



San Francisco Orchid Society Newsletter

In This Issue

Roy Tokunaga - September Speaker

Dendrobiums: Miscellaneous Species and Hybrids

New Membership Directory

SFOS Board Minutes

AOS Awards

SFOS Bulletin Board

California Orchids Fall Sale

Announcements

Quick Links

[San Francisco Orchid Society Web Site](#)

[Membership/Change of Address](#)

[Newsletter Submissions](#)

[Upcoming Events](#)

[Notices](#)

[Past Newsletters](#)

Membership

[Join the SF Orchid Society](#)

[Contact the Membership Chairman](#)

[Welcome New Members](#)

SFOS Meeting

Tues. September 6, 2011

September 2011 Volume 60 Number 9

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.

September Speaker



Roy Tokunaga- Dendrobiums: Miscellaneous Species and Hybrids

I graduated from the University of Hawaii in 1974 majoring in biology and education. One of my mentors at the University



SF Orchid Society

Tues. September 6, 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

Roy Tokunaga

**Dendrobiums: Miscellaneous
 Species and Hybrids**

Skill Session

Dennis Westler

The Orchid Doctor answers
 your questions and solves your
 orchid problems. See more
 details under 'Upcoming
 Events.'

Plant Opportunity Table

Roy Tokunaga
H & R Nurseries

2011-2012 SFOS

of Hawaii, Dr. Yoneo Sagawa introduced me to Orchid cloning and seed germination. I got hooked into everything about Orchids. I worked for E&R Orchids from 1974 to 1981. We provided seed germination and cloning service for Orchid growers. In 1981, Harry Akagi and I started H&R Nurseries and we have grown to just about 2 acres.

Dendrobiums: Miscellaneous Species and Hybrids



Den. Roy Tokunaga 'Spots'

H&R Nurseries maintains a lab and 100% of the plants in the nursery are American Made. Most of my hybrids have been in the Cattleya and Dendrobium Alliance. We also do many species from seed. Over the last 10 years, we have been focusing on culture. We have the best selection, price, and quality in Hawaii.

H&R specialties include the Dendrobiums in the Phalaenanthe, Latouria and Formosum sections and Mini and Compact Cattleyas. Many hybrids in other genera including Oncidiums, Cynoches, and Paphinia.

I have been an Accredited AOS and Honolulu Orchid Society judge for more than 20 years.

Pre-order your orchids from H&R Nurseries before August 24 at www.hrnurseries.com!

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

Officers/Contacts

President

Mary E. Gerritsen
meg570@comcast.net

Vice President

Steven Beckendorf
beckendo@berkeley.edu

Secretary

Kay Klumb 415-648-8271
kayklumb@gmail.com

Treasurer

Vacant

Show Treasurer

Dan Peter 650-563-9259
dan.peter@sbcglobal.net

Directors

Chris Mende

chrismendefoto@aim.com

Ellen Edelson 415-731-5924
e.edelson@sbcglobal.net

Allison Lehman 510-912-5800
allison@webbnet.com

Ricki Kohn 415-384-0427
ricki@rkmediasolutions.com

Jean Lee, Past President
Dennis Westler, Show Chair

Membership

Judy Bley 415-826-8372
jabley@pacbell.net

Newsletter Editor

Stanford Stapleton 415-384-0746
stanford@rkmediasolutions.com

AOS Representative

Carol Zoltowski 415-657-3222
czoltowski@sbcglobal.net

Orchid Digest Representative

Jean Lee 415-665-6079
jeanleorchids@gmail.com

Plant Sales

Masaki Asuka 650-588-6753

Property Managers

Ellen Edelson 415-731-5924
Maureen Clarke 415-333-4033
maureenclarke@sbcglobal.net

Raffle Tickets

Ellen Edelson 415-731-5924
Maureen Clarke 415-333-4033

Librarians

Chris Mende
chrismendefoto@aim.com

Show Chair

A new membership directory is available. More information 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 or 415-826-8372.

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

Welcome New Members

Jesse Loesekan
Hillary Lounsbury

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

Refreshments

E-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 **E-I** 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!



Dennis Westler 415-336-2752

DennisWestler@aol.com

POE Sponsorship

Frances Larose, 650.548.6700,

flarose@prmagic.com

Webmaster

Contact: Dennis Westler

DennisWestler@aol.com

Web Site

www.orchidsanfrancisco.org

info@orchidsanfrancisco.org

A California Non Profit 501(c)3
Corporation

SFOS NEWSLETTER September
2011

Minutes of SFOS Board Meeting

There was no Board meeting in August. There are no minutes to report.

[back to top](#)

AOS Awards

American Orchid Society Pacific Judging Center Web site: www.aospacificcentral.org/

Please check the Web site for the most recent awards.

[back to top](#)

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.

~ September 2011 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6 	7	8	9	10 
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 
18 	19	20	21	22	23	24 
25	26	27	28	29	30	Notes:

Upcoming Events

September 6, 2011, 7:30pm - SFOS General Meeting

Roy Tokunaga - Main Speaker - Subject: Dendrobiums: Miscellaneous Species and Hybrids

The Orchid Doctor - Dennis Westler - Skills Session - This session will let you get answers to cultural problems or questions you may have. Please bring plants you are having problems with, leaf samples, or clear photographic images. Alternatively bring specific questions regarding culture (what can I grow in my light? Why won't plant x bloom and so on). Leaf samples, potting mix samples, and plants brought in must be in sealed plastic bags or containers so that diseases or pests are not spread to other plants.

Saturday, September 10. Sonoma County Orchid Society Annual BBQ & Auction

Silent auction begins at 11:00 AM. 1451 Keiser Ave., Santa Rosa, CA. Silent auction, Tri-Tip or Chicken BBQ, followed by Live Auction-Alan Koch of Gold Country Orchids-Auctioneer Extraordinaire. Donations appreciated. RSVP by email to secretary@sonomaorchids.com and designate for each person choice of beef or chicken. \$6.00 per person-bring a potluck side dish to share. All welcome.

September 17 & 18, 2011 Orchids in the Park- County Fair Building - Golden Gate Park

The San Francisco Orchid Society presents the annual *Orchids in the Park* sale and exhibition at the County Fair Building, 9th and Lincoln way in San Francisco. There will be demonstrations, lectures, raffles

and sales of orchids. Admission is \$4, seniors - \$3 and children under 16 are free.

· **September 17 & 18, 2011 Razzle Dazzle Orchid Raffle -Orchids in the Park**

Raffle tickets will be available at the San Francisco Orchid Society meetings and at the Orchids in the Park event itself. Three separate raffle tickets will be sold for three very special orchids accompanied by an array of orchid accessories (see details on flyer). The prize drawing will be at the Orchids in the Park show at noon, September 18. Raffle tickets are limited.

· **September 24, 2011 - California Orchids Fall Sale Bolinas, CA**

Great variety of species and hybrids for indoor or outdoor growing. Supplies and sound advise. Email to request our presale order discount list. info@californiaorchids.com

· **Saturday, September 24. 1:30-5 pm. Peninsula Orchid Society Annual Auction**

San Mateo Garden Center, 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo, CA. Check out the website for additional details. www.penorchidsoc.org

· **Orchid Potting Workshop - October 15, 2011 Hanging Gardens, Pacifica, CA**

ORCHID POTTING WORKSHOP: Save the date, October 15. 10 am-12 pm. San Francisco Orchid Society Potting Workshop with a pot-luck lunch at noon. The workshop will be held outside Dan Newman's greenhouse (Hanging Gardens) in Pacifica, and will feature hands on demonstrations of orchid repotting and mounting, and the opportunity for members to try their hand with a few of their own orchids with some expert supervision. Dan Newman will be having an open greenhouse that day, as will John Leathers and Bob Hamilton (who have a larger greenhouse of cool growing orchids just down the hill from Dan's. Additional details and directions will be provided at the September meeting, on the SFOS website and in the October newsletter.

Upcoming Speakers

October 2011 - Jacob Knecht
November 2011 - Marni Turkel

Notices

Historical Information Wanted

I need your help!

I am writing a short history of the [San Francisco Orchid Society](#) about the history of its activities including shows. This piece will be uploaded to the SFOS website for general information about our Society.

If you know any historical information about the Society or have archival materials about the period of the early days of the Society, please contact me. I would be happy to interview you to obtain your information or to receive copies of your archival material for use in the website.

Please contact me with information or questions.

Thanks in advance.

Carol Zoltowski

czoltowski@sbcglobal.net

415-657-3222

Valuable Cymbidium & Laelia Plants Stolen

Sometime over the Aug 13-15 weekend, approximately 30, very large and very valuable, mostly feathered/flared or splashed Cymbidium Orchids and several Laelias, with a combined value in excess of

\$30,000, were stolen from a private collection in a greenhouse in Half Moon Bay, California. I am sending this notice out in hopes that it will reach enough orchid people in enough areas to help find the person(s) responsible for this grand theft from a hobbyist grower and to hopefully recover some of these plants.

There is a substantial reward being offered to anyone with information leading to the person(s) who stole these plants. If you see or hear of any of these unique plants being offered for sale or hear of anyone purchasing one, please contact the goldcoastcymgrowers@gmail.com.

The list may not be complete at this time and more plants may be added, but the one feature that distinguishes the majority of these plants is the fact that they are feathered/flared or splashed. Most were very healthy in crowded 2 gallon pots, ready to be divided.

These thieves were knowledgeable about their orchids and the names. None of the plants were in bloom, and with only a few exceptions, only the unusual feathered/flared/splashed ones were taken. Although devastated by the loss, the owner will attempt to restore the collection, but it will not happen overnight. Any help will be appreciated and kept confidential. Weegie Caughlan
President and Newsletter Editor
goldcoastcymgrowers@gmail.com

Stolen Plants

Applebee 'Royal Surprise' 2 gal very large
Beverly Cobb 'Evelyn Paley' 2 gal very large
Beverly Cobb 'Evelyn Paley' 1 gal
Blazing Rose 2gal very large
George Formby 2 gal
Happy Alex 'Splash' 2gal large
Hallelujah 'Bold Vision' 2 gal very large
Hallelujah 'Mount Vision' 2 gal very large
Howard Cobb 'Feathered Zita' 2 gal very large
Ivy Fung 'Harlequin'
Kakadu Sunset 'Fireglow 4' 1gal
Kakadu Sunset 'Fireglow 4' 2gal
Mainstem 'Hip Hop'
Memoria Gracie Allen 2 gal
Nipomo Sunset 'Fiesta Flare' 2 gal very large
(Physical attraction X Camouflage Candy) very, very large 3 gal
Pia Borg 'Flash' 2 gal very large
Pinata 'Black Hole' 1 gal large
Prince Charles 'Carnival' 2 gal large
Rincon Fairy 2 gal very, very large
Rocky Creek 'Gotcha' MP
Suavely 'Wild Joker'
Wild Woman 'Feathered'
Winter Fire 'Frosty Tips' Very large 1gal
Winter Fire 'Splash' Very large 1 gal

4 Laelia Anceps from SBOE
Lc W... Splash petal from SBOE display

Member's Corner

Steve Radman, long time SFOS member, passed away on Friday, July 29, 2011, from congestive heart failure. If you attend SFOS meetings regularly, you will know Steve, and his friendly smile, as the 'refreshment host'. An SFOS past Board member and volunteer at the annual orchid show and Orchids in

the Park, Steve was dedicated to the Society and its mission. Steve worked for Caltrans for 37 years, and retired in 2003. A memorial funeral Mass was held in Sacramento on August 9th. He is greatly missed by his family and friends.

James Frank Fordyce, passed away on August 17, 2011, after a brief illness, at the age of 87. He began his career in orchids in 1946 when he was hired by Mr. Fred Stewart of Stewart Orchids. Frank worked at Stewart's from 1946 until 1960, when he opened his own orchid business in Oceanside, California. In 1970, he closed his business and began a ten year career with the Rod McLellan Company. In 1980, Frank and his able partner, Madge maintained their "Orchid Ranch" business in Livermore, California, until it was closed in 2006. Frank Fordyce was one of the most gifted hybridizers of cattleyas and his legacy continues to glean countless awards to the present day.

[back to top](#)

California Orchids Fall Sale

California Orchids Fall Sale!

Saturday, September 24

9am-4pm

515 Aspen Rd Bolinas, CA 94924

(415) 868-0203

www.californiaorchids.com

info@californiaorchids.com

Great variety of species & hybrids for indoor or outdoor growing. Supplies and sound advice.

Email to request our presale order discount list.



Announcements

San Francisco Orchid Society
presents

Orchids in the Park

A Sale and Exhibition



Photo of *Polystachya perrieri*
Ron Parsons

Sat-Sun Sept 17-18 2011

10 am-5 pm

County Fair Building, 9th Ave & Lincoln Way
San Francisco

Admission \$4, Seniors \$3 Children under 16 free

Demonstrations, Lectures, Raffles
email: info@orchidsanfrancisco.org
www.orchidsanfrancisco.org

a California Non-Profit 501(c)3 Corporation

The Razzle Dazzle Orchid Raffle

a special raffle offered by the San Francisco Orchid Society, a 501(c)3 organization

Actually, 3 separate raffles, each featuring a fabulous, rare, and highly collectible orchid, and an assortment of orchid related supplies (e.g. books, pots, baskets, potting media). Each prize has a value of well over \$200. Tickets \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Only 300 tickets will be sold for each prize, and tickets only available at San Francisco Orchid Society meetings (Tuesday Aug 2, and Tuesday Sept 6, OR at Orchids in the Park (Sept 17-18, Hall of Flowers San Francisco) OR through the Razzle Dazzle Raffle committee representative (razzledazzle@orchidsanfrancisco.org). Drawing is Sept 18, noon at Orchids in the Park. Winner need not be present



Phragmipedium kovachii

Touted as the most exciting orchid discovery of the last 100 years, *Phragmipedium kovachii* has captured the fancy of orchid growers around the world. With brightly colored flowers that have a spread of up to 8 inches across, plants of this highly desirable species are valued at hundreds to thousands of dollars for a well grown clone. Culture: excellent water, evenly moist media, bright indirect sunlight, intermediate conditions. Donated by Gary Meyer and PeruFlora.



Cymbidium elegans

An unusual *Cymbidium* species, this plant is so different from most cymbidiums that some find it hard to believe it is in the same genus. The densely, many flowered inflorescence carries a display of beautiful, funnel shaped, butter-cup yellow blooms. Rarely seen in collections, there are few sources of this species in the US. The original clone of this plant was imported from the Nursery International in Kalimpong India, in 2003. Culture: Intermediate-cool, bright indirect sunlight, and a somewhat cooler winter. Donated by Cindy Hill.



Dracula Raven

Clones of this hybrid of *Dracula vampira* x *Dracula roezlii* have only been shown three times at an orchid show, and garnered two Award of Merits, one First Class Certificate (AOS) and, additionally, a BEST IN SHOW (POE, 2011). The larger flowers of this plant are extremely dark (nearly black) and are in fact, probably the blackest orchids available. There are very very few plants of this highly desirable grex in collections. Culture: cool-intermediate, humid in well draining medium, bright indirect sunlight, and water of excellent quality. Donated by John Leathers and Bob Hamilton.

Tickets: razzledazzle@orchidsanfrancisco.org



Sonoma County Orchid Society Annual BBQ & Auction

Please come to the BBQ and Auction on Saturday, September 10, 2011
A fun-filled day of Orchids, Friends & Food

1451 Keiser Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA

Silent Auction, Tri-tip or Chicken BBQ, followed by Live Auction

Silent Auction Begins at 11:00; Lunch at 12:30; Live Auction at 2:00; Ends at 5:00

**ALAN KOCH OF GOLD COUNTRY ORCHIDS,
AUCTIONEER EXTRAORDINAIRE**

Something for everyone

Silent auction plants must arrive by 10:30 a.m.

\$6.00 per person, bring a potluck side dish to share
Friends and Family welcome

Donations Appreciated

Parking is available at 1411 Keiser Avenue

RSVP by email to secretary@sonomaorchids.com and designate for each person
choice of beef or chicken



[back to top](#)

ORCHIDS IN THE PARK

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteer Job Descriptions for the Orchids in the Park

If you would like to volunteer for any of the positions, please contact *Bob Christensen* -

telephone: 415-337-6571; email: rcc572@aol.com

The San Francisco Orchid Society has two main fund raising activities each year: Orchids in the Park and the Pacific Orchid Exposition. This year in particular, we would really appreciate the support of our membership to put on a great "Orchids in the Park" that will help to raise monies for our society. Please support the SFOS by volunteering, attending, and spreading the word of the Orchids in the Park to your friends and family.

Before the show:

Bulletin boards: Are you computer talented? We really need someone to help post the information about the show on computer billboards, event sites, newspapers, radio stations etc.). Please contact Mary Gerritsen meg570@comcast.net as soon as possible if you would like to help with this very important job of promoting the show.

Razzle Dazzle Raffle Ticket Sales: This year for the first time we are having an exciting raffle event that should appeal to the experienced orchid grower. We have three prize packages, each featuring one of three very special orchids and an assortment of orchid supplies (bark, moss, pruners, plant clips, hangers etc). The orchids offered as prizes are: Phragmipedium kovachii, Cymbidium elegans and Dracula Raven. (Special thanks to Gary Meyer, Cindy Hill and Bob Hamilton&John Leathers for supplying the orchids; and special thanks to our members for supplying the orchid supplies that go with them). More information about the raffle and the prizes will be posted soon on the SFOS website. If you would like to help with ticket sales and show promotion, please contact Linda Tripp 2reallinda@att.net

At the show: Help us put on our show and make it a success. Each volunteer shift is usually 4-5 hours, but please, feel free to volunteer for more than one shift. Shifts are Friday 9-1, 1-6, 6-8, Saturday 9:30-1:30, 1-5 Sunday 9:30-1:30, 1-5, and take down (5 to about 7). Lunch will be provided on Saturday and Sunday for those volunteers staffing at least one four hour shift that day, and light snacks and beverages will also be available. If you would like to bring a friend(s) or significant other to help out, that would be great. Volunteers do not have to be SFOS members.

Friday jobs:

Set up: set up the show...put up the tables for the exhibits and vendors, cover them with the black plastic table covering. This is a physical job and requires some lifting, moving and standing and walking. (Friday 9-1) also (1-6)

Friday night closing: Make sure that the Park Patrol arrives, lowers the roll-up door, and secures the building before leaving. (Friday 6-8 pm)

Set up the exhibit: set up the display of flowering plants for the show. This job requires some lifting, standing and walking. (Friday 1-6)

Saturday and Sunday Jobs

Cashiers: Greet people as they come in the door to the show. Ask attendees to fill out our "attendee registration page" where they write down their email address for future contacts from the SFOS. Everyone filling out this page will be given one free raffle ticket. Take admissions (\$4 per adult, \$3 seniors (over 65), Children under 16 are free, and make change. This is a sit down job. (Saturday and Sunday; 9:30-1:30 and 1-5)

SFOS Table: At this table. volunteers will answer questions about SFOS membership. hand out cards to

people to encourage them to come to show, sell books, T-shirts and other materials the society will have available for the show. Much of this job can be done sitting down.

Raffle Table: Sell tickets for raffles. There will be three special raffles this year for special RAZZLE DAZZLE ORCHID RAFFLE (see the SFOS WEBSITE for more information). There will also be raffle tickets for blooming orchids (more for the beginner) that will be given away at several time periods at the show. Much of this job can be done sitting down. (Saturday and Sunday; 9:30-1:30 and 1-5)

Plant Hotel: Accept and temporarily store plants from people who have purchased the plants at the show so they can walk around and continue shopping. This is an up and down job, some light lifting required. We are asking each person checking in plants to pay \$1 for per box to help cover the costs of the boxes. (Saturday and Sunday; 9:30-1:30 and 1-5)

Security: We need people to stand at the exits (front, back and side door) and check purchases for "dots" to make sure that people have paid for their plants. This job requires some standing, although you can sit down if it is not busy. (Saturday and Sunday; 9:30-1:30 and 1-5)

Orchid Concierge: This is a newly created position this year..the objective is to help people with their purchases-transport orchids from the plant hotel out to the curb, and wait for the purchaser to come by with their car for pick up. This job will require light lifting, standing, and walking in and out of the building. Parking has been identified as one of the major issues with the show, and we are trying to be creative to help people to come to the show and to purchase orchids. (Saturday and Sunday; 9:30-1:30 and 1-5)

Floater: This job has no real definition...basically you will just help out wherever needed. If it is crowded, more people may be needed for certain jobs, or a volunteer might not show up. (Saturday and Sunday; 9:30-1:30 and 1-5)

Orchid Barker: we need at least 4 volunteers on both Saturday and Sunday to go out into the Park and hand out flyers to people in the park, to talk up the orchid show. This is a walk around, be friendly and fun position-you will get to meet and greet lots of people. Every weekend thousands of people come to Golden Gate Park to visit the Strybing arboretum, the museums and the California Academy of Sciences. The goal of this job is to let people know about our show and where it is.

After show is over:

Take Down: Remove the table coverings, take down the tables, load tables on the dollies, load the truck, and clean up. This is a physical job, requiring some lifting, standing, and walking around. Sunday after the show (5-7)

ORCHIDS IN THE PARK

MEMBER PLANT SALES

Help your Society and yourself by selling your excess plants at the **Member Plant Sales** table. Make space for your new orchids. Just mark each sale plant with its name, your code and price, i.e., Max. marginata KK-1 \$10.00, and give Kay a master list. Help to sell plants for at least 3 hours. You get 75% of the price. SFOS gets 25% and pays the sales tax. You may bring plants anytime during the event, but Friday or early on Saturday is best. If you have questions, ask Kay Klumb at a meeting or contact her after 8-19-11 at kayklumb@gmail.com or 415 648-8271.

[back to top](#)

Change of address?

Send all address and e-mail changes to:
Judy Bley / Membership Chairperson
415-826-8372
Email: jabley@pacbell.net
SFOS Membership
P.O. Box 27145,
San Francisco, CA 94127

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

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

Like us on Facebook 

[back to top](#)