



ORCHID NEWS

and other important stuff

We meet the second
Tuesday of every
month at 7:30 PM in
the **Veterans
Memorial Building**
1351 Maple Ave
Santa Rosa, CA
in the Dining Room
(East side of building)

August, 1999

Next Meeting: Tuesday, 8/10/99

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August Events

Speaker: Eric Hagsater
"The Genus Epidendrum"

Opportunity Table: Exotic Orchids of Maui

Open Greenhouse : Marilee Hesemeyer
3600 Vine Hill Rd., Sebastopol
707-823-8080

Sat. 8/21/99 Noon to 4:00 PM

Call for Directions

If you have never been to Marilee's
greenhouse, it is an absolute delight.
It is more of a tropical environment
and habitat than just a greenhouse
and a great place to sit and chat.

About This Month's Speaker...

Eric Hagsater (born Mexico City, 1945) started collecting species when he was 15, and quickly became acquainted with other local and visiting orchidists like Glenn E. Pollard, Ed W. Greenwood, Robert L. Dressler, and Carl L. Withner. In 1971, as president of the Mexican Orchid Society he founded the journal *Orqu' dea* (Mexico City) with which he has been associated ever since. In 1974 he published *The Genus Encyclia* in Mexico co-authored by Dressler & Pollard, and has since specialized in the genus *Epidendrum*, having collected extensively throughout most of tropical America, and especially in Costa Rica, Panama, Ecuador and Colombia.

**Committee Chairs
1999-2000**

Greeter
Merilee Hesemeyer

Librarian
Josie Lee

Opportunity Table
Kathy Hile

Plant Sales
Mariann Hopkins &
Marilyn Barquero

Refreshments
open

Set-Up
Jim Butts

Spring Show
Tony Mininno
assisted by
Cynthia Rathkey &
Merilee Hesemeyer

Bus Trip
Barbara & John
Hooper

★ ★ July's Speaker ★ ★

After driving up from San Diego our guest speaker Erich got stopped by Santa Rosa's finest for making an illegal turn, but was let go (that never happens to me-the let go part). Erich became an orchid lover and grower after his brother gave him his first orchid in 1987. He was actually a customer of Hoosier Orchids before he started working there. Eric spoke of the difficulties they have at times in the lab in trying to differentiate species. And we thought we were the only ones! Eric really knew his stuff and gave a very lively technical presentation. Thank you, Erich Michel.



Thank You, Marilyn Bucher

Just a "Thank You" to Marilyn and Watchwood Orchids for hosting our June Open Greenhouse. Marilyn has also volunteered to coordinate the displays at our annual Spring Show. Speaking of the Spring Show, the members in attendance at the August meeting will be voting on the name of our annual



show. We will be asked to pick from a number of submission from Society members. We hope you are there to cast your vote. If you are thinking (those out there in Cyber-Space) of visting our meeting, you are most welcome to join us at our meeting. We have great refreshments!



⇒ AUGUST VOLUNTEERS ⇐

Refreshments Plant Sales

Jim Butts, Cathy Johnson,
Marilee Hesemeyer, Charlotte
Rozeboom, Kristin Tanner
and Clare Clark

Marilee Hesemeyer
Ginny Howard
Sharon Goes
Cindy Brown

Thank you all for helping to make our meeting a success.

❖ September Special Event ❖

We are having our annual 'Barbecue and Auction' on Sunday September 25th from 11:00 to 5:00 PM at Gail & Mitch (aka 'Da Prez) McAlpin's house. If you like to eat, have fun and bid on orchids, come on up to Healdsburg. The cost is only \$5.00 per person to cover the cost of the main entree. the club is covering the cost of the beverages, etc. It is a traditional good time that many club members look forward to each year.



Did Returning Our Book(s) Slip Your Mind ?

Our society's policy is that books checked out of the library are expected to be returned at the following meeting. If you cannot make it to the next meeting, could you please find someone else to bring it back to the library for you? Thanks. This month's gentle reminders to return overdue books goes to **Arauna Morgan** (2 books from April), **Edward Gutknecht** (2 books from April) and **Kristin Tanner** (2 books from April).

Have You Seen Our Web Page ?

Come visit <http://www.sonic.net/sorchid/> visit the "Photo Gallery" and give thanks to our 'Web Master' Jim Kennedy at 823-1582 or E-mail him at jimboken@miltoniopsis.com with your 'kudos' and any questions about downloading our newsletter for the Web site.

Special Announcement



Do you have any plants that you cannot get to bloom? Do you have any plants that are not especially with the culture you are able to provide? Would you like to see the club start a “plant swap” area at the meetings? It could also be a good place for newer members that are not ‘seasoned pros’ on plant cultural requirements to learn about light and moisture requirements of plants they may have and were not completely sure about how to care for them. Give us your input on this. It will not take much to get this project off the ground.

June Board Meeting Notes

ATTENDING:

Cynthia Rathkey, President
Judy Carney, Past President
Becky Jackson, Secretary

Howard Blum, Editor
Jim Kennedy, Vice President elect
Bud Lockwood, Ways & Means

Meeting was called to order by Cynthia Rathkey, President. The old Board is still in office. Minutes for the May 20 meeting were reviewed, then approved.

Treasurer’s Report was unavailable since Jim Hamilton was absent.

VP Report: Jim Kennedy has taken over and handed out a Program Schedule. Jim would like to make some much needed changes in the VP’s duties, and give them to the appropriate sub-committees or board members. He would like to clearly define the roles and positions of Board members/Committee Chairs during the next year. We will review this further. Jim will emphasize beginner topics for the coming year. Pauline Brault will come back in March or April.

Ways & Means, Bud Lockwood is taking over for Edward Gutknecht. Meetings, Rich Hays absent. Membership, Paul Matsushita absent. Newsletter, Howard Blum wants a contribution from each Board Member on their passion for orchids. He would like to add monthly Culture Tips, and input from club members who specialize in some type of orchid. Howard would like to raise the standard of the Newsletter over the next year or two and have us begin to sell advertising to cover the cost of producing the newsletter. Perhaps a professional newsletter company could produce it for us in the future (estimated cost of \$200-300 per month) when Howard stops doing the newsletter. The increased benefit of buying ads now is that it is now on the internet, so more people will see the ads.

Old Business: The Cym. tracyanum seedlings didn’t go on the raffle table as planned, so they will go to the potting party to give out.

The Bus trip was wonderful. Howard was asked to print a Thank-you to the Hoppers in the Newsletter. •• Thank you, Becky, for providing the minutes. HB ••

Thank You Kate

Kate Burroughs gave us a wonderful and informative skill session at our July meeting on “Identifying Orchid Pests and Diseases.” Have an idea for a skill session? Contact Jim Kennedy. We really could use volunteers for more of these useful sessions for beginners and experts alike.



Our Bulletin Board

• **The cutoff date for submissions to this newsletter is the 20th of each month. You can mail it, e-mail it or fax it to me.**

• We need someone to host an open greenhouse for November.

• If you have a plant in bloom, please consider bringing it to our next meeting to share with the society. A special note to the newer members of the society. Please do not be shy. We are all in the society to enjoy and share our love for the most beautiful and diverse plants in the world. It's really not that tough to stand up there and say hello - try it!

• “Thank You for being a first class host for the SCOS Potting Party yesterday” were the words of Jim Kennedy via e-mail to all those whose e-mail

address we have on file. Do we have yours? Jim also said, “If you missed it.....you missed a great event!”

• Rich Hays is still waiting for you to come on by and pick up some fertilizer. He is selling fertilizer with the profits going directly into the society's bank account. Check him out, say hello and buy our stuff!



All About Our Meeting !

Plant sales begin at 7:00 PM and end 10 minutes after the speaker(s) finishes their presentation. Announcements begin the meeting at 7:30 PM followed by 'Show & Tell' where members discuss the plants they brought and exhibited in the front of the meeting room. The speaker begins at roughly 8:00 PM, after the 'Show & Tell' has concluded. We end the meeting with our raffle drawing for plants.

Note: The society provides an opportunity table for any member to sell plants or materials (with a 20% commission to The Society for providing that opportunity). A reminder to all members that any plant material offered for sale at The Society's meeting must be done through The Society. Plant owners assume all risk and responsibility for their property.

Ψ Other Stuff Ψ

- **Next Board Meeting:** The next board meeting on Thurs. 8/19 at the home of Kathy and Earl Rathbun, our gracious hosts. The meeting begins at 7:30PM at 1920 Grace Drive, Santa Rosa (707) 528-1671. Board meetings are open to the members.
- Rumor has it that Committee Chairs are invited to this board meeting, so be there!
- The treasurer's report will return in next months issue if you are interested in that.

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