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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.

April Speaker

Sam Tsui
The Orchid Inn

*The Wonderful World of
Brachysepalum and Parvissepalum*

Sam Tsui

Sam Tsui of **The Orchid Inn**, is originally from Hong Kong, Sam has lived in the US since he was 22, earning a Bachelor's degree in

SFOS Meeting

Tues. April 5, 2016



Tues. April 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

Sam Tsui
The Orchid Inn
The Wonderful World of
Brachysepalum and Parvissepalum

Skill Session

Chris Mende

Potting Media
and Paph Culture

Plant Opportunity Table

Sam Tsui
The Orchid Inn

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Officers/Contacts

computer science and accounting, and later an MBA from the University of Illinois.

He was employed in the financial services business until 2008, when he retired and now concentrates full time on his orchid growing business. He has been growing orchids since the early 90s, becoming a serious paphiopedilum grower in 1985. In 1990 he began hybridizing, and continues his work today.

As he become more involved with paphiopedilum he started selling commercially under the business name of The Orchid Inn. His business has grown from a greenhouses attached to his home to a commercial operation with large greenhouses on a six-acre property.

Currently he makes over 300 crosses producing 4000 to 5000 flasks (100,000 seedlings!) annually. Hybridizing is Sam's passion, with an emphasis on Brachypetalum, Parvissepalum and multifloral hybrids. He selects the best, vigorous parents in his collection for breeding and continues to improve his breeding stock from both his own plants as well as from fellow orchid growers using outstanding examples of their type.

As a result of the intensive and selective breeding programs, Sam's orchids have been honored with approximately 260 awards from the AOS, CSA and EOS, including 13 FCC, three cultural awards including a CCE, and seven breeder Award of Quality awards from the AOS.

Sam met his wife Jeanie Ting while at the University of Illinois, and they have been married since 1983. Jeanie will be accompanying Sam at the April Meeting.



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The Wonderful World of Brachysepalum and Parvissepalumlatest



Sam will review the history and guide you through the natural habitats of the species in these two sub-groups of Paphiopedilum genus. Then he will discuss the culture and as well as the breeding of these species and their hybrids.

Members can also preorder from The Orchid Inn Website for pickup at the April 5th meeting. Preorders will receive a 10% discount.

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Please contact Sam directly to preorder (email is on the website under contact us link)

Dinner with the Speaker

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

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Minutes of the SFOS Board Meeting

SFOS Board Meeting March 14, 2016

Present: Dave Hermeyer, Valerie Mountain, Jack Ryder, Tom Perlite, Jean Lee, Dennis Westler, Fred Schechter, Chris Mende, Dexter Hodes, Claire Zvanski, Mary Gerritsen, Florence Inserto, Frances Larose, Maureen Clarke
The meeting started at 7:20.

I. Treasurer

A. Jack: Balances as of February 29, 2016: Checking \$15,475.05, High Yield Savings \$145,965.99, Market Rate Savings \$1507.50. The payment for Orysia's contract for 6 months of website maintenance is due (\$450). She has been doing a great job, and after discussion, the board agreed to go ahead and pay \$900 for the full year. Jack presented his Management Report for the month of February. There are still some numbers for POE that are not finalized, such as Member Plant Sales. \$300 will be moving from Tee shirt sales to Denim shirt sales. There were shortages in certain sizes of the Tee shirts at POE. A better idea of the number of shirts per size is needed for next year. Sweatshirts may also be brought back for next year, and Tee shirt prices could be raised to \$20. Printing on demand will be investigated, to be able to keep inventory low, with a slightly higher price per shirt.

II. Vice President

A. Mary: The speaker for the April meeting is Sam Tsui, topic: Paphiopedilums. He will provide the Opportunity Table. The Skill Session will be led by Chris Mende, topic : Potting Media and Paph Culture. Peter Lin is scheduled for the May meeting, speaking about Dendrobiums and providing the Opportunity Table. Tom Perlite will run the Skill Session on Orchids Needing a Dry Rest. June speaker will be Marni Turkel, topic: Show Me the Plant (a discussion of 10 of her favorite orchids). She will also provide the Opportunity Table. Speaker for July will be Phyllis Prestia, topic: OCA Tour of Madagascar. Debra Atwood of Napa Valley Orchids will provide the Opportunity Table. August speaker will be Ron Kaufman, topic TBD, and Opportunity Table TBD.

III. POE

A. Tom's Report: Fort Mason- The new Fire Marshall was most

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 Florence Inserto - flojo1337@yahoo.com or Claire Zvanski: (415) 341-3085 czvanski@hotmail.com.

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

**Gladys Kupper
Paula Sommer
Arlene Krieger
David W Scheel
Cassandra Killion**

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

Q - V

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



concerned with electrical issues at the show this year as opposed to flammable materials as in the past. This resulted in Edlen Electric having to come in on Friday to make changes and additions, and added roughly \$1000 to our electric charges. Changes in our garbage collection seemed to alleviate problems that occurred last year. Abbey Rents was less attentive to our needs than in the past, and Tom would recommend getting another bid next year. Their costs were approximately 10% higher this year.

The sign required by Fort Mason at the Buchanan St. gate was small and difficult to see. Tom would recommend a larger, more simple sign that can be used every year since we have to purchase it from the Fort's sign maker to their specs.

Front Entrance and Floor plan-The front entrance, although simpler than in years past, worked out well with many attendees walking through and taking photos in the exhibit. We had ordered more orchids than what Casper used, and those were used on the sides in the front, on the stage, and around the trees in the hall. Tom felt this added nicely to the show's overall appearance. The overall floor plan worked out well, with the stage seating being used throughout the show.

Overall, the exhibits were good, with the exception of the Bromeliad Society and Wildflower Seed and Tool not installing an exhibit. Tom will notify The Orchid Zone, Ten Shin Gardens, and Fatino Inc. that their exhibits were substandard and that they are under review for next year.

Food Vendors- Belcampo Meats ran out of food each day, and Tom thinks we should look at another vendor for next year, or go back to Pedemonte. Tom spoke to Belcampo each day and they assured him they would have enough food the next day. He had given them estimates of attendance prior to the show, so they knew what to expect, going into the show. The coffee vendor and frozen custard vendor worked out well and helped with the lack of food from Belcampo. Having the coffee and beer and wine bar in the center of the hall was a nice addition.

Tent in Front- Since the weather turned out nice for most of the show, the tent was not needed for protection. The plant valet area of the tent did not seem to be used much during the show, and Tom would recommend not having a tent next year. The cost was roughly \$1500.

Entertainment- The rock and roll band was a disaster, needless to say. We tried something new and it failed miserably. The Gamelan group was a nice addition and was entertaining, enjoyable to listen to, and well received by the attendees.

B. Other comments and recommendations: Lack of parking was a major issue. Mary & Frances will work on an app for next year to enable attendees to find available parking. The sign at the gate needed to be larger, and Fred felt some other signage to direct people to the Festival Hall would be helpful. The harp and flute music was very compatible with the show, and Frances will be asking them back for next year.

C. Dave: Volunteer Spot worked well on the SFOS website for recruiting volunteers. This will be used for OITP as well.

D. Frances noted that the number of SFOS Facebook fans increased from 5,444 on 2/17/16, the day before the paid ad campaigns started,

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>



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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:

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tanford@rkmediasolutions.com](mailto: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



to 10,054 on 2/29/16, when the ads finished, as part of her report on
ticket sales breakdown.

IV. Membership

A. Claire: There was no banner for the membership table at POE at
first. Response was better after the banner was put up. She noted
there was no table or chairperson for Book Sales this year, and
Membership cannot handle this. Claire heard feedback that people
were disappointed not to have the Gala night this year.

V. Old Business

A. Speaker System: Paul Bourbon has found a Fender system for
\$450, but it does not include a lapel mike. He is still looking for a lapel
mike system. Jean made a motion to allow up to \$600 for the purchase
of the new sound system, including the lapel mike. The motion was
seconded and passed.

VI. New Business

A. Donations: Mary made a motion to donate \$2000.00 to the Orchid
Conservation Alliance. The motion was seconded and passed. Jean
made a motion to donate \$2000.00 to the Conservatory of Flowers and
\$1000.00 to the Helen Crocker Russell Library. This motion was also
seconded and passed. Other possible donations will be discussed at a
later date after the POE numbers are finalized.

B. Reimbursement to Ellen for tables: a discussion was held about
replacing the tables from SFOS expenses. Claire made a motion to
replace the tables, allowing up to \$100.00 per table. The motion was
seconded and passed by a majority.

C. Fall Antiques Show ticket donation: These are for a Gala in October
2016, and will be held for a special raffle item for OITP. Raffle tickets
will also be made available on the SFOS website and Facebook page,
with the drawing to be held at OITP. Ticket price will be 1 ticket for
\$5.00 or 6 tickets for \$20.00.

D. Nominations Committee: Chris is termed out after this year, and
Dexter Hodes has decided not to run again. Two replacement board
members will be needed for their positions. The rest of the board is
running again, with the exception of Dave, so a candidate is needed for
President. Mary has agreed to run for Vice President again.

E. Roster update: Claire and Dennis will go through the online roster by
the end of April to purge out people who have not renewed their
memberships.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00.

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

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

Main Speaker - Sam Tsui - The Orchid Inn

Subject: The Wonderful World of Brachysepalum and Parvissepalum

Skill Session- Chris Mende -Potting Media and Paph Culture

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 2 & 3, 2016 21st Annual Central Coast Orchid Show & Sale "Orchid Foolery" Sat. 9-5; Sun 10-5 South County Regional Center 800 W. Branch St., Arroyo Grande, CA Admission: \$6 Children 12 or under-Free Show info: 805-929-5749 fcos.org
805.801.6850/805.343.2455 Sponsored by Five Cities Orchid Society

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

April 24, 2016 Annual Native Plant Garden Tour Sunday 11 AM - 3 PM California Native Plant Society
Yerba Buena Chapter, San Francisco
Free and self-paced tour. No registration required-plants available for sale at selected sites. For maps, garden list and more, visit:
www.cnps-yerbabuena.org

May 13, 2016 Napa Valley Orchid Society Annual Auction 7 PM Napa Senior Center 1500 Jefferson Street, Napa Free and Open to the Public. www.nv-os.org

Speakers

April 2016: Sam Tsui - Paphiopedilums

May 2016: Peter Lin - Dendrobiums

June 2016: Marni Turkel - Show Me the Plant (a discussion of 10 of her favorite orchids)

July 2016: Phyllis Prestia - OCA Tour of Madagascar

August 2016: Ron Kaufman (Founding Director of the Orchid Conservation Alliance) Topic: TBD

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

Exhibit awarded the Orchid Digest Show Trophy at the Pacific Orchid Exhibition "A Legacy of Orchids"

The 'Orchid Friends' exhibit, created by orchid hobbyists Steve Beckendorf, Cindy Hill, Judy and Frank Carney, won the **Orchid Digest Trophy** at the Pacific Orchid Exposition in San Francisco, CA, held February 26-28, 2016. These four orchid friends have been mounting a display at the POE for eight years, and – to their astonishment – now bring a combined total of over 130 years of orchid-growing experience to the endeavor.

Their exhibit featured over forty orchids, primarily species, in a natural setting, highlighted by specimen plants of *Dendrobium teretifolium*, *Masdevallia rosea*, *Dendrochilum propinquum*, *Dendrobium papilio*, and *Coelogyne usitana*. Designing the display is a challenge every year, since they don't know what orchids will be at their peak of flowering for the show. They report: "It's like a potluck dinner; we may end up with five potato salads and four desserts, but somehow things work out." Their aim is to have fun and enjoy contributing to the show.



Neiman-Marcus Salutes the POE 2016 with a Window Display



Neiman-Marcus saluted the Pacific Orchid Exposition 2016 with a stunning dress made entirely out of some 300 orchids. This window display preceded the show for several weeks along with signage and other orchid flower displays within the store. Thank you Frances Larose and PR Magic.

SHOW TROPHY WINNERS
2016 PACIFIC ORCHID EXPOSITION

BEST IN SHOW

BEST PLANT IN SHOW
Dracula Raven 'Vamp'
Exhibitor: John Leathers, Hawk Hill

BEST SPECIES IN SHOW
Dendrobium papilio
Exhibitor: Cynthia Hill

BEST SPECIMEN PLANT IN SHOW
Dendrobium Roy Tokunaga
Exhibitor: Gold Country Orchids

BEST MINIATURE PLANT (under 8") IN SHOW
Chiloschista segawai
Exhibitor: Liz Charlton

BEST CATTLEYA ALLIANCE IN SHOW
Slc. Kool Treat
Exhibitor: Fred Clarke, Sunset Valley Orchids

BEST PAPHIOPEDILUM / PHRAGMIPEDIUM IN SHOW
Phragmipedium China Dragon
Exhibitor: Bill Weaver

BEST PHALAENOPSIS IN SHOW
Phalaenopsis Orchid World
Exhibitor: Gold Country Orchids

BEST ONCIDIUM ALLIANCE IN SHOW
Odontoglossum Venilia
Exhibitor: Steven Beckendorf

BEST CYMBIDIUM IN SHOW
Cymbidium John Wooden 'Spotted Bear'
Exhibitor: Cheryl Phillipson

BEST PLEUROTHALLID ALLIANCE IN SHOW
Dracula Raven 'Vamp'
Exhibitor: John Leathers, Hawk Hill

BEST DENDROBIUM IN SHOW
Dendrobium Roy Tokunaga
Exhibitor: Gold Country Orchids

BEST PLANT OF OTHER GENUS IN SHOW
Vanda (Vandofinetia) White Crane
Exhibitor: Susan Anderson

BEST ORCHID SHOWN FOR FOLIAGE IN SHOW

Ludisia discolor
Exhibitor: Sandi Fox

BEST NON-GREENHOUSE-GROWN PLANT IN SHOW

Phalaenopsis Taisuco Pixie
Exhibitor: Ryan Hudson

BEST PLANT EXHIBITED BY GROWER 17 YEARS AND YOUNGER

No entries

MOST UNUSUAL PLEUROTHALLID IN SHOW (Sponsored by
Pleurothallid Alliance)

Andinia lappacea
Exhibitor: Marni Turkel

BEST of SECTION by SKILL LEVELS

CATTLEYA ALLIANCE

BEST CATTLEYA - NOVICE

Epc. Rene Marques 'Flame Thrower'
Exhibitor: Sandi Fox

BEST CATTLEYA - ADVANCED

Pot. Anceps Passion
Exhibitor: Cheryl Phillipson

BEST CATTLEYA - COMMERCIAL

Slc. Kool Treat
Exhibitor: Fred Clarke, Sunset Valley Orchids

PAPHIOPEDILUM / PHRAGMIPEDIUM

BEST PAPH/PHRAG - NOVICE

Paphiopedilum In-Charm Lovely
Exhibitor: Liz Charleton

BEST PAPH/PHRAG - ADVANCED

Phrag. China Dragon
Exhibitor: Bill Weaver

BEST PAPH/PHRAG - COMMERCIAL

Phrag Eric Young
Exhibitor: Botanico

PHALAENOPSIS / DORITIS

BEST PHAL/DORITIS NOVICE

Phalaenopsis Taisuco Pixie
Exhibitor: Ryan Hudson

BEST PHAL/DORITIS - ADVANCED
Not awarded

BEST PHAL/DORITIS - COMMERCIAL
Phalaenopsis Orchid World
Exhibitor: Gold Country Orchids

ONCIDIUM ALLIANCE

BEST ONCIDIUM - NOVICE
Oncidium Croesus
Exhibitor: Lynne Murrell

BEST ONCIDIUM - ADVANCED
Odontoglossum Venilia
Exhibitor: Steve Beckendorf

BEST ONCIDIUM - COMMERCIAL
Rhynchostele cordata
Exhibitor: Napa Valley Orchids

CYMBIDIUM

STANDARD INTERMEDIATE & MINIATURE

BEST STANDARD, INTERMEDIATE & MINIATURE CYMBIDIUM -
NOVICE
Cymbidium Echlaice
Exhibitor: Judith Johnston

BEST STANDARD, INTERMEDIATE & MINIATURE CYMBIDIUM -
ADVANCED
Cymbidium John Wooden 'Spotted Bear'
Exhibitor: Cheryl Phillipson

BEST STANDARD, INTERMEDIATE & MINIATURE CYMBIDIUM –
COMMERCIAL
Cymbidium Mighty Sunset 'Firebird'
Exhibitor: Orchid Design

PLEUROTHALLID ALLIANCE

BEST PLEUROTHALLID – NOVICE
Masdevallia vittatula
Exhibitor: Kathryn Parker

BEST PLEUROTHALLID - ADVANCED
Dracula cochliops 'Cosmos'
Exhibitor: Joe Parker

BEST PLEUROTHALLID - COMMERCIAL
Dracula Raven 'Vamp'
Exhibitor: John Leathers, Hawk Hill

DENDROBIUM

BEST DENDROBIUM - NOVICE
Dendrobium sulcatum
Exhibitor: Eileen Jackson

BEST DENDROBIUM - ADVANCED
Dendrobium papilio
Exhibitor: Cynthia Hill

BEST DENDROBIUM - COMMERCIAL
Dendrobium Roy Tokunaga
Exhibitor: Gold Country Orchids

OTHER GENERA

BEST PLANT OF OTHER GENERA - NOVICE
Chiloschista segawai
Exhibitor: Liz Charlton

BEST PLANT OF OTHER GENERA - ADVANCED
Vanda White Crane
Exhibitor: Susan Anderson

BEST PLANT OF OTHER GENERA - COMMERCIAL
Lycaste macrophylla
Exhibitor: Orchid Design

CULTURAL AWARDS (5)

1. – Slc. Kool Treat - Exhibited by Fred Clarke, Sunset Valley Orchids
2. – Dendrobium Roy Tokunaga - Exhibited by Gold Country Orchids
3. – Dendrobium papilio - Exhibited by Cynthia Hill
4. – Arpophyllum giganteum - Exhibited by Darwin Harrison, Florali
5. – Dockrillia teretifolium - Exhibited by Judy Carney

EXHIBIT WINNERS

American Orchid Society (AOS) Show Trophy
• Orchid Friends (Steven Beckendorf, Cynthia Hill, Judy and Frank Carney)

Orchid Digest Trophy

- Orchid Friends (Steven Beckendorf, Cynthia Hill, Judy and Frank Carney)

Best Exhibit Illustrating The Show Theme

- Orchids and Gardens

Best Exhibit By A Visiting Orchid Society

- 1st Place: Marin Orchid Society
- 2ndPlace: Santa Clara Valley Orchid Society

Best Exhibit By One Or More Non-Commercial Exhibitors:

- San Francisco Conservatory of Flowers

Best Commercial Free-Standing Exhibit

- Orchids Fiori di Amore

Best Commercial Table Top Exhibit

- Orchids and Gardens

Thank you to all the Committee Chairs, Exhibitors, Vendors and Volunteers for the contributions in making the POE 2016 a success!



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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

Conserving Orchids, Conserving Earth

Two of the purposes of the SFOS as listed in our bylaws are orchid conservation and preservation of orchid habitat. To that end, one of the organizations we support through direct grants is the **Orchid Conservation Alliance**. In the ten years of its existence, the OCA has funded nature reserves in Brazil, Colombia, and Ecuador. These reserves protect not just our loved orchid species, but the entire ecosystem where they grow – the incredibly diverse flora and fauna of the region, both known and undiscovered. Creating a reserve by purchasing a key area is not difficult since these regions usually have little agricultural potential, but protecting them from illegal poaching or logging requires ongoing security and management to ensure its long term survival. I would encourage you all to become OCA members to help with this worthy goal.

Although nature reserves do important work preserving local flora and fauna, there are far greater problems outside the boundaries of those preserves which endanger their success, and indeed the entire planet. Climate change and environmental degradation are happening on a scale unimaginable less than a century ago. My friend Ken Worthy writes ***The Green Mind***, a wonderful blog about the psychological dissociation of modern man from the physical world we inhabit, and what we can do about it. He has also written a book, ***Invisible Nature***, an amazingly comprehensive study of the relationships of global environmental problems to ourselves. He shows how even though most people may have good intentions and want to solve these problems, our deep rooted dissociation from nature prevents us from acting appropriately to reach solutions. Highly recommended reading.

Unfortunately I missed our last general meeting, and was unable to express my thanks to everyone who helped to make POE a great success. So, thank you! Thanks especially to the entire POE Committee, to all the Show Chairs, to all our vendors, and to the hundreds of volunteers who made the show possible!

Dave Hermeyer

President

San Francisco Orchid Society

The SFOS Board Needs YOU!

My fellow SFOS members. Your board of directors needs you! Claire Zvanski, Lynne Murrell and I have been tasked with finding volunteers for the Board. And it's been most difficult than we could imagine. We have a need for a President, and replacement directors. Dave can't remain as president due to commitments he has for the remainder of 2016 and beyond. If you CAN serve or WANT to serve, please contact me at Elegans@aol.com, or Lynne or Claire. We really need your help!!!! Thank you!

George McRae

Last Chance for Older Wine Glasses

We still have a number of our older POE wine glasses available for free to our members. We have the POE 2013 Phalaenopsis glasses and the POE 2014 Cattleya glasses. If you would like any, please contact me (dave@hermeyer.us) before the next meeting. We also have the most recent POE 2015 Riedel Phragmipedium glasses, but we are keeping them for possible use at a future event.

Dave Hermeyer

Amazon Smile Program Donates to the Orchid Conservation Alliance

The **Orchid Conservation Alliance** has been set up to be a recipient organization for the Amazon Smile program. Any purchases you make on Amazon through Amazon Smile yields a 0.5% donation to the OCA. Just go to <https://smile.amazon.com> and follow the links to have your purchases credit the OCA. There is no extra cost to you, and you will be helping The Orchid Conservation Alliance raise money to preserve orchid habitat in the Andes. Thank you!

August in Papua New Guinea!

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

E-Mail: info@ngholidays.com Web: www.nghols.com

More information here:

dave@hermeyer.us

California Sierra Nevada Judging Center

The California Sierra Nevada Judging Center has its March 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

Matthew Stephens Joins San Francisco Recreation and Parks as New Director

Highly regarded Matthew Stephens is named the new director of the Conservatory of Flowers and the San Francisco Botanical Garden after eight years with New York City Parks & Recreation.

Stephens holds a B.S. in Horticulture from Illinois State University and an M.S. in Public Horticulture from the University of Delaware, where he completed his thesis "The Nature of Conflict in Public Gardens"-- a study that investigated the sources of organizational conflict between front line staff and management in organizations.

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Special Events

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Spring Sale!
Saturday, March 26th
515 Aspen Rd, Bolinas



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Saturday 10am - 5pm

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April 2 & 3, 2016
 Saturday 9-5 | Sunday 10-5
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 Map on Website
 Admission: \$6
 Children 12 or under Free
 Show Info: 805.929.5749
 Follow us on  **fcos.org**

Orchid Show Preview Benefit
 for the Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes Center
 Friday, April 1 | 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm

 Tickets: \$50 | Order Online at dunescenter.org
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