

San Francisco Orchid Society Newsletter

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SFOS Meeting

Tues. May 7, 2013

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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

Daniel Fulop
***Catasetums: Pollen catapults
and hypervariable male flowers***

Daniel Fulop



SF Orchid Society

Tues. May 7, 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

Daniel Fulop

Catasetums: Pollen catapults and hypervariable male flowers

Skill Session

Dennis Westler

Orchid Doctor

Ask the Doctor about your plant problems and get the answers you need



Daniel Fulop, Ph.D. While living in Boston, Dan was a member of the Massachusetts Orchid Society, and apart from growing *Catasetums* in the laboratory, he also grew twig epiphyte orchids at home in a terrarium. Dan hails from Venezuela and was originally introduced to *Catasetum* and the wonderful biology of orchids by his compatriot Dr. Gustavo Romero, Keeper of the Oakes Ames Orchid Herbarium at Harvard University. Dan is currently a postdoctoral scholar at UC Davis working on the comparative genomics and quantitative genetics of wild and domesticated tomatoes, focusing on shade avoidance, drought and salt stress.

Catasetums: Pollen catapults and hypervariable male flowers

As a graduate student at Harvard University, Daniel Fulop conducted his Ph.D. research on the biomechanics and evolution of *Catasetum* orchids. His work on the pollinarium expulsion and redirection mechanism in male *Catasetum*

Plant
Opportunity Table
Debra Atwood
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flowers has been featured in *Science News* and NPR's *Science Friday*, and exhibited at the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History.

Here's how *Science Friday* introduced Dan's work:

Of the orchid genus *catasetum*, Charles Darwin wrote: "I never was more interested in any subject in all my life than in this of Orchids." The male flowers in this genus evolved an unusual pollination program. They propel a package of pollen onto the backs of visiting bees. The bees endure the blow (which would be like a 150-pound person getting hit with a few bowling balls) in exchange for orchid aromas that the bees use to attract mates.

Plan to attend the May meeting and learn more about *Catasetum* orchids and their unique features.



Dinner with the Speaker

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

2013 Membership Directory

The new membership directory is now online on the SFOS website. All members with an

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email address in our records should have received instructions for login and password.

If there are errors, please contact Florence Inserto - floinsert@yahoo.com or Claire Zvanski: (415) 341-3085 czvanski@hotmail.com .

2013 Dues Are Now Payable

(\$25 per year-Individual)

(\$40 per household-2 or more- per year)

Dues may be payable at any SFOS 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 or \$40/year (with Email Newsletter Option)
- \$45/year individual (with USPS Mail Newsletter Option)

Thank you!

Welcome New Members

Pamela R. Morris

Taylor Luscutoff

Beverly Squaglia

Mike Hodas

Jim Demattei

Manuel A. Sagisi

Constance Whitting

Jeanne M. Uzar

Alexander Yu and Ming-Li Yu

Richard Moles

Renee Ready

Clarissa Dyer

Lauren Garske

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

Refreshments

O - T

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

Minutes of SFOS Board Meeting, February April 15, 2013

Present: Mary Gerritsen, , Jean Lee, Dennis Westler, Valerie Mountain, Ricki Kohn, Allison Lehman, Chris Mende, Florence Inserto , Eric Wells
Excused: Steve Beckendorf, Jeff Harris, Claire Zvanski

I. Vice President's Report

A. Sent in by Steve: The speaker for May will be Daniel Fulop, topic: How Does a Catsetum Throw Its Pollen. Skill session: Dennis Westler- Orchid Dr. Opportunity table: Debra Atwood, Napa Valley Orchids. June's speaker will be Ken Cameron from the University of Wisconsin, topic: Vanilla Orchids. During the time for the June meeting skill session, the results of the membership survey will be discussed and members are encouraged to attend to provide further feedback.

II. Treasurer's Report

A. Sent in by Jeff: As of April 7, we currently have \$205,671.61 in all our accounts (\$67,669.88 in checking, \$1505.78 in our special saving fund, and \$136,495.95 in our high yield savings) at Wells Fargo. All the income from POE 2013 is in our accounts including the \$30,000 sponsorship from the Taiwan Tourism group. There are still a number of bills to be paid, and a final reconciliation of the POE finances should be available for the next meeting.

III. POE Update

A. Dennis noted that we are still getting final figures from POE, but anticipated earnings will be less than last year. Attendance was down about 30% and costs were somewhat higher than expected. Several factors may have been excellent weather (typical cooler and cloudy days seem to bring in more folks), concurrent

events such as Chinese New Years and February school vacations. Otherwise, the new ticketing system and the overall show went well.

IV. Nominations for Open Board Positions

A. Nominations are still open for two directors, chief financial officer and the president. Two directors will be stepping down due to the 5 year term limit, and Jeff has resigned as treasurer due to work conflicts, effective May 2013. All current board members are serving as the nomination committee. All SFOS members are encouraged to present their nominations for board positions. The meeting was adjourned at 9:25.

Respectfully Submitted,
Valerie Mountain

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AOS Awards

AOS Awards

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 7, 2013 7:30pm - SFOS General Meeting

Main Speaker - Daniel Fulop, Ph.D.

Subject: Catasetums: Pollen catapults and hypervariable male flowers

Skill Session- Dennis Westler - Orchid Doctor

This is an opportunity to get problems diagnosed and talk about specific issues. Please bring pictures of your plant or samples in a plastic bag. We can also talk about specific cultural practices people want clarified. This is also a great opportunity for beginners to ask any questions.

May 4 Santa Clara Valley Orchid Society Annual Greenhouse Tour

SCVOS special Greenhouse Tour includes 7 superb orchid growers in the area. Hours are vary by grower-please refer to the poster below.

May 10 - 12, 2013 Filoli Flower Show (Silver Anniversary)

Filoli Mansion, 86 Old Canada Road., Woodside (off Edgewood Road) 10 AM -3:30 PM Orchid & floral displays, and tablescapes designs by more than 70 amateurs and professionals. Live music and refreshments.

May 10 - 12, 2013 Orchid Society of California Show & Sale 2013

Lakeside Park garden Center 666 Bellevue Avenue Oakland, CA 94610 Orchid Displays - Orchids for sale - Growing tips - Free Admission Fri. 12 - 6 PM; Sat. & Sun. 10 AM - 5 PM.

orchidsocietyofcalifornia.com

May 11, 2013 California Orchids Spring Open House - Bolinas, CA

515 Aspen Road., Bolinas, CA 9 AM - 4 PM 415.868.0203

info@californiaorchids.com

May 11 - 12, 2013 Sally Robertson's Annual Open Studio & Garden

284 Cherry, Bolinas, CA 10 AM - 5 PM 415. 868.0784

www.sallyrobertson.com email: sally@sallyrobertson.com

May 11 - 12, 2013 Orchid Design Mother's Day Open House

1361 Plum St., San Jose, CA 10 AM - 4 PM Orchids for sale, repotting and dividing demonstrations.

May 18 - 19, 2013 D&D Flowers Spring Open House

Half Moon Bay 1/3 mile east of Main Street off Hwy 92-south side of Hwy.

May 31 - June 2 San Jose Orchid Expo

Winchester Mystery House, San Jose Friday Preview Night Gala 5:30 to 9:30pm, Saturday 9am -6pm, Sunday 10am-4pm. For more information go to

www.realorchidgrowers.com

June 15, 2013 The Orchid Society of Southern California Orchid Auction

221 South 6th Street, First Christian Church, Burbank, CA Free Admission Doors Open at 1 PM

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

June - Ken Cameron from the University of Wisconsin - topic -Vanilla Orchids

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

Is This Your Last Edition of the Newsletter?

The SFOS Newsletter is e-mailed to all designated members in good-standing and those whose membership dues are paid in full for the 2013 year. If you have not renewed your membership, please do so now so you may continue to receive the newsletter. Thank you!

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Announcements

The San Francisco Orchid Society Needs You

Help Needed!

There are a number of open positions on the Board of Directors for the SFOS. Please consider being a more active participant in the society and helping to shape the future of the San Francisco Orchid Society. The positions open and short descriptions of the responsibilities are below. If you are interested or would like to learn more about any of the positions, please contact any member of the board. New board members will start their term in June. Contact information is below:

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Dennis Westler (show chair) DennisWestler@aol.com

Treasurer

A Treasurer is needed to handle day to day transactions, keep the general ledger and provide information to the bookkeeper and accountant who prepares taxes.

The treasurer records payments, writes and disperses checks to speakers, opportunity table providers, etc and ensures all funds are deposited in the bank and accounts reconciled and prepares the statements for the monthly meeting. Ideally the Treasurer will be at monthly SFOS meetings but a system can be worked out if that is not possible.

The Treasurer will work with Dan Peters who has the financial responsibility for POE. As a member of the board, the Treasurer will attend the "virtual" board meetings via Skype, when possible; if not able to make a board meeting the treasurer will send the report to the president before the meeting.

Directors

Two directors are needed for the SFOS board. Directors attend the board meetings (now done "virtually" using Skype) where ongoing society activities are discussed. A director is a voting member of the board of directors. Directors also participate in other SFOS activities such as helping out with Orchids in the Park and the POE.

President

The president provides the agenda for the monthly board meetings and presides

over the board meeting. Other duties include securing and confirming the room reservations for the meetings, presiding at the general meeting, appointing positions necessary for the running of the society (webmaster, membership chair, show chair, nominating committee). The president works with the treasurer to set a budget for the fiscal year. The president may also attend the POE show meetings (optional but recommended).

Some Volunteers needed for the San Francisco Botanical Garden Sale
Please contact Carol directly

Dear friends in the San Francisco Orchid Society,

On May 3 and 4, the San Francisco Botanical Garden Society will be holding it's Annual Plant Sale, a fund raiser that supports the Garden. We are looking for a few knowledgeable volunteers to work the sale and help customers with questions about orchids. Volunteers from several other plant societies have helped with the sale in the past. We really need some good orchid people at this sale. Friday is our member preview sale and it is from 5-8. Saturday is the public sale as is from 10-2.

Please ask your members if there is anyone who would like to help out. We would really appreciate it, and the event is really fun.

Carol

CAROL LAUGHLIN
Director of Community Engagement

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Special Events

Santa Clara Valley Orchid Society
Annual Greenhouse Tour
Saturday May 4th, 2013



SCVOS Green House Tour this year includes the greenhouses of 7 superb orchid growers in the area, visit as many as you like during the hours indicated. Call for directions if needed.

Tanya Lam: Grows a large variety of orchids, dendrobiums, vandas among others. Will have orchids for sale. 2096 Mandalay Place, S.J. 408-599-9903 Hours: 9 am to 5 pm.

Barry Zimmerman: Grows cymbidiums, cattleyas and botanicals. Will have orchids for sale. 685 Stirling Dr. Milpitas. 408-515-0968. Hours: 10 am to 4 pm.

Mike Warfield: Grows cattleyas, phals, phargs and bulbphilums. Will have divisions for sale. 3291 Meadowlands Ln. S.J. 408-274-7661 Hours 9 am to 4 pm

Dave Smitt: Grows cym, paphs, phrags, epis among others. Will have orchids for sale. 3814 Ainsley Ct. Campbell. 408-866-0956 Hours: 9 am to 2 pm

Ed Nazzal: Grows paphs, species and outdoor orchids. Will have orchids for sale. 1487 Montelegre Dr. S.J. 408-268-3573 Hours: 9 am to 2 pm

Al Testa: grows a variety of orchids. Will have orchids for sale. 3257 Fowler Ave. **Santa Clara**. 408-243-7788 Hours 9 am to 2 pm

Eanghak Quach: Grows cymbidiums, other orchids and tropical fruit trees. Will have orchids and fruit trees for sale. 459 Savstrom Way, S.J. 408-316-4320 Hrs 9am to 5pm

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Culture
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Raffles
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**Friday
May 10**
12PM - 6PM

**Saturday
May 11**
10AM - 5PM

**Sunday
May 12**
10AM - 5PM

Lakeside Park Garden Center - 666 Bellevue Avenue - Oakland CA 94610
Next to The Gardens at Lake Merritt Botanical Garden in Lakeside Park

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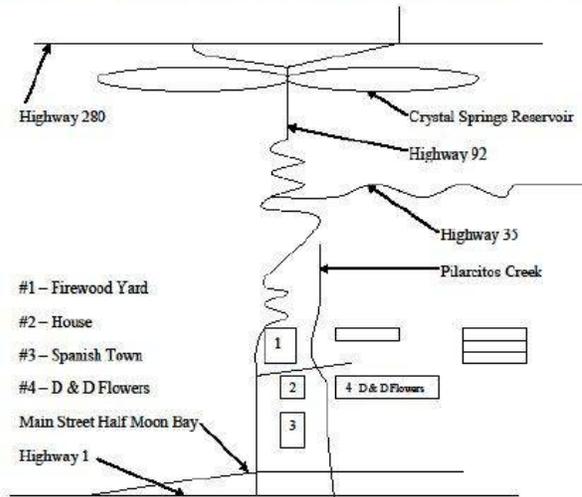
D & D Flowers

Spring Open House
May 18th & 19th, 2013
9:00 AM to 3 PM

(D & D Flowers is not open to the public except for our bi-annual open house events)

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

Help your local orchid society. For every \$25 you spend, you may enter your local orchid society in a raffle for their monthly opportunity table. 30 healthy plants (some in bloom) will be award to the winning society. Winning society will be picked at the end of Sunday. The society must redeem their prize to D & D Flowers within 6 months of this sale.



Half Moon Bay 1/3 mile east of Main Street off Hwy 92.
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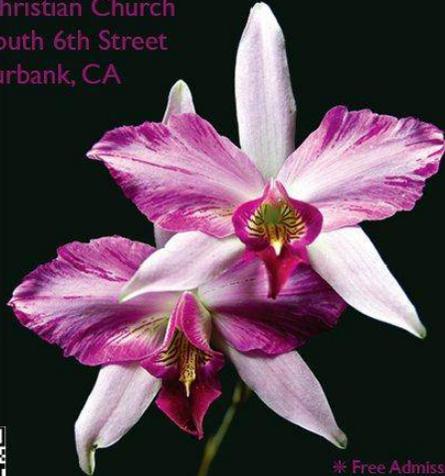
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Orchid Auction

Saturday, June 15, 2013

Doors Open 1:00 PM
Auction Starts 2:00 PM

Meeting Hall
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THE PALOMAR ORCHID SOCIETY
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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

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Newsletter Submissions

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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!

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