



*Sonoma County
Orchid Society*

SCOS ORCHID NEWS

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DECEMBER EVENTS

SCOS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The annual SCOS Christmas party will be held on Tuesday, December 14 at the Cattlemens of Santa Rosa, 2400 Midway Drive (in Montgomery Village). Appetizers and a no host bar will begin at 6. Dinner will be served at 7. The cost is \$22.95 per person (includes tax and tip). The entrée choices will be Prime Rib, Salmon, or Veggie Pasta. Those who wish to participate in a gift exchange should bring an orchid related gift. The Marie Waskow Award will be presented and a slide presentation of the society's year will be part of the evenings festivities.

A sign up sheet was circulated at the November meeting or you may send your check made out to **SCOS** (with choice of entrée for each person) to Marilyn Dailey by Dec.1, 1999. A reservation with payment is required to attend.

SCOS WEB PAGE

Check out the SCOS Web Page at <http://www.sonic.net/scorchid/>. If you are receiving this newsletter in the mail and you would prefer to download it directly off the Web Page please contact us at rathbun@sonic.net and we will no longer send the newsletter through the mail.

MESSAGE FROM THE SHOW CHAIR

Show Update! We are now less than 4 months away from our Spring show " ORCHIDS-Jewels of the Jungle".

All of the committee "leaders" are organized in their assignments with everything falling into place. The Show is coming together nicely.

As you know, the beneficiary of our Gala Preview night is "Food For Thought"- Food Bank. Tickets for the Gala are \$25.00 each. We expect a large turnout so tickets will be limited. SCOS will have 100 tickets to sell and Food For Thought will get 400.

As an SCOS member you have an opportunity to attend the Gala free by volunteering your time with one of the committee "leaders". The only stipulation is that you must commit to helping for a minimum of 4 hours anytime during the 3 days of the Show.

There will be special tickets given to volunteers. No one will be admitted without a ticket.

This year we will have available in January, presale tickets for the Show on Saturday and Sunday. These tickets will cost \$5.00 each.

All the Show "Leaders" need volunteers. I invite you to call each of them directly to sign up to help for those categories that interest you.

As last year, all volunteers must wear the green SCOS apron during their shift. If you own one, it will be appreciated if you use it. If you don't own one, we will have some available for you to borrow or buy. They cost \$12. each. Just tell the committee "leader" that you need one when you call to volunteer. They will be waiting to hear from you.

Admissions- Juanita Spencer
Preview Night Hospitality- Tony Mininno
Membership- Ursula Lancaster
Plant Sales- Earl & Kathy Rathbun
SCOS Display- Marilyn Boucher
Ticket Sales- Bud Lockwood
Signage- Tony Mininno

Judges Hospitality- Marilyn Daily
Judging- Kris Foster
Raffle- Ursula Lancaster
Plant Display- Mariann Hopkins
Plant Hotel- Pam Santori
Security- Tony Mininno

You have all the "Leader's" phone numbers in your SCOS binders.

We also need someone (at least two people) to be THE PLANT DOCTOR during the 3 days of the Show. John and Barbara Hopper are not able to do it this next Show due to previous commitments (Thank you John and Barbara for help in the past. You did a wonderful job and you will be missed). This is a really important role during our show. If you are one of our experienced collectors, PLEASE CONSIDER THIS OPPORTUNITY TO HELP OUT!- Call Tony Mininno

Thank you. Tony Mininno

Meet Your Fellow Members



Each December our Society honors a member or couple with the Marie Waskow Award. This award is given to someone who exemplifies the ideals of generosity and service to the organization in spreading the joys of growing orchids as practiced by Marie Waskow. We thought it would be appropriate to feature Marie Waskow in this column this month.

Marie Waskow was a founding member of the Santa Rosa Orchid Society in 1969. She graciously shared some of her memories of the early years of our society. She told us about the first display the Society did at the county fair and also told us about the first show the society did at the Flamingo Hotel as part of a fashion show benefit for the Visiting Nurses Association.

Marie lives in Santa Rosa and grows mostly *Phragmipediums* and *Paphiopedilums* in two greenhouses, although she does have some other types of orchids also. Marie has always been very generous in sharing her considerable knowledge of orchids and greenhouses with our members.

She says what she has enjoyed most about the society is the friendships she has made through the society.



Marilyn Dailey, this year's Christmas party chairperson, is a former winner of the Marie Waskow Award. Marilyn joined the society at the show in 1994 with her friend Marilee Hesemeyer. Marilyn was the Spring Show Chairperson in 1997.

Marilyn lives in Santa Rosa and grows mostly *Dendrobiums*, *Oncidiums* and *Phalaenopsis* indoors and *Cymbidiums* in a lathe house. Her husband, Roger, is currently converting a shed into a greenhouse for Marilyn to utilize.

Marilyn says the thing she enjoys most about the society is the camaraderie of growers. She says "People that like to grow things are nurturing people. They nurture people as well as plants." As anyone who has ever had contact with Marilyn knows she is an enthusiastic promoter of our society.

