

Sonoma County Orchid Society

The Sonoma County Orchid Society meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month at the Veterans Memorial Building on Maple St., across from the Sonoma County Fair Grounds. Plant sales begin at 6:45--Skill sessions, when scheduled begin at 7:00. Announcements, followed by show and tell begin at 7:30. The speaker will start at 8:00. Refreshments are served and opportunity plant drawings are after the speakers program. There is an excellent library for members. Members may sell plants at the monthly meetings. 20% of the price goes to SCOS. Check with the Plant Sales Committee for the sales forms.



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NEWSLETTER

A WORK IN PROGRESS

The August 2006 general meeting will feature Howard Gunn, speaking on Leafless Orchids and Other Oddities. Howard is a hobby grower since 1965. Some of you may remember his 2 greenhouses from the SCOS bus trip in May of 2005. One greenhouse is intermediate and one is warm. He has around 1500 species of orchids, with many Paphiopedalums, Bulbophyllums, Phragmapediums and other miscellaneous species. He has won more than 28 AOS awards with them. Over the years, he has spent time looking for orchids in Australia, Mexico and Ecuador. Many of you may remember his good lecture, last year, on Stanhopeas.

The OPPORTUNITY TABLE will be provided by Howard Gunn.

Dinner with the speaker, will be at the very good KIRIN in the Bennett Valley Center at 2700 Yulupa Ave., at 5:30. Please let Ted Pruden -- 528-7710-- know if you are going.

Did you miss Lou Jost's excellent talk and slides on Ecuador? It was a fascinating exploration for undiscovered orchid species. Up on mountains, down in valleys and along rivers he took us. In the process of exploring certain study areas, he found many Lepanthes, tiny but colorful flowers. Lepanthes are members of the huge Pleurothallid Family. If you want to go and see for yourself, Lou's article in the May 2006 issue of Orchids has information on contacts to help you get there.

MANY THANKS to Alison and Robert for their hot potting party! The view and amenities were great. Many nice and some unusual orchids were divided and triumphantly carried away. The editors favorite was the mist spray, under the pavilion. Everyone enjoyed Roberts fantastic sculptures and his captivating cactus and succulent collection. Perhaps we should have a side bar Succulent Potting Party. What fun!

LIBRARY CORNER

Have you checked out FLORA'S ORCHIDS ? At first glance this wonderful book looks like a coffee table book. It is a very useful reference with countless photos and over 1500 species entries and unlike many other books, hybrids are included. The book is in alphabetical order, with an extensive index with common names and a large cultivation table for at-a-glance culture info for every orchid with an individual entry in the main text. There are chapters on cultivation, as well as the history of orchid cultivation which includes a list of good orchid web sites. Ned Nash and Isobyl LaCroix are the consultants as well as many others. Timber Press is the publisher.

CLASSIFIED CORNER

D&D Flowers Fall Open House--Dennis Olivas is having a sale on September 23 and 24 from 9:00am to 4:00 pm in Half Moon Bay. D&D Flowers is not ordinarily open to the public except during their spring and fall open house. Now is your chance to get great prices on original divisions of Cattleyas, Oncidiums, Cymbidiums, Paphiopedilums and Phragmipediums. There will be divisions and sprouted back bulbs from the Kajikawa and Ayers Cymbidium collections. Bring your own boxes, cash or checks---no credit cards.

The greenhouse is located 1/3 mile east of Main St. on Hwy 92. Turn onto the street between a house and a wood pile at Spanish Village. Go over the small bridge and the greenhouse is on the right. If you have any questions or need direction, call Dennis at 925-060-1246. They do not currently have a list of available plants, there will be 1,000s of plants from \$5 and up.

Looking for a division of *Cat. aurantiaca* var. *alba* 'White Magic' FCC/AOS. These were released by Stewart's Orchids in the 1980s. Please contact Lester Poole at lesterpoole@charter.net Would buy or trade.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

If you have an announcement, thank or notice or other items of interest to SCOS members, please e-mail or snail mail to M. Bucher--PO BOX 21--PT. ARENA, 95468 or mbucher@mcn.org by the 20th of each month.

Hopefully the editor will get the news out earlier next month.

As the new Membership Secretary, I would like to introduce myself and apologize for the confusion regarding a current roster and the membership dues. Unfortunately, a family illness has prevented a timely transfer of the membership materials and information to me, but as soon as it is available, you will get the updated information.

The SCOS membership year runs from July 1 to June 30 . Any new or returning members who signed up at the spring or renewed at a recent meeting are paid up until 6/30/07. All other returning members who have not already paid, need to renew now. Please complete the membership form and mail it to me with a \$20. 00 check payable to SCOS (Sonoma County Orchid Society).

A preliminary 2006 membership roster will be available at the next meeting. Since I do not have the database yet, I would appreciate it if everyone would please take the time to review their contact information and make sure that it is correct. You can send/e-mail/phone/fax any updates to me at any time. My goal is to send quarterly updates and eventually have the most current roster available electronically (encrypted) for those who prefer the paperless system.

I would like to thank everyone for their patience--please keep Ann and Kris in your thoughts while they get through this family crisis.

My contact information is: Kris Foster--827 Cleveland Ave., Petaluma, CA 94952
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SCOS still needs a---Web Master

Room Setup

Show Chairs for 2007 Spring Show

Sunshine Committee

Venue for the Auction and BBQ

Please consider these problems---If you don't think that you know how to do these things, we have mentors. If you can help, call or e-mail our president, Alison Bies at 795-9775 or bies@juno.com

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PHRAG CULTURE
by THE PHRAG HAG (NANCY VOLPE)

GENERAL:

The following set of conditions represent the successful culture used for growing in our greenhouse. If any changes are required to meet other conditions it will be necessary to make adjustments accordingly.*

LIGHT:

- 2,000 - 3,000 ft. candles average
- besseae grown at lower light approx. 1,000 ft. candles, some under lights.
- Duration of direct sunlight is from approx. 2 hours after sunrise to mid afternoon (lean-to greenhouse facing East in a heavily wooded area). Shade cloth used in summer to limit upper temp but still maintain indicated light level.

TEMP.

- Min. 58 degrees night time temp. with min. 10 degrees daytime rise.
- Summer max. limited to 85/90 degrees in daytime.

WATER/ FERTILIZER:

- Water source is well water @5.6 pH. and < 100 ppm total dissolved salts.
- Regular fertilizer is Cal Mag 15-5-15, strength @1 tbisp. per gallon
- Fertilize for 3 out of 4 waterings
- Switch to blossom booster 10-30-20 for 6 weeks in early Spring and early Fall
- Supplement feeding with a one time top dressing mix of equal parts dry blood and bone meal in April and October.
Average 1 tsp. per 5" pot; drench thoroughly afterwards.
- Exception - besseae:
 - Water and fertilize as indicated above except delete the supplemental feeding.
 - Raise pH. of water or fertilizer mixture up to a pH. of 7.0 by the addition of Dyna-Gro pH. Up.

• POTS/TRAYS - WATERING FREQUENCY:

- Plastic pots with side and bottom drain holes are used.
- Pots are arranged by pot size to permit selecting which size pots require watering, as determined by pot weight.
- Frequency of watering depends on season, weather conditions, and pot size.
- Typical watering cycles are once a week in winter and twice a week in summer.
- Only water in a.m. on sunny days and minimize watering foliage that permits water to lay in axles.
- Plastic saucer trays with punched holes approx. 1/2 inch from bottom are used under each pot to provide an additional water reservoir. Fill saucers with plain water whenever they are dry.

POTTING MIX:

- Equal parts of medium and small bark, medium and small charcoal, medium and small sponge rock (perlite)
- Pre soak mix with water several hours prior to potting. Add 1 tsp. of Physan (RD-20) per bucket of soaking mix.
- Add layer of styrofoam peanuts to bottom of pot before potting.
- After potting water thoroughly.
- Repot annually after blooming.

HUMIDITY/AIR

- 60-70% Relative Humidity
- Sufficient air movement 24 hours a day to see slight foliage movement; oscillating fans and air tubes used.

FUNGICIDE/INSECTICIDE:

- Maintenance use of both fungicide and insecticide.

•Note: BE CONSISTENT!!!