



*Sonoma County
Orchid Society*

SCOS ORCHID NEWS

January 2000

JANUARY EVENTS

Meeting: January 11, 2000 Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
Veterans Memorial Building
1351 Maple Avenue, Santa Rosa
Dining Room-East side of building

Speaker: Rob Terry
Lady Slippers from Flask to Flower

Opportunity Table: Rob Terry
Sherwood Orchids



Open Greenhouse: January 23 Sunday 12-4 p.m.
Kathy and Earl Rathbun
1920 Grace Dr. Santa Rosa

Plant Sales Volunteers: Linda Morrison Judy Adams
Carrie Mansfield Juanita Spencer

Refreshments: Gail McAlpin Kathy Rathbun
Margie Hooper Ruth Hays
Jim Butts Mariann Hopkins
Minnie Dyer

JANUARY SPEAKER

Our speaker this month is Rob Terry of Sherwood Orchids. Rob has been involved in growing orchids with his wife, Peggy, for approximately nine years. After twenty-five years in construction and a rebelling body from all the abuse construction entails, he decided to pursue an alternative endeavor. With school-age children involved in science projects, he sought out some expert advice from a fellow Willits resident, Hans Burkhardt. Hans had been growing orchids for the past forty years starting in Germany and then expanding once he immigrated to California. After a number of successful science projects for his children, the orchid bug was in full attack and Rob was hooked. Under the tutelage of Hans, Rob began growing a few of the surplus flasks that Hans had available. Finding this an appealing hobby, he began an in-depth working relationship with Hans, finally taking the opportunity to buy the orchid business from Hans when the chance arose.

Rob has spent the past two years totally involved in developing the new business, Sherwood Orchids (31301 Sherwood Rd., Willits 95490). He specializes in slipper orchids, with about eighty percent of his collection paphs and the other twenty percent phrags. One of the specialties of the business is chromosome conversion through the use of colchicine during the germination of seeds.

Rob is currently in his third year of judge's training with the Pacific Central Judging Center in San Francisco.

Rob is going to do a hands on presentation, passing around plants, taking plants apart. He will show good and bad root growth, and talk about sanitary media conditions. It will be all you wanted to know about Lady Slippers but were afraid to ask.

You may join the speaker for dinner at 5:15 p.m. at Kirin's restaurant, 2700 Yulupa Ave. in Santa Rosa. Please call Jim Kennedy 823-1582 for reservations.

OPEN GREENHOUSE

Kathy and Earl Rathbun will host an open greenhouse on January 23, Sunday, 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. at 1920 Grace Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 528-1671. They have just completed a new greenhouse to replace the 2 smaller greenhouses they had.

Directions: from the north take Hwy 101 to Steele Lane exit. Turn left (east) onto Steele Lane. Turn right on Mendocino Avenue. Turn left on Pacific Avenue. Pacific Avenue becomes Bryden Lane. Turn left on Grace Drive. House is on the corner of Grace and James. From the south take Hwy 101 to the College Avenue exit. Turn right onto College Ave, left on Mendocino, right on Pacific which becomes Bryden. Turn left on Grace Dr. House is on the corner of Grace and James.

SPRING SHOW COMMITTEE MEETING

January 6, 2000 7:30 p.m.

At the Rathbun's home 1920 Grace Drive Santa Rosa

JANUARY BOARD MEETING

January 20, 2000 7:30 p.m.

At the Rathbun's home 1920 Grace Drive Santa Rosa

Congratulations to
Juanita and Sam Spencer
1999 winners of the Marie
Waskow Award

MESSAGE FROM THE SHOW CHAIR

Dear fellow members,

As I indicated in the December newsletter, everything needed to make our Spring Show happen is in place. Our team of Show "Leaders" are doing a marvelous job and we are down to doing our final check list. With about 60 days left, it's time to make a plea for volunteers to help out.

Now that the holidays are behind us, it may be a better time to focus on what time you have to help during the show. Without your help "The Show Can't Go On!"

I have heard some concerns from a few of you regarding the show. It appears that there are some misconceptions regarding my involvement as Show Chairman and the Preview Night beneficiary, the "Food For Thought"-Food Bank. I want to clear those misconceptions up now.

Food For Thought is not in charge of running our show; We are! In fact, other than accepting the role as beneficiary, they have not attended any of our show meetings or made any suggestions as to how our show should be organized or planned.

Their only involvement is during Preview Night. What they are doing, which the SCOS expects as having chosen them as beneficiary, is that they are taking an active role in selling tickets and sponsoring our show. This is something that last years beneficiary did not do (they only sold 35 tickets, we gave them the proceeds of \$720).

For the next Show, we have a written agreement that Food For Thought will reimburse the SCOS for all expenses related to Preview Night, irregardless of how much monies are brought in from ticket sales. This guarantees that the SCOS will not lose money.

Why Food For Thought?... Why not! Would one disagree that any organization that makes the quality of life of men , women and children who are afflicted with HIV/AIDS better by providing free food and household items, is deserving of receiving the net proceeds from the Preview Night?. Especially when one realizes that all of the work involved in serving its some 400 clients, is done by non paid volunteers.

As far as my involvement as Show Chairman, as last year my job is to plan and orchestrate the show. No decisions regarding show policy were made without both the SCOS boards knowledge and approval.

The Show Committee "Leaders" have been working very hard to help make "Orchids-Jewels Of The Jungle" a successful and fun event for all of us, the SCOS members. As society members you are a needed and a very important part of our team and I repeat, without your participation "There Is No Show".

Please call one of the committee "Leaders" and arrange a time when you can volunteer to help during the show. Remember. If you are able to work for a total of 4 hours during the three days of the show, you may attend the Preview Night free of charge.

Admissions- Juanita Spencer

Judging- Kris Foster

SCOS Display- Marilyn Bucher

Ticket Sales- Bud Lockwood

Judges Hospitality- Marilyn Dailey

Security- Tony Mininno

Plant Doctor- Tony Mininno

Membership- Ursula Lancaster

Plant Sales-Earl & Kathy Rathbun

Receiving Plants- Mariann Hopkins

Raffle- Allison Bies

Plant Hotel- Tony Mininno

Signage- Tony Mininno

Preview Hospitality-Tony Mininno

You have all the "leader's" phone numbers in your roster in your membership binders. It's not too soon to call.

Thank you Tony Mininno

Meet Your Fellow Members



Kathy Hile, Opportunity Table chairperson, moved to Sonoma County from Oakland in 1990. Kathy had grown cymbidiums on her deck and wanted to learn more about orchids. She contacted the Sonoma County Library asking if there was a local orchid group. She was given Judy Carney's name and phone number and contacted Judy. She joined the Society that year.

Kathy lives in southeast Santa Rosa with her husband Joe. She commutes to San Francisco for her job as a legal secretary. She grows some orchids inside but most of her orchids are outside in an unheated greenhouse. She has mostly cool growing orchids including cymbidiums, epidendrums, and oncidiums. She also likes growing Irises and gardening in general. She says the Society is a such a nice group, who love nature and growing things.



Tony Mininno, Spring Show Chairperson, joined our Society at the Spring Show in 1998. Tony had moved to Sonoma County in July of 1997 from New York City. Tony had decided to leave New York because he was tired of concrete, lack of fresh air-all the big city hassles.

Tony lives in Occidental with his partner Brad. He grows inside now but plans to build a greenhouse. He grows mostly oncidiums, cattleyas, phragmapediums, and paphilopedilums.

For those who wonder why Tony was brave enough to volunteer for Spring Show Chair, his business in New York was a full-service catering and event planning company. He currently is building his business as a goldsmith!

Tony joined the Society because of his interest in orchids but has stayed because of the friends he has made in the Society.

SONOMA COUNTY ORCHID SOCIETY

The Sonoma County Orchid Society meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month. Plant sales begin at 7:00 p.m. and end 10 minutes after the speaker finishes his/her presentation. The Society provides an opportunity for any member to sell plants or material (with a 20% commission to the Society). A reminder to all members that any plant material offered for sale at the Society meeting, must be run through the Society. Pre-arranged pick-up of plants or materials is OK and does not have to go through the Society. Plant owners assume all risk and responsibility for their property.

The skill session, when scheduled is held from 7:10 to 7:25 p.m. at the front of the room.

Announcements followed by Show and Tell begin at 7:30 p.m. The speaker will begin after Show and Tell (approximately 8:00 p.m.). Refreshments and opportunity plant drawings occur after the speaker's lecture.

WANTED

Large, overgrown cymbidiums are needed for the demonstrations at our Spring Show. Call Kathy Hile or Earl Rathbun if you have any to donate or sell.

HELP WANTED

Jim Kennedy needs a volunteer to do data entry for a mailing list for the 2001 Spring Show. Call him for details! Great job for someone who like to work at your own pace.

Thank You

- ★ To Marilyn Dailey for organizing the Christmas party.
- ★ To Jim Hamilton for assisting Jim Kennedy by entering several hundred names and addresses for our mailing for the 2000 show.
- ★ To Jim and Kris Foster for providing the black and white photo for the front page.

FERTILIZER FOR SALE

Thus far the Sonoma County Orchid Society has made \$116.25 profit on its fertilizer sales. We have just over 300 pounds left. We need to see these last remaining pounds to realize a profit of almost \$500.00. Get yours while it lasts!

Cost to members is \$1.25 per pound. Several of our members have highly recommended it's performance and easy applications.

Happy Growing in the year 2000.

Board of Directors

President	Mitch McAlpin	431-0940
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Committee Chairpersons

Greeter	Jim Butts	763-1606
Librarian	Josie Lee	526-5239
Opportunity Table	Kathy Hile	585-1912
Plant Sales	Mariann Hopkins	829-1043
	Marilyn Barquero	763-8820
Refreshments	Rick Gooding	854-1252
Set Up	Jim Butts	763-1606
Spring Show	Tony Mininno	874-2200

Newsletter Articles

If you have an announcement, thank you, an article you would like in the newsletter you can contact us by phone at 528-1671 (home) or 523-2530 (work) by mail at 1920 Grace Drive, Santa Rosa CA 95404, by fax 528-0512 or e-mail at rathbun@sonic.net. **Deadline for submission of items for the next Orchid News is the 20th of the month.**



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The Sonoma County Orchid Society
2000 Orchid Show & Plant Sale
Orchids - Jewels of the Jungle
March 3, 4 & 5, 2000
Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Building
Across from the Sonoma County Fair Grounds

Saturday & Sunday - March 4 & 5, 2000
10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

- 20 Orchid Vendors - Orchid Displays
- Periodic Door Prizes - Docent Guided Tours
- Orchid Doctor in continuous attendance.
- \$5.00 - Children under 12 free with an adult.

Friday, March 3rd - Gala Preview Night
6:00 to 9:00 PM - \$25

Benefit

- Food for Thought - Sonoma County AIDS Food Bank
- Live Jungle Cats by Leopards, Etc.
- First Choice Orchid Purchases
- Sonoma and Napa County Wines - hors d'oeuvres
- Door Prizes

Advanced Tickets/Information
Tony Minnino
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