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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.

**November Speaker - Marni Turkel**

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## **SFOS Meeting**

**Tues. November 1, 2011**



SF Orchid Society

**Tues. November 1, 2011**  
**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**

**Marni Turkel**  
**The Orchids of Guatemala**

### **Skill Session**

**Gerardus Staal**  
***The Orchid Doctor***  
**How to fight pests and  
diseases**

### **Plant Opportunity Table**

**Marni Turkel**  
**Stony Point Ceramic Design**



### **Marni Turkel**

Marni Turkel (pronounced tur KELL) is a native of the San Francisco Bay Area and has been growing orchids since 1980. She has been an active member of the San Francisco Orchid Society since 1982. She grows in three greenhouses in Santa Rosa with approximately 1000 sq ft of growing space. Her main interest is in cool-growing miniature species but plenty of larger plants have crept into the collection as well. Marni has been a contributor to Orchids Magazine with her series called 'Well Worth the Space' and 'Give It a Rest'. Her articles have been translated into Dutch, German, Portuguese and Swedish for international publication. Photographs of her plants have been feature in articles in noted orchid publications including Orchids Magazine, Orchid Digest, Richardiana, The Orchid Review, and The Australian Orchid Review.

Marni has been working potter since 1968 and is in the process of winding down the pottery business and moving to orchids full time. Besides selling divisions of her plants on ebay and on her website, she started a flasking lab in 2009 and is now producing flasks of rare plants from her collection as well as doing flasking for other growers.

### **The Orchids of Guatemala**

**and Orchid Sales**

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**Librarian**



In 1979 I spent a couple of months in Guatemala as a traveler- just seeing the sights, visiting ruins and markets, going from town to town. I did see orchids on the road side on that trip, but that was before I was obsessed with them. My two recent trips were all about orchids and so this talk is is not going to be a travelogue, it really is about the orchids of Guatemala.

Guatemala is a land of many climates, from costal lowlands up to the seasonal Pacific slopes and central highlands and then down through the humid zones of the Atlantic lowlands and into the tropical jungle. This variety allows for a rich orchid habitat. From terrestrials to twig epiphytes, Guatemala has an assortment of seriously wonderful orchids and many choice species worthy of cultivation. This talk will be a look at many of these orchids, both well-know and not so well know, in cultivation, in situ, in collections, and at the wonderful orchid show in Cobán in the central highlands.

**Dinner with the Speaker**

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

**A New Membership Directory is available**

A new membership directory is available. More information

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on how to obtain a copy will be available soon. If you do not want your contact information shared with fellow members\* or if anything has changed (address, telephone number, or e-mail). Please notify Judy Bley at [jabley@pacbell.net](mailto:jabley@pacbell.net) or 415-826-8372.

*\*The directory is only for SFOS members and information is not shared.*

## **Welcome New Members**

**Joseph Kautz**

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

## **Refreshments**

### **N - R**

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

### **Minutes of the SFOS October 11 , 2011**

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, Allison Lehman, and Chris Mende  
Excused: Director: Ricki Kohn

## **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. He confirmed that he has been able to engage interesting local speakers which keeps expenses down, and plans to try to coordinate with other societies to share travel and housing expenses for non-local speakers.

B. Steve elicited suggestions for skill sessions. SFOS members are encouraged to volunteer by contacting him directly.

## **II. Membership Report**

A. Judy stated that current membership is 225; two joined at Orchids in the Park [OitP] and one former member rejoined at the last meeting. One new member was a volunteer at OitP.

B. It was noted that giving away free posters at OitP attracted people who were receptive to membership information. Ellen said that she could bring a few posters to each meeting to give to new members, but it was decided they would be too cumbersome as a regular feature.

C. Jean suggested that a How to Grow Orchids book could be given to new members.

D. Allison suggested that a strip of raffle tickets for the Opportunity Table could be given to new members.

E. Kay suggested that membership cards be issued, but discussion resulted in concluding that there would be little benefit for the effort and expense required to produce and distribute them.

F. After discussion, the Board agreed that new members would be given a book and a strip of raffle tickets at the next meeting they attend. All those who have joined in 2011 should check in with Judy to get these gifts.

G. Mary and Dennis noted that San Diego and Oakland give a raffle ticket to those members wearing name badges for a special drawing for one orchid from their Opportunity Tables. The Board decided to institute this practice in San Francisco.

## **III. Treasurer's Report**

A. Mary presented Dan's figures for OitP: total income was \$15,551.27; total expenses were \$6,797.53, for a net gain of \$8753.74. Most of the income was from admissions, which were up from last year; vendors, which were down from last year; and from the Razzle Dazzle Raffle, which was new this year. Some expenses had been pared down by using more internet promotion and volunteer labor.

B. Mary said that she has greatly enlarged the email list of people interested in orchids for future promotions and the survey of attendees showed that 70% of them had learned of OitP from the internet.

C. Only 2 people used the concierge service, but Allison thinks that it would be very much appreciated at POE.

D. Mary and Kay thought that Member Plant Sales would have been more successful if more plants had been brought for sale.

E. Jean agreed to reserve a date for OitP next year that does not coincide with another major event in the park. Speculation is that this year's increase in attendance was greatly helped by avoiding Opera in the Park and Hardly Strictly Bluegrass, although it was noted that parking was still difficult.

F. Mary would like to find a different venue with ample parking and will look into facilities in the Presidio.

## **IV. Old Business**

A. Orchid Repotting Clinic and potluck lunch is set for 10-15-11, from 11:00 to 2:00, in the space next to Hanging Gardens which is having an open greenhouse and sale. Hawk Hill and Joe & Kathy Parker also will have open greenhouses.

1. Mary asked for volunteers to come early to help set up and listed the supplies which she and SFOS will provide. Chris, Judy, Jean, Mary, and Kay plan to attend.

2. Kay suggested that SFOS send the proprietor of the property a thank you letter for an in-kind charitable donation. After discussion, no decision was reached as Mary wished to consult her accountant.

B. Storage Facility is currently a 10 x 18 foot unit.

1. Ellen explained that the next smallest size is 10 x 10. She presented diagrams and

pictures and listed much of the contents which will not all fit into a 10 x 10 unit.

2. Ellen said that there is an old library cart which is not being used, partly because it does not conform to the County Fair Building's requirements. After discussion, the Board decided to offer it to other orchid societies and members, and if none of them wants it, to offer it on Craig's list.

3. Ellen reported that an advertising stand donated by OrchidMania is still at CityCarShare and should be picked up, but is too cumbersome for her to handle alone.

4. Several Board Members requested a visit to the storage facility in order to get a better understanding and help with a solution to cut the expense.

C. Roster: Dennis reported that our webmaster investigated a free service for a password protected roster and found that it would not work. She wants to investigate further for an open source system, as purchasing a system is expensive. Mary has asked for an estimate on a printed roster.

D. Donations: discussion was tabled.

#### **V. New Business**

A. Pacific Orchid Exposition update:

1. Dennis said that the theme is Salute to the Golden Gate to tie in with the 75th anniversary of the bridge. The Golden Gate National Recreation Center is doing some promotions and will include POE. The entry display will be around an 18 x 40 foot walk through model of the bridge.

2. Dennis emphasized that two critical positions need filling: chairs for the silent auction and for ticket sales. These may be shared positions. Chris, Ricki, and Allison will help with the silent auction. Dennis will put a request in the Newsletter with more information.

3. Dennis reported that the Academy of Sciences will again be approached to allow a POE presentation at one of their events. No corporate sponsor has signed on.

B. Next Board meeting will be led by Steve as Mary will be in Borneo. Some problems with the virtual meeting were discussed. Allison has the latest version of Skype and will set up the next meeting which is hoped will solve the connection problems.

C. Mary has designed the Orchid Conservation Alliance 2012 calendar and should have them in time to sell at the next SFOS meeting.

D. Jean noted the need for a volunteer to handle refreshments. Judy said that she would continue to set them up, but cannot put them away.

E. Steve noted that more people are needed to help set up the room for the meeting and will make a plea for volunteers at our next meeting.

F. Some Board Members requested that Board meetings be conducted in a more business-like manner in order to cut down on interruptions during presentations.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Kay Klumb

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## **AOS Awards**

American Orchid Society Pacific Judging Center Web site: [www.aospacificcentral.org/](http://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](mailto: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.

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## **Upcoming Events**

á **November 1, 2011, 7:30pm - SFOS General Meeting**

**Marni Turkel** - Main Speaker - Subject: **The Orchids of Guatemala**

á **Saturday, November 5 & Sunday, November 6 - Orchid Society of California Fall Show and Sale**, Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Drive, Lake Merritt, Oakland. 10 AM to 5 PM both days. Free admission. Website, [www.orchidsocietyofcalifornia.com](http://www.orchidsocietyofcalifornia.com)

á **Saturday, Nov. 5 & Sunday November 6 - 53rd Annual Santa Barbara Orchid Estate Fall Open House**, Saturday November 5, 8 AM to 5 PM, Sunday November 6, 9 AM to 4 PM. For more information call (800) 553-3387 or [www.sborchid.com](http://www.sborchid.com)

á **Saturday, November 12 & Sunday, November 13 - Santa Cruz Orchid Society Show and Sale**

Soquel High School, 401 Old San Jose Rd., Soquel, CA 94073. Saturday 9 AM - 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM to 4 PM. Admission and parking are FREE! For more information go to [http://www.santacruzorchidsociety.org/show\\_sale.html](http://www.santacruzorchidsociety.org/show_sale.html) Everyone is welcome to enter their orchids in this show: enter plants between 5 - 8 PM on Friday, Nov. 11th and pick them up at 4 PM on Sunday.

**á Saturday, November 26 - Sunday, November 27, 2011 Santa Barbara Orchid Society Show - "Orchids: Nature's Masterpieces" Santa Barbara, CA**

Santa Barbara Orchid Society Show "Orchids: Natures Masterpieces". 10 am-5 pm. Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, 2599 Puesta del Sol Road, Santa Barbara, CA. Show free with Museum admission. Museum \$10 adults, \$7 seniors and ages 13-16, \$6 ages 3-12. Information: [morchids@hotmail.com](mailto:morchids@hotmail.com) [www.orchids.net](http://www.orchids.net)

**á Saturdays through November 19 and possibly longer. 30% Discount on Pottery by Marni Turkel.**

I am in the process of shifting my business from ceramics to orchids and will begin closing out stock at the pottery. I will be discounting all stock 30% off of the regular marked prices. This is for both 1st and 2nd quality work. If you can't make it on any given Saturday, don't worry, the pottery will be open on Saturdays from 11 am to 4 pm and by appointment at other times at least through November 19th and possibly longer. I will be glazing more stock as the month goes on. Stony Point Ceramic Design, 2080 Llano Rd Suite 1B, Santa Rosa CA 95407

If you want to make an appointment or have any questions, you can contact me at 707 328 5973.

From Highway 101 in the Santa Rosa area, take Highway 12 West towards Sebastopol. Go 4 miles to the stop light at Llano Road and turn left. Go approximately 1 quarter mile to 2080 Llano Road and turn left into the driveway. The pottery is in the middle of the first building on the left. [www.marniturkel.com](http://www.marniturkel.com)

**Upcoming Speakers**

**December 2011:** Tanya Lam, Growing in Coconut Mixes.

**January 2012:** Steve Beckendorf, Searching for Rare Odontoglossums

**February 2012:** Santiago Ramirez, Orchids and Orchid Bees

**Notices**

**Attention Young Orchid Growers**

It's not too soon to start pampering your plants for the **Pacific Orchid Exposition**-February 24, 25 26, 2012. The "Imperiale Youth Prize" is a special award that recognizes cultural excellence by those seventeen years old and younger. The prize hopes to reinforce the enthusiasm of young growers who play an important role in the present and future of orchid growing, conservation, and research. One winner will be recognized with a rosette and medal for their accomplishment. To win, plants may be entered in either Novice, Advanced, or Commercial/Open categories. In addition, plants will also need to be entered in Class 1201. As is the case with other orchids submitted for ribbon judging, plants must be grown by the owner for at least six months. So show your spirit, share your skills, bring your best plants, and lead the way into the future.

For more information: [info@orchidsanfrancisco.org](mailto:info@orchidsanfrancisco.org)

**Exhibitors Wanted**

Are you interested in putting in an exhibit in the POE this year?

We are pleased to invite you to be an exhibitor in the 60th Pacific Orchid Exposition. The theme for the 2012 Exposition is "A Salute to the Golden Gate". This year the San Francisco Orchid

Society's 60th Annual Pacific Orchid Exposition will coincide with the 75th Anniversary of the Golden Gate Bridge, and the festivities will combine the works of horticulture and architecture.

We would very much like you to be part of the celebration, so if you are interested in being an exhibitor or have any questions about being an exhibitor, please email Ken Giebel at [kgiebel@calhfa.ca.gov](mailto:kgiebel@calhfa.ca.gov) and he will get you a complete Exhibitor Package.

### **Shedding Light on the Silent Auction**

At POE 2012 we're planning to make the Silent Auction more visible, more fun, and hopefully even more profitable for the Society. The Committee is looking for cool auction items, and we will appreciate your ideas and donations. Past experience tells us that fine wine, dinners, trips, unusual events, and special Orchids generate strong competitive bidding. And we're planning to add some new orchid-related items to the auction this year.

Please email me your ideas, or look for me at the November 1 meeting. I look forward to working with you.

Lynne Murrell  
[lmurrell@matson.com](mailto:lmurrell@matson.com)

### **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.

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## **Announcements**

**PACIFIC ORCHID EXPOSITION - FEBRUARY 24, 25, 26, 2012**  
**"A Salute to the Golden Gate"**

**FORT MASON, SAN FRANCISCO, CA**

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### **Ticket Sales Chair Needed for POE 2012**

Pacific Orchid Exposition 2011 was run without a ticket chair and though this worked, it was stressful for those involved. This year we are beginning a new process for on-line ticket sales, as well as making changes in the way we conduct sales at the door. The show committee believes this will make the ticket sales process easier, and perhaps make our attendance statistics more accurate. It is, however, essential that we have a ticket sales chair to help develop the new procedures, and to keep things running smoothly.

This is an important position and a well run ticket sales committee assures that an attendees first moments at the show are pleasant, and that lines do not become too long.

If you are interested in hearing more about this position, please get in contact with me at [denniswestler@aol.com](mailto:denniswestler@aol.com) or (415)336-2752.

Thank You!  
Dennis Westler  
Chair,  
Pacific Orchid Exposition

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## **BROOKSIDE ORCHIDS**

IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE  
IT'S  
**OPEN HOUSE**

AND EVERYONE IS INVITED!

**SATURDAY, NOV 12th FROM 9AM - 4 PM**

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2720 Alpine Rd

(Just off 280 above the Webb Ranch Farm stand)

Menlo Park, CA 94028

650-854-3711

LINK TO MAP:

<http://maps.google.com/maps?hl=en&q=Brookside%20Orchids&um=1&ie=UTF-8&sa=N&tab=wl>

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 NOVEMBER 27, 2011 : 10 AM ~ 3 PM

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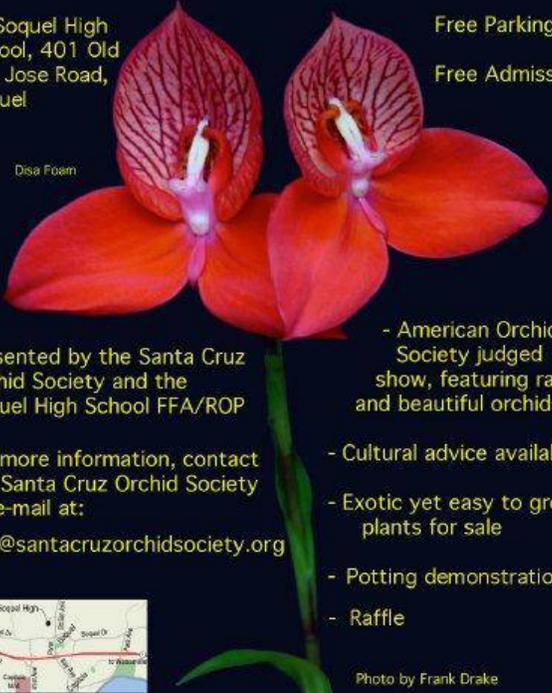
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**Fall Santa Cruz Orchid Show and Sale**

Saturday, November 12, 2011, 9 AM to 5 PM  
 Sunday, November 13, 2011, 10 AM to 4 PM

At Soquel High School, 401 Old San Jose Road, Soquel

Free Parking  
 Free Admission



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Presented by the Santa Cruz Orchid Society and the Soquel High School FFA/ROP

For more information, contact the Santa Cruz Orchid Society by e-mail at:  
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- American Orchid Society judged show, featuring rare and beautiful orchids
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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](mailto: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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