offering an assortment of species and hybrids in all sizes, seedlings, specimens, supplies and good advise. 515 Aspen Road in Bolinas, CA.

Upcoming Speakers

April 2012: Ron Parsons - US Native Orchids

May 2012: Sergio Garcia - Brazilian Orchid Species

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

New SF Orchid Society 2012 Denim Shirts for Members



The SFOS is offering Port and Company denim shirts that are 100% cotton to our members for \$50. You can place your order at the general meeting or contact Frances Larose at flarose@prmagic.com to place an order.

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

A colorful poster for the 67th Santa Barbara International Orchid Show. The top half features a purple banner with the word 'Orchidelic' in a bubbly font. Below this, the dates 'March 16~18 2012' and times '9 AM ~ 5 PM' are listed. A list of activities includes 'beautiful displays', 'orchids for sale', 'art show & sale', and 'potting demos'. The bottom section provides the location 'Earl Warren Showgrounds, Highway 101 & Las Positas Road' and the website 'www.sborchidshow.com'. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner. The background is decorated with various orchid flowers in shades of purple, pink, and orange.

**67th Santa Barbara International
Orchid Show**

beautiful displays
orchids for sale
art show & sale
potting demos

Orchidelic

**March 16~18
2012**

9 AM ~ 5 PM

general admission: \$12
seniors/students w/ID: \$10
children 12 & under w/adult: free

**Earl Warren Showgrounds
Highway 101 & Las Positas Road**

www.sborchidshow.com

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California Orchids Spring Sale!



Our outdoor orchid logs in full bloom, Jan. 2012

Saturday, March 24th

9am-4pm

Rain or Shine, we'll have a great assortment of orchid species and hybrids in all sizes, seedlings to specimens as well as supplies and good advice.

It's a great excuse to spend a day at the beach!

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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 in an email to **Stanford Stapleton** at: stanford@rkmediasolutions.com

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!

Sincerely,

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