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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.

May Speaker

Peter T. Lin
Diamond Orchids

***Genus Dendrobium: A Family Portrait of
Dendrobium Species***

Peter T. Lin

Peter T. Lin of **Diamond Orchids**, started growing orchids over 30 years ago, but then stopped due to school and starting a career. It wasn't until about 12 years ago that the orchid "bug" came back and he is now heavily involved once again.

Tues. May 3, 2016



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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

Peter T. Lin
Diamond Orchids
Genus Dendrobium: A Family
Portrait of Dendrobium
Species
Skill Session

Tom Perlite

Orchids
that need a dry rest:
the how, why and who

Plant Opportunity Table

Peter T. Lin
Diamond Orchids

2015-2016 SFOS

Officers/Contacts

Peter is an accredited judge with the American Orchid Society and a hybridizer of mini-catts. He enjoys meeting with other orchid enthusiasts, and can often be found at various orchid shows and societies around the country. He also has hundreds of photos of his orchids that he maintains on Flickr. You can view them by typing this address into the internet: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/minicatt/collections/>

Due to limited growing space, Peter likes to specialize in miniature orchids, both species and hybrids, and has received numerous AOS awards. His other interests in orchids include Dendrobiums, Angraecoids, and Neofinetias. He maintains a collection of a thousand or more orchids at his home in Southern California in 3 small greenhouses, as well as in the house under fluorescent lights.



*Genus Dendrobium: A Family Portrait
of Dendrobium Species*

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Peter T. Lin will be presenting a fast paced PowerPoint presentation on this fascinating genus of over 1000 species!

Dendrobiums are primarily found in Asia, New Guinea and Australia. There are many different classifications within the genus, with species ranging from tiny miniatures to huge giants. They grow in climates ranging from hot and steamy lowlands, cool and moist mountain ranges, to seasonally dry savannas. Many are quite temperature tolerant and can be grown outside in frost free areas. Peter will review a few of the important species in each classification. He will provide some basic cultural advice for each species, and there will be time for questions at the end of the program.

Peter will be providing the plants for this month's raffle table. There will be a nice selection of orchids, so be sure to buy your tickets! There will also be an assortment of plants for sale.

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 April 11, 2016

Present: Dave Hermeyer, Valerie Mountain, Jack Ryder, Tom Perlite, Jean Lee, Fred Schechter, Chris Mende, Claire Zvanski, Mary Gerritsen, Frances Larose, Angelic Nguyen

Excused: Dennis Westler, Dexter Hodes, Florence Inserto

The meeting started at 7:20.

I. Treasurer

A. Jack: Balances as of February 29, 2016: Checking \$3,681.34, High Yield Savings \$124,714.27, Market Rate Savings \$1507.54. Renewal dues are still coming in, along with checks from the Silent Auction. The costs for advertising have been paid. Frances will follow up on one remaining sponsor that has not yet paid. Tom has sent Jack approximately \$700 that was overpaid to Fort Mason. Jack will be updating the POE numbers in preparation for the next POE meeting. Most costs were close to the amount budgeted for them, but attendance was down this year. The rent for the hall for OITP has been paid. Donation checks have been sent out and the recipients have sent back thank you notes, with grateful acknowledgement.

II. Vice President

A. Mary: Peter Lin is scheduled as speaker 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, including Dendrobiums. 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. Membership

A. Claire: There are approximately 240 members. New member information is still being updated in the roster. A discussion was held about the higher level memberships and how the perks for these are obtained. Frances needs to be alerted in order to give out tickets for the POE. Claire & Mary noted that our online form does not show enough information about the different levels of membership. It needs more lines added so all concerned will know what type of membership is being paid for. The PayPal format also has to match our forms. Jack noted that we use a regular PayPal account, and we could switch to a non-profit PayPal account for a lower fee. He will look into setting up this new account. The current account was set up under a former treasurer and

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:

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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

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

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

W - C

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

he does not have full access to it anyway. Claire will provide Jack
information for all the different membership levels for the new account.

IV. POE

A. Tom: Since the last board meeting there has not been a show
committee meeting to discuss the show. The show committee will be
meeting on Wednesday, April 14th to review the show and plan for next
year. These are some of the things that will discuss and Tom would like
input from the board. Since the show did not make any money this year,
we need to look into ways to make it viable again. The attendance was
down roughly 15% (\$18,000. less than last year and \$30,000 below our
budgeted figure---\$95,500 vs. \$125,000. Frances and Tom met with
Fort Mason to discuss the past show and next year's show. The Fort did
not anticipate any increases in fees other than the rental of the facility,
which was \$35,000 this past show. We should plan for an increase
there, because, as they said, there are very few venues available in San
Francisco. We will get a proposal from Fort Mason later in the spring.
Tom has been in contact with the Cow Palace to see what their facility
can offer, and what options they may have for the show. Frances is
looking into another venue option at the Craneway Pavilion in Richmond
near their marina. Both this and the Cow Palace have ample parking,
which continues to be a big issue at Fort Mason, especially without the
Marina Middle School as an alternative. We paid roughly \$10,000 for our
shuttle service this year and last. Claire noted that the Cow Palace also
has name recognition and good access to transit. Frances is looking for
sponsors and encouraging anyone who can suggest new ones to
contact her. She said the best situation is to have the show paid for by
sponsors rather than depend on attendance to make money.

V. Old Business

A. Nomination Committee: Claire noted they are still looking for
candidates for President and 2 board members.
B. POE Wineglasses: Dave has lots of old wineglasses in storage, and
no one has shown interest in taking them. He will list them on Craigslist
for sale. The newer Reidel glasses will be kept for future events.

VI. New Business

A. OITP: Angelic Nguyen would like information about running the OITP
show, and some help in setting up committees. Mary has sent her all the
files she has compiled. Tom noted that the first step is to contact the
vendors and see who will be coming to the show. Frances offered to
help with the SF Chronicle advertisement. The total budget for Orchids in
the Park is \$6500 which includes the costs for advertising, rent,
insurance, supplies and food. Tom will call Angelic this week and
discuss the show with her.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15.

Respectfully Submitted,

Valerie Mountain



AOS Awards

AOS Awards

American Orchid Society Pacific
Judging Center Web

site: <http://www.pacentraljc.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

Send all address and e-mail
changes to:

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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,

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

May 3 2016 7:30pm - SFOS General Meeting

Main Speaker - Peter T. Lin - Diamond Orchids

Subject: A Family Portrait of Dendrobium Species

Skill Session- Tom Perlite - Orchids that need a dry rest: the how, why and who

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 5 - 8, 2016: Filoli Flower Show California Now and Then 1916 – 2016. Woodside, CA for more

information: <http://www.filoli.org/flower-show/>

May 7 - 8, 2016: Orchid Society of California Mother's Day Show and Sale.

Sat & Sun 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM, Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Drive, Lake Merritt, Oakland. Free admission.

<http://www.orchidsocietyofca.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

May 21 & 22, 2016 D&D Flowers Spring Open House 169 1st Avenue Daly City, CA 94014 9:00 AM to 3 PM

July 23 and 24, 2016 Orchids in the Park Show and Sale 10 am – 5 pm at the Hall of Flowers, County Fair Building (9th Ave. & Lincoln Way) in Golden Gate Park Local & International Vendors - Demonstrations - Raffle. Admission: \$5, Seniors \$4, under 16 free.

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Saturday, July 30, 2016 California Sierra Nevada Speaker's

Day 9AM - 5PM Odd Fellows Hall 1831 Howe Ave (at Alta Arden) Sacramento, CA 95825 Tickets in advance are available from Susan Wedegaertner (sgwede@gmail.com) for \$10 for affiliated

San Francisco Orchid Society



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societies or AOS members, at the door it's \$30. Carrie Raven-Riemann, of orchidPhile, will talk about the 2016 Taiwanese Orchid Show and breeding lines presently active in Taiwan. Peter T. Lin of Diamond Orchids will talk about *Cattleyas coccinea* and *wittigiana* and have his breeding lines for sale. A new face to the west coast is Dotty Woodson, PhD from Texas A&M's AgriLife Extension program. She has been asked to talk about pest management, so if you want to know how to kill thrips, plan to attend.

Speakers

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

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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

Orchids and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance

I have not done all the repotting, cleaning, dividing, mounting, spraying, and all the other things I wanted to do with my orchid collection in the greenhouse over the winter. Here it is the middle of Spring already, and most of my plants are awake and growing actively. There's still fungus on many leaves, some moss on the pots, maybe even a slug or two that have escaped my nighttime raids. I have done a lot though, and as I sit in my greenhouse enjoying the beauties in full bloom, I realize that I have done the best I can, and that is enough. It's not perfect, and it doesn't need to be. Outside the greenhouse there's a big garden, and it too needs work, as always. I long ago gave up trying to eradicate the Baby Tears, and I've come to enjoy their green carpet in selected areas of the garden. A couple of the Thunbergia and Passiflora vines I planted last year didn't survive the winter, for unknown reasons.

These are examples of my husband Sam's principle of Darwinian Gardening: what grows will grow, and what doesn't survive – well, does it really matter? Most of the garden is filled with beauty this time of year, and I have to look to find the not-so-beautiful bits. So I try not to look too hard. Gardening, and growing orchids, is a cultivation process that's never done. Enjoy it as it is.

“Doing the garden, digging the weeds,
Who could ask for more?”

- John Lennon / Paul McCartney



Speaking of repotting, there's still time to sign up for the Potting Party & Potluck at the Conservatory of Flowers on Saturday April 30. Both newbies and more experienced members are invited to learn tips on potting and mounting orchids. Join us for a great opportunity to repot or mount some of your neglected plants. We'll also have a potluck lunch social hour, and a behind the scenes tour of the Conservatory to boot! Paul Bourbin and myself will demonstrate our techniques and help you in this hands-on workshop. You can bring your own orchids (please no giant Cymbidiums) and supplies, or we will provide you with an orchid or two (Donations to cover the cost will be gladly accepted). With help from more experienced growers, each participant can pot or mount a reasonable number of plants. Bring a dish to share for the potluck lunch, and bring boxes or bags to carry your treasures home. Space is limited, so please RSVP to me (dave@hermeyer.us). Please also indicate whether you'd like to bring your own plants and supplies, or whether you'd like to use SFOS plants and supplies.

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!

California Sierra Nevada Judging Center

The California Sierra Nevada Judging Center has its April 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.



1% for Orchid Conservation Update 31

1. Orchid Lovers of Trinidad and Tobago joins Orchid Conservation Coalition <https://sites.google.com/site/orchidloverstt/home>

The Orchid Lovers of Trinidad and Tobago was established in 2015 by a group of local orchid enthusiasts with the common goal of creating an organization that is fun, friendly, community minded and welcoming to all. MISSION STATEMENT: To advance and increase an awareness of orchid conservation, education and camaraderie to its members and the public, through shows, lectures and collaborative programmes and projects.

2. Orchid-gami <http://northamericanorchidcenter.org/category/orchid-gami/>

The United States Botanic Garden is working with the North American Orchid Conservation Center (NAOCC) to develop punch-out models of our native orchids for use in a variety of educational activities. The models are colorful and fun and designed to capture the imaginations of kids of all ages. They also provide information about the conservation status and ecology of the orchid and link to the NAOCC and Go Orchids web sites. We are developing 25 of these punch-out models that represent orchids from across North America and plan on releasing them in 2016.

We are excited to share this prototype of our first model, the Showy Lady's Slipper (*Cypripedium reginae*). This model is a full-color, two-sided pdf file that can be downloaded here and printed at home. Give orchid-gami a try and let us know what you think. Email NAOCC@si.edu us your comments and suggestions, and let us know if you have a favorite orchid to include in this project.

For the download of the prototype *Cypripedium reginae*:
<http://northamericanorchidcenter.org/category/orchid-gami/>

3. Orchid Conservation Grants Upcoming Deadlines

American Orchid Society Conservation Grants: August 1
<http://www.aos.org/Default.aspx?id=50>

New Hampshire Orchid Society Conservation Grants: Ongoing
<http://www.nhorchids.org/page-1579475>

San Francisco Orchid Society Conservation Grants: August 1
<http://www.orchidsanfrancisco.org/conservation.html>

San Diego Orchid Society Conservation Grant: September 1
<http://www.sdorchids.com/ConsFunding.html>

Mark Sullivan

Administrator

1% for Orchid Conservation

Orchid Conservation Coalition

<http://www.orchidconservationcoalition.org/>

AOS Conservation Committee Member

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Special Events

*San Francisco
Native Plant*

*Presented by the Yerba Buena Chapter
of the California Native Plant Society*

Garden Tour

Sunday, April 24, 2016



- Visit any time from 11am-3pm

- No registration required
- FREE & self-paced
- Plants available for purchase at one of the sites
- For map, garden list & more, visit: cnps-yerbabuena.org

Native plant gardens conserve water & provide native habitat for wildlife. The yellow-faced bumble bee is dependent on the pink flowering currant for pollen & the currant relies on the bumble bee for pollination. Come meet the gardeners that sustain them & relish the peak of springtime.

*Pink Flowering Currant &
Yellow-faced Bumble Bee
by Margo Bors*

Orchids in the Park

San Francisco Orchid Society's Summer Show & Sale

July 23 & 24, 2016 10 am - 5 pm

San Francisco County Fair Building
(Hall of Flowers) 9th Ave. & Lincoln Way
Golden Gate Park - San Francisco

Demonstrations/Raffle

Admission: \$5, Seniors \$4, under 16 free.

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Presents

California Sierra Nevada Speaker's Day

Saturday, July 30, 2016

9am to 5pm

Odd Fellows Building

1831 Howe Avenue at Alta Arden
Sacramento, CA

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS - Saturday, July 30, 2016

- 9:00 **AOS Judging, see how we judge**
- 11:00 **Taiwan 2016, Thinking Outside the Box**
Carri Raven-Riemann, the orchidPhile
- 12:00 **Lunch Break**
- 12:45 **Auction**
- 1:45 **Pests and Disease, All You Need to Know**
Dotty Woodson, Texas A & M
- 2:45 **Mini Cattleyas with an Influence of *coccinea* and *wittigiana***
Peter T. Lin, Diamond Orchids
- 3:45 **Grower's Panel - Questions and Answers**
Carrie Raven-Riemann, Dotty Woodson and Peter Lin
Moderator - Nick Burnett

\$10 advance for Sponsoring Societies or AOS members

\$30 at the door for Sponsoring Societies or AOS members

\$30 general admission

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All talks subject to change

