

SONOMA COUNTY ORCHID SOCIETY

FEBRUARY 2007

NEWSLETTER

A WORK IN PROGRESS

Our Speaker this month is Maynard Michel of the former, well known phalaenopsis nursery, Orchids of Orinda, in Livermore. He will be speaking on the best culture of Phalaenopsis, based on his many years of experience. Maynard and his wife Helen were both research chemists. When they retired, their hobby became a business. Now they are are both AOS judges. Last summer they closed their nursery, after many years. Many of us have been there on bus trips to The Orchid Ranch. Now they hope to travel, starting with the Taiwan International Show 2007 in early March. They will be attending the IPA symposium (International Phalaenopsis Alliance), which is also being held there. The web site for the show is www.2007.tios.com. Speaking of phalaenopsis, there is an interesting article in the January 2007 issue of Orchids--Growing the Best Phalaenopsis. It is part of a series. Next month , part 2 will focus on how growers manage the root zone of phals.

The opportunity table will be provided by Passanisi's nursery.

Come and have dinner with the speaker at Kirin in the Bennett Valley Shopping Center --2700 Yulupa Ave.--at 5:30 PM. I hope that they have "lemon catfish". Call Ted Pruden--528-7710--if you are coming.

There will be a skill session, in the front of the room, at 7:00, Getting Your Plants Ready for the Show by Marilyn Bucher.

Refreshments--Those persons bringing refreshments are--Evelyn Perez, Becky Jackson , Jim Hamilton, Marilyn Bucher, Lucy Witworth, Lillian Smith, Linda Eggleston, Kathy Rathbun, Patty Connick, and Kathy Fletcher.

If you missed the meeting, last month, you missed an excellent slide show on California's sometime gorgeous, sometime odd native orchids, including a con color white calypso orchid, the only one ever found. I am still looking for a lady slipper orchid!



UPCOMING EVENTS

ORCHID FANTASIA----San Francisco Orchid Society's 55th Pacific Orchid Exposition takes place at Fort Mason Center--February 15 thru February 18. The GALA PREVIEW BENEFIT is Thurs. Feb. 15, from 6:30pm to 10pm. Admission is \$30. in advance or \$35. at the door. The regular show and plant sale is Friday, Saturday, 10am- 5pm and Sunday, 10am to 5pm. Admission is \$12 general and \$8 for seniors (65+) and disabled. Children under 12 are free, when accompanied by an adult. For more info, log on to www.orchidsanfrancisco.org or call 415-665-2468.

SCOS ANNUAL BUS TRIP

Stay tuned for more information on the SCOS Annual Bus Trip scheduled on Saturday, April 28, 2007. Come to the February 13th meeting--get the details and reserve your seat on the bus. Bring your checkbook to hold your reservation. This bus trip is open to friends, family and neighbors---We will raffle off a free orchid plant, at every stop we make along the way. There will be more surprises, on the bus ride home.
SOUNDS FUN!

Board Meeting

The next board meeting is February 27 at 7 pm at Round Table Pizza on Occidental Rd., Santa Rosa. All SCOS members are invited to attend.

THANKS

Thank you Marni Turkel for having our January open greenhouse. Everyone enjoyed seeing your many unusual orchids!

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There is no open greenhouse planned for February---Maybe next month?



THE SCOS SPRING SHOW

Our BIG spring show is scheduled for March 3rd and March 4th at the Santa Rosa Vets Memorial building. Please be preparing your plants for the show. We need everyone's blooming plants. Plants can be brought to the vets building Friday, between the hours of 12 noon and 7 pm. If you need help getting them there, please call Kris Foster at 762-7124 or Becky Jackson at 584-1386 to make other arrangements. You may enter them for ribbon judging, AOS, or just to display. Please make sure that your plants are clean and pest free and put your name on them with tape. They can be picked up, Sunday, after 5 .

VOLUNTEERS, VOLUNTEERS,

WE NEED EVERYONE TO VOLUNTEER--this event can only be a success if everyone helps! Put in 4 hours and get in free. There are sit down jobs and stand up jobs, jobs for everyone and you will have fun. Please call KIM GORDON-POWERS --542-2177 and let her know if you if you can help, where and when, OR you can sign up at the February meeting, where sign up sheets will be available. The show chairs are-----

- Vendors-----Marilyn Bucher-----882-2415
- Admissions---Jeanne VanBlarcon---829-0549
- Plant Sales--The Rathbuns-----5281671
- Security-----Susan Anderson-----762-2917
- Plant Hotel--Marianne Hopkins-----829-1043
- Setup-----Tony Mininno-----874-2200
- Take Down--Daryl Eggleston-----887-2412
- Membership--Kris Foster-----762-7124
- Judging-----Becky Jackson-----584-1386
- Command Center-- Anne Possinger--538-4101
- Vol. Coordinator--Kim Gordon-Powers--542-2177
- Vendor Hospit.--Susan Fletcher-----585-2389
- Plant Receiving--Barbara Walsko---762-5027
- Docent Tours---Judy Carney-----778-1295
- Society Display--Marilyn Bucher----882-2415
- Pasta Party----Bob Richardson-----545-2436
- Trophies-----Josie Lee-----526-5239

Don't forget the great pasta party, which will be Saturday, after the show, at Bob and Barbara Richardson's house. This gathering is for all members and vendors. A food sign up sheet and directions to their lovely home will be at the February meeting or you may call the Richardsons at 545-1436.

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RULES FOR EXHIBITORS

Entry cards must be completed for all plants entered in competition. Plants entered in show judging must have been cared for directly by the exhibitor for at least 6 months. Judges may decline to consider a plant if ownership is questioned. Plants incorrectly labeled or entered may be eliminated.

For AOS judging, specific entry cards must be completed and left with the AOS clerk. However, since this is an AOS-sanctioned show, all plants exhibited may be considered for AOS awards unless "No AOS Judging" is written on the entry card. Unless so noted, plants may not be judged at a later date on the same inflorescence.

If a plant is found to be infected or infested, it will be disqualified and isolated.

Every effort will be made to safeguard all plants entered. However, exhibitors assume all risks and liabilities for their property.

CLASSIFICATION OF EXHIBITORS

NOVICE/BEGINNER: one who has never won a trophy/rosette/award (other than ribbons) at any orchid show.

INTERMEDIATE: one who has won at least one, but fewer than 10 trophies/rosettes/awards (other than ribbons) at any orchid show.

OPEN/COMMERCIAL: one who has won at least 10 trophies/rosettes/ awards (other than ribbons), or one who is a commercial grower or operates a sales booth at the show.

AWARDS TO BE PRESENTED

At the discretion of the judges, first, second and third place ribbons will be awarded in all classes and sections. Judges may withhold awards if, in their opinion, no suitable material is exhibited. Rosettes will be given for all Best of Class and other Awards, and there will be one Best of Show Trophy, as well as trophies for Best Novice and Best Intermediate plants.

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Schedule of Show Classes - 2007

A. Slipper Orchid Alliance

- A-1. Paphiopedilum species, single flower
- A-2. Paphiopedilum species, multifloral
- A-3. Paphiopedilum species, brachypetalum or parvisepalum type
- A-4. Primary hybrids
- A-5. Striped dorsal Maudiae-type hybrids
- A-6. Complex hybrids
- A-7. Phragmipedium & Cypripedium species
- A-8. Phragmipedium & Cypripedium hybrids
- A-9. First bloom seedlings

B. Phalaenopsis Alliance

- B-1. Phalaenopsis and Doritis species
- B-2. Multifloral (branching), small flowering hybrids
- B-3. White (including white with colored lip) hybrids
- B-4. Lavender and pink hybrids
- B-5. Yellow, green, red, and art shade hybrids
- B-6. Patterned - stripes and spots hybrids
- B-7. First bloom seedlings

C. Cattleya Alliance

- C-1. Species: Cattleya, Laelia, Brassavola and Sophrinitis
- C-2. Hybrids from C-1: White & semi-alba (colored lip)
- C-3. Hybrids from C-1: Pink, lavender and purple
- C-4. Hybrids from C-1: Red, yellow and art shade
- C-5. Hybrids from C-1: All other colors, i.e. green, splashed, spotted, flared

- C-6. Other species and hybrids, i.e. Epidendrum, Broughtonia, Diacrium, Barkeria, etc.
- C-7. Intergeneric hybrids between C-1 & C-6, i.e. Dialaelia, Iwanagara, Epicat, etc.
- C-8. First bloom seedlings

D. Oncidium Alliance

- D-1. Oncidium species and hybrids
- D-2. Miltonia and Miltoniopsis species and hybrids
- D-3. All other related species or hybrids i.e. Brassia, Cochlioda, Rodriguezia, etc.
- D-4. Odontoglossum species and hybrids
- D-5. All other intergeneric hybrids, i.e. Miltassia, Odontioda, Vuylstekeara, Odontocidium, Wilsonara, Odontonia, etc.
- D-6. First bloom seedlings

E. Pleurothallid Alliance

- E-1. Masdevallia species and hybrids
- E-2. Pleurothallis species and hybrids
- E-3. All other related species and hybrids, i.e. Dracula, Restrepia, Lepanthes, etc. (including intergenerics)
- E-4. First bloom seedlings

F. Cymbidium

- F-1. Cymbidium species
- F-2. Miniature hybrids (<1.5" flower spread) - white, cream, pink
- F-3. Miniature hybrids - red, brown, bronze
- F-4. Miniature hybrid - all other colors
- F-5. Novelty hybrids - white, cream, pink

- F-6. Novelty hybrids - red, brown, bronze
- F-7. Novelty hybrids - all other colors

F. *Cymbidiums* (continued)

- F-8. Standard hybrids (> 3" flower spread) - white, cream, pink
- F-9. Standard hybrids - red, brown, bronze
- F-10. Standard hybrids - all other colors
- F-11. Pendant spike
- F-12. Variegated foliage
- F-13. First bloom seedlings

G. *Dendrobiums*

- G-1. Phalaenopsis and antelope type species and hybrids
- G-2. Oxyglossum section and Pedilonium species and hybrids
- G-3. Latouria section species and hybrids
- G-4. Formosae section species and hybrids
- G-5. Australian species and hybrids not included in G-1
- G-6. All other species and hybrids
- G-7. First bloom seedlings

H. *Vanda Alliance*

- H-1. Vanda and Ascocentrum species and hybrids
- H-2. All other related species and hybrids, i.e. Rynchosstylis, Aerides, Renanthera (including intergenerics)
- H-3. First bloom seedlings

I. *Miscellaneous Genera*

- I-1. Angraecum and related species and hybrids, i.e. Aeranthes, Aerangis, etc.
- I-2. Lycaste and Anguloa species and hybrids
- I-3. Zygopetalum alliance species and hybrids not included in I-2, i.e. Maxillaria, Zygopetalum, Bollea, Promeneia, etc.

- I-4. Bulbophyllum and Cirrhopetalum species and hybrids

- I-5. Dendrochilum species and hybrids
- I-6. Terrestrials (including Phaius, Disa, and Calanthe)
- I-7. All other species and hybrids
- I-8. Outstanding foliage

J. *Basket of Orchids (non-commercial exhibitors only)*

- J-1. At least 3 blooming orchids - other plants and props allowed in moderate quantities. *Plants can also be entered in their appropriate section.*

Note: First bloom seedlings, foliage, and pendant spike can also be entered in their appropriate class

Judges will also award best species, best miniature, and best specimen plant.