



*Sonoma County
Orchid Society*

SCOS ORCHID NEWS

September 2000

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

- Meeting:** September 12, 2000 Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
Veterans Memorial Building
1351 Maple Avenue, Santa Rosa
Dining Room-East side of building
- Speaker:** Dick Stone
What's Going on in the Greenhouse
- Opportunity Table:** Dick Stone
- Plant Sales Volunteers:** Patty Oku Sam Spencer Patti Stouffer
(plan to be there at 6:30)
- Refreshments:** Henry Davis Kristin Tanner Sonja Fisher
Judy Carney Sarah Jackson Alicia Morrison
Charles Koehler
- Barbeque & Auction:** September 24 Sunday 11:00 a.m.-5:00 .m.
Mitch and Gail McAlpin's
1405 Bailache Ave. Healdsburg

Please return any library books that you have
checked out at the next meeting

SEPTEMBER SPEAKER

The September speaker will be Dick Stone speaking on "What's Going on in the Greenhouse". He will be showing slides to illustrate the innovations and sometimes the failures of certain procedures within the greenhouse, and of course, many of the outstanding plants he treasures.

Dick has been raising orchids, one way or another, for over 50 years. He started on a windowsill, graduated to a "Wardian Case", then built his first greenhouse. He abandoned that to move from Cleveland, Ohio, with his small collection of orchids to Palo Alto. He built a pre-fab greenhouse from Fred Barnes there. Many of our members visited his greenhouse in Bodega before he moved to Quincy.

Dick belongs to a number of orchid societies and is a past president of the Peninsula Orchid Society. He grows many genera, trying to give each of them the perfect condition. He succeeds a great proportion of the time, as can be seen by the results he achieves in growth and bloom. He maintains a data base on all his orchids, of which a great number of the flowering plants are photographed.

Educated as a chemical engineer, he was employed as a research engineer for a company for many years, and he holds a number of patents for designs of products relating to heating and chimneys. After retirement he has done extensive consulting work in the same field.

You may join the speaker for dinner at 5:15 p.m. at Kirin's restaurant, 2700 Yulupa Ave. in Santa Rosa. Please call Bud Lockwood 769-1223 by Monday, September 11, 2000 for reservations.

Opportunity Table

The Opportunity Table will be provided by Dick Stone with plants from a number of genera from his collection

Skill Session

There will not be a skill session this meeting. Please contact Bud Lockwood if you are willing to do a skill session.

Barbeque and Auction

The Barbeque and Auction is scheduled for Sunday, September 24. See insert for details.

SCOS August Board Meeting Summary

Actions by the Board

Reviewed and approved the minutes of the previous meeting.

Reviewed the completed income and expense report, line by line, for the year ending 6-30-00. Approved the report. **A copy of the previous years income and expense report will be available at the next two meetings for any member who wishes to review it at the Treasurer's Table at the rear of the meeting room.**

Reviewed the budget committee report for the current fiscal year. Made additional recommendations. Approved the budget.

Heard the vice-presidents report.

Reviewed the plans for the Auction and Barbeque and the Holiday Party.

Voted to purchase plants for new members to be given out at next years show.

Discussed changes in Show and Tell. Each member who brings a plant to show will have his/her name entered into a drawing (one per member not one for each plant) for a plant to be picked by Tony Mininno, Ways and Means Director.

Reviewed the Spring Show report and budget presented by Alison Bies.

Next Board Meeting: September 21, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. at the Rathbun's

Meet Your Fellow Members



Mariann Hopkins, co-chair of Plant Sales, was born in Shanghai, China. She moved to Hawaii at age 4 and then to San Francisco a year later. Her mother, Minnie Dyer (also a member of SCOS) grew Cymbidiums outdoors.

Mariann went to college at Sonoma State and then worked in the administration there after finishing college. She then married and moved to the Peninsula where she had 2 sons. She moved to Sebastopol with her husband, Richard, who is now retired from the San Francisco Fire Department. She has also worked as a facilitator with an organization that works with children with catastrophic illnesses.

Mariann joined the Society after the Coddington show. She remembers talking to Juanita Spencer who told her "orchids were easy to grow, especially Cymbidiums and Phalaenopsis". She started growing on her windowsills until she ran out of room. Her husband built her a 14 x 14 greenhouse where she grows a little of everything, although Cattleyas are probably her favorites. She also paints and has done clay. And as everyone knows she loves to play with her grandchildren.

Judy and Frank Carney, our hosts for the August Open Greenhouse, have been growing orchids since the early 1980's. Their first orchids were given to them by a neighbor (a wheelbarrow full of white cattleyas he couldn't get to bloom) who knew they had a greenhouse. They joined the SCOS and over time also joined the Marin, San Francisco and Oakland Societies. They both are past Presidents of Marin and Sonoma County Orchid Societies. They were the 1990 winners of the Marie Waskow Award.

Frank grew up in Cleveland, moved to the S.F. in 1961 and is a plumbing contractor. He has one son. Judy grew up in S.F. is part owner of Digital Office Solutions, a Minolta copier dealership, and has one son and one daughter.

When they are not working on their gorgeous yard or their garden or in the 8 x 10 cool greenhouse or the 20 x 24 intermediate greenhouse, they both like to fish. Frank likes to ocean fish in his boat, the Telepogon (named after a South American orchid). His largest catch is a 130 lb. Sturgeon from the Bay. Judy likes to trout fish. Her largest trout was 7 lbs.



Happy September Birthdays

Mitch Mc Alpin 9-1	Earl Rathbun 9-7	Cal La Franchi 9-8
Gigi Worth 9-8	Marilyn Bucher 9-16	Lucille Battison 9-19
Mariann Hopkins 9-23	Kendal Oku 9-29	Jim Hamilton 9-16

Please notify us if your birthday is not on the list. Some members missed this line on the renewal form.

SONOMA COUNTY ORCHID SOCIETY

The Sonoma County Orchid Society meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month. **Plant sales begin at 6:45 p.m. and ends when the speaker begins 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 at 7:10 in 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.

Income and Expense Report 7-1-00 to 8-16-00

	Income	Expense
Books-library		76.23
Bark	79.23	
Membership	627.48	
Misc.		368.96
Opportunity table	511.00	400.00
Plants Sales	820.25	221.00
Potting Party		125.16
Speaker-dinners		194.67
travel		328.50
honorarium		150.00
Supplies		423.94
Total	2037.962288.46	
Total Cash and bank accounts as of 6-22-00	\$21180.58	

Board of Directors

President	Jim Kennedy	823-1582
Vice President	Bud Lockwood	769-1223
Secretary	Becky Jackson	584-1386
Treasurer	Jim Hamilton	876-3496
Membership Secretary	Ursula Lancaster	568-1223
Newsletter Editors	Kathy & Earl Rathbun	528-1671
Past President	Mitch Mc Alpin	431-0940
Director Ways & Means	Tony Mininno	874-2200
Director Meetings	Rick Gooding	584-1252

Committee Chairpersons

Greeter	Jim Butts	763-1606
Librarian	Josie Lee	526-5239
	Penny Martin	823-0420
Opportunity Table	Lucille/Ken Battison	762-4002
Plant Sales	Mariann Hopkins	829-1043
	Marilyn Barquero	763-8820
Refreshments	Rick Gooding	854-1252
Set Up	Jim Butts	763-1606
Spring Show	Alison Bies	795-9775
Holiday Party	Patty Connick	538-4245
Bus Trip	Barbara/John Hopper	833-2078

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 528-4065 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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