



SCOS ORCHID NEWS

OCTOBER
2001

OCTOBER Meeting •

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2001 (see front cover for more details)

Veterans Memorial Building
1351 Maple Avenue
Santa Rosa, CA
(Dining Room – East side of the building)

Speaker Dinner: Jhanthong Banbua – 5:30 p.m.
(Call Jamei Haswel if interested)

Speaker •

WEYMAN BUSSEY (see next page for more details)
"Low Energy Orchids"

Skills Session •

This time will be used to allow an opportunity for SCOS members to meet with the speaker before the talk begins.

Plant Sales Volunteers • (Plan to be there at 6:30!)

Cindy Brown, Margie Woods

Opportunity Table •

The opportunity table for October will be provided by **Weyman Bussey**.

Opportunity Table Volunteers •

Marilyn Bucher, Patty Connick, Kathleen Hile

Refreshments •

Jeanne Van Blarcon (setup), The Spencers, Lorrette Patzwald,
Judy LaFranchi, Cindy Brown, Diane Southard, Jim Butts, Judy Missakian

OCTOBER Happenings •

BARBEQUE & AUCTION

Sunday, October 7th, 11 to 5-ish (BBQ at 1:00; Live Auction at 2:00)
Mitch & Gail McAlpin's, "On the River..." (see map & Sept. Newsletter)
1405 Bailhache Ave., Healdsburg, CA (707-431-0940)
Bring a side dish to share. Bring \$5 for entrée & drinks
Bring plants for the silent auction... Families welcome!
Shuttle parking at the park & ride. Carpooling encouraged.

**OCTOBER
Speaker**



**TOPIC:
Low Energy
Orchids**

**NEXT BOARD
MEETING:
OCTOBER 18th
7:30 p.m.**

Gayle Turner's house:
4363 Parker Hill Rd.

WEYMAN BUSSEY

Born in Germany and raised in Florida, Weyman was a normal kid, until he collected his first orchid in the Big Cypress swamps at the age of 12. He grew up in the same town as Milton Carpenter and worked part time for Milton in his orchid business. Milton invited Weyman to Colombia, South America for the 7th W.O.C. when he was 17 and there he fell in love with the tropics. He graduated from the University of Florida in 1976, where he studied Botany and Ornamental Horticulture with his major professor Dr. Tom Sheehan. In 1980 he accepted a position with "the godfather of the flower industry" in Mexico and later formed a very successful flower operation with a partner called *Rancho La Joya*.

That lasted until 1989, when Weyman, growing bored of making money (for his partners), decided to make *Save the Flora International* to promote ecologically sustainable development and salvage some of the millions of orchid plants he had observed dying over his many travels around the country and the tropical world. He stirred up a lot of mud in Mexico, and with Fish and Wildlife in Washington, over a dam in Oaxaca, and was officially invited to stop his operations. Being the obedient fellow is, he did, and has spent the last twelve years recovering from his efforts to publicly try and help the environment. Meanwhile to make a living, he has continued to grow orchids, give talks and set up other orchid nurseries in Mexico, all toll, four of the six existing today. The family, including two boys and his wife, Albaluz, live in Mission, Texas, where they have set up a small nursery, under the name of *Abunda Flora*, to distribute his plants from Mexico. Weyman claims to live in his pickup.

An adventurer at heart, an orchidist to the core, professor of innovation and a great lecturer on Mexican orchids and tropical orchid growing with a minimum investment. Weyman says anybody can grow an orchid, especially if they have the right environment. I guess that's why he lives in the tropics? His notoriety even got him a brief mention in the *Orchid Thief*, the popular book by Susan Orleans. He claims he hadn't been in Florida for 4 years prior to his encounter with the author, because of his painful losses caused by Hurricane Andrew, and that he was entirely misquoted in the book. You'll have to come and see his presentation to judge for yourself.

The title is a little misleading, but relative to reality in California. Not entirely a cost question, but instead a 'will there be any energy at all' question. In Mexico they think of energy measurements in terms of the emanations from the species. Something he might elaborate more on during the talk. You will receive a brief psychotherapeutic introduction, asked to participate in the talk and be rewarded with floor prizes. Don't be shy or think you don't know anything – you'll get an easy to follow handout with all of the answers in it.

The presentation will involve a short slide show of the basically easy-to-grow orchids which will do well in our area with a minimum of care. He will also introduce you to a number of other hybrid groups he's developed in Mexico, which were produced for the tropics, such as Tropical Flowering Cymbidiums. These are intermediate to miniature-sized flowers which grow outdoors or under shade, withstanding high and low temperatures.

Finally you will be treated to a hands-on demonstration of how to care for some of the more peculiar growing species and even be able to purchase plants mentioned in the talk at very reasonable prices to practice on yourself. As Weyman says "the company is not called ABUNDA FLORA for nothing!"

**FUTURE
Happenings**

Open Greenhouse: November 11: Robert Benevides
Future Speakers: November 13: Francisco Miranda
December 11: Christmas Party
Greenmill Restaurant, Penngrove
BBO & Auction: October 7: Mitch & Gail McAlpin's, Healdsburg
(see map & September Newsletter)

**SCOS Board
Meeting
Summaries**

Board Meeting: August 23, 2001
• Reminder: All members are invited to attend Board meetings
• Member Survey: see below
• **HELP WANTED: Meeting Take-Down People.** Please help!
• Opportunity Table Hosts are still being sought.

**SCOS
Member
Survey**

During the August and September meetings, SCOS members were asked to complete a general survey regarding their orchid growing interests and meeting participation. To date more than 80 completed forms have been tabulated. If you have not completed a survey and would like to do so, please contact Jamei Haswell. She will make sure that you get one to complete. **Results will be shared at the November meeting.**

**Library Report
by Penny Martin**

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)!

Overdue library materials (all checked out in August):

Late books:

Garry Baker Withner *The Cattleya and their Relatives, Vol.1*
Lisa Bathke *AOS Video: Potting & Mounting Orchids*
Alison Bies Greer *The Astonishing Stanhopeas*
Cattleya Superior Parentages



SCOS wishes that every October birthday is special, including:

10/1 Bud Lockwood	10/20 Marilyn Higgins, Barbara Wolsko
10/7 Gayle Turner	10/21 Warren Watkins, Carl Balsillie
10/8 Janine Cohen	10/25 Barbara Klein, Sun Hee Lee
10/10 Daphne Lee	10/28 Corliss Saland
10/14 Jean Hackenburg, Jan Woodard	10/29 Patty Oku
10/16 Marjorie Hooper	10/31 Kate Burroughs
10/18 Heidi Nordh	

Thank You!

Thank you this month to **George Carr**, our September speaker, for a solid presentation in spite of the horrors of that day.

Thanks to **Denny Colburn** for helping **Jim Butts** with the set-up and take-down (Thanks to you, too, **Jim**, for being there for us every month).

Thank you to **Marilyn Bucher** for her willingness to host an outstanding *Open Greenhouse at Watchwood* in Pt. Arena.

[If I've missed someone, let me know & I'll try again in the next Newsletter]

Member Notes

Our good friend, **Marie Waskow**, is recovering from a broken hip. She is temporarily staying at the *Mirabel Lodge* in Forestville. She would love to hear from you if you have time for a visit or correspondence is good too. Her address is 6850 Mirabel Street, Forestville, CA 95436. She has her own phone so let her know you're coming at 887-1461. She is such an important part of our orchid society and a wonderful friend. If you need any further information call me, **Judy Carney** (778-1295). I can give easy directions. Thanks to all of you!

In Memory

This is a compiled excerpt from the Press Democrat of Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2001:
Long-time SCOS member **Ken Battison** passed away on **August 22nd** following heart surgery in San Francisco. He was a Petaluma resident and Navy veteran who enjoyed making model ships and watching political shows on TV. He was also a civil war buff. In addition to being a member of SCOS, he also belonged to Sirs No. 58, Petaluma Camera Club, Masonic Order, Scottish Rite, Eastern Star of Marin No. 215 and was a Rainbow Dad. Survivors include his wife, Lucille, brother Cy Battison and sister Audrey Goodrich. The Neptune Society will scatter his ashes at sea. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the church or charity of your choice. God Bless you Ken.

Of Interest...

Saturday, September 22

Dear SCOS members,

Here in Australia we grieve along with the rest of the world the horrific incident in USA and we at **Adelaide Orchids** particularly feel for our "orchid" friends in the U.S. and around the world.

We now have many contacts worldwide and at this time words cannot express our deepest anguish. However we remain determined to continue our participation in the U.S.A. orchid events and also our other worldwide commitments.

We have finally produced our first color catalogue for the 2001, which can be found on our web site at <http://www.adelaideorchids.com> or you can go direct to the listing front page with this link:

http://www.adelaideorchids.com/index_adelaide_orchids_catalogue_front_page.htm

In the past Import Permits were required by each individual customer to obtain plants from overseas, but now we have a distributor in Goleta (Santa Barbara) California who will arrange all Import Permits. Orders will be accumulated in Australia and sorted in Goleta prior to individual dispatching. Your freight charge will only be from Goleta California to you via Fedex.

Kind regards,

Stephen Monkhouse

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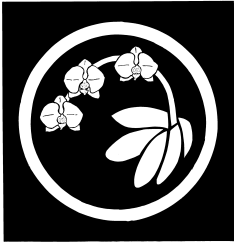
Committee Chairs

Greeter:	Carita Lynch
Librarian:	Penny Martin
Newsletter Production:	Susan Anderson
Opportunity Table:	Vacant – Please Help!!
Plant Sales:	Mariann Hopkins Marilyn Barquero
Refreshments & Set-up:	Jim Butts
Take-down:	Vacant – Please Help!!
Spring Show:	Alison Bies Susan Anderson, Janine Cohen
Computer Manager:	Dale Martin
Webmaster:	Elizabeth Bathrik
Annual Bus Trip:	John & Barbara Hopper, Garry Baker
Annual Potting Party:	Frank & Judy Carney
Annual Holiday Party:	Patty Connick
AOS / Orchid Digest Rep:	Juanita Spence
Liaison to other Societies:	Richard Grundy

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

20TH OF THE MONTH

If you have an article, announcement, thank you, etc., for the next newsletter, Gayle prefers email at (grturner@sonic.net), or call & leave a message or a FAX (537-3045), or mail to: 4363 Parker Hill Rd., Santa Rosa, CA, 95404. Thanks!



*Sonoma County
Orchid Society*

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Address Correction Requested

SONOMA COUNTY ORCHID SOCIETY

- The Sonoma County Orchid Society meets the **2nd Tuesday** of every month.
- Plant sales begin at **6:45 p.m.**, ending when the speaker begins the 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 approved by 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 7:00 p.m. in the front of the room or in a separate room at the front of the building. The location will be announced in the newsletter and a sign will be posted at the meeting. **Announcements** followed by **Show-and-Tell**, begin at 7:30 p.m. The **Speaker** will begin after Show-and-Tell (approximately 8 p.m.) Refreshments and opportunity plant drawings occur after the speaker's lecture concludes.