

San Francisco Orchid Society Newsletter



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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.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 6, 2017

**Where: San Francisco County Fair Building,
Golden Gate Park, 9th Avenue and Lincoln Way, San Francisco.**

American Orchid Society Judging: begins at 7:00pm

Plants submitted for AOS Judging must be entered between 6:30 and 7:00 pm.

Skills Session: begins at 7:00pm

"Strategic Planning" discussion for all members

Refreshments: D - F

SFOS members are expected to help out with refreshments, setup and cleanup at monthly meetings.

If your last name falls within the letter range D - F 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!

General Meeting: begins at 7:30pm

Election Results from our May 2, 2017 meeting:

Officers:

President: Ron Norris

Vice President: Jeff Harris

Treasurer/ Chief Financial Officer: Mary Gerritsen

Secretary: Erik Sayle

Board members (four elected):

Jason Douglass

Jashlyn Girard

Alvin Hom

Valerie Mountain

Dave Hermeyer (Past President, not elected)

Note that there are 9 names listed. the show chair and membership are appointed not elected positions, so that makes the 11 per the by-laws.

SFOS Monthly Show and Tell Table

Please bring your blooming 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 all want to try to grow in the future for ourselves. 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 at growing and blooming it.

When you bring plants to show and tell, fill out the identification tag with your name and you can also get one entry into a special raffle for a chance to pick up an early selection from the plant opportunity table.

We look forward to seeing you and your plants at the next monthly meeting!



Dan Newman with *Miltonia moreliana*

June Speaker: Dan Newman

Dan Newman started growing orchids in 1982. His first successful subject was a Dendrobium hybrid bought as a tiny seedling at a lei stand in the Honolulu Airport. When that plant finally grew up and bloomed a few years later, he was hooked! By 1996 he had 350 orchids in a one-bedroom apartment. That year he moved his plants into a rented commercial greenhouse in San Francisco.

He took over the large species collection of his friend and orchid mentor, Walter Teague, and his hobby evolved into his nursery, Hanging Gardens. Dan started growing orchids full-time in 2000, and moved to a larger greenhouse in Pacifica a few years later. Most of his plants are cool to intermediate growers (really warm growers are challenging in Pacifica, but it's hard to resist trying a few). Species orchids make up his core collection and most of his sale stock. He also grows a variety of "companion plants", which share the natural habitats of orchids. Dan joined the San Francisco Orchid Society in 1987 and served as its president in 1996/97. In recent years, he has spoken on a variety of topics to orchid societies in California and elsewhere.



Restrepia sanguinea - photo by Ron Parsons

Topic: "Restrepias - The Easy Pleurothallids"

Restrepia is a genus of about 50 species distributed in the Andes Mountains of South America, with a few extending northward through the mountains of Central America into southern Mexico. Unlike their flashier and more dramatic cousins, the *Masdevallias* and *Draculas*, which can be exacting in their cultural requirements, most *Restrepias* will adapt to a broad range of growing conditions and thrive in home environments or outdoors with minimal protection, bearing their charming and colorful flowers in several flushes through the year. Despite these positive attributes, *Restrepias* are infrequently offered by commercial orchid growers, though they are fairly well represented

in private collections in the San Francisco Bay Area and a few other "pleurothallid pockets" around the U.S. This presentation will seek to illustrate the range of variation within the genus and to discuss some of the questions about its taxonomy at the species level. It will also provide hints for growing and propagating these little treasures of nature, and identify possible sources of plants.

Dinner with the Speaker

There will not be a dinner with the speaker this month.



Restrepia species - photo by Ron Parsons

Plant Opportunity Table:
provided by Dan Newman (Hanging Gardens)

Wear Your Name Badge:

When you pick up your name tag from the membership table at our meetings you will get a special raffle ticket for a chance to pick up an early selection from the plant opportunity table.

Future Speakers/Skills Sessions:

July 2017: TBD

August 2017: Alan Koch - Angraecoids

September 2017: Robert Pemberton - Biotic resource needs of orchid pollinators

October 2017: TBD

November 2017: Jeff Tyler - Orchid foliage and more

SFOS Board Meeting Minutes - May 8, 2017

Present: Mary Gerritsen, Valerie Mountain, Tom Perlite, Jean Lee, Frances Larose, Florence Inserto, Dave Hermeyer, Claire Zvanski, Angelic Nguyen, Ron Norris, Erik Sayle, Jashlyn Girard, Jeff Harris, Alvin Hom, Jason Douglass

Excused: John-Eric Otter

The meeting started at 7:30 PM.

I. Treasurer

A. Mary: A draft of the budget, prepared by Mary, was presented to the board for review and discussion. The budget will be very conservative for this coming year. Mary advised that there is a need to open a new Quickbooks account due to the Society's legal issues, starting from January 2017. The current account will remain as is for the records. The cost for the new account is \$473.00. A motion was made and seconded to open the new account. The motion was passed. Mary is interviewing a couple of accountants for filing the taxes, which are due May 15th. Mary would like to file an extension, which will cost around \$10.00, to allow time to find the best candidate, and proceed with the tax preparation. She is looking for accountants who work with non-profits, who seem to be less expensive than our past accountants. Jean made a motion to file for the extension. The motion was seconded and passed.

II. Vice President

A. Mary: June's speaker will be Dan Newman on Restrepias. The Skill Session will be a Strategic Planning meeting for all members, led by Ron Norris. No speakers are set up for July yet. Alan Koch will speak in August, and September's speaker will be Robert Pemberton. Jeff and Mary are working together on arranging speakers for the coming year. He is also coordinating possible speakers with Joan Gunn in Sacramento.

III. Membership

A. Claire: No new members joined in April. There was discussion about encouraging input from all members, new and old, for the Strategic Planning session, as well as involvement from all in the POGE and OITP shows. Jeff suggested developing a buddy program for new members.

IV. POGE (Pacific Orchid and Garden Exposition)

A. Tom and Frances: The show will be at the Hall of Flowers, ideally the last weekend of February, without conflicting with the Chinese New Year Parade. The show will need to be streamlined, overhead reduced as much as possible and focus on income generating areas. The paid Show Producer position will be eliminated, and these duties will be split among 4-5 volunteers. Frances felt that the same could be done for her position, and they will both set up guidelines and timelines for their various tasks. The number of vendors will be reduced and the area for and quality of exhibits will be increased, per feedback from this year's show. The Exhibits will be in the Auditorium and the Gallery will be used for the vendors, plant sales, plant division and plant hotel. Advertising will concentrate more on social media than print media. A Show Chair is essential with the switch to a volunteer run show. Mary noted that she, along with the entire board, would like to extend our appreciation to Tom Perlite and Frances Larose for all their contributions to the SFOS and the POE/ POGE.

V. OITP (Orchids in the Park)

A. Angelic: Invitations have been sent out to 30 vendors, and 13 have replied, including some new vendors. Some vendors would like 2 booths. Angelic has contacted chair people for the various show committees. She is working with Mary, Tom and Jean to review what went well with last year's show and what can be improved. She is working on the floor plan for the show. Tom suggested using last year's plan as a starting point. Frances found a new contact for ticket sales: Show Clix. She will meet with Angelic, Mary, Dave and Ron to discuss details about this. There will be a notice about the OITP in the June newsletter. Volunteer sign-up sheets will be set out at the June monthly meeting and are also available on the SFOS website. The UCSF parking garage will be available for the show. Angelic is encouraging all members to promote the show on social media and sign up as volunteers.

VI. Old Business

A. Update on Insurance Claim: The insurance company has approved the SFOS claim. The settlement is \$50,000, with a \$5000 deductible. Mary noted that someone needs to be designated to sign documents. Jean made a motion to designate Mary as the person to sign off on insurance documents. The motion was seconded and passed. Mary will get the settlement documents notarized and sent out for processing.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Valerie Mountain

Message from the President:

Thank you for electing me as the newest president of the SFOS, I appreciate your vote of confidence. I would like to share some information about me, and how you can help our society thrive.

I moved to the SF Bay Area in 1982, fresh out of college. Not long after moving here I discovered the Rod McClellan Company in South San Francisco. After a few visits to their sales room, I was definitely bitten by the orchid "bug." I joined SFOS and the Orchid Society of California in Oakland and was a regular attendee at the monthly meetings. Eventually I took charge of the corsage sales booth at the SFOS show and was part of the show committee. As my orchid collection grew it became time to start selling off plants, so I started a part time orchid business, and had a sales booth at the show. Then as often happens, my life changed and I ended the business and sold my collection.

After a few years away from orchids, I met my partner Jason, who had his own small collection of orchids and shared my passion for them. We've now been together for 18 years and have amassed a significant collection and have sold plants and volunteered at the annual show for several years. This past year we were honored to participate on the 2017 Pacific Orchid & Garden Exposition show committee.

Outside of orchids, I have worked at UCSF in the accounting and finance area for 28 years. Through this experience I have gained skills that I hope to bring to my role as president of SFOS.

Over the last few months I have had the opportunity to chat with a number of society members who provided some valuable input for things the society should consider as we move forward. Also Jason and I made an effort to attend all of the local shows this year, to observe and ask questions to find out what other orchid societies are doing. This has also yielded some great ideas for us to consider.

Certainly the biggest challenge facing the society is the significant financial loss that occurred recently. It will likely take time to recover and rebuild our financial resources. Our membership is the life blood of the organization. We need to make sure that we are each doing all that we can to strengthen and build our membership, with a special focus on welcoming and encouraging our newer members.

As we look toward the year ahead, we need members to volunteer to help with the upcoming Orchids In the Park (OITP) and to step into roles for the 2018 Pacific Orchid Exposition (POE) that have sometimes been subsidized in the past. We simply do not have the resources to support paid staff positions this year.

We are fortunate to have Angelic Nguyen leading OITP, but we are actively looking for a Show Chair for the 2018 POE – please contact me if you are interested.

In addition to volunteering to help out with OITP or POE, you can also help by providing your input. At our June monthly meeting, instead of a skill session we will have a strategic planning session, where members are encouraged to provide suggestions and ideas for the SFOS board to consider. I hope you will all come out for this meeting and actively participate.

We need you to speak up, show up and volunteer your time – whatever you can spare - now more than ever!

I look forward to meeting and working with you all. Please feel free to e-mail me at rnorris.sf@gmail.com.

Ron

Messages from the OITP Show Committee:

**Orchids in the Park - It's coming! It's coming!!
Orchids in the Park is coming up again in just two months, on July 22-23.**

Many of you may not know that although OITP is much smaller than the Pacific Orchid Exhibition, it's often a big money maker for SFOS.

Our Orchid Society takes a lot of money to exist, and we depend on having successful shows to keep putting on the wonderful meetings and activities we all love.

Please help us get the word out by “liking” our page

on **Facebook** (<https://www.facebook.com/San-Francisco-Orchid-Society-150623501678349/>),

and be sure to **invite all your friends at the Facebook OITP page** (<https://www.facebook.com/events/310886606008874/>).

Let me repeat: ***Invite all your friends on Facebook! It's free, and it's easy.***

On the Facebook OITP page, click on "Share", then select "Invite Friends".

You can also let your neighbors know about OITP using the **Next Door** site: <https://nextdoor.com/>

We'll have about 20 local and international vendors, and a large display area in the center of the show. We'd love to have as many members as possible bring in their blooming beauties for the display. So start getting your plants ready for the show.

We all want to see them!

And we need you to volunteer! Our members play a vital role in making OITP a success, and we appreciate you all!

We especially need to step up and chair or co-chair various committees.

Current 2017 OITP Show Committee Chairs

- 1) Volunteers - Dave Hermeyer
- 2) Security - Ilie Gaceu & Alvin Hom
- 3) Merchandise sales (books, t-shirts, posters) - Jean Lee
- 4) Membership signups - Claire Zvanski
- 5) Plant Sales - Kay Klumb
- 6) Setup and Take Down - Tom Perlite & Dave Robison
- 7) Admissions - Holly Wysong
- 8) Plant Hotel - Lee Dedini
- 9) Hospitality - Judy Bley
- 10) Food - Lisa Lee
- 11) Raffle - Ellen Edelson
- 12) Publicity/Promotion - Angelic Nguyen
- 13) Demonstration - Angelic Nguyen
- 14) *Orchid Doctor -
- 15) Badges - Chuck Chan

If you haven't done so already, please volunteer for a shift (or two or three...) at the show. There are a wide range of volunteer positions at the show you can fill to match your skills and physical abilities. You can sign up on the sheets at the next meeting, or you can sign up online with our event at **SignUp.com** (<http://signup.com/go/3SZoBA>). You can also email dave@hermeyer.us if you would like more information.

As a thank-you, we will be giving volunteers "Show Bucks" coupons, which can be used as a \$5 credit towards buying plants at the show. Being a volunteer not only helps SFOS – you'll help yourself too! 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 played a part in producing one of the best orchid shows in the country!

Volunteer Job Descriptions for Orchids in the Park

If you would like to volunteer for any position, just go to **SignUp.com** at this link: <http://signup.com/go/3SZoBA>

If you would like more information, please contact

Dave Hermeyer: dave@hermeyer.us

or

Angelic Nguyen: angelic@orchidesign.com - 408-476-7153

Please help us spread the word by inviting your neighbors to come to Orchids in the Park using: **nextdoor.com**

As a thank-you, we will be giving volunteers "Show Bucks" coupons, which can be used as a \$5 credit towards buying plants at the show.

Thank you for volunteering!

Before the show:

Bulletin boards: Are you computer marketing talented?

We really need someone to help post the information about the show on computer bulletin boards, social media, event sites, newspapers, radio stations etc.).

Please contact **Angelic Nguyen** 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. Volunteer shifts are about 4 hours, but please feel free to volunteer for more than one shift.

Shifts are Friday 9AM-noon, noon-3:30PM, and 3:30PM-7PM. Saturday they're 9:30AM-1:30PM, and 1:30PM-5PM. Sunday they're 9:30AM-1:30PM, 1:30PM-5PM, and take down from 5PM-7PM. Lunch is served on Saturday and Sunday to volunteers, and light snacks and beverages will also be available.

If you would like to bring a friend or significant other to help out, that would be great.

Volunteers do not need to be SFOS members.

Friday Jobs:

Set up: Put up tables for the exhibits and vendors, and cover them with black plastic table covers. This is a physical job and requires some lifting, moving, and walking. (Friday 9AM-Noon and Noon-3:30PM)

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

Friday night closing: Make sure that the Park Patrol arrives to lower the roll-up door and secure the building before leaving. (Friday 3:30PM-7PM)

Saturday and Sunday Jobs

9:30-1:30 and 1:30-5 pm

Admission Cashiers: Greet people as they come in the door. 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. This is a sit down job.

SFOS Membership Table: Recruit new members, explain benefits, handle membership applications, answer questions about SFOS. Also hand out cards to people to encourage them to come to meetings and future shows. Most of this job can be done sitting.

Merchandise Table: Sell books, T-shirts, posters, and other merchandise. Collect two

donation raffle plants from each vendor. Sell tickets for raffle plants that will be given away several times throughout the show. Much of this job can be done sitting.

Plant Hotel: Accept and temporarily store plants from customers, so that they can continue shopping. Collect donations for cardboard boxes. This is an up and down job, some light lifting required.

Security: Monitor the exits (front, back and side door) and check purchases for “dots” to make sure that people have paid for their plants. Monitor the display area to keep people from disturbing the display plants. This job requires some standing, although you can sit down if it is not busy.

Vendor Relief: Fill in for vendors if they need someone to watch their booth while they have lunch, take a break, etc.

Floater: Help out wherever needed. More volunteers may be needed for certain jobs, or a volunteer might not show up.

After show is over on Sunday 5-7 pm:

Take Down: Remove the table coverings, take down the tables, load tables on dollies, load the truck, and clean up. This is a physical job, requiring some lifting, standing, and walking around.

Member Plant Sales at 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%. 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 or 415 648-8271.

Membership Information

Welcome New Members!

Lisa Finkelstein, Sarah Grams, Charlotte Hatch

2017 Membership Directory

The membership directory is available online on the SFOS website.

If you want to check your information, or look up someone's contact information, go to www.orchidsanfrancisco.org/member/login.php

Members with an email address in our records should have instructions for login and password.

If you have forgotten your password, just go to the SFOS website and follow the instructions for forgotten password.

If there are errors or a change of address, please contact membership chairs Florence Inserto - flojo1337@yahoo.com or Claire Zvanski: (415-341-3085) czvanski@hotmail.com.

Annual Dues:

\$25: Standard Membership (includes email newsletters)

\$45: Individual Membership (includes printed newsletters via USPS)

\$40: Household membership

(2 or more members at the same address, email newsletters)

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\$75: Supporting Membership (includes one POGE weekend pass plus one tee shirt, email newsletters)

\$150: SFOS Patron Membership (includes four POGE weekend passes plus one tee shirt, email newsletters, one signed copy of A Bay Area Guide to Orchids and their Culture)

\$500: SFOS Benefactor Membership (includes four POGE weekend passes, one tee shirt and mention in one of the newsletters and the Pacific Orchid & Garden Exposition program, email newsletters, one signed copy of A Bay Area Guide to Orchids and their Culture)

\$1,000: SFOS Orchid Circle (includes four POGE weekend passes, one tee shirt, your name included in one of the newsletters and the Pacific Orchid & Garden Exposition program, email newsletters, one signed copy of A Bay Area Guide to Orchids and their Culture) Plus, a one-time donation of one third of the amount to the Orchid Conservation Alliance towards purchase of orchid preserve land)

***Dues can be paid at any SFOS meeting in person,
or***

go the website: www.orchidsanfrancisco.org

For both new members and renewals, please complete our online membership application, and then submit your **payment with a debit or credit card via PayPal**. (PayPal account not required)

or

mail a check with your printed application.

Please print and complete our [membership application](#)

(<http://www.orchidsanfrancisco.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/membership-application.pdf> < <http://www.orchidsanfrancisco.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/membership-application.pdf> <

and send it with a check (made payable to: SFOS) and for the appropriate amount to: SFOS Membership, PO Box 27145, SF, CA 94127-0145

NOTICE TO BUSINESS MEMBERS OF THE SFOS: All current SFOS members who wish to have their Orchid Related Businesses (e.g. nursery, decorating, landscaping, flower arranging, art, ceramics, photography, etc.) please contact membership chairs.

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: jharrisofsf@gmail.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.

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

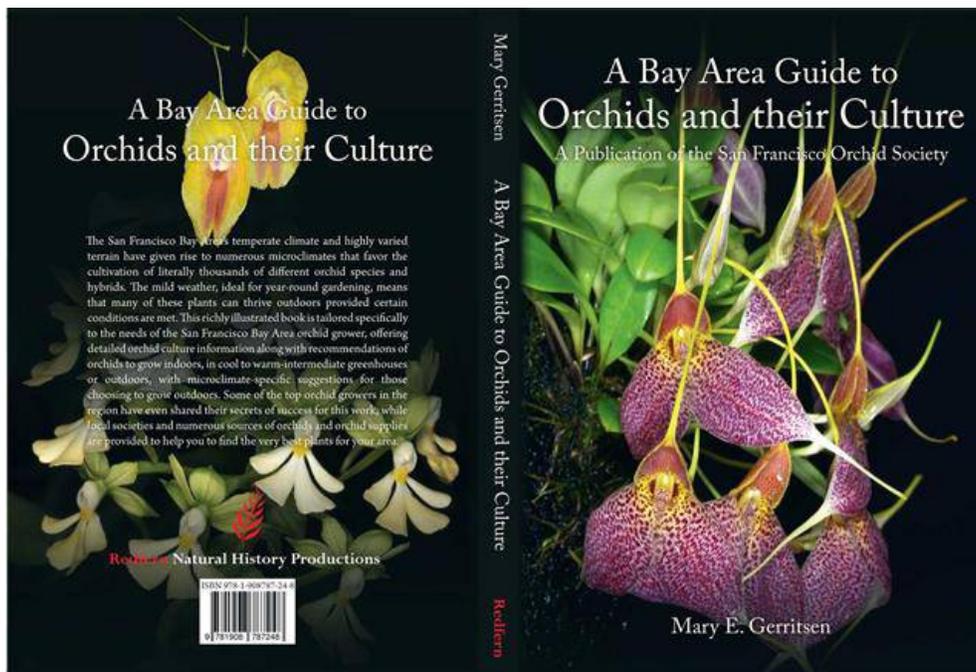
AMERICAN ORCHID SOCIETY AWARDS

Please check the website for the most recent awards:

AOS Pacific Judging Center website: www.paccentraljc.org

AOS Awards from the Central Valley of California and Northern Nevada www.csnjc.org





The NEW BOOK published by the San Francisco Orchid Society is here!
The Bay Area Guide to Orchids and Their Culture, featuring many of the members of the San Francisco Orchid Society and our neighboring orchid societies, has finally arrived from the printers.

The cost is \$19.99 plus sales tax (\$1.74), total \$21.69.
Contact Mary Gerritsen for purchasing arrangements: meg570@comcast.net

1% for Orchid Conservation

The San Francisco Orchid Society joins other orchid societies and businesses participating in in the 1% FOC campaign by committing to budget 1% or more of our net revenue towards in situ orchid conservation projects. For more information see: www.orchidconservationcoalition.org



Orchid Conservation Alliance (OCA)



Amazon Smile Donations to OCA

Any purchases you make on Amazon through Amazon Smile yields an 0.5% donation to the OCA.

Just go to smile.amazon.com and follow the links to have your purchases credit the OCA. There is no extra cost to you. Make sure you designate OCA.



Orchids in the Wild!

Guided orchid tours to some of the worlds most interesting places.

The Orchid Conservation Alliance (OCA) has fantastic tour openings still for:

Ecuador after the World Orchid Conference, 16 days, November 13-28, 2017

The tours are organized by professional tour operators, and offered in conjunction with the OCA. The tours are designed with the orchid lover in mind, with a blend of activities involving nature, archeology, scenery and shopping. OCA Orchids in the Wild tours are limited in size (usually 10-14 people), and the tour costs include in country transportation, guides, drivers, hotels and meals. They do not include the cost of air transportation to and from the country where the tour is offered. A side benefit of the tours is that part of the cost is a tax-deductible donation that will go towards the establishment and preservation of protected orchid reserves.

Sign up soon as the tours are nearly fully subscribed.

For more information, see the OCA website:

www.orchidconservationalliance.org

Botanical Study Tours in China led by Hengduan Mountains Biotechnology in 2017

Click the link below to download itineraries for the Sichuan Autumn (September) tour:

[2017 Autumn Tour of North Sichuan](#)

Registration and any questions, please write to:

info@hengduanbiotech.com



Holger Perner Family Fund

Dr. Holger Perner, 55, beloved husband of Wenqing Perner and father of Isabell and Stefanie Perner, passed away suddenly in his adopted home of Chengdu, China following a short illness. Holger earned his PhD in ecology, and had given up his job in the National Science Academy in Germany in 2001 to pursue his lifetime ambition of protecting the ecology of orchids in China, as well as helping the local mountain populations develop new cash crops to escape from crippling poverty. He held down multiple jobs to pursue his goals, including that of a senior counselor at Huanglong National Park in Songpan County, Aba prefecture, co-founder of *Hengduan Biotechnology*, a small company devoted to the development of ex situ methods of Chinese orchid conservation and cultivation, and a project to develop and commercialize the tissue culture of blueberries. Holger taught locals to plant blueberry seedlings with the help of his wife, and in doing so, transformed the local economy of villages in the vicinity of Huanglong, Sichuan. He was a local hero in these communities. His last project was to develop cranberries as a cash crop for the high mountain populations of

Aba prefecture, and the week before his untimely death, was collecting and analyzing soil samples to determine suitability for this new agricultural venture.

Holger and his wife Wenqing are well known in the international orchid community, where Holger was a featured speaker at national and international orchid meetings. Holger and Wenqing also led multiple Botanic Nature Tours in Sichuan, Yunnan and other parts of China, introducing the flora of this incredibly diverse ecology to botanists and naturalists from many parts of the world.

Holger and Wenqing had poured all of their savings back into their business, and with Holger's passing, Wenqing now finds herself without life insurance, or savings, two young daughters to educate, as well as responsibility to the staff of Hengduan Biotechnology. Wenqing wants to carry on Holger's legacy, continue the Hengduan Biotechnology business and the nature tours.

Many have asked how they can help Wenqing, and thus we have set up this fundraising campaign to help with her family expenses. Any and all donations are most appreciated. The primary goals are to provide funds for the education of Isabell and Stefanie. It was Holger's goal to have both of his daughters receive their high school and college educations in Germany; Wenqing pledged to Holger that she would try to carry out his wishes. Please help in any way that you can.

*If you would like to send a check or money order,
Please make it payable to:*

Wenqing Perner

and mail it to:

Mary Gerritsen

541 Parrott Drive

San Mateo, CA 94402

All monies will be deposited into Wenqing's USA bank account.

Thank you for your kindness and support.

The Filoli Flower Show

Thursday, June 1 – Sunday, June 4

86 Cañada Road, Woodside, CA 94062

Tickets and information at:

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

June 4-8, 2017

16th Annual Native Orchid Conference

Location: South Beach Casino & Resort, Winnipeg, Manitoba - Canada

Conference includes presentations as well as field trips to view spring orchids in southeastern Manitoba with emphasis on 4 species of Cypripedium.

Limited to the first 100 applicants - no registration at the door.

For more information:

<http://www.nativeorchidconference.info/conferences.html>

June 10-11, 2017

Asuka Orchids - 1st Annual Open House

Date & Time: June 10 and 11 (Saturday/Sunday) 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Location: 1951 Evergreen Dr. (cross street Valleywood), San Bruno, CA

Garden tour and sale of cool growing orchids.

For more information contact:

Phone: 650 588 6753

Email: AsukaOrchids@Yahoo.com

AsukaOrchids.com



Asuka Orchids
1st Annual Open House
June 10 - 11 Saturday & Sunday
9:00 am - 3:00 pm



Please come join us for a garden tour of our cool growing orchids, many of which will be available for purchase.



Asuka Orchids
1951 Evergreen Dr.
(cross street Valleywood)
San Bruno, CA



Phone: 650-588-6753
 Email: AsukaOrchids@Yahoo.com
AsukaOrchids.com



June 10, 2017

15th Orchid Digest Speakers' Day
"Orchids from Around the World"

Date & Time: Saturday June 10, 2017 from Noon – 8:00 PM

Location: Ahmanson Classroom in the Botanical Center

Huntington Library, Art Collection and Botanical Gardens, San Marino, CA

Tickets: \$65 online (\$80 at door)

for afternoon seminars, live auction, wine and cheese happy hour, dinner and evening entertainment.

Featuring:

Cindy Hill —“My Top 10 Favorite Species Orchids and How I Grow Them”

Alan Koch— ”Sarcochilus: Past, Present and a New Direction”

Harold Koopowitz — ”Orchids in Northern Thailand”

Dennis Wigham— ”Native Orchids: Ecology and Conservation”

Ernest Hetherington Distinguished Lecture:

Ken Cameron: "Vanilla, Orchid Evolution, & the Genomic Revolution"

Vendors: Andy's Orchids, Cal Orchid, Gold Country Orchids and Sunset Valley Orchids

Reservations online at: www.orchiddigest.com

For information contact: Simone Friend at simonef@orchiddigest.org
or call 562-431-1247.

When contacting by email, please include phone number, email and mailing address.

Space is limited so do not wait to buy your ticket!

Fifteenth Orchid Digest Speakers Day

Saturday, June 10, 2017

12:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Ahmanson Classroom, Botanical Building
Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical Gardens
San Marino, CA

ORCHIDS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Featuring

Cindy Hill "My Top Ten Favorite Species Orchids and How I Grow Them"

Alan Koch "Sarcochilus: Past, Present and a New Direction"

Harold Koopowitz "Orchids in Northern Thailand"

Dennis Wigham "Native Orchids: Ecology and Conservation"

Ernest Hetherington Distinguished Lecture:

Ken Cameron: "Vanilla, Orchid Evolution, & the Genomic Revolution"

Scheduled Vendors include: Andy's Orchids, Cal Orchid, Gold Country Orchids, and Sunset Valley Orchids

Tickets: \$65 (\$80 at the door) for afternoon seminars, live auction,
wine and cheese happy hour, dinner and evening entertainment.

Reservations online at www.orchiddigest.org

or contact Simone Friend at simonef@orchiddigest.org or call (562) 431-1247. When contacting by email, please include phone number, email address and mailing address. Space is limited so don't wait to buy your ticket!

July 22 & 23, 2017

SFOS "Orchids in the Park" - Summer Show & Sale

Date & Time: Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Location: SF County Fair Building (Hall of Flowers)

9th Ave & Lincoln Way - Golden Gate Park, San Francisco

Admission: \$5, Seniors \$4, Children 16 years and under are free

There is a \$1.00 discount from the \$5.00 regular admission for groups of 10 or more.

Invited Vendors include: • [Andy's Orchids \(andysorchids.com\)](http://andysorchids.com) • [Amsoil/Aggrand \(www.aggrand.com\)](http://www.aggrand.com) • Asbell's Orchids • [Barsch Tropicals \(www.barschtropicals.com\)](http://www.barschtropicals.com) • [Brookside Orchids \(www.brookside-orchids.com\)](http://www.brookside-orchids.com) • [Calwest Tropical Supply \(calwesttropical.com\)](http://calwesttropical.com) • Carl Carter Bromeliad • City College of San Francisco (CCSF) • D & D Flowers • [Divine Orchids \(divineorchids.com\)](http://divineorchids.com) • [Ecuagenera \(Ecuador - www.ecuagenera.com\)](http://www.ecuagenera.com) • [Hanging Garden \(hanginggardens.org\)](http://hanginggardens.org) • [Mundiflora \(Ecuador -www.en.mundiflora.com\)](http://www.en.mundiflora.com) • Orchids and Gardens • [Orchid Design \(www.orchidesign.com\)](http://www.orchidesign.com) • Orchids of Los Osos • [Phrao Orchids Nursery \(Thailand - www.facebook.com/Nursery.at.Phrao\)](http://www.facebook.com/Nursery.at.Phrao) • [Seed Engei \(Japan - www.seed-engei.com\)](http://www.seed-engei.com) • [Ten Shin Gardens \(Taiwan - tenshinorchids.com\)](http://tenshinorchids.com)

Be sure to invite all your friends to the [Facebook OITP page](https://www.facebook.com/events/310886606008874/):

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Click on the "Share" button, select "Invite" from the menu, then select all your friends to invite. It's free, it's easy, it's a very effective way to spread the word, and it gets people to attend!

SFOS needs you to volunteer!

There are a range of volunteer positions at the show you can fill to match your skills and physical abilities. You can sign up online with our event at

[SignUp.com](http://signup.com)

(<http://signup.com/go/3SZoBA>).

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.

Golden Gate Park can be a busy place on the weekends, so consider using public transit, and plan a little extra time for parking and transportation.

UCSF has agreed to provide a voucher for all day parking for \$16 for OITP. Pick up vouchers at Admissions desk. Please note that this is a cheaper rate for visitors staying longer than 3 hours.

for more information on the show and transportation options:

<http://www.orchidsanfrancisco.org/orchid-events/orchids-in-the-park>



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July 29, 2017

AOS California Sierra Nevada Judging Center (CSNJC)

presents:

2017 Annual Speakers' Day

Date & Time: Saturday July 29, 2017 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Location: Odd Fellows Building
1831 Howe Avenue at Alta Arden
Sacramento, CA 95825

Tickets: \$10 advance, \$30 at the door Buy Advance Tickets from:
Susan Wedegaertner sgwede@gmail.com

Featuring:

George Hatfield will talk about the latest lines in Cymbidium breeding. There are spots, stripes, splashes, pelorics (both petal and sepal) big ones, little ones, as well as spikes that go up or hang down.

James Rose of Cal-Orchid. While many of us know him for his Epidendrums, Grammatophylums, Lycastes, Cattleyas, Odonts and Cymbidiums he also is very knowledgeable about the orchids of Madagascar. Come hear how he grows them.

Roy Tokunaga will talk about Latouria Dendrobiums. He has been working with this section for over 30 years and has cracked the code on successful ways to create new hybrids. He has written extensively for both the AOS and ODC, and now is your chance to meet and talk with him. Speakers will also have orchids for sale Auction with proceeds going to support the AOS Come see AOS judging on the big screen in the main hall <http://www.csnjc.org/>

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- 9:00 **AOS Judging, see how we judge**
- 10:30 **Modern Cymbidiums**
George Hatfield, Hatfield Orchids and American Orchid Society President
- 11:45 **Lunch Break**
- 12:30 **Auction**
- 1:45 **Orchids of Madagascar**
James Rose, Cal Orchids
- 2:45 **Latouria Dendrobiums, Lessons from Phil Spence: the Master**
Roy Tokunaga, H & R Nurseries
- 3:45 **Questions and Answers with the AOS President**
George Hatfield
Alan Koch, moderator

\$10 advance for Sponsoring Societies or AOS members
\$30 at the door for Sponsoring Societies or AOS members
\$30 general admission

Buy Tickets: Susan Wedegaertner sgwede@gmail.com

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August 18-20, 2017

12th Annual San Jose Orchid Exposition 2017

Five of the world's premier orchid growers offer rare and exotic orchid species and original hybrids direct to the public at unbelievable prices! Orchid sales, orchid displays and Friday Preview Night book signing by famous orchidist Bruce Rogers author of the best selling book, 'The Orchid Whisperer'

DATES AND TIMES:

Friday, August 18th, 2017 - 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Saturday, August 19th, 2017 - 10:00 am - 7:00 pm

Sunday, August 20th, 2017 - Noon - 7:00 pm

LOCATION:

Wesley United Methodist Church, 566 N. 5th St., San Jose, CA 95112

GENERAL ADMISSION:

\$7.00 Friday, \$5.00 Saturday/Sunday (Cash Only)

PARKING:

2-Church 6th. St. Parking Lots between East Jackson and Empire St.

1-Public Parking Lot on the corner of 6th St. and East Jackson

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