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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.



Epidendrum medusae - photo by Carol Klonowski - taken at the 2017 WOC in Guayaquil, 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 -

NOTE - Jeff will do a short presentation on "joining" MemberPlanet at the beginning of the Jan 2 meeting to walk you through the process.

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

If you did not receive the email to renew, you can also click here to Join Memberplanet and Renew your dues online:

JOIN NOW

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 2, 2017

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

Speakers: Carol Klonowski, Jeff Harris, and Erik Sayles

Topic: The 2017 World Orchid Conference in Guayaquil (Ecuador)

Opportunity Table plants provided by:
Dave Hermeyer and Dale Martin (Austin Creek Orchids)



Carol Klonowski has been growing orchids since the 1980's when a friend in Berkeley, California, gave her a cattleya and it bloomed out with three big, dark lavender flowers and an intoxicating fragrance. She build an entire greenhouse in her backyard to accommodate the precious plant, which only led her to buy more orchids. Then another friend gave her a gift membership to the Orchid Society of California and it's been a serious hobby and passion ever since.



Jeff's interest in orchids arose over 20 years ago from friends who were already orchid fanatics, who gave him plants as gifts, as well as invited him to travel with them on orchid/hiking tours to various places including Costa Rica, Ecuador and Borneo. As his own collection of plants grew, he was compelled to set up a warm-intermediate greenhouse in his backyard where he could more successfully grow and bloom a variety of orchids – especially vandas and bulbophyllums. He also has a small outdoor cool-growing area under his back deck for masdevallias and draculas. Jeff has been a member in AOS and SFOS since 2009, was SFOS treasurer from 2012-2014, and is

the current Vice President and the newsletter editor.



Erik Sayle has been a member of SFOS for about 15 years. He currently serves as secretary on the board - a return to the position, which he held for two years when he first joined. His interest in orchids has "grown" over the years and he now maintains hundreds of (mostly) species outdoors in his yard in San Francisco as well hundreds more in a 16' x 16' greenhouse at his family's place in San Mateo, close to the Bay. He has been renting additional space from Dan Newman's Hanging Gardens in Pacifica for the past 15 years. Erik is particularly interested in cool and intermediate outdoor orchids such as Himalayan dendrobiums, coelogynes and pleurothallids. He likes warmgrowing orchids like bulbophyllums, though doesn't have much space for them indoors!

Carol, Jeff and Erik will recount stories of their experiences and show you pictures from their travels to 22nd Annual World Orchid Conference held in November 2017 in Guayaquil, Ecuador. Carol's talk will feature highlights of the orchid conference, and include sidelights on how members of our own orchid community contributed to some of the most interesting plants at the show and the exhibits. Orchid growers in the Bay Area will discover how many of the award winning plants can be easily grown right here in their own orchid collections. Jeff and Erik will provide more information on their pre-conference tour of Ecuador including visits to the Ecuagenera nursery greenhouses.



Telepogon hausmannianum - picture by Joe Torres 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.

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:

February 2018: Ken Jacobsen - Orchid Travels in Peru

March 2018: Theresa Hill - Paphiopedilum Breeding at Hillsview Gardens

April 2018: <u>Peter Lin</u> - Cattleya Species and their Culture May 2018: Brandon Tam - Orchids at Huntington Gardens

June 2018: Fred Clarke - Australian Dendrobiums

July 2018: Lou Jost - topic TBD

Message from the President:

Isn't it wonderful that we have orchids that bloom in the dead of winter when many other plants are dying or dormant? As we head into January many Laelia anceps and their hybrids are coming into bloom. I have several that are just about to burst open.

January is also when we prepare for the "blossoming" of our society at the Pacific Orchid Exposition in February. There is still much work to be done for the show, and volunteers are needed. Please do sign up for as many shifts as you can!

Another way to prepare for POE is to begin prepping your plants for display. Make sure that spikes are staked to support the flower buds, dead and dying leaves are removed, as well as the papery covering on psuedobulbs. Pay careful attention to light direction to "face" the buds as they develop, showing them at their best and avoid crowding. Do bring in your plants, as exhibiting at the show can be very rewarding! We have several awards for all skill levels at POE.

Cheers to the start of a new year!

Ron Norris

SFOS Board Meeting Minutes - December 6, 2017

<u>Attending</u>: Mary Gerritsen, Valerie Mountain, Dave Hermeyer, Ron Norris, Erik Sayle, Jeff Harris, Alvin Hom, Jason Douglass, Antonette Queri

Not Attending: Claire Zvanski

1. President's Updates

- **a. Confirmed/billed for Hall of Flowers reservations** (POE, Monthly Meetings, OITP). All confirmed for next year, 2018. Feb and May we won't have main auditorium, but we will have rec room next door where we normally do our skills sessions.
- b. OITP 2018 Chair needed Ron & Jason will be out of town during OITP so we need a chair ASAP.
- c. Renewed AOS membership for SFOS for 2 years.
- d. Renewed liability and crime insurance for next year, though the rates did increase significantly.
- e. Nominating committee needed for next year's officers. Any suggestions for nominating committee?

2. CFO Updates

- a. Monthly financial report reviewed and endorsed by the Board.
- **b. Update on fraud case** the case is now moving to the district attorney's office.
- c. California 501(c)3 paperwork We received a notice from the California Attorney General's office that we had not completed all the required California paperwork for being a 501(c)3 non-profit back in 1998. Therefore Mary reviewed and re-filed some parts of it on Dec 5 (2017), and the status is now pending. We anticipate being recognized by the State as a fully compliant 501(c)3 organization in the near future.

3. Vice President's Updates

a. Upcoming speakers/programming

Speakers currently scheduled include:

January 2, 2018: Jeff Harris/Erik Sayles/Carol Klonowski – 2017 World Orchid Conference Trip

February 6, 2018: Ken Jacobsen – Orchid Travels in Peru

March 6, 2018: Theresa Hill - Paphiopedilum Breeding at Hillsview Gardens

April 3, 2018: Peter Lin - Cattleya Species and their Culture

May 8, 2018: Brandon Tam - Orchids at Huntington Gardens June 5, 2018: Fred Clarke - Australian Dendrobiums July 3, 2018: Lou Jost - (tentative - Orchid Conservation Efforts in South America)

Jeff is working on speakers for the rest of the year - hoping to get the local AOS judges to do a talk about what they do, as well as to bring out of town speakers: Tom Mirenda (from Hawaii), Terry Kowalczuk (from Toronto, Canada) and Stig Dalstrom (from Florida) out by end of 2018 or early 2019 - but no firm dates yet.

Jeff has Dave Hermeyer bringing some plants for Jan 2, but need (~8 or more plants to bring for the opportunity table) - and also needs skills session speakers for all the 2018 meetings - please let Jeff know if you have any suggestions.

We had discussed doing a mock judging session at an upcoming meeting in lieu of a skills session - but would likely need more than 30 min so curious if people have other thoughts about how this could be done efficiently. Again please contact Jeff with any input.

4. POE Update

- a. POE steering committee progress notes reviewed by the Board without any major comments
- b. POE leadership roles still need a few positions filled will reach out again welcome any volunteers.
- c. POE full committee (Chairs and Co-chairs) meeting will take place on January 21st from 1-3:30pm at Maureen Clarke's house.
- **d. POE Sponsors** still need POE sponsors & donors, and need wineries to pour Board and other members encouraged to increase efforts ASAP as the timeframe for this to happen is coming to a close.
- **e. 2019 POE venue** a sub-committee (Jason Douglass, Jeff Harris, and Heidi Arno) is currently conducting a search and intends to propose/secure an alternate venue in time to begin advertising the change in venue at the 2018 POE event.

5. Old Business

- a. By-Laws update Pending Claire who was not in attendance.
- **b. MemberPlanet (MP)** Jeff noted that member participation remains slower than expected, but he has been working out the kinks in the process and will resend an email link to all members who have not yet "joined" and renewed their dues for 2018 on January 1st just before the next meeting on January 2nd, where he will give a short presentation on how to complete the process. Jeff hopes to try have people do it in real time, so bring your

"smart phones" or mobile devices and your credit card or PayPal username/password so you can get this done at the meeting while Jeff is there to help out in person.

Please provide feedback to Jeff if your having problems with registering or using MemberPlanet.

c. Tax-deductible donation recognition at higher level memberships - Mary noted that we can provide official letters recognizing the tax-deductible donation made at the higher membership levels. The Board reviewed the proposed values of what members get beyond the membership when they join at those levels - such as a book and POE ticket, etc. - and agreed that can provide the donation letter at the membership levels.

6. New Business

a. Storage space – price increase of about \$20 from app \$390 to \$410/mo. This is a relatively large cost each month, more than we spend on the speakers stipend! The price has gone up but they provide ground floor access so its probably good. It seems as though it's market rate. If any members have ideas of a more affordable space, while still providing good hours and access, please let a board member know.

7. Meeting Closure

- a. Review of action items
- b. Motion to adjourn at 8:35

Submitted by Erik Sayle - SFOS Secretary

Welcome New Members: Debra Anthony

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 (jharrisofsf@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 Jan 2nd SFOS meetings in person.

If you cannot use the online process, and cannot come to the Jan meeting, 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 2018 POE Gala OR weekend pass plus email newsletters)

\$150: SFOS Patron Membership (includes four 2018 POE Gala OR weekend passes, email newsletters, one signed copy of A Bay Area Guide to Orchids and their Culture)

\$500: SFOS Benefactor Membership (includes four 2018 POE Gala OR 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 2018 POE Gala OR 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-deductable 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, inperson 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!

The Holiday Potluck Dinner at our Dec 5 meeting was well attended (approximately 60 people) - it was a nice time to sit and talk with one another over dinner, admire each others efforts from the Show & Tell table, and everyone got a plant to take home!





(left) Members sharing dinner at the holiday potluck (right) Cymbidium x gammieanum erythroenum x elegans on the Show & Tell table brought by Masaki Asuka



Lisa and her father (Les) Finkelstein leaving the 2017 SFOS holiday party with "goodies"

Pacific Orchid Exposition 2018 Updates:

We continue to seek additional help with POE leadership roles, so please let Ron Norris or any of the other officers know if 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

Want to pre-order plants from POE 2018 vendors?

See website and price list links/info (if available) below:

Andy's Orchids - andysorchids.com

Asuka Orchids - www.AsukaOrchids.com

Barsch Tropicals - www.barschtropicals.com/

Bromeliad Society of San Francisco - www.sfbromeliad.org

Brookside Orchids - www.brookside-orchids.com

Cal-Orchid - www.calorchid.com

D and D flowers

Ecuagenera - www.ecuagenera.com

(click link below to download price list)

Ecuagenera Price List 2017.xlsx

Equaflor-A - www.equaflor-a.com.ec/

(click link below to download price list)

EcuaflorA PRICE LIST SAN FRANCISCO 2018.xlsx

Floraculture (formerly CalWest Tropical Supply) - www.calwesttropical.com

Golden Gate Orchids - goldengateorchids.com

Hanging Gardens - hanginggardens.org/en/

Mundiflora - www.mundiflora.com

(click link below to download price list)

PRE-ORDER LIST 2018 Mundiflora.xls

Orchids and Gardens

Orchid Design - orchidesign.com/

Phrao Orchids - www.facebook.com/pg/Nursery.at.Phrao

Predatory Plants - www.predatoryplants.com/

Seed Engei - www.seed-engei.com

Sunset Valley Orchids - www.sunsetvalleyorchids.com

T and T Orchids

Ten Shin Gardens - www.tenshinorchids.com

(click link below to download price list)

Ten Shin retail price list 2017 summer Sheet1.pdf

Tropical Exotique - <u>www.facebook.com/tropicalexotique</u>

Wilson's Orchids - @WilsonsOrchids

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

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



Ken and Amy Jacobsen proudly presented their plant - a Laelia albida 'Winston' which received an AOS AM 82 at the Dec 5th SFOS meeting; formal photo of the plant shown below.



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

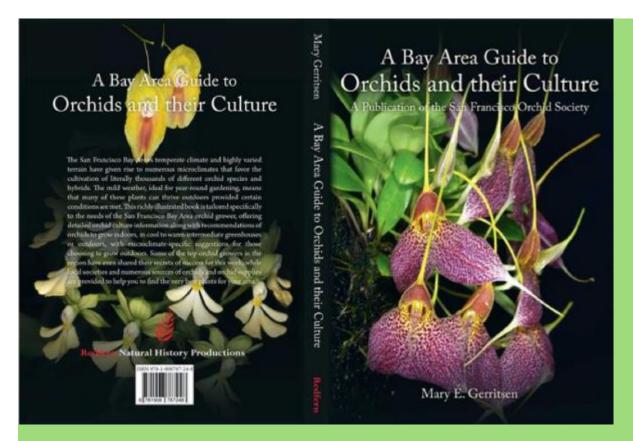
Digital Access To Over 350+ past issues of Orchids magazine extending back to 1932!

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 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



<u>Dracula Reserve Fundraising</u>: 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; in includes 15 days of orchids, pyramids, and amazing scenery. The Yunnan trip targets Chinese cyprepediums 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. Reserveations 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



Registration Open for Horticulture Classes at Filoli

Recognized as one of the finest remaining country estates of the early 20th century, Filoli welcomes continuing education horticulture students to this remarkable 654–acre property, including the 54,000 square foot Georgian country house, spectacular 16–acre formal garden, and 1-mile self-guided nature trail. The picturesque surroundings and lush gardens of Filoli make a wonderful venue to study horticulture, providing inspiration and a range of valuable resources. Topics include pruning, garden design, and the popular "A Year in the Garden" certificate program. Students experience one-on-one instruction from knowledgeable instructors and Filoli's Garden staff.

View the class catalog and register at www.filoli.org/classes

Calendar of Upcoming Events:

January 19, 2018
Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers' Cybidium Orchid 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

January 27-28, 2018
Peninsula Orchid Society's Show and Sale
"Orchid Tiki Lounge"
Sat & Sun 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
1400 Roosevelt Avenue, Redwood City, CA 94061
Follow us on Instagram!
@peninsulaorchidsociety

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 94061

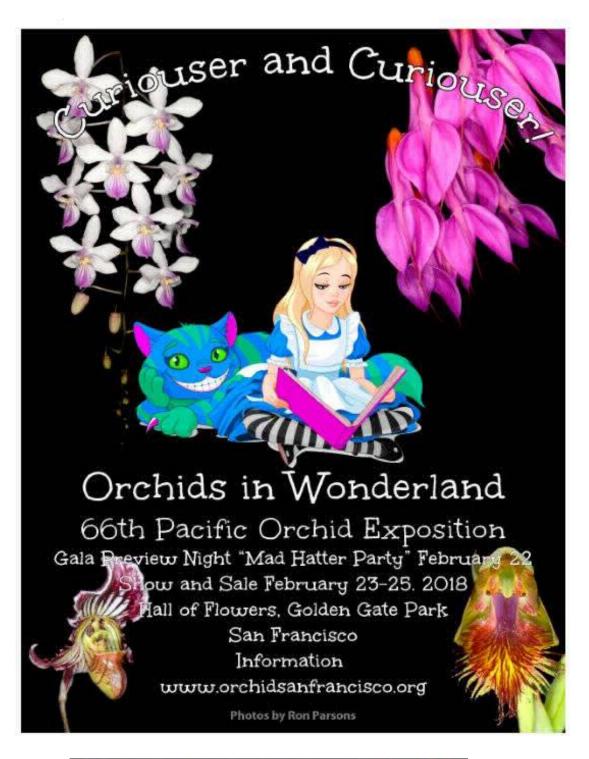
Set-Up and Plant entry Friday 10AM – 6PM; CSA and AOS judging at 7PM. Show and Sale open to the public Saturday and Sunday 10AM to 4PM.

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

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