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GUEST SPEAKER: PHOTOGRAPHER, RON PARSONS

This month's speaker is well known photographer, Ron Parsons. He is considered by many to be one of the San Francisco Bay Area's best orchid photographers and has been growing orchids for 30 years. Ron is a regular speaker here in Santa Rosa, and also has the honor of being the most requested speaker. His love of photographing orchids has taken him to such places as Panama, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Belize, Mexico and Australia. Ron has taken tens of thousands of plant shots, and at the present has over 35,000 orchid slides. He gives talks nationally and internationally. Ron has also given talks at societies for Cacti & Succulents, Carnivorous Plants, Gesneriads and California Wildflowers. Many of Ron's photographs have been published in books, magazines, newspapers and brochures with many more pending publication. Ron's talk to our group will coincide with the release of his new book with Mary Garritsen, *Masdevallias: Gems Of The Orchid World* published Timber Press and available through amazon.com. (I will try to have several copies of the book available at the meeting. I'm sure Ron will be happy to sign it for you!)

The opportunity table will be provided by H&R Nurseries and Petite Plaisance. A portion of the plants from H&R were donated to the society. SCOS would like to extend a thank you to them for their generosity. You can reach H&R Nurseries at www.hrnurseries.com (808) 259-9626. Their catalogs will be available at the next meeting.

All members are invited to join the speaker prior to the meeting for dinner. The speaker dinner will take place at 5:30 at Gary Chu's Restaurant, 611 - 5th St., Santa Rosa, CA. Please call Alison Bies at 795-9775 to reserve your seat.

Last month's speaker, Steve Champlin, spoke on the Orchids of Brazil. He and his wife Sandra run Floralia in Niterói, about 30 minutes from Copacabana area of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. At the meeting, they had a large selection of Brazilian plants to buy as well as to win on the raffle table. Steve is a big friendly guy who met his wife Sandra while working in the orchid business. Sandra is a third generation orchid grower whose family business is Floralia. Believe it or not, they grow intermediate to warm growing orchids in greenhouses with no heating! Their nursery is more or less at sea level so their summers are very hot, and the winters temperate. They have laboratory facilities, where they propagate species from Brazil as well as other countries and also hybrids. They grow their small seedlings there, as well as warmer growing species. Their second location is in the "Imperial City" of Petrópolis, about 2 ½ hours drive from central Rio de Janeiro. Petrópolis is located in the Organ Mountain Range, a spectacular set of granitic rocks. The nursery is located at an altitude of about 800 Meters (2500 ft.) where it is much cooler than in Niterói. They grow the majority of their plants there as well intermediate and cool varieties and established seedlings.

You can go to Floralia at www.floralia.com.br/orchids/.

The SCOS would like to thank Steve and Sandra for their wonderful presentation.

PLANT SALES VOLUNTEERS

Please contact Jeanne Van Blarcom if you are interested in volunteering for the November 8th meeting. 829-0549

REFRESHMENTS

Anyone who brings in refreshments will receive a ticket for a special drawing. Only those bringing refreshments are eligible. If your ticket is drawn, you will have first choice of a plant from the raffle table.

DATES TO REMEMBER

General Meeting

Tuesday • November 8, 2005 • 7:00 pm
Veteran's Memorial Building
Dining Room • East side of the building
1351 Maple Avenue • Santa Rosa

Speaker's Dinner

Tuesday • November 8, 2005 • 5:30
Gary Chu's Restaurant
611 5th Street • Santa Rosa
Call Alison Bies, 795-9775 or 495.4113 to reserve your seat at dinner

Board Meeting

Tuesday • November 22, 2005 • 7:30 pm
1812 Happy Valley Road • Santa Rosa
For directions, call Bob Richardson, 545.2436

Holiday Party

Tuesday • December 13, 2005
Cocktails • 6:00 pm
Dinner • 6:30 pm
Marie Waskow Award Presentation and Gift Exchange
Adobe Creek Golf Club
1901 Frates Road • Petaluma

Spring 2006 Show

March 3, 4, 5th
Veteran's Memorial Building

SCOS "ORCHIDS IN THE WINE COUNTRY" SHOW & AOS FALL MEETING 2005

Trophy	Plant/exhibit	Exhibitor	Trophy Sponsor
Aos Show Trophy	Golden Gate Orchids Display	Golden Gate Orchids	AOS
Orchid Digest Trophy	Pleurothallid Alliance Edwardian Case	Pleurothallid Alliance	Orchid Digest
Best Of Show	Trt. Stacy	Robert Benevides	SCOS
Best Intermediate	C. Bowringiana 'Billie Fae'	Kathy & Earl Rathbun	SCOS
Best Novice	Psychopsis Papilio	Susan Anderson	SCOS
Best Cattleya Alliance	C. Bowringiana 'Billie Fae'	Kathy & Earl Rathbun	Kathy & Earl Rathbun
Best Cymbidium	Cym. Dutchman's Gold 'Everglades'	Cynthia Battershall	Bill Poe & Sue Hayes
Best Dendrobium Alliance	Den. Alexandria 'Magnificos Selby'	Exotic Orchids Of Maui	Cynthia Battershall
Best Oncidium Alliance	Trt. Stacy	Robert Benevides	Austin Creek Orchids
Best Pleurothallid Alliance	Pleurothallid Dilema	Judy Carney	Patty Connick
Best Slipper Orchid Alliance	Paph Norito Hasegawaxprimulinum	Botanico	Ted Pruden
Best Vanda Alliance	V. Colmarie 'Valley Isle'	Exotic Orchids Of Maui	Bob Richardson
Best Other Genera	Stanhopea Tricolor	Phyllis Dobbs	Kathy & Bob Dickerson
Best Basket Of Orchids	Basket Of Orchids	Kathy Dickerson	Bob Michelsen
Best Miniature Orchid	Den. Cuthbertsonii	Golden Gate Orchids	Judy Carney
Best Species	Liparis Nutans	Judy Carney	Petite Plaisance
Best Specimen Plant	Den. Alexandria 'Magnificos Selby'	Exotic Orchids Of Maui	Paul Matsushita
Best Grown Slipper Orchid	Paph. Gloria Naugle 'Great Bowden'	Jonathan Riley	Slipper Orchid Alliance
Pleurothallid Alliance Best	Pleurothallid Dilema	Judy Carney	Pleurothallid Alliance
Best Commercial Display	Golden Gate Orchids Display	Golden Gate Orchids	Larry Mead

SONOMA COUNTY ORCHID SOCIETY

SCOS meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Plant sales begin at 6:45 pm and end when the speaker brings his/her presentation.

SCOS provides an opportunity for any member to sell plants or material (with a 20% commission to SCOS). Any plant material offered for sale at a meeting must be run through the Society. Please check with the Plant Sales Committee.

Pre arranged pick-up of plants or materials does not need SCOS approval.

Plant owners assume all risk and responsibility for their property.

You will find more information about policies and procedures in your member binder.

SHOW AND TELL INCENTIVES

Bring in a plant for Show and Tell and you will receive a chance to win the "Three Month Plant." When you bring in your plant(s) to share, fill out the two-part card identifying the plant and your name. Be sure to fill out one card for each plant. Put one part of the card with the plant and the other part of the card in the drawing box. A drawing will be held every three months.

SKILL SESSION PRESENTATIONS

We are looking for volunteers to lead Skill Sessions at our monthly meetings. Skill sessions usually take place from 7:00-7:30 p.m. If you have ever done a Skill Session or would like to lead one, please contact Alison Bies at 795.9775 to schedule your session in 2006. This is an important part of our meetings and it is a chance for you to share what you know with other Society members.

SCOS "ORCHIDS IN THE WINE COUNTRY" SHOW & AOS FALL MEETING 2005

Congratulations To All Who Won A Trophy!

There were 652 plants in the display area. Thanks to all who brought in plants for display and/or ribbon judging. Congratulations to all whose plants were awarded ribbons. Besides ribbon judging, AOS judging also took place. Jonathan Riley who joined our very own SCOS this spring entered a plant that was awarded. Congratulations! AOS judging results as follows:

Plant	Exhibitor	Award
Masd. Highland Monarch 'Helen'	Golden Gate Orchids	AM/AOS 81
Masd, Unnamed Hybrid 'Golden Gate'	Golden Gate Orchids	AM/AOS 81
Oda. Unnamed Hybrid 'Golden Gate'	Golden Gate Orchids	HCC/AOS 78
Omd. Unnamed Hybrid 'Leopard'	Golden Gate Orchids	AM/AOS 81
Onc. macranthrm 'Golden Glove'	Golden Gate Orchids	AM/AOS 82
Paph. Gloria Naugle 'Great Bowden'	Jonathan Riley	HCC/AOS 79
Paph. Hsinying Makuro 'Jimm Krull'	Krull Smith	HCC/AOS 76
Paph. sukhakulii alba 'Krull's Emerald'	Krull Smith	HCC/AOS 77
Paph. Unnamed Hybrid 'Fever Pitch'	Krull Smith	AM/AOS 83
Paph. Unnamed Hybrid 'Jim Krull'	Krull Smith	HCC/AOS 78
Paph. Unnamed Hybrid 'Krull Smith'	Krull Smith	AM/AOS 82

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Public Relations Chair Open

SCOS is seeking a public relations professional or highly motivated volunteer to take on the job of promoting SCOS.

If you have a background in marketing, public relations, advertising or event planning, please consider taking on this key position.

Web Master Sought

The position of SCOS Web Master is open. If you have a background in web design, your skills are needed

Meeting Take Down Champion

We are in need of a volunteer or volunteers to be responsible for meeting take down.

Contact your President for more info

Please contact Board President, Garry Baker at 707.996.5237 or by e-mail at glb@creative1.com if you are interested in learning more about these volunteer positions.

THE AOS SHOW A GREAT SUCCESS!

Most of the credit belongs to Earl & Kathy Rathbun. They gave a great deal of time – both before and during the show – to insure that things ran smoothly.

In addition to everything else they did - Kathy did a great job taking care of all the pre-registrations along with all that involved both before and during the show. Not an easy task.

I measure the success of the show – not by the local foot traffic we had – but by the numerous compliments given by both the AOS Members and the Doubletree staff.

It was a pleasure to work with not only Earl and Kathy, but also those wonderful volunteers who assisted in so many ways to make it run smoothly. It was a great team and all are to be congratulated!!!!

Please consider volunteering for the spring show. You will find it both fun and rewarding!!

Jeanne VanBlarcom

KUDOS TO THE TEAM!

During the four days of the event at the Doubletree I got many complements regarding the display I designed for the SCOS, all of which I really appreciate. However, I must share those kudos with the following people whose time and hard work helped turned my design into a reality. They are Sue and Bill Poe, Larry Mead, Steve Tiara, Ted Pruden, Alison Bies, Becky Jackson, Marilyn Bucher, Mitch McAlpin and to the many volunteers who assisted during set up and clean up.

For the loan of several of the decorative props, special thanks go to Cathy and Bob Dickerson, Bernice Gessler, Kate Burrows, Bob Richardson and Sara Rathbun.

And finally my personal thank you to Cathy and Earl Rathbun for their trust and confidence and asking me to design the display.

Tony Mininno

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2005 MARIE WASKOW AWARD

SCOS members vote each year to honor a member who has given outstanding service to the Society. Your vote may be cast for an individual or couple who exemplify the ideals of generosity and service, spreading the joy of growing orchids as practiced by Marie Waskow, a founding member of the Sonoma County Orchid Society.

A ballot is included in this newsletter and will be due at the end of the November meeting. If you are unable to attend the November meeting, please mail your ballot to Garry Baker, 16881 Schiller Court, Sonoma, CA 95476-3449 **before** November 5, 2005. The winner will be awarded at the Holiday Party on December 13th.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

If you have an announcement, thank you, notice or other newsworthy items of interest to SCOS members, please e-mail your information in the body of your e-mail or as a Microsoft Word files attachment to Judy Baker at jmb@creative1.com. Hard copy can be sent to: 16881 Schiller Court, Sonoma, CA 95476-3449. Call 938.2586 if you have any questions. Submissions are due by the 20th of the month prior to publication.



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My vote for for the 2005 Marie Waskow Award is:

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