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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.



Oncidium naevium - picture by Jeff Harris taken at Ecuagenera Nursery in Gualaceo, Ecuador

Time to Renew - 2018 Dues Can Be Paid Now ...

You should have already received a separate email asking you to sign up for a "MemberPlanet" account to update your contact information - please do so - this is a new process to simplify tracking of our membership dues payments and roster -

if you need help or have concerns about the process please contact Jeff Harris (jharrisofs@gmail.com; 650-303-6205)

If you did not receive the email to renew, you can also

[click here to Join or Renew](#)

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 5, 2017



Holiday Party with Potluck Dinner

**Where: San Francisco County Fair Building - "Hall of Flowers",
Golden Gate Park, 9th Avenue and Lincoln Way, San Francisco, CA**

VIEW THE FORM

Please RSVP by clicking here:

We need an accurate count of attendees, so please RSVP ASAP.

**if you did not already get a separate email or have trouble with the form
button above - try the direct link:**

www.memberplanet.com/s/sanfranciscoorchidsociety/2017holidaydinnerpotlucksignup

or contact Jeff Harris directly at: jharrisofs@gmail.com

As in the past 3 years, we will not have a speaker in December.

We will be providing main courses - like roast turkey and vegetarian lasagna, and our members (you) will provide side dishes like salads, veggies, desserts, beverages (but no alcohol please), etc.

Although we will have paper plates, cups, and plastic cutlery available, we ask that you

also bring your own service if possible to cut down on the amount of waste we produce.

We will provide cards for you to label your dish and list key ingredients for those with dietary concerns or food allergies (especially if it has nuts or shellfish).

We will be giving a plant to each attending member.

When you arrive, be sure to get a ticket at the member table for the gift drawing.

We will also be having an orchid exchange drawing, which will be optional.

If you wish to participate, bring a plant or plant-related item (or two or three).

Please label it with your name and some info about it, so that the person who receives it can talk to you about it. Be sure to get a ticket for each plant/item entered for the exchange.

And as usual we will have our wonderful Show and Tell table, so bring in your plants!

Let's celebrate the end of the year together, and hopes for an even better year ahead.



Phragmipedium Ecuagenera Dream –
picture by Jeff Harris taken at 22nd WOC in Guayaquil, Ecuador

American Orchid Society Judging: begins at 7:00pm
(Enter plants for AOS Judging between 6:30 and 7:00 pm)

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 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.

When you bring a plant to show and tell, fill out the identification tag with your name and you can 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

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:

January 2018: *J Harris/E Sayles/M Gerritsen – Photos from the 2017 World Orchid Conference in Guayaquil (Ecuador)*

February 2018: *Ken Jacobsen - Orchid Travels in Peru*

March 2018: *Theresa Hill - Paphiopedilum Breeding at [Hillsvie Gardens](#)*

April 2018: *[Peter Lin](#) - Cattleya Species and their Culture*

May 2018: *Brandon Tam - Orchids at [Huntington Gardens](#)*

June 2018: *[Fred Clarke](#) - Australian Dendrobiums*



Epidendrum ibaguense –
picture by Jeff Harris taken at Larco Museum in Lima, Peru

Message from the President:

As 2017 comes to a close, I wanted to thank everyone for welcoming me so warmly to the role of president for the society. We've had several wonderful meetings this year with great speakers and beautiful orchids to see and learn about. The Pacific Orchid Exposition committee is fast at work planning our next show, we are looking at exploring new venue options for our 2019 show, and we are working on growing our membership.

Orchids In The Park was a successful show in July headed up by Angelic Nguyen. We appreciate her stepping up to take on this role. As I've mentioned in the past, stepping up is very important in a society such as ours. There are many tasks that need to be accomplished and the more hands assisting makes everything easier.

We are still in need of sponsors for the 2018 Pacific Orchid Exhibition. If anyone has suggestions of companies or individuals to reach out to, please let any of the board know, and we'll reach out to them. We have received several donations for the silent auction, which is a good fund raiser for us, but we can always use more.

My hope is that you and your families all have a wonderful holiday season, and I look forward to all the possibilities 2018 will bring to us individually and to our society.

Ron Norris

There was no SFOS Board Meeting in November 2017

Membership Information:

We have a new process now for membership dues payments and annual member information updates - even if you are a Lifetime Member, we need you to sign up and use this process.

When paying dues online you will be asked to sign up for a MemberPlanet account to update your contact information - please do so - if you need help contact Jeff Harris (jharrisofs@gmail.com; 650-303-6205)

Your payment with a debit or credit card will still be made via PayPal (PayPal account not required) - just like in previous years via our website.

If you want help with this new process we can assist you at membership desk at the upcoming Dec 5th and Jan 2nd SFOS meetings in person.

If you cannot use the online process, and cannot come to the Dec or Jan meetings, then please go ahead and mail a check with printed application from our website (<http://www.orchidsanfrancisco.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/membership-application.pdf>)

to:

SFOS Membership, PO Box 27145, SF, CA 94127-0145

Annual Dues

\$25: Standard Membership (includes email newsletters)

\$40: Household membership (2 or more people, includes email newsletters)

\$75: Supporting Membership (includes one POE weekend pass plus email newsletters)

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

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

\$1,000: SFOS Orchid Circle (includes four POE weekend passes, your name included in one of the newsletters and the Pacific Orchid 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)

Donations:

Does your employer match charitable donations?

You too can make a tax-deductible donation to the SFOS and have it matched by your employer - here's how:

- 1) Contact our Treasurer/CFO (Mary Gerritsen) to let her know your intent to donate, the amount, and if you plan to also have an employer matched donation - and arrange to send the money directly to her by mail, in-person at a meeting, etc.
- 2) She will send you a letter confirming the donation as a receipt for tax purposes, as well as for you to submit to your employer to request the match.
- 3) Note if your company (like many Bay Area employers including: Google, Genentech, Apple, and SAP, among others) uses www.benevity.com to manage their charitable giving, we have a registered a profile with them - which should facilitate the process:
<https://causes.benevity.org/causes/840-237108479>

Thank you for considering a donation to SFOS - every bit helps!



Epidendrum syringothyrsus - picture taken on the Inca Trail by Jeff Harris

Pacific Orchid Exposition 2018 Updates:

We continue to seek additional help with POE planning (and SFOS in general), so please let Ron Norris or any of the other officers know if you are interested and available!

Volunteer to help out with POE 2018 - signup by clicking the link below:

<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/2076286/false#/invitation>

Member Plant Sales: POE 2018

Thinking of selling your plants at the Member Plant Sales area for POE 2018 at the Hall of flowers in February?

Here are some updated rules for participation for your advance preparation and planning.

The members' plant sales area is for hobbyists to sell to hobbyists. That is the fun of it - selling and talking to people who have varying levels of orchid growing expertise.

Here are things that you **MUST** agree to or else you will not be able to sell your plants there.

The NEW rules:

1. You must have owned the plants for at least 6 months before offering them for sale at the Member Plant Sales area. There will be no 're-sale' of plants.
2. You may not sell plants in this area if you have been a vendor at the POE (in any location) for the past 5 years.
3. You *cannot* hold a resale license.
4. You must notify me in advance if you plan to sell plants at the area. Space is limited. We will be inside.

The SAME rules:

1. You **MUST** volunteer at least 3 hours of your time selling plants in the sales area at a time when your help is needed. I will keep the staffing schedule and let you know when the area needs help.
2. You must sell everyone's plants that are in the area - not just your own plants. This is an equal opportunity sales approach.
3. You may not change the positioning of your own plants to enhance their sales appeal.
4. You can bring only 75 plants at any given time for sale. I check the books every night and I can notify you if you send me an email if you can bring additional plants on each day to 'restock'.
5. You must have your plants checked in by a plant sales volunteer before they can be accepted into the area. You may not leave them under any circumstances or else we won't put them out for sales. Times for drop off will be arranged later.
6. Plants must be well established and free from obvious insect infestation.

I will be posting additional information as we get closer to the event date.

Carol Zoltowski

czoltowski@sbcdglobal.net

Member Plant Sales Chair



Pleurothallis aff phyllocardioides -
picture taken by Jeff Harris at Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo gardens

SFOS 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

American Orchid Society Awards

Check the websites 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

Have you joined AOS?

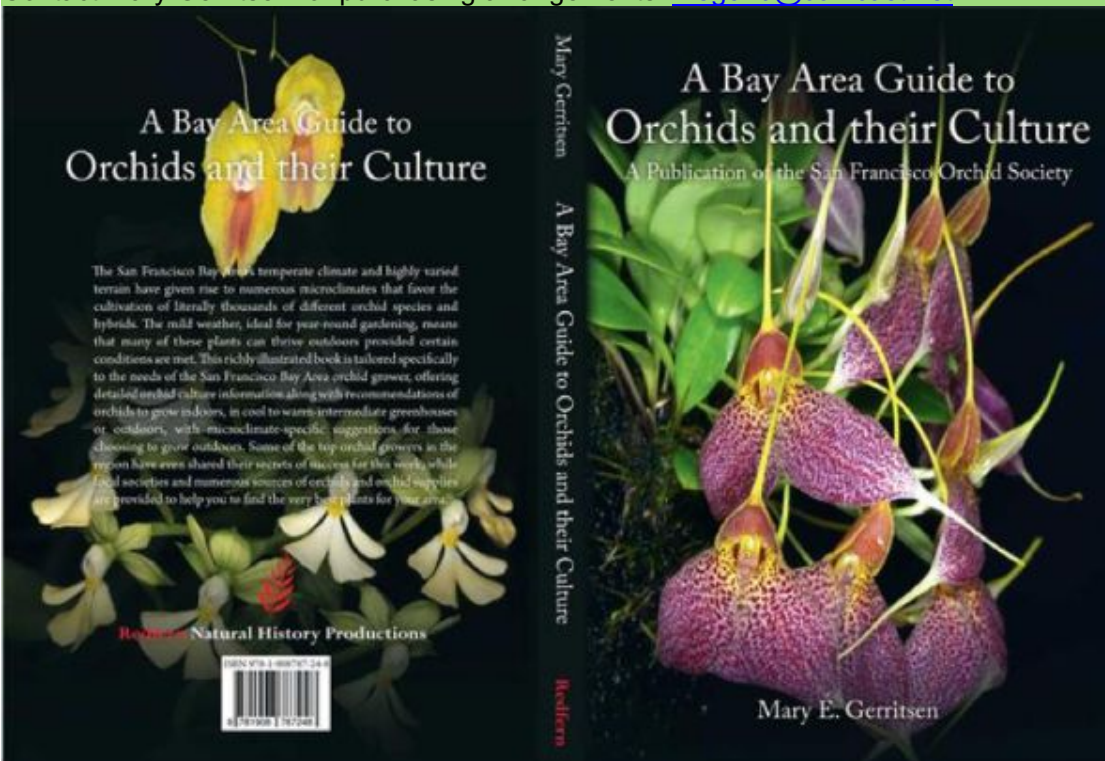
As an American Orchid Society member, you have considerably more resources at their disposal to make growing orchids even more enjoyable and successful, including Digital Access To Over 350+ past issues of Orchids magazine extending back to 1932!

For example, to view content from the most recent issue of Orchids magazine -

Click here: www.aos.org/about-us/orchids-magazine.aspx

Get your copy of 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. Cost is \$21.69 (\$19.99 plus sales tax (\$1.74))

Contact Mary Gerritsen for purchasing arrangements: meg570@comcast.net



Do you want to contribute to Mary Gerritsen's new AOS Culture Book?

Do you grow your orchids in a terrarium?

Are you growing your orchids hydroponically or semi-hydroponically?

If so, Mary would like to talk to you about your experiences.

She is working on a new basic culture book for the American Orchid Society

and would like to get some input from people growing orchids under these conditions.

Please contact her at: meg570@comcast.net



1% for Orchid Conservation

The San Francisco Orchid Society joins other orchid societies and businesses participating 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)

Dracula Reserve Fundraising: Dracula Reserve fund stands at \$81,342 today and is aiming for a goal of \$110,000 by the end of the year. Funds will purchase 275 acres of Ecuadoran forest harboring the world's best collection of Dracula orchids. Donations will be doubled by the Rainforest Trust and are fully tax deductible. Donations can be sent to the OCA through the website's "Donate" button.

Orchids in the Wild© trips for 2018: In 2018 OCA will have trips to Chiapas, Mexico (April), to Northwest Yunnan, China (May-June), and to Colombia (November). The Chiapas itinerary is now posted on the website; it includes 15 days of orchids, pyramids, and amazing scenery. The Yunnan trip targets Chinese cypripediums and the Colombian trip will focus on the spectacular orchids of the northern Andes, several nurseries, and a visit to a new OCA sponsored reserve. Reservations are being accepted now; a \$500 deposit, payable to OCA holds your space on any of these trips. Note that the Chiapas trip is strictly limited to 14 travellers due to lodging restrictions at one of the isolated reserves we will visit.

Amazon Smile Donations to OCA

Any purchases you make on Amazon through Amazon Smile yields a 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.

For more information, see the OCA website: www.orchidconservationalliance.org

Calendar of Upcoming Events:

December 1-3, 2017

Andy's Orchids - Annual Winter Open House

10 AM - 4 PM

734 Ocean View Ave., Encinitas, CA 92024

888-514-2639

<https://andysorchids.com/>

Three complete days to explore our incredible collection of Orchids.

We will have munchies, refreshments and pulled pork sandwiches, so you need not ever leave.

Note: Bring a copy of the ad below and receive a free plant on qualified purchases. Limit one per customer. Must be a society member.

January 19, 2018

Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers Auction

Registration/Preview 6:30-7:00 PM; Auction begins at 7:00 PM

San Mateo Garden Center, 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo, CA 94403

Catalog & Photos Available after January 8, 2018 at www.GoldCoastCymbidiumGrowers.com

Email Questions to Richard Mangan (mangasz@att.net) or call (209)-373-7852

Save the Date: February 22-25, 2017

SFOS's 66th Annual Pacific Orchid Exposition (POE)

"Curiouser and Curiouser, Orchids in Wonderland"

Gala Preview Night "Mad Hatter" Party - Thursday Feb 22nd - starts at 6pm

General Show and Sale - Friday-Sunday Feb 23rd - 25th

at Hall of Flowers (County Fair Building) in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park

More information and advance tickets sales to come...

www.orchidsanfrancisco.org

March 9-11, 2018

73rd Santa Barbara International Orchid Show

"The World's Greatest Show - Orchids!"

9 AM - 5 PM

Earl Warren Showgrounds - Santa Barbara, CA.

AOS Spring Members' Meeting to be held in conjunction with the Show.

For more information, check the website:

<https://sborchidshow.com/>

April 22-23, 2018.

Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers Show & Sale.

1400 Roosevelt Avenue, Redwood City, CA.

Set-Up and Plant entry Friday 10AM – 6PM; CSA and AOS judging at 7PM.

Show and Sale open to the public Saturday and Sunday 10AM to 4PM.

For more information contact: Sylvia Darr, Show Chair - syldarr@gmail.com

Posters & Advertisements:



734 Ocean View Ave. Encinitas, CA

**Our nursery features over 7,000 species and 750,000 plants
plus we'll have a select few bare roots for you as well.**

Species specialist, SERIOUSLY!

***Note: Bring a copy of this ad and receive a free plant on qualified purchases,
Limit one per customer, Must be a society member.***

Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers

Cymbidium Orchid Auction



Friday, January 19, 2018

Auction 7:00 PM

Registration, Preview 6:30 - 7:00 PM

Beautiful Cymbidiums and their Companions. Including Blooming, Unique, Rarely Come Up for Sale, & Show & Award Winners!

- 150 Plant Entries
- No Buyers Premium

San Mateo Garden Center
605 Parkside Way
San Mateo, CA 94403



Cym. Tower of Fire 'Sunset Flame'. Photo by Ken Jacobsen.

Catalog & Photos Available after January 8, 2018 at

www.GoldCoastCymbidiumGrowers.com

Email Questions to Richard Mangan at mangasz@att.net or call (209) 373-7852

A central illustration of Alice sitting cross-legged and reading a book, with the Cheshire Cat lying beside her. The scene is framed by white and pink orchids against a black background.

Curiouser and Curiouser!

Orchids in Wonderland

66th Pacific Orchid Exposition
Gala Preview Night "Mad Hatter Party" February 22
Show and Sale February 23-25, 2018
Hall of Flowers, Golden Gate Park
San Francisco
Information
www.orchidsanfrancisco.org

Photos by Ron Parsons

Two detailed photographs of orchids are placed at the bottom corners of the poster: a pink and white one on the left and a yellow and red one on the right.

73rd SANTA BARBARA INTERNATIONAL ORCHID SHOW
9 AM - 5 PM MARCH 9 - 11, 2018

ORCHIDS

The World's Greatest Show

A small illustration of a bouquet of various colorful orchids, including green, orange, and red varieties.



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POE Chair: Ron Norris (still looking for a co-chair)

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