

*Sonoma County
Orchid Society*

SCOS ORCHID NEWS

April 2000

APRIL EVENTS

- Meeting:** APRIL 11, 2000 Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
Veterans Memorial Building
1351 Maple Avenue, Santa Rosa
Dining Room-East side of building
- Speaker:** Chris Cobb
Ten Dendrobium Species from North Queensland
- Opportunity Table:** Tropical Orchid Farm Haiku, Maui
- Skill Session:** Rob Terry
Testing Your Water and Fertilizer Concentration
- Plant Sales Volunteers:** Gail McAlpin O'Malley Stoumen
(plan to be there at 6:30) Help, we need another volunteer here
- Refreshments:** Jim Butts Kathy Dickerson Lillian Smith
Barbara Ponzo Henry Davis
- Art & Garden Expo:** April 8 Coddington Mall
- Open Greenhouse:** Rick Gooding/Frank Thomas
April 16 Sunday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

APRIL SPEAKER

The March speaker will be Chris Cobb from Cairns, Australia. His topic will be "Ten Dendrobium Species from North Queensland, Australia." A native of Australia, Chris has been growing orchids for 12 years with a particular interest in hybridizing Dendrobiums, Cattleyas and Vandas. He became an Australian Orchid Council judge in January 1, 1996. He enjoys displaying his orchids winning the Australian Orchid of the Year with Chrtra. Renee Gerber 'Timberlea' AM/AOC-QOS in 1994-5. Chris's main passion is photographing orchids out in the bush. During his photographic adventures, he has discovered a couple of natural dendrobium hybrids and continues to look for possible cymbidium hybrids in their native habitat. His collection contains a number of Australian native cymbidium orchids.

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.

Skill Session

Rob Terry, owner of Sherwood Orchids, will present a skill session on "Testing Your Water and Fertilizer Concentration". Rob is offering to test the tds (total dissolved solids) of a member's water and their fertilizer concentrations. Anyone who wishes to do so may bring about a cup of their water and dissolved fertilizer. Rob will tell how strong or weak the fertilizer is and how good or bad the water is.

Opportunity Table

The Opportunity Table will come from Tropical Orchid Farm, Haiku, Maui. They specialize in species. At least 50% of the plants are capable of being grown on the windowsill.

Open Greenhouse

Rick Gooding and Frank Thomas will host on Open Greenhouse on April 16. See Upcoming Events section on page 4 for details.

SCOS February 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.
Reviewed plans for the Art & Garden Expo at Coddingtontown.
Discussed a proposal to buy a laptop computer and Wildcatt Program to use at the show. Subsequently a laptop computer was donated by Jim Kennedy, the program installed.
Discussed the need for extra refreshments at the March meeting.

Next Board Meeting:

April 20, 2000 at 7:30 p.m.
At the Rathbun's.

Help Wanted!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

We need members who would like to host our out of town speakers and/or entertain them during the day and/or pick them up from previous societies. If you can help please contact Jim Kennedy.

We need additional volunteers to sign up to bring refreshments and do plant sales at the meetings. Contact Rick Gooding for refreshments or Bud Lockwood for Plant Sales.

We need someone who would like to be in charge of the laptop computer/Wildcatt Program. We would like to have it at the meetings to be available for members to use to look up their orchids.

Meet Your Fellow Members



Becky Jackson, SCOS Secretary, has been growing orchids for about 12 years. Becky bought her first two orchids, a cattleya and a Phalenopsis, at a plant sale in Denver where she was living at the time with her husband David and her two sons.

After moving to Sonoma County, she first visited an SCOS meeting in 1989 but did not join the Society until the 1994 show. She wanted to know more about the orchids she was accumulating and has made many friends in the Society since joining. She grows in an intermediate/warm 10 x 12 greenhouse. While she has a little of everything in her greenhouse, she said she is leaning toward Dendrobium species, Vandas, and Ascocendas. She also admits to growing African Violets. Her degree in Horticulture from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo is showing!

Some of you may have first met Becky when she was working at Koala T Orchids, which is no longer in business. She now works at Stony Point Ceramics and loves her job. She also loves animals (1 dog, 2 cats, fish, birds and a gecko share her home). She has several other collections, besides orchids and animals, including Beanie Babies and Teddy Bears.

Josie Lee, our Librarian, also joined the Society at the 1994 show. Her mother had grown Cymbidiums but when Josie saw all the other kinds of orchids she was hooked. Her first orchid was an Ionopsis Piniqulata. She currently grows her orchids in her house but is running out of room so she is looking into building a greenhouse.



Josie grew up in San Francisco, where she taught Math at the high school she had attended! She moved to Sonoma County in 1974 and teaches math at Santa Rosa Junior College. Josie also worked for the National Park Service in the North Cascades and did a lot of backpacking.

Josie said the Society has presented her with an opportunity to continually learn something new about orchids as well as enjoying their beauty. She always thought orchids were pretty fussy but has learned how to care for them and keep them happy. Besides the beauty and the opportunity to learn, the Society has been full of nice 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. Your members binder has additional information.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ART & GARDEN EXPO at Coddington Mall APRIL 8 SATURDAY 10:00-4:00 P.M.

SCOS will participate in the ART & GARDEN EXPO at Coddington Mall on Saturday, April 8. Members will put on a table top display as well as have plants for sale. Contact Bud Lockwood if you would like to participate in this event.

LARGE ORCHID COLLECTION FOR SALE- OPEN HOUSE APRIL 8TH (see details)

I am selling the collection of a former SCOS member who is recently deceased to assist his mother. The plants are in his greenhouse in Forestville - please DO NOT come here other than for the Open House (or by appointment). The collection has a large variety of genera-species and hybrids of the following alliances: Cattleya, Paphiopedilum, Oncidium, Dendrobium, Bulbophyllum, Cymbidium, Lycaste, Stanhopea, Doritis, and many more... Many plants are in good condition, while others need rehabilitation(!). Seedlings to large specimen plants. Must sell as we cannot continue to maintain them. Buy the whole lot or single plants. If you would be interested in acquiring the entire collection (or for more information) please phone or email for an appointment: Al Hill alhill@sonic.net. Otherwise phone or email before date for confirmation and directions for Open House Sale on Saturday April 8, 10 am to 4 pm, (will cancel if entire collection sold or if plants remain I will set additional date/s and also arrange appointments). A good chance to get some interesting plants at good prices.

OPEN GREENHOUSE

April 16 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday

Rick Gooding and Frank Thomas will host an Open Greenhouse on Sunday, April 16 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Rick and Frank grow a little of everything in a 12 x 12 greenhouse.

Maps will be available at the April meeting.

SANTA ROSA IRIS SOCIETY

Annual Spring Iris Show
Saturday, April 29 1:00-5:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 30 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Luther Burbank Art and Garden Center
2050 Yulupa Ave., Santa Rosa

Annual Rhizome Sale
Saturday, July 22
9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
at Coddington Center
Penney's Court Area.

Orchids Fiori D'Amore Annual Open House Sale
May 6-7 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
4526 Fair Ave, Oakland 510-530-4884

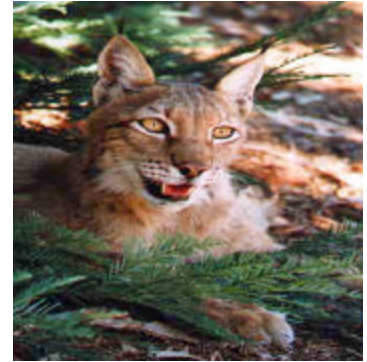
Orchids Fiori DiAmore has been collecting orchid species for thirty years. For the first time, we are making them available to the public. Divisions will be available. We invite you to attend our 7th Annual Open house to be held on May 6-7th, 2000 from 9-4. For more information call 510-530-4884.

Orchids-Jewels of the Jungle



Dendrobium thrysiflorum shown by Eddon Orchids. Photo by Jim Foster.

	Attendance	
	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>
Friday	274	387
Saturday	750	988
Sunday	536	724
Total	1560	2099



Oksana, the Siberian Lynx, was part of the LeopardsEtc. show Preview Night

BEST OF CLASS AWARDS

Paphiopedilum Alliance

Phrag. Wallisii x czwewiakowianum
Becky Jackson

Phalaenopsis Alliance

Phal. Marion Stuart 'Orbit' x Special Knight 'Mirage'
Herb Longacre

Cattleya Alliance

Pot. Free Spirit
Kathy and Earl Rathbun

Oncidium Alliance

Beallara Narfitch 'Howard's Dream'
Richard Stone

Pleurothallid Alliance

Masd. caesia
Hanging Gardens

Cymbidium-Standard

Cym. Cabernet 'Noel Wilson' x Youre Flame 'Red Wine'
Cray Croft Orchids

Cymbidium Miniature

Cym. Mem. Janet Stoll
Cray Croft Orchids

Dendrobium

Dend. Belle Marie
Becky Jackson

Lycaste

Lycaste skinneri alba
Richard Stone

Vanda Alliance

V. Mauvadee 'Motes Blue'
Bob Richardson

Angraecum Alliance

Jumellea Arachnantha
Petite Plaisance

Misc. Genera

Robiquetia cerina
Becky Jackson

Non-Greenhouse Grown Plants

Zygo. mackayi 'Hilda'
Kris Foster

Best Miniature

Restrepia subserrata
Richard Stone

Best Specimen

C. aurantiaca 'Bow Mar'
Fordyce Orchids

Best Basket of Orchids

Mixture of genera
Becky Jackson

Best Commercial Display

The Orchid Bench

Best Visiting Society

Marin Orchid Society

Best Novice

V. Mauvadee 'Motes Blue'
Bob Richardson

Best Intermediate

Robiquetia cerina
Becky Jackson

Best of Show

Masd.caesia
Hanging Gardens

AOS Trophy for Best Display

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