



*Sonoma County  
Orchid Society*

# SCOS ORCHID NEWS

June 2001

## JUNE EVENTS

**Meeting:** June 12, 2001 Tuesday  
Veterans Memorial Building  
1351 Maple Avenue, Santa Rosa  
Dining Room-East side of building

**Speaker:** Kate Burroughs  
Pests in the Greenhouse

**Opportunity Table:** Orchids Limited

**Plant Sales Volunteers:** Marjorie Shears Cathy Johnson  
(plan to be there at 6:30)

**Refreshments:** Marjorie Shears Jim Butts Margurette Shoemaker  
Kristan Tanner Charles Thomson Florence Whisenart

**Bus Trip:** June 9 Saturday 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.  
Bus departs promptly at 7:30 a.m. from the parking lot under the freeway across from the Veteran's Building and the County Fair Building. Pick-up in Petaluma will be at 8:00 a.m. from the Park and Ride area south of Petaluma.

## JUNE SPEAKER

Ever wonder what those critters are or what that disease is on your orchids? Do you want to know how to get rid of them? The June program will focus on "Orchid Pests and Diseases". Our own Kate Burroughs will share with us some of her personal techniques for dealing with orchid pests and diseases. Kate has documented and photographed pest infestations on her plants. She has also experimented with numerous remedies and cures. She will weave and combine her own research into a brand new American Orchid Society slide presentation on this subject. Kate's first hand experience and the AOS slides should give us all a better idea of how to be plant doctors and grow our plants better.

There will not be a speakers dinner this month.

### **Opportunity Table**

The opportunity table will be provided by Orchids Limited of Plymouth, Minnesota. Owner Jerry Fischer is well known as a world orchid explorer and hybridizer. He promises to provide us with a variety of orchid species and hybrids. Among Jerry's hybridizing achievements are his *Phragmipedium besseae* hybrids including one named after his son, Jason Fischer. Typically these hybrids are vivid red. We may see a few of these and other special orchid crosses at the opportunity table.

### **Skill Session**

There will be no skill session this month.

### **Bus Trip**

See upcoming events section for details of the Bus Trip on June 9.

### **SCOS May Board Meeting Summary**

Actions by the Board

Reviewed and approved Treasurer's report.  
Reviewed and approved the minutes of the previous meeting.  
Discussed upcoming programs.  
Received report on the plans for the Potting Party.  
Discussed format for Show and Tell. Discussed using red dots on plants that a member wishes to have someone present at Show and Tell.  
Discussed the format and content of the forthcoming members survey.  
Received a report on the information received regarding AOS meeting in 2005.  
Received a request that information necessary for the newsletter be received by the published deadline.  
Accepted an offer from Gayle Turner, the incoming Newsletter Editor, to host the Board meetings starting in July.  
Accepted an offer from Jim Butts to be the Refreshment Chairperson.  
Discussed the need to clean out the lockers at the Veterans Building.

**Next Board Meeting: The next Board meeting will be June 21, 2001 at 7:30 p.m. at the Rathbun's.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 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.

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### Bus Trip     June 9, 2001     7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The bus tour departs promptly at 7:30 a.m. from the parking lot under the freeway across from the Veteran's Building and the County Fair Building. For those joining from sites south of Santa Rosa a stop will be made at 8:00 a.m. at the park and ride area just south of Petaluma. Bring your lunch (and snacks). Wear good walking shoes and bring a sweater/jacket. The society will provide soft drinks and bottled water. We will be traveling to Fordyce Orchids, Orchids Orinda and Tonkin Orchids in Livermore. We will visit the garden of Kristin Yanker Hansen in Danville. Our last stop will be at Fiori d'Amore in Oakland. Please remember to bring boxes if you plan to purchase orchids (there will be room under the bus for storage). We will have lunch in a park. We will return to Santa Rosa at approximately 6:30 p.m. depending on traffic. This event is sold out, with a waiting list. Please contact the Hopper's at 833-2078 if you are unable to go so that an attempt can be made to find a replacement for you. No refund will be given unless a replacement is found.

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### Potting Party     July 28, 2001

Mark your calendar with the date for the annual potting party. A sign-up will be passed around at each meeting for those who wish to attend this annual event. Plan to bring a snack to share, orchids to divide (and possibly share), all the supplies you need to repot your orchid-clean pots, stakes, ties, pencils, cutter's and whatever you use to sterilize your cutter. The Society will furnish fine and medium bark for potting. The Society will also furnish soft drinks and bottled water. This event will be at the home of the Dickerson's. A flyer and map will be in the July newsletter.

### 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)!**

Claudia Anderson  
Solveig Erlingsson

Home Orchid Growing  
Expanding Your Orchid Collection

**Happy June Birthdays**

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|---------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 6-2 Joy Huwiler     | 6-7 Jennie Field       | 6-20 Roger Westberg     |
| 6-2 Lorena Wightman | 6-9 Jordan Hellwig     | 6-23 Susan Fletcher     |
| 6-2 Ray Blarcom     | 6-9 Eileen Baldi       | 6-26 Bob Albert         |
| 6-3 Heather Wright  | 6-14 Rob Terry         | 6-27 Gerald Wooding     |
| 6-4 Richard Lee     | 6-16 Karen Whissen     | 6-29 Calvin Miyamoto    |
| 6-4 Frances Martin  | 6-17 Elizabet Bathrick | 6-30 Florence Whisenant |
| 6-4 Julia Wilkinson | 6-17 Vivian Lindstrom  | 6-30 Pam Santori        |

**Bark Sale**

Each year the society purchases fine and medium orchid bark to use at the potting party and for the cymbidium division demonstration at the spring show. In addition, bark is purchased for those members who wish to do so. The price is \$7.50 per bag (two cubic feet) payable on ordering. The bark must be picked up at the potting party. No refunds are available once the bark is ordered. Contact Earl Rathbun at 528-1671 to order if you are unable to sign up at the June meeting. Deadline for ordering is the end of the June meeting.

This service is possible through the generosity of Kate Burroughs and her husband, owners of Harmony Nursery in Sebastopol.

**Plant Order**

From

**Stephen Monkhouse**

Please check out the website of our July Speaker, Stephen Monkhouse from Australia, and send him a message if you would like him to bring any of the plants or flasks listed on his site.

[stephen@adelaideorchids.com](mailto:stephen@adelaideorchids.com)

**Help!!!!!!**

If you have the SCOS Spring Show banner (the one that hangs on the outside the Veteran's Bldg.) please contact Alison Bies at 795-9775 or [elli-sonart@aol.com](mailto:elli-sonart@aol.com)

**Thank You**

- ★ To Marni Turkel for presenting the skill session at the April meeting.
- ★ To Judy Carney, Bud Lockwood, Tony Mininno, and Cynthia Rathkey for being on the panel for the May meeting.
- ★ To Alison Bies and Robert Ellison for hosting an Open Greenhouse in May.
- ★ To Gayle Turner for volunteering to host the monthly board meetings starting in July.