



SCOS ORCHID NEWS

NOVEMBER
2001

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Tuesday, November 13th, 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: 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday evening
Fabiani's (call Jamei Haswell, if interested)

Speaker

FRANCISCO MIRANDA *(see next page for speaker notes)*
"Orchids from the Brazilian Amazon"

Skills Session

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

Plant Sales Volunteers

(Plan to be there at 6:30!)

Ross Hitchiner, Gary Baker

Opportunity Table

The Opportunity Table for this month will be provided by **Francisco Miranda** who is known to have one of the best collections of Brazilian orchids in the world. He will also bring select plants for sale.

Opportunity Table Volunteers

Marilyn Bucher, Juanita Spencer

Refreshments

Julie Lumin (Clean-up); Del & Lil Smith, Linda Kane, Kathy Dickerson, Lisa Bathke (Nance), Helen Orgill, Charlie Thomson, Gayle Turner

October BBQ Review

More than 60 people enjoyed a delightful afternoon at the McAlpin's on the Russian River in Healdsburg. Mitchell was the live auctioneer, contributing to the success of the auction so that the intake was double the cost of the event! Our apologies to those who weren't able to catch the shuttle. We will try to improve on the communication next year.

Email Update

Do we have your email address? If not, please email it to **Bud Lockwood:**
thisbud@sprintmail.com

NOVEMBER
Speaker



FRANCISCO MIRANDA

World renown orchidist Francisco Miranda was born in Rio de Janeiro on February 6, 1956. He has been growing orchids since 1979. The same year he received his degree in biology and he began his taxonomic studies of the orchid family in 1981. During that year, he lived in the city of Manaus, state of Amazonas, in the middle of the Amazon region. During 1982 he returned to Rio de Janeiro, He began field trips to Minas Gerais and Espírito Santo, mainly to try to find rupicolous *Laelia* species in their natural habitat. Between mid 1985 and 1993 Francisco went back to Manaus, where he studied for his Master's degree. He also made extensive field trips to Rondonia and the area of the future dam of Tucuruí, in the state of Pará. From the hundreds of herbarium specimens prepared, many new species were described in subsequent years, mostly in the genus *Catasetum* and *Mormodes*. His thesis for his Masters Degree was "section *Cattleyodes* of the genus *Laelia*". He continued to make frequent field trips to the habitats of the Brazilian *laelias*.

His many years of orchid hunting have resulted in many new species described, several scientific papers in magazines in Brazil, the U.S. and Germany and two books. The first book was published in Japan. He wrote one third of the book on orchids from the eastern coast of Brazil plus the central region and mountains of Minas Gerais and Bahia states. The second book was completed in 1996 on orchids of the Brazilian Amazon region. These two books are not taxonomic treatments, but instead illustrated guides on very interesting Brazilian areas. Since 1988, the author has been traveling at least once a year to the United States.

His main purpose is to give lectures to Orchid Societies on various subjects on Brazilian orchids. Since 1986 he opened an orchid nursery in Rio de Janeiro, Orquidário Boa Vista, specializing in producing superior cultivars of Brazilian orchid species.

Presently, he is the proprietor of Boa Vista Orchids, in new Haines City, Florida where high-quality species in the *Cattleya* alliance are being produced continuing the tradition of the Orquidário Boa Vista nursery in Brazil.

OCTOBER
Speaker Review

After an invigorating experiment with balloons vs. energy, SCOS members were treated to a delightful presentation by **Weyman Bussy** with his interpretation of "*Low-Energy Orchids*" from Mexico & Panama. Contrasting the terrain & the weather conditions between the east coast (humid & always green) and the west coast of Mexico (arid with summer defoliation) made you wonder how orchids can be so hardy & versatile – and if this is so, how can anyone have trouble growing them? (he didn't answer that one...). A very helpful handout was presented to us outlining his research, talk, and his amazing slide presentation. What a treat!

**NOVEMBER
REMINDERS**
**Marie Waskow
Award**

**FUTURE
Happenings**



Library Report
by Penny Martin

**SCOS Board
Meeting
Summary**



Be sure to come to the **November SCOS Meeting!** In addition to an inspiring speaker and new plants, we will be voting for who will receive the **Marie Waskow Award** for **2001**. Marie is one of SCOS' charter members. This award is given to the member who has done the most for the Society during the past year. It will be presented to the winner at the annual **Holiday Party** on December 11th. Also, **Jim Hamilton** will be going to the **AOS Trustees Meeting** in Corpus Christi, Texas (Nov. 1-4) and will give us a report.

Open Greenhouse: **November 11** **Robert Benevides, 12-4 pm**
(see map insert for directions)

Holiday Party: **December 11** **The Green Mill Inn, 6 pm**
10201 Old Redwood Hwy, Penngrove

NOTE: \$23 due in advance to **Patty Connick**.
No refunds after 12/6/01. *(see inserted flyer for details)*

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

Overdue Library materials:

Lisa Bathke AOS video: *Potting and Mounting Orchids*
Loretta Patz *Cymbidiums* (by Guest)

September 20th, 2001

- **Reminder:** All members are invited to attend the board meetings.
 - Richard Grundy is looking for volunteers to assist him with the **Opportunity Table**. Please give him a call if interested (570-2828).
 - **Meeting Take-Down** person still needed. Please call Bud Lockwood.
 - Volunteers are needed for the **December Holiday Party**. Please call Patty Connick (538-4245)
 - Results of the SCOS **Member Survey** will be shared at the November meeting. Thank you for your participation.
 - The SCOS **Spring Orchid Show** will be March 1st, 2nd, & 3rd, 2002. The theme is *"The Modern Art of Orchids."* Start getting your plants ready NOW!
 - The **San Francisco Orchid Show** will take place the weekend before ours...
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- Thank you this month to **Weyman Bussy**, our *October* speaker, for an outstanding presentation on *Low Energy Orchids*.
- **Mitch & Gail McAlpin** are our heroes for hosting another memorable *Barbeque and Auction* at their lovely home on the river in Healdsburg, and for hosting Weyman Bussy during his stay in Sonoma County.
- **Jim Butts** says a big thanks to: **Robert Breckwoldt, Denny Colburn, Bob & Kathy Dickerson, Sam Spencer, Sue Fletcher, Ray & Jeanne Van Blarcom,** and **Jamei Haswell** for their help in setting up and taking down the refreshments and the sound & projector. *"Without them, I would have been lost."*

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

NOVEMBER Birthdays



SCOS wishes that all November birthdays are special, including:

11/2	Kristen Tanner	11/16	Michelle Beko
11/3	Ginny Howard	11/17	Jim Kennedy
11/4	Jeanne Van Blarcom, Jim Medina	11/18	Kris Foster
11/10	Marilyn Barquero	11/20	Christy Stephens
11/11	Camilo Acosta	11/23	Cynthia Rathkey
11/15	Max Caruso	11/24	Jerome Jacobson

Be sure to check out the flyers inserted in this Newsletter, including the map to the Open Greenhouse, the Holiday Party, and the Oakland Orchid Show...

Committee Chairs

President:	Bud Lockwood	769-1223
Vice President:	Jamei Haswell	570-2828
Secretary:	Becky Jackson	584-1386
Treasurer:	Jim Hamilton	876-3496
Membership Secretary:	Marjorie Shears	823-0638
Newsletter Editor:	Gayle Turner	537-3045
Past President:	Jim Kennedy	823-1582
Director of Ways & Means:	Richard Grundy	570-2828
Director of Meetings:	Jim Butts	763-1606

Greeter:	Carita Lynch
Librarian:	Penny Martin
Newsletter Production:	Susan Anderson
Opportunity Table:	Vacant
Plant Sales:	Mariann Hopkins, Marilyn Barquero
Refreshments & Set-up:	Jim Butts
Meeting Take-down:	Vacant
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 Spencer
Liaison to other Societies:	Richard Grundy

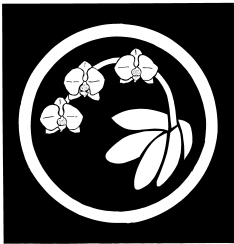
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: 20th of the Month

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!

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

NOVEMBER 15TH
7:30 P.M.

Gayle Turner's house:
4363 Parker Hill Rd.
Santa Rosa, CA



*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.

Save the Date!

Orchids Under the

STARS

The American Orchid Society
Inaugural Orchid Gala
To Benefit the Future Development
of the Society's Botanical Gardens

January 19, 2002

International Orchid Center
16700 ROS Lane
Delray Beach, Florida 33446

Cocktails 6 - 7:30 pm
Dinner 7:30 pm

To be included on our invitation list, or
for table sales and sponsorship,
Call the American Orchid Society
toll free 1-877-ROS-INFO (267-4636)
or dial 561-404-2066