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SFOS Meeting

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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.

July Speaker

Phyllis S. Prestia

***Vice President - Cymbidium Society of America***

**Phyllis Prestia**

**Tues. July 5,  
2016**



**Tues. July 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**

**Phyllis Prestia**  
*OCA Tour of  
Madagascar*

**Skill Session**

**Debra Atwood**

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**Plant Opportunity**  
**Table**

**Debra Atwood**  
of Napa Valley Orchids  
will also bring plants to  
sell



**Phyllis S. Prestia** is a retired educator and Middle School Principal. She received a Doctorate of Education at Rutgers University, where she also served as instructor in the graduate education program.

Originally from New Jersey, she moved to California with her husband to retire in the sunny, San Diego area and grow orchids. Her collection includes a variety of species and hybrids across several genera grown both in a small greenhouse and three outdoor growing areas under shade cloth.

In her orchid life she has been the President of the San Diego County Cymbidium Society and currently serves as the Vice President of the Cymbidium Society of America, as well as keeping active in several Southern California orchid societies. She is currently a probationary judge for the American Orchid Society.

*Orchids of Madagascar*

Phyllis spent nine days trekking through the rainforests in Madagascar. She will highlight the species she saw and photographed with an emphasis on Angraecoids.

As she also grows many of these species, she will review the culture for these orchids, including tips from her own successful experience growing them. Together with knowledge about growing conditions in these rainforests, hobbyists will gain a greater understanding of how to adapt their growing environments for success.

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### 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 June 13, 2016

Present: Dave Hermeyer, Valerie Mountain, Jack Ryder, Tom Perlite, Jean Lee, Fred Schechter, Mary Gerritsen, John-Eric Otter, Florence Inserto, Frances Larose, Angelic Nguyen

Excused: Dennis Westler, Chris Mende, Claire Zvanski

The meeting started at 7:30.

#### I. Treasurer

A. Jack: May 31, 2016: Checking \$392.79, High Yield Savings \$86,684.13, Market Rate Savings \$1507.62. Jack has been receiving vendor checks from Angelic for Orchids in the Park. Jack presented the budget for fiscal year 2016 to the board. A motion was made to pass the budget as presented. The motion was seconded and passed.

#### II. Vice President

A. Mary: The speaker for July will be Phyllis Prestia, topic: OCA Tour of Madagascar. Debra Atwood of Napa Valley Orchids will run the Skill Session and provide the Opportunity Table. August speaker will be Ron Kaufman, topic: Orchids of Tropical America, Opportunity Table TBD. Ron will also have books for sale. The video made for last year's POE will be shown as the Skill Session. September speaker will be Ron Parsons, topic TBD. October speaker will be Cindy Hill, topic: Cindy's Favorites and How to Grow Them. November will be round table

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SFOS NEWSLETTER

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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 -

discussions; ideas for topics to be discussed are welcome. December will be the Holiday Party.

**III. Membership**

**A. Florence:** No report this month. Dave noted there was one renewal at the Plant Sale at the Park on Saturday. The roster is still not up to date. Jean will help with getting updated information for the AOS judges. Mary, Dave and Jean have offered to help get the roster organized and updated. New members need to be added to the newsletter distribution list too. Florence now has a new computer so she will be able to give Claire more assistance.

**IV. POG (Pacific Orchid and Garden Exposition)**

**A. Tom's report:** Show Committee-The show committee has decided to call the new show the Pacific Orchid and Garden Exposition. The committee will invite non-orchid vendors to participate in the show with at least 30% non-orchid vendors. These vendors will be selected nurseries and nursery and plant supply vendors. Invitation letters are being sent out to recruit vendors. A preliminary floor plan was presented and discussed and sent to the Cow Palace for their feedback. There will be a central landscaped exhibit where vendors will exhibit plants in a common exhibit. There will be another exhibit area for table top exhibits for smaller vendors, orchid societies, and individual exhibitors. AOS and ribbon judging will continue as in past shows. There will be a stage area for lectures and demonstrations, plant division, silent auction, plant doctor, plant hotel, and all of the features we have previously offered. We are planning an opening night VIP preview on Thursday, February 23rd. Sponsors- Lyngso has agreed to be a sponsor of the show, providing landscaping materials for the central exhibit. Metamorphosis Landscaping has agreed to assist with the central exhibit and also install a garden within the exhibit. Providers- Abbey Rents and Edlen Electric have been contacted and will provide their services at the show. Frances presented some preliminary logo ideas to the board, asking for input. The show committee wants the logo to incorporate the orchid and garden show concept.

**V. Orchids in the PARK (OITP)**

**A. Angelic:** There will be 14 vendors. Angelic has been setting up advertising for the show on Facebook and other social media sites. She has also done an interview on a local Vietnamese channel and will do another one on July 17th. She will be creating ads for SF Chronicle and SFGate. The Chronicle ads will run on July 16th, 21st and 22nd. SFGate ads will run from June 27th through July 23rd. A \$1.00 off discount for admission will be posted on the SFOS Facebook page, as well as Facebook pages for other orchid societies. There will be 3 email blasts sent out before the show. The demonstration schedule is being created. Volunteers for the show are still needed. Volunteer sign-up sheets will be set out at the July monthly meeting. Lisa Lee will be preparing the lunches for the vendors and volunteers. Angelic is asking for donations for the raffle, and will make an announcement in the newsletter asking members to bring in their plants for the display table.

**VI. New Business**

**A. New Books for SFOS Library:** Mary suggested getting some new books for the library and getting rid of some older books to make space for them. She would like suggestions from members for new titles. Some of the books that we sell at POE or OITP could also be included. Jean noted that many members may not know there is a library. Mary would like to put some books out on a table that are relevant to the speaker's topic, and be sure the light is on in the back hall where the library is located. John-Eric offered to help Chuck Chan with the library, and notes that the Cactus & Succulent Society also puts out books at their meetings. This will start next month with any books we have on orchids of Madagascar.

**B. Discretionary Spending Authority Limit:** A discussion was held about purchasing

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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](http://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

**Helen V. Gourley**

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.

items for the SFOS between board meetings that don't fit into a specific budget category, and how much money should be allowed for such purchases. Mary had wanted to purchase an order of clippers to sell at OITP, and they needed to be purchased before the next board meeting. There was no information in the current bylaws for guidance, and the society does not have a petty cash fund for such expenses. A motion was made that any expenditure up to \$300.00 that does not fit into any specific budget category requires preliminary approval by at least 3 board members, including either the President or the Treasurer, and will be included in the budget report at the following board meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.

**C. Refreshment Table:** Jean announced that new member Jashlyn Girard has agreed to take over the refreshment table for the monthly meetings.

**D. Renewal of POGE Contract with Frances Larose:** Dave noted the Frances's contract had expired and needed to be renewed. The new contract is for \$38,418.00 and represents a 3% increase over last year. A motion was made to accept the new contract for the 2017 POGE. The motion was seconded and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30.

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](mailto: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.



**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.

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

The poster features a vibrant purple orchid flower in the lower-left corner against a black background. The text is white and centered, providing details for the 'Orchids in the Park' event, including dates, times, location, and admission information.

## Refreshments

### J - P

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



## AOS Awards

### AOS Awards

American Orchid Society  
Pacific Judging Center  
Web

site: <http://www.paccentr.aljc.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

## Upcoming Events

### July 5, 2016 7:30pm - SFOS General Meeting

**Main Speaker - Phyllis S. Prestia**

**Subject: OCA Tour of Madagascar**

**Skill Session - Debra Atwood of Napa Valley Orchids**

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### July 8-10, 2016, 36th Annual Santa Barbara Orchid Estate Summer Open House

Friday & Saturday 8 AM to 5 PM; Sunday 9 AM to 4 PM Held at Santa Barbara Orchid Estate, 1250 Orchid Drive, Santa Barbara, CA 93111 Guest Author: Dr. Harold Koopowitz- newly minted fiction writer! Celebrating the Exotic and Fragrant Beauties of Summer: The large flowered Cattleyas (Laelias) of Brazil, the Stanhopeas and Encyclias of Central and South America, and many other genera. Plus a special emphasis on African orchids. Questions? Call us at (800) 553-3387, e-mail us at [sboe@sborchid.com](mailto:sboe@sborchid.com), or visit [www.sborchid.com](http://www.sborchid.com).

**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.

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

### **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](mailto:sgwede@gmail.com)) for \$10 for affiliated 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.

### **November 5 & 6, 2016 58th Annual Santa Barbara Orchid Estate Fall Open**

**House** Saturday 8 AM to 5 PM; Sunday 9 AM to 4 PM Held at Santa Barbara Orchid Estate, 1250 Orchid Drive, Santa Barbara, CA 93111 [www.sborchid.com](http://www.sborchid.com)

### **November 19 and 20, 2016 Orchid Society of Santa Barbara Fall Show and**

**Sale** Saturday 10 AM to 5 PM; Sunday, 10 AM to 3:30 PM Fleischman Auditorium, Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History (just north of the Old Mission) Laelia anceps displayed at their peak diversity of color. Fall-blooming cymbidium and cattleya species. AOS and CSA judging. Select vendors.

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## Speakers

**August 2016: Ron Kaufman (Founding Director of the Orchid Conservation Alliance) Topic: Orchids of Tropical America**

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### Newsletter Items

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[stanford@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**



Amazon Smile - OCA



Any

purchases you make on Amazon through Amazon Smile yields an 0.5% donation to the **Orchid Conservation Alliance**.  
Just go to

*Ron will have books for sale at this meeting.*

**September 2016: Ron Parsons Topic: TBD**

**October 2016: Cindy Hill Topic: Cindy's Favorites and How to Grow Them**

**November 2016: Round Table Discussions**

**December 2016: Holiday Party**

## **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**

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### **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](http://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:  
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### **Notes from the Prez**

Like other types of flowers, not all orchids are fragrant. For orchids which are fragrant, the subjective strength of the scent varies greatly from person to person. And two people may describe the scent of the same orchid very differently – one may find it fruity, while the other describes it as rose like. Some orchids have an easily identified scent. For example, *Maxillaria tenuifolia* smells exactly like coconut, and *Encyclia citrina* smells very much like lemon. Chemical analysis of a large number of orchid species shows that there are dozens of different fragrant compounds which orchids produce, and any particular species may produce several of them. So it's no wonder that there's such a wide range of fragrances in orchids!

But why are orchid flowers fragrant, anyway? The answer is simple: not to please us, but to please their pollinators. Orchids are not wind pollinated, but rely on attracting very specific pollinators – mainly bees, birds, moths, and other insects. There are roughly 30,000 known species of orchids of every color, size, and shape. They have evolved an amazing diversity of visual and olfactory schemes to attract their pollinators. For some orchid species, the scent serves to attract birds or moths to nectar inside the flower. For many other species, scent attracts male euglossine bees to the flower. The flowers offer no food; instead the bees collect the scent compounds on their hind legs as a sex attractant. And not all orchid scents are “nice” either. Some species (notably many *Bulbophyllums*) are pollinated by flies or beetles, and smell like rotting flesh.

Many orchids are fragrant only at certain times of the day, which typically corresponds to when its pollinator is likely to be nearby. For example, most *Angraecums* are fragrant only at night, when their nocturnal moth pollinators are present. Scent may also be affected by light and temperature. Winter blooming Australian *Dendrobiums* may have little or no scent on a cold morning, but as soon as the temperature rises, the odor can be intoxicating.

**Dave Hermeyer**

***President***

San Francisco Orchid Society

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**Maxillaria tenuifolia - Smells like coconut**

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## **Volunteers Wanted for Orchids in the Park 2016**

### **Volunteer Job Descriptions for the Orchids in the Park *The SFOS would like you to volunteer!***

There are a range of volunteer positions at the show you can fill to match your skills and physical abilities. You will get to preview the show if you volunteer for set up. For whatever position you volunteer, you be able to meet and talk with great orchid growers, both local and from around the world. You can sign up online with our event at Volunteer Spot

<http://vols.pt/9nDE34> . As a thank-you, you will receive a "Show Bucks" coupon, which can be used as a \$5 credit towards buying plants at the show. See you at Orchids In The Park!

#### **How to use Volunteer Spot:**

1. Go to the Volunteer Spot page for Orchids in the Park: <http://vols.pt/9nDE34>
2. Enter your email address to register, and click the "Next" box.
3. Find the day and position that interests you the most, click the "Sign Up" box, and enter the info requested.

It's that easy!

You can add to your volunteer positions or view, edit, or delete them at any time. You'll receive an email notice for what positions you've signed up for, and a few days before the event you'll get a reminder email.

#### **Thank you for volunteering! The SFOS appreciates your commitment to making our show a success!**

If you would like more information for any of the positions, please contact Dave Hermeyer: [dave@hermeyer.us](mailto:dave@hermeyer.us)

**Before the show:** Bulletin boards: Are you computer talented? We really need someone to help post the information about the show on computer billboards, event sites, newspapers, and radio stations. Please contact Angelic Nguyen [angelic@orchidesign.com](mailto:angelic@orchidesign.com) as soon as possible if you would like to help with this very important job of promoting the show.

**At the show:** Help us put on our show and make it a success. Most shifts are 3 or 4 hours, but please feel free to volunteer for more than one shift. Shifts on Friday are 9-noon, noon-3:30, and 3:30-7. On Saturday and Sunday shifts are 10-1:30, and 1:30-5. On Sunday after the show, take down is 5 to about 7. Lunch is served on all three days to volunteers, and light snacks and beverages will also be available. If you would like to bring friends or a significant other to help out, that would be great! Volunteers do not need to be SFOS members.

**Friday jobs:**

**Set up:** Put up the tables for the exhibits and vendors, and cover them with black plastic table covering. This is a physical job and requires some lifting, moving, standing and walking. (Friday 9-noon, noon-3:30, and 3:30-7)

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

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

**Saturday and Sunday Jobs**

**Cashiers:** Greet people as they come in the door to the show. Take admissions, and make change. Hand each person a door prize drawing slip to fill out. The door prize will be given out at the end of the show. (door prize will be announced and on display at the show). This is a sit down job. (Saturday and Sunday 10-1:30, and 1:30-5)

**SFOS Table:** At this table, volunteers will answer questions about SFOS membership, hand out cards to people to encourage them to come to show, sell books, T-shirts and other materials the society will have available for the show. Much of this job can be done sitting down. (Saturday and Sunday 10-1:30, and 1:30-5)

**Raffle Table:** Sell tickets for raffles. There will also be raffle tickets for blooming orchids that will be given away at several times during the show. There will also be a raffle at the end of the show for gift baskets ( orchid arrangements, books, materials, t-shirt). Much of this job can be done sitting down. (Saturday and Sunday 10-1:30, and 1:30-5)

**Plant Hotel:** Accept and temporarily store plants from people who have purchased plants at the show so they can continue shopping. This is an up and down job, some light lifting required. (Saturday and Sunday 10-1:30, and 1:30-5)

**Security:** We need people to stand at the exits (front, back and side door) and check purchases for "dots" to make sure that people have paid for their plants. This job requires some standing, although you can sit down if it is not busy. (Saturday and Sunday 10-1:30, and 1:30-5)

**Orchid Concierge:** This is a newly created position this year to help people with their purchases. Transport orchids from the Plant Hotel out to the curb, and wait for the purchaser to come by with their car for pick up. This job will require light lifting, standing, and walking in and out of the building. Parking has been identified as one of the major issues with the show, and we are trying to be creative to help people to come to the show and to purchase orchids. (Saturday and Sunday 10-1:30, and 1:30-5)

**Floater:** This job has no real definition - basically you will just help out wherever needed. If it is crowded, more people may be needed for certain jobs, or a volunteer might not show up. (Saturday and Sunday 10-1:30, and 1:30-5)

**After show is over:**

**Take Down:** Remove the table coverings, take down the tables, load tables on the

dollies, load the truck, and clean up. This is a physical job, requiring some lifting, standing, and walking around. (Sunday after the show 5-7)

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## **Prepare your Plants for Orchids In The Park**

The San Francisco Orchid Society will put together a summer blooming orchid display at Orchids in the Park. Please start grooming your plants to show them at Orchids In The Park. Contact [Angelic@orchidesign.com](mailto:Angelic@orchidesign.com) if you would like to help arrange the SFOS display Area on Friday July 22 from noon to 7 pm. Please send Angelic your show plant list and she will make unique, nice plant tags for them.

**Thank you for your participation!**

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## **MEMBER PLANT SALES ORCHIDS IN THE PARK**

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

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## **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!

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## **California Sierra Nevada Judging Center**

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

*Kathy Barrett*

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## **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](mailto:meg570@comcast.net)

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## 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](mailto: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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***President for the San Francisco Orchid Society Still Sought***

The Society still has not fulfilled its need for a President for the term June 2016 - June 2017. Not only is it awkward and inconvenient for the board to do its work, but as a 501c3 my understanding is that the society has a legal responsibility to fill the positions to maintain its status as a non profit. I am currently investigating and asking about this. Nevertheless, with over 200 members it would be wonderful to have someone fill the position for the society. Please contact either myself Claire Zvanski, Lynne Murrell or Dave Hermeyer.

*Thank you!*  
*George McRae*

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**Home and greenhouse for sale in Vista, CA**

Guy Wrinkle passed away 3 years ago and for the last year and a half, his wife has been trying to sell the property. Anyone interested in an acre with a 3000 + sq ft greenhouse and shade house with RO system for the greenhouse?

The address is 2140 Warmlands Ave., Vista, Ca. 92084. Google that and the listing will appear.

Jacque Wrinkle

310-256-1726

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### Next shipments to the USA 2016

We would like to let you know that we will be at the following show in the USA this year.

Jul. 23-24. San Francisco Orchid Society "**Orchids in the Park**" Show and Sale - San Francisco. Deadline for preorders: July 06.

If you would like to order some of our plants we will be happy to send. If is not possible for you receive at some of these shows we can send by post from the show to your address.

You can download our updated Price List 2016:

<http://www.ecuagenera.com/epages/whitelabel4.sf/?ObjectPath=/Shops/ecuagenera/Categories/%22Price%20List%22>

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### **Commercial Greenhouse Space for Rent in Bolinas at California Orchids**

515 Aspen Rd. 3318 square feet, \$1100.00/month plus % of utilities

-Expanded metal benches, overhead watering system

-Under bench misting system

-Hot water heat under bench + Back up heater

-Automatic Ridge vent

Contact Mary at California Orchids

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(415) 868-0203

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**Special Events**



## Docents Needed at the Conservatory of Flowers



Comprehensive training program prepares new volunteers to lead tours for adults or children. The Conservatory welcomes adult volunteers of all experience levels.

**Jungle Guides** introduce elementary school students to the wonders of the rainforest.

**Docents** educate adult visitors about the Conservatory's fascinating collection of tropical plants and San Francisco's stunning historic greenhouse.



### Training Program

The training program includes gallery tours, lectures, and one-on one sessions with mentors. Training will be held Thursdays from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. from July 14th through August 25th.

### Shared Commitment

Just like the Conservatory's plants, the volunteer program relies on regular watering and feeding. That's why we ask all volunteers to commit to two shifts per month for at least one year. In return, the Conservatory offers educational and social opportunities, free passes and discounts, and an engaging, flexible environment.



### To register for the training, contact:

Erika Frank, Director of Volunteers & Education  
(415) 637-4326 or [efrank@sfcf.org](mailto:efrank@sfcf.org)  
[ConservatoryOfFlowers.org](http://ConservatoryOfFlowers.org)

