



*Sonoma County  
Orchid Society*

# SCOS ORCHID NEWS

February 2000

## FEBRUARY EVENTS

**Meeting:**                    **FEBRUARY 8, 2000**                    **Tuesday**                    **7:00 p.m.**  
**Veterans Memorial Building**  
**1351 Maple Avenue, Santa Rosa**  
**Dining Room-East side of building**

**Speaker:**                    **Ron Parsons**  
**Rare and Unusual Species**

**Opportunity Table:**       **Steve Skoien**  
**Rolfe Horticulture of Mountain View, Hawaii**

**Plant Sales Volunteers:** **Sue Hays**                    **Bill Poe**  
**Lucille Battison**                    **Jim Gunning**

**Refreshments:**            **Marilyn Dailey**                    **Cynthia Rathkey**  
**Kristin Tanner**                    **Jim Butts**  
**Cindy Brown**                    **Ursula Lancaster**

## SPRING SHOW COMMITTEE MEETING

**February 22, 2000 Tuesday 7:30 p.m.**  
**At the Rathbun's home 1920 Grace Drive Santa Rosa**

## JANUARY BOARD MEETING

**February 17, 2000 7:30 p.m.**  
**At the Rathbun's home 1920 Grace Drive Santa Rosa**

## FEBRUARY SPEAKER

The February speaker is Ron Parsons who will be speaking on Rare and Unusual Species. Ron has been growing orchids, mostly species, for 25 years. He grows cool miniature species under lights along with some insectivorous plants, tillandsias and gesneriads. He also has an unheated greenhouse and a rental space for warmer species.

Ron has been photographing orchids for 18 years and currently has over 18,000 orchid slides. He has also traveled to Mexico, Belize, Guatemala, Costa Rica, and Panama to see, photograph and collect orchids.

The Opportunity table is being provided by Steve Skoien of Rolfe Horticulture located in Mountain View Hawaii. These are all intermediate growers, in excellent shape. More than half of these plants are in bud or in spike!

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.

### **Diablo View Orchid Society 2nd Annual Mid-Winter Orchid Auction Friday, February 11, 2000**

Raise your winter grey spirits by viewing and bidding on a beautiful bounty of orchids brought in from Stewart's, Carmela's, California Orchids, Winterview Orchids, Jerry's Grow and donations from the DVOS membership. Located at the Contra Costa Water District offices at 1331 Concord Ave. in Concord. Preview will be at 6:30 p.m. Directions: From the Bay Bridge take Hwy 580 east to Hwy 24 east toward Walnut Creek. At the Hwy 680 interchange take Hwy 680N to Concord Ave exit. Turn left onto Diamond Blvd, go one block and turn right onto Concord Ave. For more info call Nathalie Smith at 925-685-8905 or email Kathy Barrett at orwell@ccnet.com.

#### **Thank You**

- ★ To Rob Terry for his outstanding presentation at the January meeting.
- ★ To Don and Aileen Cox and Whitt Whittenburg for organizing the sale of the orchids from the collection of Marilee Hesemeyer. And for all the other members who assisted in the sale.
- ★ To Earl and Kathy Rathbun for hosting an Open Greenhouse in January.

#### **Welcome New Members**

**Meagan Edwards  
Linda & Peter Kane  
Judy Dedden & Richard  
Barton  
Kathy and Bob Dickerson**

#### **Plant Sales for the Spring Show**

If you have plants you wish to sell at the Show through the Society, please pick up the tags and the instructions at the February meeting. Please follow the directions carefully regarding labeling your plants and completing the forms needed.

#### **Library Books**

If you have library books that you check out in November or January please be sure to return them at the next meeting or have someone do it for you.

# Meet Your Fellow Members



Bud Lockwood, Director of Ways and Means, came to the Spring Show in 1998 and joined the Society shortly after that. He said Gail McAlpin, whom he knew from work, encouraged him to come to the meetings. He is an x-ray technologist, specializing in CT Scans, at Petaluma Valley Hospital.

Bud lives in Petaluma and grows in a Santa Barbara Brand greenhouse. He has a mixture of many orchids with an emphasis in cattleyas.

Bud is also a Ham radio operator, licensed since 1959, does stained glass, painting, silk screening and many other crafts. His artistic skills were developed after he got out of the Air Force and started taking classes at the JC. While he ended up in the medical technology classes, he took many art classes along the way.

Bud said the two things he enjoys most about the society are learning about the orchids and the wide cross section of people in the Society.

Jim Butts, our Greeter and Chairperson in charge of Set-up joined the Society at the Spring Show in 1997. He came to the show, by chance, never having grown any orchids. When he walked in and saw all the orchids he was enthralled. And after talking to several very friendly members he decided this was the group for him.

Jim lives in Petaluma with his wife and his mother. He is the primary caregiver for his mother who has Alzheimers disease. He grows his orchids in the house now but plans to build a greenhouse as soon as he finishes with a few other building projects on his house. He is a former highschool teacher and has a business now, Jim's Cutting Edge, sharpening knives, scissors, etc.

Jim said the Society gives him a much needed respite after caring for his mother. And he feels he can give back to the by doing set-up and greeting people.



## 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.

## SCOS Board Meeting Summary

Actions by the Board: Reviewed and approved the minutes of the previous meeting.  
Reviewed the Spring Show report.  
Discussed the bus trip proposed for April.  
Discussed the purchase of plants for new members who join at the Spring Show.  
Voted to make the dues for those who join at the Spring Show \$15, covering the period through June 2001.

**Next Board Meeting: February 17, 2000 at 7:30 p.m.**

At the Rathbun's, 1920 Grace Drive, Santa Rosa.

### MESSAGE FROM THE SHOW CHAIR

Dear fellow members,

Twenty nine days left until we present "Orchids-Jewels Of The Jungle". We are ready in all areas except one, the most important one **VOLUNTEERS**.

I want to thank all of you that have already signed up but we still need more help. Please look over the list and call one of the committee "Leaders" and let them know where you are interested in helping or sign up at the February meeting.

Remember that in exchange for your help any 4 hours during the three days of the show, you will get a free ticket worth \$25.00 to attend our Preview Night.

Remember without your valued help there is no show.

Thank you

Tony Mininno

Committee	Leaders
Admissions	Tony Mininno or Cynthia Rathkey
Judging	Kris Foster
SCOS Display	Marilyn Bucher
Ticket Sales	Bud Lockwood
Judges Hospitality	Marilyn Dailey
Security	Tony Mininno or Cynthia Rathkey
Plant Doctor	Barbara and John Hopper
Membership	Ursula Lancaster
Plant Sales	Earl and Kathy Rathbun
Receiving Plants	Mariann Hopkins
Raffle	Alison Bies
Plant Hotel	Cindy Brown
Signage	Tony Mininno or Cynthia Rathkey
Preview Night Hospitality	Tony Mininno or Cynthia Rathkey
Command Center	Tony Mininno or Cynthia Rathkey
Lectures and Demos	Kathie Hile

All of the leaders phone numbers are listed in your membership roster.

## JOB DESCRIPTIONS

**Have you ever wondered what we mean when we list the jobs that need to be done for our Spring Show. Below is a brief description of each category on the sign-up sheet to help you choose the best fit for your skills.**

**Admissions:** Accepts money from the public for admission to the show, stamps hands, encourages people to fill out the survey form (to help us learn more about our audience). A perfect job for anyone who likes to sit down. Usually 2 hour shifts.

**Show Set-up Thursday:** Helps set up at the show. This may be a variety of tasks depending on the size and shape of the display.

**Preview Night Food Prep and Serving:** Behind the scenes food preparation and in the middle of Preview Night Serving food.

**Judging Clerks:** This seems to be the most misunderstood job. You **do not judge the plants**. The clerks come early on Friday morning and work in groups to locate the plants which have been entered in each of the classes. When show judging begins, each clerk group is paired with a group of judges. The clerks assist the judges by pointing out the plants in each class, recording the winning plants, and placing the ribbons on the plants. It's a great way to learn more about orchids and the job is usually finished by lunch on Friday.

**Membership:** This is another sit-down job for anyone who likes to talk to the public and answer questions about the Society. At the membership table you sign up anyone who wishes to join the Society.

**Plant Sales:** The plants sales area is where members sell their plants. You will answer questions about the plants and other items for sale and write up the sales tickets for the items being purchased.

**Plants Hotel:** This is the area where the public can leave the plants that they have purchased while viewing the show exhibit. You will receive the plants, give out claim checks, transport the plants to shelves for storage until they are claimed.

**Security:** There are several duties for this job. Some stations simply sit at a door and make sure that only those individuals who have their hands stamped enter. Some stations make sure that plants do not go from the vendor/member plant sales area to the exhibit. Some stations watch to see that plants are not moved/handled in the exhibit area. This is needed on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

**Display Set-up and Take Down:** On Friday this includes everything from receiving the plants, placing plants in the exhibit, etc. Take down starts at 5 on Sunday and includes dismantling the exhibit /society displays.

**Raffle Tickets:** Sell tickets for the raffle items that have been donated to the Society. Saturday/Sunday only.