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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.

May Speaker - Professor Leonid V. Averyanov

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SFOS Meeting

Tues. May 1, 2012



SF Orchid Society

Tues. May 1, 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

Leonid V. Averyanov
Professor & Senior
Researcher - Komarov
Botanical Institute

Ornamental Orchids of Vietnam



Professor Leonid V. Averyanov

Prof. Averyanov is a Senior Researcher and Professor of the Herbarium at the Komarov Botanical Institute of the Russian Academy of Sciences in St.-Petersburg, Russia. His scientific work has focused on the orchids and gymnosperms of Eurasia, especially Vietnam.

Ornamental Orchids of Vietnam



Professor Averyanov's frequent trips to the difficult and underexplored regions of Vietnam have led to the discovery of many new orchid species, for example,

Skill Session

Dennis Westler Orchid Doctor

A Diagnose & Discussion of
cultural and insect/disease
issues

Plant

Opportunity Table

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Paphiopedilum helenae, Dendrobium chapaense, Renanthera citrina and Holcoglossum ligulatum. His book "Slipper Orchids of Vietnam, With an Introduction to the Flora of Vietnam" has become the standard reference for these popular orchids and received the Annual Literature Award of The Council on Botanical and Horticulture Libraries U.S.A. for 2004. He has received several awards in Russia and his research expeditions have been supported by a broad array of international agencies including UNESCO, National Geographic Society, National Science Foundation, American Orchid Society, Chicago Zoological Society, and the World Wildlife Fund.

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 Chris Mende at
chrismendefoto@aim.com.

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

Thank you!

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

Refreshments

A-E

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-E** 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 April 10, 2012

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

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.

II. Membership Report

A. Chris said that she is willing to fill in on membership until someone is appointed to fill the office. She reported that she started at the last meeting and was able to handle the duties there, but was having trouble getting data from PayPal into the roster. Mary explained that information from PayPal is complete only if the person completes the transaction by paying dues. Incomplete information is transmitted when people click into the area on the website, but do not complete the transaction. People who complete the transaction to pay dues are emailed a receipt. Those who don't complete are not sent any notice. Chris plans to write a welcome letter for new members, at Mary's suggestion.

B. Discussion was held about offering a discounted membership to people who reside out of town that would not be able to attend meetings, but would enjoy other benefits. No policy was set.

C. Jean reported that she was unable to find information to order the AOS' beginners book which the Board had voted to give to new SFOS members. Mary has contacted AOS for ordering information, but AOS replied that it is moving and will get back to her.

D. Jean pointed out that since Chris is at the membership table, no one is at the library. Mary will make an announcement requesting a volunteer librarian to serve until Chris can resume being librarian.

E. Mary said that there are currently about 215 members. Only a few of last month's 35 non-renewing members have re-joined. She will contact the rest to encourage them to renew and/or determine reasons for not renewing.

III. Old Business

A. Dennis reported on POE:

1. Thank you letters have been sent to all the vendors.
2. The Show Committee hopes to get 6 new vendors next year.
3. A meeting was held on 3-24-12, with Ft. Mason's new staff, who seem more committed and accommodating. There is a possibility of Ft. Mason's fees being lowered.
4. A co-chair is being sought for tickets. The on line ticket service may be hired to provide service on site, which would slightly increase expenses, but provide useful demographic information, i.e. number of senior tickets sold.
5. 45% of the vendors returned their surveys with positive ratings for POE; most reported good sales receipts, sometimes just because of presales. The Committee plans to provide more information about preordering next year. The only significant negative vendor sales results were from the Gala. SFOS makes good money from admissions and auctions at the Gala so will not be making changes.
6. Asmara Cruises, CBS, and KCBS have expressed interest in participating again next year. The Taiwan Tourism Board has not made a commitment, but seems quite

pleased with the results of its participation this year.

7. POE's net profit is not yet determined as there are still outstanding bills and Ft. Mason may lower its fees, but there was definitely a good profit. Ricki moved that when the final number is known, it be published in the Newsletter and/or on the web site along with information on how to get the details. Discussion ensued on pros and cons of full financial disclosure. SFOS is a nonprofit corporation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and as such is required to make its finances available. Some members feel finances should not be published, but provided only upon request as the information is complex and easy to misinterpret. Others feel full transparency is preferable to prevent misinterpretation. The motion was seconded and passed.

B. Ellen said there were some logistical problems with winners not collecting the larger auction items promptly. She asked for better procedures to be implemented next year.

C. Allison apologized for having been too busy to work on the slate during the past month. She and Ellen will contact the members who are considering offices and she will put a proposed slate in the Newsletter. Candidates may also be nominated by members at the May meeting just prior to the election.

D. Jean asked about reserving the County Fair Building room for meetings. The Board had agreed to have an in person meeting on May 8, to welcome the new Board members who will take office in June. Jean has reserved the room for the rest of 2012, but could cancel. The Board agreed to decide on which meetings will be virtual with the new Board.

E. Mary said that she would like to start Strategic Planning Committee meetings to plan for Orchids in the Park. Jean reported that she has reserved the County Fair Building for September 14, 15, & 16, and that Tom Perlite always takes care of vendors.

IV. New Business

A. Mary announced that she has received a large number of used orchid books and periodicals from Mike Serpa and asked for suggestions on disposing of them. Discussion was held which concluded with offering the better books for sale and the periodicals for free, first to SFOS members by email blast, then at meetings, then to other Orchid society members.

B. Mary presented a balanced budget for the next year, with expenses about the same as what was spent the past year, except for higher allowances for speakers and donations. [No donations were made last year.] She included only a modest income from POE, because some of the profit should be used to replenish the reserve operating funds.

1. Dennis suggested raising the allowance for purchasing books as the stock at POE was meager. Jean said that SFOS had not bought any books for a few years and that she can only get them from Amazon now, which allows little markup. Mary said that she gets a discount from Timber Press and also AOS. She will provide a list of Timber Press Orchid books to choose from. Chris said that some of the SFOS Library books could be sold as well.

2. Mary explained that all the promotional material for POE listed beneficiaries of the show as the Helen Crocker Russell Library, the Conservatory of Flowers, and Orchid conservation, so she included \$6,000.00 for donations: \$1500.00 to HCR Library, \$1500.00 to the Conservatory, and \$3,000.00 for conservation. Some members noted that there was no allowance for education. SFOS has made special grants for research projects, for example, when presented with a request. The Board agreed that the budget was frugal enough to allow for such grants if worthy requests are received.

3. After discussion, the Board agreed that the \$3,000.00 for conservation should go to the Orchid Conservation Alliance. This will more than satisfy SFOS' commitment to 1% for Orchid Conservation, which pledges 1% of SFOS net profit be donated to

conservation projects.

4. Dennis moved to accept the budget, Allison seconded and the motion passed. Anyone who would like a copy of the budget may obtain one by emailing that request to kayklumb@gmail.com.

C. Kay informed the Board that she will be away, so a secretary will be needed for the May meeting.

Steve moved to adjourn, Dennis seconded, the motion passed, 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.

Upcoming Events

May 1, 2012, 7:30pm - SFOS General Meeting

Professor Leonid V. Averyanov - Main Speaker

Subject: **Ornamental Orchids of Vietnam**

Skill Session - Dennis Westler-The Orchid Doctor - The Doctor Is In. This will be very much an attendee driven skill session. Dennis Westler will be diagnosing and discussing cultural and insect/disease issues brought up by attendees. Please come with your questions and/or samples. If you bring leaves or whole plants, please have them within sealed bags. And leaves or other plant samples should be fresh (removed shortly before).

Saturday April 28, 10AM - 4 PM; Sunday April 29, 10 AM - 3 PM. Anna Chai Open Greenhouse Sale Belmont, CA

2508 Sherbourne Dr. Belmont, CA. Many special plants and divisions, including plants from Pui Chin, Ken and Amy Jacobsen, and Fred Shull.

Saturday & Sunday, April 28 & 29, 2012 Sat. & Sun. 10 AM - 3 PM, MayOn Nursery's Orchid Sale San Leandro, CA

462 Broadmoor Blvd., San Leandro. A boutique nursery specializing in Cymbidiums and Cool-Growing orchids since 1980. Call Paul Chim at (510) 635-3260

Saturday & Sunday May 5 & 6, 2012 -Carmel Orchid Society Show & Sale -in Conjunction with the Annual Carmel Valley Garden Show.

Hidden Valley Institute for the Arts, 88 W. Carmel Valley Road at Ford Road, Carmel Valley Village. For information, contact Carolyn Salmon at (831) 375-3748- or cargie@yahoo.com or visit the website: www.carmelorchidsociety.org.

Saturday & Sunday May 12 - 13, 2012 Orchid Design Mother's Day Sale Sat -Sun 10am4pm. 1361 Plum St., San Jose, CA 95110. Blooming orchids, gift baskets and supplies for sale. For information, phone 408-476-7153 or email services@ORCHIDesign.com.

Saturday & Sunday May 12- 13, 2012 Orchid Society of California Mother's Day Show and Sale Fri 12 Noon - 6 PM, Sat & Sun 10 AM - 5 PM, Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Drive, Lake Merritt, Oakland. Free admission. www.orchidsocietyofcalifornia.com.

Saturday & Sunday May 19 - 20, 2012 D & D Flowers Spring Open House Sat-Sun 9 AM - 3 PM, 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. Call at 925-969-1246

Saturday & Sunday May 19 -20, 2012 Casa de las Orquideas 10th Annual Super Seedling Sale Saturday 9 AM to 4 PM. IN PERSON ONLY! 170 South Nardo Ave. Solana Beach, CA 92075. Over 50%OFF selected 3" and 4" plants. Parking is limited so please consider carpooling. Call Miki and Carl at (858) 755-7572-, Website at www.orquideas.com, or email casa@orquideas.com.

Tuesday- May 22, 2012 Marin Orchid Society Spring Silent Auction at 6:30 PM followed by live auction at 7 PM. Their meetings are normally held at the San Rafael Corporate Center, Tamalpais Room, 750 Lindaro St., San Rafael, CA. Auction paddles \$2.00. Website

Fri.-Sun. June 1 - 3, 2012 San Jose Orchid Exhibition and Wine Tasting by RealOrchidGrowers.com \$10 Early Preview Night Fri 5:30 - 9:30 PM, Sat & Sun 9 AM - 5 PM, The Miraido Clubhouse in San Jose's Japantown, 550 6th Street, San Jose, CA 95112. Orchid Sales and Beginner Orchid Skill Sessions. Free Admission. For more info, call BruceDavidson at (408) 623-0413-, email BWDavidson2@BBNow.net, their website at www.RealOrchidGrowers.com or find them on Facebook

Friday June 8, 2012 Malihini Orchid Society Auction at 7:30 PM, come early to preview the auction plants. Hewlett Packard Oak Room, 19091 Pruneridge Avenue, Cupertino. For more information, contact Mike Bautista via email at 5mb@batnet.com or by phone at 650-556-9599.

Upcoming Speakers

June 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

* **FREE** back copies of the AOS Bulletin, AOS Quarterly and Sander's List of Hybrids (various years) - mostly between 1965 - 1990. There are a large number of these available FREE to whomever would like them. If interested, please contact Mary Gerritsen - meg570@comcast.net .

* From Nancy Batchman

Hi Everyone,

We will be having a memorial/celebration for Loren E. Batchman on May 8th at the San Diego Botanic Garden (formerly Quail Gardens) at 11 a.m. Please come with your best memories and stories. If possible please write them down, as we would like to collect them in a book.

Please let us know ASAP if you think you may come, because we need to reserve the right sized space at the Gardens.

We have a tribute page set up online if you would like to contribute a special memory or thought and can't make the memorial (or if you just plain want to.) Please follow this link: <http://www.sorrentovalleychapel.com/obituaries/tribute.html?url=http://stei-23721.tributes.com/show/Loren-E.-Batchman-93552563>

Thanks to everyone who has sent thoughts, prayers, and cards. We are touched by the outpouring from this community.

Please note, please do not send flowers or plants (we have enough of them already!) Thank you.

Nancy, Karl, Miki, and Erika Batchman

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

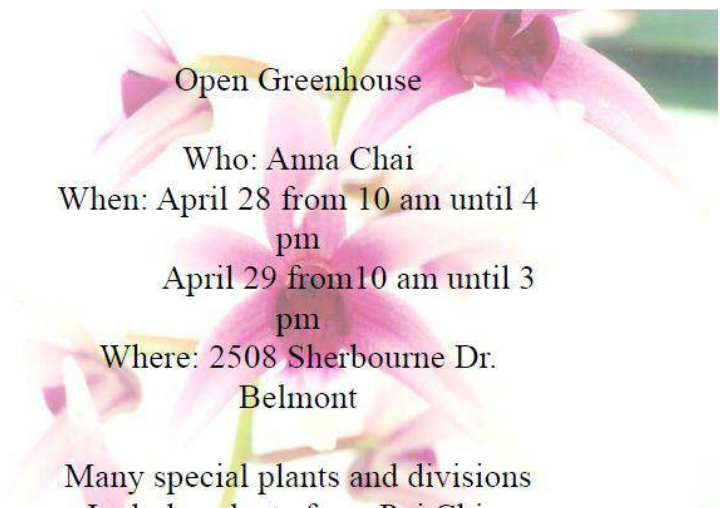
Procedure For A Guest to Attend the SFOS Board Meeting

All SFOS board meetings are open to all members. The board meets on the second Tuesday of each month-- either in person --at the SF County Fair Building (at 7pm) or via Skype (at 7:15pm).

To participate in a virtual meeting, the member must either have a Skype account or a telephone number, which the moderator will add to the call list. Guests will then be added to the conference call at the time the board meeting commences. Board meetings typically end about 9pm.

To attend one of the virtual board meetings, members should contact the virtual board meeting moderator (usually the President, currently Mary Gerritsen) by email or telephone preferably one week before the board meeting. Currently all board meetings are virtual unless announced by email or in the newsletter. To attend an in-person meeting, advance notice is not required.

Announcements



Open Greenhouse

Who: Anna Chai

When: April 28 from 10 am until 4
pm

April 29 from 10 am until 3
pm

Where: 2508 Sherbourne Dr.
Belmont

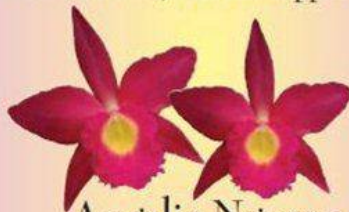
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Please include your name at the beginning or end of your text. All submissions will be reviewed and may be edited due to space limitations. Thank you!

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