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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.

2016 Pacific Orchid Exposition
A Legacy of Orchids

SFOS Meeting

Tues. February 2, 2016



**Tues. February 2, 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

Ron Parsons
*Orchids of
Southeastern Australia*

Skill Session

Cindy Hill
**Learn how to Enter your
Plants in the Big Show!**

Plant Opportunity Table

Dan Newman
Hanging Gardens

2015-2016 SFOS

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Dave Hermeyer

**A Legacy
of Orchids**

**SAN FRANCISCO
ORCHID SOCIETY
64TH ANNUAL
PACIFIC ORCHID
EXPOSITION**

FESTIVAL PAVILION
Fort Mason Center, San Francisco

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

**TICKETS
& INFORMATION**
orchidsanfrancisco.org
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The **2016 Pacific Orchid Exposition**, taking place February 26-28, is the largest orchid exposition in the United States. The exposition is one of the premier orchid events of the year, showcasing intricate exhibits from local, national and international orchid growers as well as vibrant displays from orchid societies around California. The exposition also offers lectures, demonstrations, tours and orchid sales. Throughout the weekend there is a silent auction, featuring fabulous items to bid on like wine, art, trips and more. The Pacific Orchid Exposition is SFOS's biggest annual fundraiser, and this year, the show theme is "**A Legacy of Orchids.**" Don't miss out! 9 AM - 6 PM Fri/Sat; 10 AM - 5 PM Sun.; \$14 advance and \$15 at the Door; Seniors: \$11 in advance and \$12 at the door. 3 Day Pass-\$25. Children 16 and under-Free. Festival Pavilion, Fort Mason, San Francisco.

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Orchids of Southeastern Australia

Ron Parsons

Ron Parsons has been growing orchids for more than 40 years, and has been interested in species orchids for most of that time. Ron loves to photograph orchids and most other flowers whenever he can, whether it be on trips to see them in nature or in collections. He loves to travel to see orchids in the wild, and does so as often as possible. Ron has close to 60,000 digital images, most of which are of orchids, and still retains a slide library that exceeds 100,000 botanical images. He has at least 3000 published photos that have appeared in magazines, periodicals, journals and books. Ron has co-authored three botanical books, all with Mary E. Gerritsen. The first two, published by Timber Press, are *Masdevallias*, *Gems of the Orchid World* and *Calochortus*, *Mariposa Lilies* and their Relatives. Most recently, the third book, a large, luxurious, two-volume set, *A Compendium of Miniature Orchid Species* was published by Redfern Natural History Productions in January of 2014. The latter has nearly 1200 pages, 1800 photographs, and features more than 500 species.



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SFOS NEWSLETTER

February 2016

Orchids of Southeastern Australia



Thelymitra ixioides - Victoria

For five weeks of the austral spring of 2011, from early October to mid-early November, I traveled through southeastern Australia. My trip started on the island state of Tasmania (the north and northwest part) where friends took me out to see and photograph orchids I would not have found on my own. From there I traveled to Victoria where I was taken to Grampians National Park in the west, the Anglesea Peninsula west of Melbourne, and Wilson's Promontory to the southeast of Melbourne, where again many exciting orchids were found. Next stop was Canberra for a few days, then to areas both north and south of Sydney in New South Wales where many fantastic ground, lithophytic and epiphytic orchids were seen. My incredible trip ended with several days spent on the beautiful isle

FEATURED ARTICLE

2016 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
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2016 Dues

(\$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

**Peter March
Isis Trenchard
Atu Yee
Orysia Riesen
Alvin Hom
Petr Kosina**

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

F - K

SFOS members are encouraged to help out with refreshments, setup and cleanup at Monthly Meetings. If your last name falls within the letter range **F - K**, 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 to pick up your raffle ticket as one of the rewards of sharing - and good luck in the drawing!



of Bruny Island, southeast of the capitol of Hobart, an island off an island off an island!

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Minutes of the SFOS Board Meeting

SFOS Board Meeting January 11, 2016

Present: Dave Hermeyer, Valerie Mountain, Jack Ryder, Tom Perlite, Jean Lee, Dennis Westler, Fred Schechter, Chris Mende, Dexter Hodes

Excused: Claire Zvanski, Mary Gerritsen, Florence Inserto

The meeting started at 7:30.

I. Treasurer

A. Jack: Balances as of December 31: Checking \$1,265.07, High Yield Savings \$168,620.65, Market Rate Savings \$1507.43. The SFOS budgeted \$7000 for dues. We have collected \$2116 (including a \$500 & a \$150 level) - a variance of \$4884. T-shirt sales will be tracked with POE, and total \$592 FYTD. Jack will create a new category for wineglass sales (\$180) and cash awards (separate from trophy category). We did not budget for insurance in June. We will make sure to include in the next budget. POE: \$4,500 in sponsorships, \$1,880 from Tour Groups - POE Net Income to date: \$9,625.

II. Vice President

A. Dave for Mary: 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 Scott Barrie, topic: Latest in Sarcochilus Hybrids. The Opportunity Table and Skill Session are 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. Jack and Fred had some new contacts for future speakers. They will pass their information to Mary.

III. Membership

A. No Report this month. Renewals will continue through March 31, 2016.

IV. POE

A. Tom's Report: Vendors: We have 45 plant vendors who have committed/paid for this year. We have collected \$62,233.00 with another \$2000 outstanding. In addition we have food vendor (Belcampo Meats), coffee vendor (How Ya Bean), and frozen custard vendor (\$2800.00). There are no booths available in the

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.

AOS Awards from the Central Valley
of California and Northern Nevada

<http://www.csnjc.org>



Change of Address

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SFOS Membership

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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



vendor area. We have 10 foreign vendors this year: 2 from Ecuador, 2 from Peru, 2 from Taiwan, 1 from China, 1 from Thailand, 1 from Malaysia, 1 from Colombia. Exhibits: Invitations have been sent out to individual exhibitors and Orchid Societies. So far the Conservatory of Flowers, Orchid Conservation Alliance, Golden Gate Cymbidium Society, Santa Clara Orchid Society, Diablo View Orchid Society, Marin Orchid Society, Orchid Society of California, Pleurothallid Alliance and Orchid Friends have responded. U.C. Botanical Garden would like an information booth, but cannot install an exhibit or provide plants for the entrance exhibit. Casper has a sketch of the front entrance display. He is planning on having the exhibit in the center of the space so that people can walk on both sides. It will have a gazebo, fountain with orchids, and have a formal Victorian look. We will have a 16' x 12' stage. On one side of the stage will be a beer and wine bar manned by Belcampo Meats, and on the other side will be a coffee cart manned by How Ya Bean. Sponsors: Metamorphosis Landscaping (free), Bath Fitters (\$1500), Renewal by Anderson (\$2000.) Lyngso (free), and Sungevity (\$2500.) High Definition Solar (\$2500.), S. F. Chronicle (\$1000), S.F. Examiner, and System Pavers (\$2500) will have vendor booths in the sales area. Fort Mason: The floor plan, food permits, and alcohol permits have been submitted and are awaiting approval. Fort Mason is requiring a new sign to their specs for the Buchanan Street gate. We will have Orysia do the design and the fort's sign company makes the sign.

Video: Christina Tucker and her camera man filmed the video on December 16 and 19 at the Conservatory of Flowers and Golden Gate Orchids nursery, interviewing Dennis, Frances, Tom and Cindy Hill. We should have a preliminary copy of the video sometime in January. Tenting in Front: Cost for a 30' x 30' tent in front is approximately \$2000. Tom will see if we can cancel the order at the last minute depending on the weather.

B. Dennis: A committee chair meeting at Maureen's was scheduled for Tuesday night at 6:30. Jack will need to train people to do sales on the new iPads, but this will not be possible until they come in just before POE. He will prepare a PDF to show the procedure for the next SFOS meeting. There will be a gamelan music group playing on Sunday. Kevin Woodson will be painting as well as exhibiting his paintings at the show.

V. Old Business

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

B. Storage Locker: Saturday, January 9th, the contents of the locker were transferred to the new locker. This smaller locker will save the SFOS about \$3000/ year. Tom has taken some items to his nursery so Property Manager Ellen Edelson can determine how these can be recycled.

VI. New Business

A. PA System Repair or Replacement: The current system, which is about 5 years old, is unreliable and it is difficult to get the microphones working with the speakers. Dave has contacted Paul Bourbon and Bill Weaver for their recommendations for a new system, and Jack will research what was paid for the current system. A new laser pointer is also needed. It was suggested that corded mikes would be more reliable, but there is still a need for a lapel microphone. Another suggestion was to

have two speakers on stands so people at the side tables can hear more clearly.

B. OITP: A chairperson is needed for OITP this year. Angelique Ngyuen had previously shown interest in taking this on. The dates are set for July 23rd and 24th, 10-5 both days. Jean will contact Angelique to see if she is still interested.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40.

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

February 2, 2016 7:30pm - SFOS General Meeting

Main Speaker - Ron Parsons

Subject: *Orchids of Southeastern Australia*

Skill Session- Cindy Hill - Learn how to Enter your Plants in the Big Show!

Would you like one or more of your blooming beauties to be on display at the POE? Come to the skills session with Cindy Hill, and you'll find out how easy it is. Bring along the names of some of your plants for practice, and we'll see how to determine which Class they go into. Entering plants is simple and free. Displaying your plants is fun, and a good way to increase confidence in your skills. (You will get compliments from people who see your entries!). And if you have non-member friends who are proud of their prowess as a grower, invite them to enter plants. The more plants we have the more beautiful and exciting the show becomes. Cindy will also describe how ribbon and trophy judging works (in case you've ever wondered). Tonight you'll learn all you need to know for you and your plants to join in the fun. So bring your questions, and start grooming those plants for the party!

February 26-28, 2016 SFOS Pacific Orchid Exposition A

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/>

March 26, 2016 California Orchids Spring Sale 515 Aspen Road, Bolinas 9 AM - 4 PM 415-868-0203
info@californiaorchids.com www.californiaorchids.com

April 2 - 3, 2016 Sonoma County Orchid Society Show & Sale- "Orchids in Art" Sat. 10 am - 5 pm; Sun. 10 am - 4 pm admission - \$8.00 Santa Rosa Veterans Building 1351 Maple Ave. Santa Rosa, CA across from the Fairgrounds.
www.sonomaorchids.com

April 9 - 10, 2016 Sacramento Orchid Society 69th Annual Orchid Show & Plant Sale "Orchids in Your Own Back Yard"
Sat. 10-5, Sun 10-4 Scottish Rite Temple 6151 H Street Sacramento, CA 95819 www.sacramentoorchids.com 916-489-3263 Admission - \$8 Free Parking - Demonstrations-Classes-Door Prizes

Speakers

February 2016: Ron Parsons - Adventures in Southeast Australia

March 2016: Scott Barrie - Latest in Sarcophilus Hybrids

April 2016: Sam Tsui - Paphiopedilums

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.

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

Beauty and the Beast

Most of us started growing orchids with very modest beginnings – perhaps a gift, or maybe an orchid bought on a whim at a Home Depot or Trader Joe's. We all remember the excitement we felt when we coaxed that first Phalaenopsis or Dendrobium to grow and rebloom. What magic! That gave us the confidence to acquire a second plant, and a third, and ... well, you know

how that goes. At some point we probably bought an orchid book or went to an orchid show, and a whole world of orchid types opened up to us, with shapes, colors, textures, and scents we had never experienced before.

And with that advancing experience likely came a greater sense of sophistication and discrimination. We learned about orchid breeding and awards, and started to look for those acronyms like AM/AOS or FCC/AOS on the labels of plants we wanted to buy. We started spending hours comparing internet photos of different cultivars of some desired species.

But what about those first plants you oohed and aaahed over so much? Aren't they still beautiful plants? Sure, they may be dirt-common mass produced plants, but when you get right down to it, their flowers can be pretty spectacular with a little care. They may have blemishes or less than "ideal" characteristics that will keep them far from any judging table, but does that really matter? No! If it makes you happy, then keep it, give it a spot on your shelf, and love it.

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POE is just a month away (!), and 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...). There will be signup sheets at the next meeting, or you can contact any of the show chairs listed in announcements in this newsletter. 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

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

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

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

Plant Hotel Volunteers Needed for POE 2016

This year your President will also be Plant Hotel Concierge for the Pacific Orchid Expo. The show is approaching fast, and I need lots more Front Desk Clerks and Porters for plant hotel. I'd be very grateful for your help this year! Do you have the required skills? Can you fold a cardboard box? Can you operate a Scotch tape dispenser? You're in! It's a fun job, ranging from frantically busy at times to kinda slow throughout the day. You'll meet lots of happy guests checking in or out their new babies, and you'll get to work alongside other society members. You can sign up on the sheets at the February meeting, or you can email me dave@hermeyer.us. Your help is greatly appreciated!

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 card, 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. I am opening the member plant sales area right after ribbon judging at about 4:30 for 2 hours only on Thursday the 25th. The benefit is for those volunteers who are donating their time for judging and set up on Thursday. No plants will be sold at the Member Plant Sales area before then.

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. For this abbreviated sale session on Thursday we should be able to accept cash, check or credit cards.

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. Contact me if you are planning to bring plants to sell. 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 Exposition

2016 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](http://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](http://www.orchidsanfrancisco.org)

Barrita Orchids - Flasks Available for Pre-Order from Scott Barrie - SFOS March 2016 Speaker

Our March speaker, Scott Barrie of Barrita Orchids, has the following flasks available for pre-order:

It is my pleasure to offer these flasks to you. They represent the latest in our developments. We plant 25 plants per flask. They will be ready to deflask on arrival, but will be happy to wait until Spring.

Please email or Facebook orders to

scott@barritaorchids.com.au by 2/02/2016. *Some crosses limited in quantities. All flasks US\$80.*

E022 Gtd. Kulnura Tango 'Olay' x Onc. Kulnura Triumph 'Clarendon'

HCC/AOC. The Gomiltidiums represent one of the most exciting lines I have developed. The colour range is truly diverse. This cross combines the pink of 'Olay' with full yellow of 'Clarendon' and aims to improve the vigour of the classical Varicosum Oncidium style. The flowers will be large and number in the 20's from mature plants.

E018 Onc. sotoanum 'Southerland' AM/AOC x Onc. sotoanum 'Barrita'.

Oncidium ornithorhynchum is one of the most breathtaking orchids, clouds of pink cascading flowers in the cool of winter. The two combined in this cross are of the highest quality I have seen. Fantastic quality flowers.

D045 Sarco. Parma 'Fran' x Sarco. Roberta 'Good Yellow'. Albino yellow centred whites or "Poached Eggs" are on of eye-catchers of the new Sarcochilus era. These are two of the most vigorous growers and the result will contain a few full lemon flowers as well.

D105 Sarco. Kulnura Kaliedescope 'Vig' x Sarco. Kulnura Kaliedescope 'orange 2'. More orange! As the name suggests the Kulnura Kaleidoscopes have the most amazing range through traditional white, patterning, alba golden yellow, red and the new orange. By combining two orange forms I expect to see a good proportion of solid oranges. Other colours will be just as spectacular. Vigorous plants full of excitement.

D157 Sarco. Iris 'Big Yell Cent' x Sarco. Kulnura Coral 'yellow early'.

One of our key aspects of development is improvement of form. The yellow line still has open shape (gaps between the segments). The poached eggs are much fuller in form. This cross combines the two. Expect improved form in a range of yellow from eggs to full yellows. Very good growing plants and exceptionally floriferous.

D026 Sarco. Kulnura Fancy 'red edge early' x Sarco. Kulnura Firemist 'On

Arch'. Red. These will be pink/red, some will have a startling white

speckling in the outer portion of the segment. Great vigour from these plants as well. Flowers bourne on upright to arching stems. Flowering in mid spring.

D102 Sarco. Kulnura Berry 'White line' x Sarco. Kulnura Berry 'Wave'.

This colour style is very attractive. I love to see patterning running through the floral whorl. Predominantly deep pink flowers with white flashes in the centre of the outer segments. As this is a sibling cross there will be a bit of variation in the pink red shades.

E053 Cym. Death Wish 'Underbelly' x Cym. Culpaulin 'Ice'.
Some great diploids. The Death Wish have been a revelation in recent years, giving a dash of colour in the wild open style of flower. These will be browns and reds in profusion.

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:

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California Sierra Nevada Judging Center

The California Sierra Nevada Judging Center has its January 2016 awards online for your enjoyment. <http://www.csnjc.org>

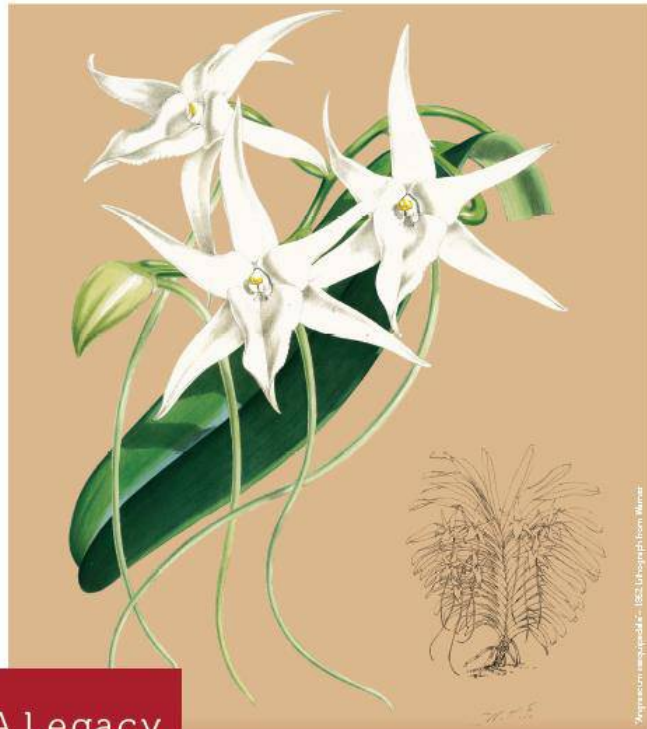
Kathy Barrett

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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SENIORS (65+): \$11 advance online
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