

San Francisco Orchid Society

Newsletter

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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.

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SFOS Meeting:

Tues., Sept. 7th, 2010

AOS Judging: 7:00 p.m.

Skills Session: 7:05 p.m.

Meeting: 7:30 p.m.

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 6:30pm and
7:00pm.

Skill Session

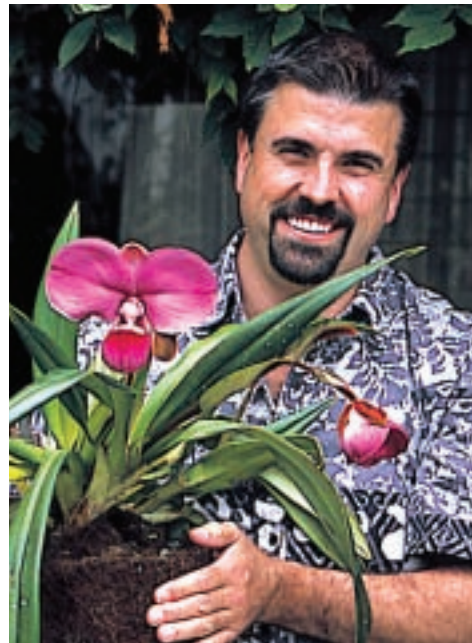
Dennis Westler - Orchid Doctor

Plant Opportunity Table

OrchidMania

September Speaker

**Glen Decker on
How to grow great Slipper Orchids**



Glen Decker began growing orchids at the age of 15 and holds the degree of Associate in Applied Science in Ornamental Horticulture. Glen is presently the owner of Piping Rock Orchids in Galway, New York. He was the previous chair of the American Orchid Society's Publications Committee and is presently a Director of the Orchid Digest Corporation. Glen has won numerous AOS awards, including the Butterworth Prize, Nax Trophy, WW Wilson Award and the Carlyle A. Luer Award. He has appeared in Martha Stewart's Better Living Magazine and on a PBSTV special "Orchid Delirium." He rewrote the Slipper section of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden's "The Best Orchids for Indoors" and was the technical editor for the "Orchids for Dummies" book.

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2010 Orchids in the Park

Volunteers needed

Gallery, SF County Fair Building

Sat. & Sun Sept. 11th-12th 10 am - 5 pm

This is our Fall Sale and we really need to make this a successful event. SFOS members need to participate. There will be sign-up sheets at the meeting for set-up Friday Sept. 10th, Sat. & Sun. during the sale, and breakdown Sunday from 5-7 pm.

Refreshments

N-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 **N-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!

Future Speakers

October – Fred Clarke - Mini & Compact Cattleyas

November – Tanya Lam - Long Lasting and Frequent Blooming Orchid Species

December – Peter Lin -The 3 A's of the Orchid World: Angraecum, Aerangis, and Aeranthes

January 2011 – Amy Jacobsen - Laelia purpurata: Queen of the Brazilian Spring

February 2011 – Eric Hunt - Late Winter & Early Spring Orchids in Southeastern Australia

New Members

SFOS welcomes the following new members:

Adam Feuchter
John Hurabiell
Miki White

The new Membership Directory is available.

If you did not get you copy at the last meeting please see Judy at the Membership desk on 9/7.

San Francisco Orchid Society presents
Orchids in the Park
Sale and Exhibition

Saturday & Sunday
September 11 & 12, 2010
10 am - 5 pm

Gallery, San Francisco
County Fair Building
9th Avenue & Lincoln Way
San Francisco

Demonstrations,
Lectures, Raffle

Admission: \$3.00
(Children under 14 are free)

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AOS Awards

8/3/2010 - Pacific Central - San Francisco

- **Dendrobium laevifolium 'Sam's Choice', AM 81** species, Exhibited by Golden Gate Orchids
- **Dendrobium laevifolium 'Golden Ray', HCC 76** species, Exhibited by Golden Gate Orchids
- **Dendrobium victoriae-reginae 'Blue Halo', HCC 77** species, Exhibited by Golden Gate Orchids

8/7/2010 - California Sierra Nevada - Sacramento

- **Dimorphorchis rossii 'Pickle's Delight', HCC 77** species, Exhibited by Ted Foin
- **Paphiopedilum S. Gratrix 'Blanc de Blanc', HCC 76** (Paph. bellatulum x Paph. godefroyae), Exhibited by Dave Sorokowsky
- **Sarcochilus hillii 'Elizabeth Anne', CBR (prov)**, species, Exhibited by James Morris

8/16/2010 - Pacific Central - Oakland

- **Acineta superba 'Winston', AM 80** species, Exhibited by Amy and Ken Jacobsen
- **Bulbophyllum alaguense 'Gilbert', CCM 84** species, Exhibited by Carol Zoltowski
- **Dendrobium schneiderae 'Gilbert', HCC 75** species, Exhibited by Carol Zoltowski
- **Paphiopedilum Pacific Rainbow 'Vinho Verde', AM 80** previous award HCC 76 (Paph. Rainbow Sky x Paph. Pacific Shamrock), Exhibited by Dave Sorokowsky
- **Dracula diabolus 'Andina', HCC 79** species, Exhibited by George McRae

Pictures or stats can be found at
<http://www.aospacificcentral.org>
and <http://www.csnjc.org>

California Orchids Fall Sale!

Saturday, Sept. 18th 9am - 4pm

515 Aspen Rd.

Bolinas, California 94924

415-868-0203

www.californiaorchids.com

Thank You!

The San Francisco Orchid Society would like to thank Judy Bley, Kay Klumb and Dan Newman. They promoted our Society and advertised Orchids in the Park at the annual Summer Gardening Fair in the SF Botanical Garden on August 7th.



Minutes of SFOS Board Meeting 8/10/10

Present: Minutes of SFOS Board Meeting 8-10-10

Present were: President: Jean Lee, Show Chair: Dennis Westler, Treasurer: Dan Peter, Membership: Judy Bley, Secretary: Kay Klumb, Directors: Maureen Clarke, Ellen Edelson, Ricki Kohn and Allison Lehman.

Excused: Vice President: Eric Hunt

I. President's Report

- A. Jean said that SFOS had had a table at the Summer Gardening Fair by the County Fair Building on Saturday. Judy represented membership and Dan Newman had brought lovely display and sale plants. Jean and Kay helped and all passed out cards for Orchids in the Park.
- B. Jean reported that planning for Orchids in the Park is proceeding smoothly. There will be some ads in the San Francisco Chronicle and Tom Perlite will write about an orchid for "Pick of the Week."
- C. Ellen said that she will be away, but has arranged for Elise Lew and Tina Saravia to return supplies to the storage locker.

II. Vice President's Report

- A. Eric is excused from meetings and has posted the list of speakers for future meetings on the website.
- B. Ellen said that the website still has Orchids in the Park information for 2009. Jean will contact Eric to get that changed.

III. Secretary's Report

Kay had no business to report

IV. Membership Report

- A. Judy reported that 3 new members joined and 1 member renewed in July and August, bringing total membership to 229.
- B. Judy said that she had handed out 61 rosters to members at the 8-3-10 meeting, and had been surprised at the number of regular attendees who are not members of SFOS. A discussion followed about ways to engage people and encourage them to support our Society:
 1. Chris Mende has agreed to contact new members about volunteering.
 2. Plant sales staff will be reminded to check that only members are buying and selling plants.
 3. Judy will make an announcement about the benefits of membership.
 4. Dennis moved that for the next 6 months an announcement will be made of the new members names and that they be asked to stand or wave to be recognized. Ricki seconded and the motion passed.
 5. Judy and Cindy Hill are going to meet to discuss name badges as a means of facilitating interactions among members.
 6. Board members are encouraged to welcome new members.

V. Treasurer's Report

Dan presented the 2010 Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual and stated that, in very general terms, it takes

\$50,000 per year to run SFOS and this year is likely to be \$40,000 short. The big expenses are the Newsletter, the Opportunity Table, meeting rooms rent, speakers, and donations.

- B. The Board agreed that members should participate in decisions regarding the budget and Dan agreed to present some choices in the 10-10 Newsletter; so members can vote on them at the 10-10 meeting, i.e. whether and how much to raise dues, whether to only email the Newsletter or charge for a printed copy, how to economize on the Opportunity Table.
 - C. Ellen reported that the storage locker facility has installed an elevator, so SFOS no longer needs to have ground floor space which costs more. She and Maureen agreed that the size could be reduced by 1/3. The best time to make a move would be after POE, so Ellen will make the arrangements for March.
 - D. Maureen moved that SFOS pay the promised \$5,000 to Cal Poly, Ricki seconded and the motion passed.
 - E. Dennis moved that SFOS suspend scholarship payments [other than the above] until such time as SFOS finances allow, Ellen seconded and the motion passed.
 - F. Kay moved that SFOS donate \$100 to Pacific Central Judging, Maureen seconded and the motion was defeated. Discussion was held about paying the Judges to provide 2 plant tables as a way of providing support in addition to a cash donation, but information about commitments for the tables for the rest of 2010 was not available. The Board agreed to indicate a desire to ask the Judges for plant tables, but could not so move. A new motion was made by Ricki to donate \$100 to Pacific Central Judging, Kay seconded and it passed.
 - G. Jean noted that SFOS had donated a copy of Rudolf Jenny's \$175 Stanhopea book to the Conservatory of Flowers and another one to the H.C.R. Library. Maureen moved that we omit the donation for the Conservatory this year as the year is almost over and we can reevaluate for 2011. Ellen seconded and the motion passed.
 - H. Ellen mentioned with sadness that the long time head librarian, Barbara Pitschel, had died, and there were rumors of changes planned for the H.C.R. Library. She moved to suspend SFOS' donation to the Library for 2010, Allison seconded and the motion passed.
 - I. The Board agreed to delete the Directors' Meeting [the welcome dinner] allowance from the budget.
 - J. Maureen moved to accept the budget as amended, Ellen seconded, and the motion passed.
- Allison moved to adjourn the meeting, Dan seconded and the meeting ended.

Respectfully submitted,
Kay Klumb

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First Class

SFOS Bulletin Board

The Bulletin Board is a free service for SFOS members' orchid-related items. Send items by the 15th of the month to: 1361 Plum St, San Jose, CA 95110, or e-mail: services@ORCHIDesign.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

- **September 7, 2010 , 7:30pm – SFOS General Meeting Glen Decker** - How to grow great Slipper Orchids
- **Sept. 11-12 10am - 5pm – 2010 Orchids in the Park** Gallery, SF County Fair Building (Hall of Flowers) San Francisco. Admission: \$ 3.00 Information at: www.orchidsanfrancisco.org or (415) 665-2468
- **October 5, 2010 , 7:30pm – SFOS General Meeting Fred Clarke** - Mini & Compact Cattleyas

Clearance Sale **OrchidMania**

OrchidMania is closing after 21 years. Mark your calendars. **3 Sundays, Oct. 3, 10 & 17, 11 AM to 3 PM. Everything must go. Great deals on plants, supplies and books. 717 Paris St. in San Francisco.**

Check our web site for directions. www.orchids.org. Your purchases help raise money for grassroots AIDS relief organizations.

Change of address?

Send all address and e-mail changes to:
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