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The mission of the SFOS is to foster the culture and conservation 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.

January Speaker

Pierre Pujol

*Learning how to become
a better orchid grower*

Pierre Pujol

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SFOS Meeting

Tues. January 5, 2016



Tues. January 5, 2016
AOS Judging: 7:00 PM
Skills Session: 7:00 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

Pierre Pujol
Learning how to become a better orchid grower

Skill Session

Tom Perlite-Preparing and Entering Your Plants for POE

Plant Opportunity Table

Pierre Pujol and Amy Chung Jacobsen

Pierre Pujol has been growing orchids for a relatively short time (since 2010). A self-described orchid geek with a background in life sciences and agronomy, Pierre immersed himself into understanding orchid needs in order to grow his plants better. He rapidly succeeded in getting numerous cultural and quality awards with his plants (Pierre's plant *Cym. tracyanum* var. album "Woodside" received a JC/AOS at the 10/19/2015 Oakland AOS judging).



Learning how to become a better orchid grower



Pierre grows his orchids in his backyard and in a greenhouse in Half Moon Bay. His collection includes about 70% cymbidiums and 30% other genera. He is a member of several orchid societies in the Bay Area and served 2 terms on the Board of GCCG and was their Show Chairperson for three years. Pierre

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will share his findings with us in a presentation mixing sciences, humor and lot of pictures.

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Minutes of the SFOS Board Meeting

SFOS Board Meeting December 7, 2015

Present: Dave Hermeyer, Valerie Mountain, Jack Ryder, Tom Perlite, Jean Lee, Dennis Westler, Mary Gerritsen, Florence Inserto, Fred Schechter, Dexter Hodes
Excused: Claire Zvanski, Chris Mende
The meeting started at 7:30.

I. Treasurer

A. Jack: Balances as of November 30: Checking \$14,083.59, High Yield Savings \$168,612.06, Market Rate Savings \$1507.39. The yearly rental for the Hall of Flowers for the monthly meetings and OITP has been paid. The new Web designer has also been paid. There was a discussion whether to switch to one of the shorter recently purchased website names, but the consensus was to keep the current name and have the new site names redirect users to the current site.

II. Vice President

A. Mary: January's speaker will be Pierre Pujol, topic: Culture of Cymbidiums. He will also provide the Opportunity Table. Skill Session will be led by Tom Perlite, topic: Preparing and Entering Your Plants for POE. February's speaker will be Ron Parsons, topic : Adventures in Southeast Australia. The Opportunity Table is TBD, and Skill Session topic is planned to be about judging for the POE. Speaker for the March meeting is TBD. April speaker will be Sam Tsui, topic: Paphiopedilums. He will provide the Opportunity Table. Peter Lin is scheduled for the May meeting, speaking about Dendrobiums and providing the Opportunity Table.

III. Membership

A. Florence: Renewals are coming in through PayPal and at the monthly meetings. No new members joined at the meeting, but 3 new members have joined online since November 1st. Renewals for 2016 will continue through March 31, 2016.

IV. POE

A. Tom: Almost all of the vendors have paid their fees. Tom is completing the floor plan, then sending it to the graphic designer prior to sending it to Fort Mason. Marin, Oakland, Santa Clara, Diablo View and Golden Gate Cymbidium Orchid Societies will all be setting up exhibits. They would prefer to do table top

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SFOS NEWSLETTER

January 2016

FEATURED ARTICLE

2015 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. If you have forgotten your password, you can still use the directory. Just go to the SFOS website and follow the instructions for forgotten password.

If there are errors, please contact Florence Inserto -

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(415) 341-3085

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2016 Dues

exhibits instead of the proposed landscape set up. The trees from Metamorphosis Landscaping will be scattered throughout the exhibits. Tom would like the SFOS to have a table top exhibit as well. Belcampo will have a small bar and there will be a coffee cart in the exhibit area, as well as at the back of the hall. The Rightsiders band (Bruce Roger's son) will be playing on Saturday, and there will be half price admission for people under 30 that day. The POE will be promoted at the Exploratorium and the Academy of Sciences during February. Tom is looking into having a tent from Abbey Rents out in front of the hall in case of rain. The cost is \$2000 for a 30' x 30' tent. This will also be used as a valet pickup point for Plant Hotel plants. Frances met with Christina Tucker regarding the video. Christina will be filming at the Flower Mart, Conservatory of Flowers and Tom's nursery, and interviewing Tom, Dennis and Frances. Dennis will be meeting with the Committee Chairs at Maureen's in January, or individually if they cannot make it to the meeting. The sales page for tickets is going live on the website and on the POE Facebook page. Sales go through Eventbrite, and are automatically deposited into the SFOS bank account. Cash sales will need to be deposited.

VI. Old Business

A. Newsletter Back Up Editor: Fred Schechter has expressed an interest in taking this on, and will be meeting with Stanford this week.

B. Storage Locker: Dave noted that Ellen has agreed to the smaller locker size. She has met with the management at Extra Space Storage to find the best location. She can start working on the transfer in January. Dave will reserve the new locker at the end of December. Mary offered to help Ellen with transferring the items to the new locker and asks that anyone else who is available also offer their services. The board noted their appreciation of Ellen's work in keeping the SFOS property organized.

C. Mission Statement: Jean noted that the word "conservation" in the first sentence in the mission statement at the beginning of the newsletter has been replaced by the word "cultivation". This statement is also in the new member handbook, and is a paraphrase of section 4 in the bylaws. A discussion was held about whether to fix the wording or put it to a vote by the membership. A suggestion was made to make the correction and put a notation in the newsletter advising of the correction. Dennis made a motion to change the first sentence of the mission statement to read: "The mission of the SFOS is to foster the culture and conservation of orchids and to promote education of its members and the public about orchids.", with a statement in the newsletter that this change will bring it into congruence with section 4 of the bylaws. The motion was seconded and passed with one member opposed.

D. Holiday Party: Dennis reported that the food was fabulous, and there was plenty to eat and drink. The turnout was small, but everyone appeared to be having a good time. Dave noted for next year that there should be a reminder email sent out a few days before the party. Thanks go out to Ellen for providing the table cloths and food cards, and Dave for the table cards. It was decided that the number of gift plants was good, and the same number will be ordered for next year.

(\$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

**Kelly DeWitt
Nancy Bohannon
Jackie Fu
Ivan Edgar Pratt
Debra Vails-Qualters
Peter March
Isis Trenchard
Atu Yee
Orysia Riesen**

Please welcome our new
members at your earliest
opportunity.

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

A - E

SFOS members are encouraged
to help out with refreshments,
setup and cleanup at Monthly
Meetings. If your last name falls
within the letter range **A -
E**, please bring snacks such as

E. Security: Fred wondered if there should be armed security
guards at the monthly meetings and at the public shows such as
the POE. A discussion was held and the consensus was that
this contributes to a climate of fear and is not necessary.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10.

Respectfully Submitted,

Valerie Mountain

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

January 5, 2016 7:30pm - SFOS General Meeting

Main Speaker - Pierre Pujol

Subject: *Learning how to become a better orchid grower*

**Skill Session- Tom Perlite - Preparing and Entering Your
Plants for POE 2016**

**January 15, 2016. Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers Annual
Collector's Auction.** Preview 6:30 PM. Auction starts at 7:00
PM. San Mateo Garden Center, 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo,
CA. For info contact: Richard Mangan at mangasz@att.net or
Darrel Wong at bacyms@yahoo.com

January 23 - 24th 10 am - 5 pm Orchids Around the World Peninsula Orchid Society 2016 Show & Sale

Community Activities Building 1400 Roosevelt Avenue,
Redwood City, CA Admission \$5 Adults, \$3 Senior (62+), \$3
Children 12-16, Free for accompanied children under 12
Fabulous Displays of Blooming Orchids- Orchid Vendors &
Member Sales <http://penorchidsoc.org>

February 26-28, 2016 SFOS Pacific Orchid Exposition A

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!



AOS Awards

AOS Awards

American Orchid Society Pacific
Judging Center Web site: :
<http://www.paccentraljc.org/>
Please check the Web site for the
most recent awards.



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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

Legacy of Orchids 9 AM - 6 PM Fri/Sat; 10 AM - 5 PM Sun.
\$14 advance-\$15 at the Door; Seniors - \$11 in advance- \$12 at the door. 3 Day Pass -\$25 Children 16 and under - Free.
Festival Pavilion, Fort Mason, San Francisco. Lectures, demonstrations, tours, orchid displays and sales. One of the Country's largest orchid expositions - don't miss it.
www.orchidsanfrancisco.org

March 5 & 6, 2016 - Annual Napa Valley Orchid Society Spring Show & Sale - Out of this World Orchids 10 AM to 4 PM Free Admission Napa Senior Center - 1500 Jefferson St. Napa i nfo@nv-os.org

March 4 – 6, 2016: 71st Annual Santa Barbara International Orchid Show “Wild World of Orchids”. 9 a.m. –5 p.m. Earl Warren Showgrounds, 3400 Calle Real, Santa Barbara, CA 93105
<http://sborchidshow.com/>

Speakers

January 2016: Pierre Pujol -Learning how to become a better orchid grower

February 2016: Ron Parsons - Adventures in Southeast Australia

March 2016: TBD

April 2016: Sam Tsui - Paphiopedilum

May 2016: Peter Lin - Dendrobiums

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.

submissions will be reviewed and may be edited due to space limitations. Thank you!
Sincerely,
San Francisco Orchid Society



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

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

Notes from the Prez

Turning points, and looking forward

Happy Holiday!

You're likely reading this on or around the shortest day of the year, the season of cold dark nights. You know this, and your orchids know this too. Most orchids, except those native to regions close to the equator, respond to day length or temperature to determine their time of flowering. Many orchids bloom in the dead of winter, perversely snubbing their terrestrial garden friends. It's something to be grateful for when much of the rest of my garden is quietly going dormant. My Mexican Laelias are in full bloom, and the Australian Dendrobiums are not far behind them. It's also a time of rest, when our plants reward us with their floral display with little or no water or fertilizer from us.

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But before you know it, the days will be getting longer, our very

early Bay Area Spring will be just around the corner, and it will be time for the Pacific Orchid Exposition! Our POE committee works all year on this event, but we need your help. We need volunteers, lots of volunteers, to make it a success for our society. Many of you reading this are regular long-time volunteers, and we thank you! For our newer members, and for those of you who haven't volunteered before, please sign up for a shift (or two or three...) at the show. There's a wide range of positions you can fill to match your skills and physical abilities. It's fun and it's easy! You'll have opportunities to meet more of your fellow members who would just love to share their orchid experiences and knowledge with you. You can meet and chat with orchid vendors and other people behind the scenes. Best of all is that you'll have a sense of accomplishment and pride that you've helped produce the largest orchid show in the country!

Dave Hermeyer

President

San Francisco Orchid Society Dave Hermeyer

January 2016 Newsletter Announcements

Newsletter Mission Statement

At the last board meeting, Jean Lee noted that some time ago in the mission statement at the beginning of the newsletter the word "conservation" in the first sentence had been replaced by the word "cultivation". This statement is also in the new member handbook, and is a paraphrase of Article 1 section 4 in the bylaws. After discussion, the board decided to change the first sentence of the mission statement to read: "The mission of the SFOS is to foster the culture and conservation of orchids and to promote education of its members and the public about orchids." This change brings it into congruence with Article 1 Section 4 of the bylaws.

Are you lost?

Are you lost, lonely, or bewildered at our meetings? Probably not, if you are an experienced orchidist and a long time Society Member. On the other hand, many new Members do have these feelings, and would appreciate a personal Coach to turn to at meetings as well as close to home to help them become absorbed into our orchid community. Our new Coach Program presents new members with contact information for two Coach volunteers from which to choose. If you have the time and inclination to extend yourself as a Coach, please email the following information to Fred Schechter at onpump@gmail.com: Name, Neighborhood, email, telephone and/or cell phone number, orchid specialty, and the most convenient time for receiving an initial contact call. If you would like to find a coach, see the list near the entrance or contact Fred.

June in Southwest China – June 17 to June 30 – A Botanical Study Tour to North Sichuan with the Orchid Conservation Alliance

The highlight of this tour will be the richest temperate flora in Asia. Southwest China is the global epicenter of several plant genera of great horticultural value; *Primula*, *rhododendron*, and *Cypripedium*. The tour takes place in the mountains of Aba Tibetan Qiang Autonomous Prefecture where we will visit some of the most spectacular nature reserves in the northern hemisphere. In addition to the orchids, which are of course the focus of the trip, the area has spectacular scenery, huge travertine formations, and is home to Tibetan and Qiang ethnic groups with their colorful culture. Holger and Wenqing Perner have led many successful trips to this and other areas of China. They also operate the only orchid nursery in China which can legally export native orchids. The trip will be led by the Perners and Mary Gerritsen, co-author with Ron Parsons of "A Compendium of Miniature Orchids." The price of this 14-day trip is \$3600 per person double occupancy with a \$460 per person single supplement. . For details please see the full prospectus [here](http://attachment.benchmarkemail.com/c331141/OCA_China_Tour_2016.pdf)

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April in Southern France – April 22 to May 1 - Orchids and Culture of Provence and the Périgord with the Orchid Conservation Alliance

Springtime in southern France is when an orchid fancier's thoughts turn to terrestrial orchids. Join us for 10 days of Francophile Nancy Benay's distillation of her travels in France over many years. This trip will be limited to twelve people plus Nancy and Peter Tobias as leaders. This will be an exceptional trip. Nancy's husband was French and they traveled extensively in France. Many of the friends Nancy made there as well as some relatives have offered to share their help and knowledge to show us French native orchids. And, of course, these orchids do not exist in a vacuum; they are in France which signifies also wine, food, castles, caves, gardens, and more. Nancy has poured her heart and soul into organizing this trip; she made a special trip in 2015 to polish up the itinerary. The price of this ten-day trip is \$2750 per person. For details please see the full prospectus [here](http://attachment.benchmarkemail.com/c331141/France_Native_Orchid_Itinerary_Tour_Day_Description.pdf): http://attachment.benchmarkemail.com/c331141/France_Native_Orchid_Itinerary_Tour_Day_Description.pdf

Chinese Paphiopedilum in their habitats

From May 04 to 14, 2016

A Pre--Conference Tour attached to the

6th Orchid Conservation Conference, Hong Kong
(May 16--20, 2016) 11 days through Northwest Guangxi and
Southeast Yunnan with Wenqing & Holler Perner
(Huanglong National Park, Sichuan, China
& Hengduan Mts. Biotechnology, Ltd., Chengdu, China)
to see native paphiopedilums and many other orchids
in their natural habitats. Deadline for registration is February
15, 2016. More information contact. info@hengduanbiotech.com

Speakers needed at the POE! Help to make this an educational event!

This year at the POE we are having a "speakers' bureau" with short (~20-30 minutes) presentations on orchid related subjects. These are "hands-on" talks-no slides needed. Suggested topics include:

-How to grow "X" orchids (e.g. Cymbidium, Cattleya, Pleurothallids, etc. etc.)

-Repotting orchids

-How to care for orchids

-Growing orchids outside

-Orchids you can grow outside

-Orchids you can grow in San Francisco (or wherever)

-Growing orchids on a windowsill

-How to purchase orchids

-How to mount orchids and how to care for them

The presentations will be held in the display area, and a microphone/speaker system will be provided. There are currently time slots open on Friday (11 am and 4 pm), Saturday (2,3 and 4 pm) and Sunday (12 noon, 2, and 3 pm) If you are interested in volunteering to be a speaker on the above (or other topics) at one of the above times, please contact Mary Gerritsen: meg570@comcast.net

POE 2016 Member Plant Sales

It is that time of year again. POE 2016 is right around the corner and here are the 'how to' rules for submitting plants for sales at the member plant sales area. Please take the time to read these notes and pieces of information [there will be a test-just kidding!]. There are a few things that are slightly different from last year.

If you intend to sell your plants at POE, you must volunteer at least one 3-hour shift in the area at a time when we need help. That time can be split into segments depending on just how busy it is at a given time. If you don't help the sales area for a shift, we won't put your plants out for sales. Please see me for any special circumstances.

You don't have to be an expert about orchids. It is really a nice place to meet fellow orchid enthusiasts and you have the added bonus of really seeing first-hand the great plants that are brought in. You can beat the crowd and get the best deals for the nicest plants. We have a nice group of people who donate their time year after year. They are the best part of the job as far as I am concerned. Hanging out with them is a treat that I look forward to every year. You can share in the fun.

If we get enough volunteers, no one has to stand on one's feet for long periods and has more time to shop and enjoy the show with breaks away from the sales table. The customers who come to POE and visit the member sales area are also very special. Many of them come year after year. I even recognize some of them from past years. There is real excitement in the air around the sales table and there are great stories to tell and learn about when you talk to customers.

PLEASE NOTE in 2016: There will not be a Gala. Plants for sale can ONLY be dropped off on Thursday, the 25th from 10 to 4 PM. The only exceptions that can be made must be made by contacting me personally. Plants that are left without personal check-in will not be put out for sale.

But here is the difference. I will open the plant sales area on Thursday the 25th from about 4:30 PM [when ribbon judging is finished] until 6:45 PM for volunteers who have helped with setup and ribbon judging. You will be able to pay for plants with either credit care, check or cash. No one can set aside plants for purchase before sales open however. So be the early bird...I could use one or two volunteers for this time just in case the demand is great for this early bird, once in a lifetime event for POE 2016!

POE 2016 Member Plant Sales

Information for SFOS Members Who Want to Sell Plants

1. Each SFOS member will be permitted to have 100 plants only in the Member Plant Sales area at a time. That means that as your individual plants are sold, you can bring in more. Each night I will make a tally of those plants sold and make that information available to anyone who wants to call me about it.
2. Place a label on each plant and make 2 inventory sheets-one for your records and one to give to the chair/sales staff for record keeping.
3. Labels must be legible and that includes the price. Member codes will be 3 letters followed by 1 to 3 numbers. At the time of check-in, your chosen letter code will be checked to insure that there are no duplicate codes. Before being placed on the sales table, plants must be checked in by a SFOS Member Plant Sales volunteer. The volunteer staff is responsible for removing any plants that are diseased or not established. A good rule of thumb is, if you would like to buy the plant, then it is good to sell to someone else.
4. Plants can be checked in for sale starting Thursday morning **February 25 from 10 AM until 6:45 PM.** Please do not leave your plants without official check-in. If you 'drop plants off' without check in, we won't put them on the bench for sale.
5. The San Francisco Orchid Society will assume a 25% commission for the sale of plants at the table.
6. Each person bringing plants to sell must work at the plant sales table for at least 3 hours-it doesn't have to be all at one time. I do know that the POE is a huge undertaking and there are many people who do lots of volunteer time in a variety of areas. BUT...there are lots of plants in the member plant area and just a few loyal folks who sell everyone's plants year after year. If you are busy doing other things, you must find someone to take your shift obligation. And that shift obligation will have to

be at a time where there is a need.

7. When you work at the sales area, your purpose is to sell EVERYONE's plants, not just your own plants. Anyone who attempts to sell his or her individual plants without going through the show plant sales procedure will be asked to leave the area with their plants. No side deals!

8. Each member who brings in plants is completely responsible for any loss to his or her plants. In other words, we do our best to promote and sell plants and to safeguard them from loss, theft or damage. But it happens.

9. Plants can be removed from the plant sales area on Sunday beginning at 15 minutes before the close of the show. Any exception to this must be cleared with the chair of the Member Plant Sales area.

10. There will be no 'saving' plants [removing plants from the general sales table] for anyone other than those folks who are working in the plant sales area at the time of their shift.

11. No plants will be sold at the Member Plant Sales area BEFORE 4:30 PM on Thursday, February 25. This time may be a little earlier or a little later depending on the completion of the ribbon judging. There are no exceptions to earlier sales. No one can put plants behind the sales table for later purchase. We try to keep the sales area a 'level playing field' where everyone gets an equal crack at the bargains that are there.

Volunteers are needed for all shifts on all days especially Friday all day, Saturday all day, and Sunday AM! Sunday PM shifts are always overbooked.

Signup sheets will be available at the January and February SFOS meeting or you can contact me at czoltowski@sbcglobal.net or 415-657-3222. Hope to see you in the member Plant Sales area of the POE.

Carol Zoltowski

Member Plant Sales Chair
415-657-3222

Calling all Ribbon Judging Volunteers for POE 2016

Ribbon Judges are needed! Clerks/Scribes are needed!

Ribbon Judging occurs Thursday afternoon, February 25th and volunteers must arrive by 12:30 since we start promptly at 1 PM. And when I say start, I mean 'out on the floor' starting...

Anyone can be a member of a team and usually experienced ribbon judges are teamed with those who have less experience so it is a win-win time for everyone and things so smoothly [and EVERYONE has fun]. If you have special interest or knowledge of a particular genus, let me know that because I will also try to match you with your areas of expertise or interest. If you would just like to be the clerk/scribe, please let me know that. I personally think clerking is the most important job. It keeps the people who are judging organized and on track and helps make sure that the judging is efficient and coordinated. And since we all know how big the floor area is of Fort Mason, coordination [aka 'driving the judging team'], the person who sees the most efficient path around the displays really helps our everyone's

feet. Hint, hint...everyone should wear comfortable shoes...

So join us to kick off the POE in style! There will be signup sheets at the January and February SFOS monthly meetings. Or you can beat the crowd and avoid the long lines at the signup table by sending me an email at czoltowski@sbcglobal.net or leave me a message with your phone number or email at 415-657-3222 by FEBRUARY 11. If you give me your email address, I will send you a short set of things to think about during the judging.

Carol Zoltowski
POE 2016 Ribbon Judging Chair

**San Francisco Orchid Society Pacific Orchid
Exposition2016 EXHIBITION SCHEDULE ~ "A LEGACY OF
ORCHIDS"**

RULES FOR EXHIBITORS

All rules described below will be strictly enforced in the interests of this show and fairness to its participants. Please review the following carefully: **More details at** www.orchidsanfrancisco.org

For AOS and CSA judging, specific entry forms must be completed and left with the AOS and CSA clerks. Since this is an AOS-sanctioned show, all plants exhibited may be considered for AOS and CSA awards unless "NO AOS and CSA JUDGING" is written on the entry card or on the display. Plants may not be judged at a later date on the same inflorescence.

Entry cards must be completed for all plants entered in competition. Plants entered in show judging must have been cared for directly by the exhibitor for at least 6 months. Judges may decline to consider a plant if ownership is questioned. Plants incorrectly labeled or entered may be eliminated. To be considered as a specimen, an entry must be one clone, with all growths still connected by an intact rhizome (one individual plant). If a pot or mount contains more than one individual plant, which individual is entered for ribbon judging must be clearly indicated.

No more than three (3) plants can be entered in a single Class by any exhibitor.

If a plant is found to be infected or infested, it will be disqualified and isolated, and its exhibitor will be asked to remove it from the show.

Exhibitors will be issued badges for access to the show and must wear them at all times. All plants and items exhibited must remain on display throughout the show. Removal cannot begin until Sunday at 6:00 p.m. Only those with SFOS vendor or exhibitor badges will be permitted in the exhibit area after closing on Sunday to break down their exhibits and remove their plants.

The SFOS will provide 24-hour security guard services for the duration of the show. Every effort will be made to safeguard all items entered. However, exhibitors assume all risk and liability for their property.

CLASSIFICATION OF EXHIBITORS

NOVICE: An exhibitor who has won no more than six (6) trophies/awards (other than ribbons) at any AOS-sanctioned orchid show.

ADVANCED: An exhibitor who has won more than six (6) trophies/awards (other than ribbons) at any AOS-sanctioned show.

COMMERCIAL/OPEN: Includes any of the following:

1. An exhibitor who grows and/or sells orchid plants or flowers as a business and earns over 50% of his/her income from such sales.
2. An exhibitor who buys space to sell orchid plants or flowers at more than two orchid events, shows, sales, benefits, farmers' markets, etc., in the 12 months prior to the date of this show. This does not include sales at orchid society monthly meetings.
3. A commercial grower is one who may be required to have a California Nursery License even if such a license has not been issued.

PLANT AWARDS – RIBBONS

First, Second, and Third Place ribbons will be awarded in all Classes for which there are entries, at the discretion of the judges. Judges may withhold ribbons if, in their opinion, no suitable material is exhibited. Trophies and Rosettes will be awarded to the winning Novice, Advanced and Commercial/Open exhibitors for 'Best of Section by Skill Level'. Trophies and Rosettes for overall "Best of Section" will be awarded to winners selected from all the First Place ribbons awarded in that Section, at the discretion of the judges. Winner of "Best in Show" will be selected from all overall "Best of Section" Trophy winners, at the discretion of the judges. Awards for 'Best Species in Show', 'Best Specimen Plant in Show', 'Best Miniature Plant in Show', and Cultural Excellence may be chosen from any Blue Ribbon (First Place) winner in any Class; they need not have won another trophy to be eligible for these three awards. Plants must be registered in the show in order to be eligible for any awards. **More information at www.orchidsanfrancisco.org**

August in Papua New Guinea!

Ruth Dicker of NIUGINI HOLIDAYS - SYDNEY OFFICE has put together an orchid-centric itinerary

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More information here:

[http://attachment.benchmarkemail.com/c331141/2016_Orchid_Tour_Itinerary_v1\[1\].pdf](http://attachment.benchmarkemail.com/c331141/2016_Orchid_Tour_Itinerary_v1[1].pdf)

California Sierra Nevada Judging Center

The California Sierra Nevada Judging Center has its December awards online for your enjoyment. <http://www.csnjc.org>

Kathy Barrett

Interested in a specific topic or speaker or skill session?

SFOS members are welcome to make suggestions for speakers or topics for our meetings, and also for our skill sessions before the meetings. Please send your suggestions to Mary Gerritsen meg570@comcast.net

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Special Events

Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers
Cymbidium Orchid Auction

Friday, January 15, 2016

Auction 7:00 PM
Registration & Preview 6:30 - 7:00 PM

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Cym. West Gate Bridge 'Terry Pohl'
Photo By Heather Orbus



Orchids Around the World
Peninsula Orchid Society
2016 Show & Sale



Saturday, January 23rd
Sunday, January 24th
10 am - 5 pm

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1400 Roosevelt Avenue, Redwood City, CA

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SHOW & PLANT SALE
 February 26-28, 2016
 9:00am-6:00pm (Fri/Sat)
 10:00am-5:00pm (Sun)

TICKETS & INFORMATION
orchidsanfrancisco.org
 650.548.6700

GENERAL: \$14 advance online
 \$15 at the door
 SENIORS (65+): \$11 advance online
 \$12 at the door
 3 DAY PASS: \$25
 Children 16 and under are FREE.

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SANTA BARBARA INTERNATIONAL ORCHID SHOW



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