



*Sonoma County
Orchid Society*

SCOS ORCHID NEWS

May 2001

MAY EVENTS

Meeting: May 8, 2001 Tuesday 6:45 p.m.
Veterans Memorial Building
1351 Maple Avenue, Santa Rosa
Dining Room-East side of building

Speaker: Judy Carney, Bud Lockwood, Tony Mininno
and Cynthia Rathkey
Growing Orchids in Paradise

Skill Session: Marni Turkel
Begins at 6:45 How to Read a Plant Label

Opportunity Table: Sherwood Orchids

Plant Sales Volunteers: Alison Bies Susan Anderson Becky Jackson
(plan to be there at 6:30)

Refreshments: Sam Spencer Jim Butts Lorrette Patzwald
Ann Possinger Polly Whittenberg
Barbara Hopper Jan Woodward

Open Greenhouse: Alison Bies and Robert Ellison
Sunday May 20 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

MAY SPEAKER

The May program is a panel of SCOS members discussing “Growing Orchids in Paradise”. Growing orchids is a major passion for most of us in the Sonoma County Orchid Society. Who better to discuss this subject than a few of our own members who have been growing here in “paradise” for a long time. Through trial and error they have learned what really works in our environment. The panel participants include Judy Carney, Bud Lockwood, Tony Mininno and Cynthia Rathkey. Together, they represent a diversity of orchid growing techniques, styles and time constraints. Two members of the panel grow orchids outside “au naturel”. The other two panelists grow orchids in greenhouses of varying sizes. Several panelists grow their orchids successfully indoors. Some panelists prefer warm growing orchids, some prefer cool. Each panelist has eagerly “volunteered” to share his orchid growing experience, including successes and failures. Each person will describe his current growing environment, discuss his water-, light-, heating/cooling- conditions, fertilizing practices and perhaps secret planting media or mixes. An extended Question and Answer period is scheduled, so come with questions and bring your paper and pens. This panel is sure to impart “pearls of wisdom” you will want to remember.

There will not be a speaker’s dinner before this meeting.

Opportunity Table

The Opportunity Table will be provided by Sherwood Orchids owned by Rob and Peggy Terry. Being members of SCOS and knowing what members like to grow, they have promised a broad variety of orchids with something for everyone.

Skill Session

This skill session will be presented by Marni Turkel on “How to Read a Plant Label”. Ever wondered what all the numbers and letters on an orchid plant label mean. How about the parentheses? Marni will take us through a step by step process on how to decipher all the information that is on the label. Marni gives a wonderful and very informative talk. Join her in the front of the meeting room at 6:45p.m.

Open Greenhouse

See upcoming events section for detail of the Open Greenhouse on May 20, Sunday.

SCOS April Board Meeting Summary

Actions by the Board

Reviewed and approved Treasurer’s report.
Reviewed, corrected and approved the minutes of the previous meeting.
Received a written report from the nominating committee.
Approved the purchase of the appropriate software necessary for the next Webmaster to produce our web page.
Discussed the need for future Skill Sessions.

Next Board Meeting: The next Board meeting will be May 17, 2001 at 7:30 p.m. at the Rathbun’s.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Open Greenhouse

Alison Bies and Robert Ellison will host an Open Greenhouse on Sunday, May 20 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. They are located 6480 Eagle Ridge Road. Maps will be available at the May meeting. For more information call Alison at 795-9775

Directions: Hwy 101, east on Rohnert Park Expressway, right (south) on Petaluma Hill Rd., left on Roberts Road, right on Lichau Road, left on Eagle Ridge Road.

Annual Giant Plant Sale

The Mendocino Orchid and Exotic Plant Growers Association will be having our 6th Annual Giant Plant Sale, Saturday, June 2, 2001, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Crown Hall, 45285 Ukiah St, Mendocino. Admission is free. There will be all kinds of orchids including lots of cool growers such as Disas and Masdevallias. There will also be Bamboo, rare Maples, Succulents, Carnivorous plants, rare and unusual outdoor garden plants and much more. Contact person: Anne Mann-Harrison, 707-964-0851, 703 West St., Fort Bragg, CA 95437.

Library Books Overdue

Please remember to have someone else return your books if you are unable to turn them in yourself. Books are checked out for one month only. After 3 months the member will be billed for the unreturned book(s)!

Lisa Bathke	Dendrobiums: An Intro to the Species in Cultivation	
	Growing Orchids Under Light	
Solveig Erlingsson	Expanding Your Orchid Collection	
Gaylen Thomson	Awards Quarterly	March 2000
	Awards Quarterly	June 2000
	Awards Quarterly	Dec 2000
	Orchid Digest	Jul-Aug-Sept 2000

Happy May Birthdays

5-3	Rich Hays	5-16	Margueritte Shoemaker
5-9	David Sussman	5-16	Geng Passaro
5-9	Barbara Curry	5-24	Judy Lubas
5-11	Patti Bertoli	5-26	Dave Hersam
5-11	Kim Jaggie	5-27	Edward Gutknecht
5-12	Courtney Turm	5-30	Walter Purtz



NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The nominating committee is presenting the following slate for 2001:

Board of Directors:

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| President | Bud Lockwood |
| Vice President | Jamei Haswell |
| Secretary | Becky Jackson |
| Treasurer | Jim Hamilton |
| Past President | Jim Kennedy |
| Membership | Marjorie Shears |
| Director, Ways & Means | Richard Grundy |
| Director, Meetings | Jim Butts |

Committee Chair:

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| Refreshments | |
| Plant Sales | Mariann Hopkins and Marilyn Barquero |
| Opportunity Table | Lucille and Ken Battison |
| Set-up | Jim Butts |
| Greeter | Carita Lynch |
| Librarian | Penny Martin |
| Spring Show Co-chair | Alison Bies |
| Computer Manager | Dale Martin |
| Webmaster | Elizabeth Bathrik |
| Annual Bus Trip | Garry Baker |
| Annual Potting Party | Frank and Judy Carney |
| Annual Holiday Party | Patty Connick |
| AOS/Orchid Digest Rep | Juanita Spencer |
| Liaison to other Societies | Richard Grundy |

We still need a Newsletter Editor, Refreshment Chairperson, and Co-chair for the Spring Show. If you are interested please contact Judy Carney, Tony Minnino or Sue Anderson.



Thank You

To Joanna Markowiak and Earl Rathbun for presenting the skill session at the April meeting.
To Jamei Haswell and Richard Grundy for hosting the April speaker and his wife.