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SFOS Meeting

Tues. Nov. 5, 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.

November Speaker

Roy Tokunaga

Flower Booster and Specimen Plant Culture

Roy Tokunaga

Roy graduated from the University of Hawaii in 1974 majoring in biology and education. One of his mentors at the University of Hawaii, Dr. Yoneo Sagawa introduced him to Orchid cloning and seed germination. Roy got hooked into everything about Orchids. He worked for E&R Orchids from 1974 to 1981. They provided seed germination and cloning service for Orchid growers. In 1981, Harry Akagi and Roy started H&R Nurseries and have grown to just about 2 acres. They maintain a lab and 100% of the plants in the nursery are American made. Most of their hybrids have been in the Cattleya and Dendrobium Alliance. They also do many species from seed. Over the last 10 years, they have been focusing on culture. They have one of the best selections, prices, and quality Orchids in Hawaii. H&R specialties include the Dendrobiums in the Phalaenanthe, Latouria and Formosum sections, mini and compact Cattleyas and many hybrids in other genera including Oncidiums, Cynoches, and Paphinia.



Tues. November 5, 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

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Skill Session

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Plant Opportunity Table

Roy Tokunaga

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Roy has been an Accredited AOS and Honolulu Orchid Society judge for more than 20 years.



Flower Booster and Specimen Plant Culture



Roy's program revolves around his interest in growing large specimen plants. The program includes a little plant physiology, orchid nutrition, pretty photos and a comparison of growers. He also has a diagnostic strategy that has been working well. It includes what he considers are the best sources of information and help. He will have a handout with the references that he uses. Roy notes that there are a lot of fantastic growers in the San Francisco Orchid Society and he would be interested in their feedback.

Dinner with the Speaker

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

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Minutes of the SFOS Board Meeting

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FEATURED ARTICLE

2013 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.

SFOS Board Meeting October 7, 2013

Present: Mary Gerritsen, Jean Lee, Dennis Westler, Valerie Mountain, Chris Mende, Florence Inserto, Carol Zoltowski, Dave Hermeyer, Claire Zvanski
Excused: George McRae, Steve Beckendorf

I. Vice President's Report

A. Mary for Steve: November speaker is Roy Tokunaga.

II. Treasurer Report

A. Carol noted that, as of the first week of October, our High Yield Savings account balance is \$86,574.01, the Market Rate Savings account balance is \$1,506.06, and the Checking account balance is \$32,805.50. Orchids in the Park results are still being finalized.

III. Membership

A. A few new members joined during Orchids in the Park. Florence & Claire are working on a total membership tally. Many old and new members need name tags for the monthly meetings and these are being made.

IV. Old Business

A. Orchids in the Park- Attendance was good on Saturday. Fewer people attended on Sunday, with many events going on in the Park which made parking very difficult. Claire suggested that we have more people staffing the tables at the entrance to separate collecting admission from recording mail addresses, selling raffle tickets, signing up new members and directing attendees to the Best in Show contest. The board discussed finding a new venue for Orchids in the Park that would not be so severely impacted by competing events which can lead to severe issues with parking and attendance. Several possibilities were discussed and information gathered for the next board meeting. Suggestions from the membership are welcome.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Valerie Mountain

SFOS Bulletin Board

Pacific Orchid Exposition- 2013 - Orchids And All That Jazz

February 20-23, 2014 Ft. Mason, San Francisco, CA

Plant Registrars for the Spring Show - Welcome!

Are you familiar with orchid genera names? Want to make a big contribution to the show? Organized? Like to work mostly sitting down? If so, we'd love to hear from you!

We are looking for a team of intrepid volunteers to coordinate plant entry for the Pacific Orchid Exposition. Plant registrars are the folks who help people know which category their plant should be entered in, answer questions, and keep the entry books carefully organized so all is ready to go for ribbon, trophy, AOS and CSA judging on Thursday .

Plant registration takes place from noon to 9 pm on Wednesday, February 20, and 8 to 9:30 am on Thursday, February 21. You do not need to be there for the entire time. It's interesting and fun working with plants and exhibitors.

For details, please contact **Cindy Hill** by email at hill-cynthia@comcast.net or call 510-524-1854.

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

If there are errors, please contact
Florence Inserto -
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Zvanski:
(415) 341-3085
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**2014 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

Mary Richardson
Lauren Nguyen
Mary Landers
Joan Roesenberg
Jack Ryder
Justin Ott
Janet Hopkin
Karen Olson

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

NOTICE TO BUSINESS MEMBERS OF THE SFOS

Member Orchid Related
Businesses in our Roster are out of
date. All current SFOS members
who wish to have their Orchid
Related Businesses listed need to
contact membership. See contact
information above or at end of this
newsletter.

Refreshments

D - I

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

November 5, 2013 7:30pm - SFOS General Meeting

Main Speaker - Roy Tokunaga

Subject: Flower Booster and Specimen Plant Culture

Skill Session- Chris Mende -Working with Seedlings

One of the best ways to build an orchid collection is to buy seedlings, grow them until they flower, and choose the best ones to keep. Chris will tell us her methods for raising healthy seedlings.

November 1-3, 2013 Santa Cruz Show and Sale

Soquel High School, 401 Old San Jose Road, Soquel CA Plant entry 6-8pm
Friday, 9-5 Saturday, 10-4 Sunday, Free.

November 1-3, 2013 Annual Fall Cal-Orchid Open House

9am - 4pm each day 1251 Orchid Drive Santa Barbara, CA. See
<http://www.calorchid.com/> for additional details.

November 2-3, 2013 Annual Fall Santa Barbara Orchid Estate Open House

1250 Orchid Drive, Santa Barbara, CA. See
<http://www.sborchid.com/events.php> for details.

November 9, 2013 Carmel Valley Orchid Society Fall Orchid Festival

Carmel Orchid Society -Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula, 4590
Carmel Valley Rd., Carmel, CA 9 AM - 4 PM.

January 25-26, 2014 Peninsula Orchid Society Annual Show and Sale

February 15 - 23, 2014 Japan Grand Prix International Orchid Festival 2014

Tokyo Dome, Tokyo, Japan 10 AM - 5:30 PM

Upcoming Speakers

December - TBA

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

In Memoriam

Walter Calvin Teague- Dec. 29, 1925 - October 15, 2013

After a long illness, our old friend, long time SFOS member, and intrepid orchid explorer Walter Teague passed away peacefully October 15 at 3:26 pm.

He was two months shy of his 88th birthday. Walter had been in a gradual decline since his stroke three years ago.

Since then, he has had several more strokes that each incrementally degraded his health. He never complained and till the end, maintained his sense of humor.

to pick up your raffle ticket as one of the rewards of sharing - and



good luck in the drawing!

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.

Change of Address

Send all address and e-mail changes to:

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Newsletter Items

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,

San Francisco Orchid Society



A celebration of life is planned at the Hall of Flowers, Saturday, November 23, 2013 from 11:30 AM until 3pm.

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

Greetings San Francisco Orchid Society Member

With the passing of another year, it's time to renew your San Francisco Orchid Society Membership for 2014.

Your dues help the Society fulfill its mission to foster the culture and cultivation of orchids and to educate the public about orchids. Each year, the Society puts on one of the largest orchid shows in the U.S., brings you speakers from around the world giving presentations on all manner of topics about orchids and presents a diverse and highly educational plant table at each monthly meeting.

The Society thanks you for your support this past year (or half year to those of you who've joined since June!) and we hope you'll continue your membership for 2014. Dues are \$25/year individual or \$40 per couple - a bargain when compared to many other plant societies.

The Society also established an endowment, a savings account basically, to support the mission and operation of the Society in the future. All contributions to the endowment are tax-deductable. This is a great opportunity to make a donation before the end of 2013 and it will really help secure the future of the Society for years to come.

Thank you and we'll see you at the Hall of Flowers!

Claire Zvanski and Florence Inserto
San Francisco Orchid Society
Volunteer Board Members
Membership CO-Chairs

On-line Membership Roster

We have been updating our membership lists, and hopefully the on line roster is up to date too. If you want to check your information, or look up someone's contact information, go to

www.orchidsanfrancisco.org/member/login.php

If you have forgotten your password there is a link to recover your password. If you have an orchid related business (e.g. nursery, decorating, landscaping, flower arranging, art, ceramics, photography etc.) and would like it listed in our business listing, please contact membership:

czvanski@hotmail.com or flojo1337@yahoo.com

Thank you!

Thank you to Dave Hermeyer, Todd Kennedy, Ross Varnardo, Mary Gerritsen and Jeff Harris for their donations to the Member Sales for the Conservation committee.

At the Orchids in the Park, conservation sales raised a total of \$1,114.75. Some of the remaining orchids were sold at the the Peninsula Orchid Society Auction, raising an additional \$137.

Thank you to all of the volunteers who turned out for Orchids in the Park. Although the attendance was challenged by many other competing activities in the park, the sale was still profitable, in fact, better than this years POE! Everyone's hard work is much appreciated!

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Special Events



Orchids in the Park 2013

Photos by Jean Lee



**Fall
Orchid
Festival**
presented by the
Carmel Orchid Society

**Saturday
November
9th
9AM - 4PM**

- **Orchid Sales**
- **Orchid Display**
- **Silent Auction**
- **Wine Barrel Raffle**
- **Orchid Care Classes**
- **Potting Demonstrations**

**Community
Church of the
Monterey
Peninsula**

**4590 Carmel
Valley Rd.
Carmel CA**

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