



Sonoma County Orchid Society Newsletter

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Special points of interest

- **Skill Session at 6:45 pm** – Kathie Hile will present a short skill session on **Pots/Growing Containers**, which will start at 6:45 p.m. *at the next meeting.*
- **Open Greenhouse August 20**, at **Mary Ann Alexandri's, 2 Stasia Drive, Novato** from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 pm .
- **This Month's Board meeting** is on **August 16**, at **Susan Anderson's** at 6:30pm.
- **BBQ/Auction** is scheduled for **September 10th** with **Allan Koch** as our auctioneer at the **Jackson's**. *There will be no meeting in September.*

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August, 2011

Meeting Tuesday, August 9, 2011 at 7:00 PM.

Veteran's Memorial Building, 1351 Maple Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA

August Speaker

Our speaker this month is **Debra Atwood**. Debra is a third generation Napa Valley family resident and is the owner and sole proprietor of Napa Valley Orchids. In her own words: "After 30 years in Napa's hospitality industry, I needed to make a lifestyle change, so at close to 50 years of age, I thought it was time to follow my heart and pursue my passion for orchids. I think of myself more as a farmer than a florist. Water, weather, fertilizing and taking my beauties to market are always on my mind." She grows orchid species and hybrids, such as



Angraecum, Aerangis, Bulbophyllum, Ochleanthes, Encyclia, Phragmipedium, Brassia, Maxillaria and Phalaenopsis to name a few. She is always busy teaching orchid classes, leading workshops, speaking to orchid societies, selling plants at orchids shows and farmers markets, providing greenhouse maintenance, onsite consultation and more. Debra's topic for tonight, **Ten Rules of Thumb for Basic Orchid Care** will be of particular interest to the newer orchid grower but even those of us who have been growing for a while will benefit from her presentation. Debra's orchid nursery, Napa Valley Orchids, is open most days by appointment. Call 707-255-8266 or email napavalleyorchids@gmail.com. Her website is www.napavalleyorchids.com.

The speaker dinner before the meeting will be at **5:00 p.m.** at Legends Restaurant at the Bennett Valley Golf Course, 3328 Yulupa Avenue, Santa Rosa. Everyone is encouraged to join us for dinner with Debra. If you plan to come to dinner, please contact Kathie Hile at 707-585-1912 or email her at President@sonomaorchids.com no later than Monday, August 8, so she can make reservations. The plant table will be provided by Napa Valley Orchids.

Open Greenhouse

This month's open green house will be hosted on August 20, at Mary Ann Alexandri's, 2 Stasia Drive, Novato from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 pm .

President's Corner

I hope you are all enjoying your summer, now that it is truly here. Your plants should be growing well and rewarding you with spectacular blooms.

I know those of you who attended the repotting party at Smitty and Gerry's house had a great time. There were lots of plants to divide and to share. Everyone who wanted to take home some new plants was able to do so, and we even had some left over. The food table was overflowing with delights: Gerry made pulled pork and served it on mini buns with cole slaw topping; there was an array of cheeses and crackers and dips; and cookies and brownies and wine and soft drinks. A big **Thank You** to Gerry and Smitty for hosting the event. Also, Smitty did a fantastic job upgrading Gerry's greenhouse - hope you got to see it.

Coming up, on **September 10**, is our second largest fundraiser of the year, our Bar-B-Q and auction at Becky and David Jackson's home. All guests are welcome – bring your friends and relatives. There will first be a silent auction where members can bring plants to sell. The society retains 25% as a commission, and we ask that members donate 1 plant for every 4 they put in for sale, with a limit of 8 plants on commission. You may also donate non-plant items for the silent auction. After lunch is the live auction of specially purchased plants and donated items. **We need your help, with procuring donated items for the auction block.** Last year, the donated wines, wine tastings and tours were highly sought after. If every member donated just one item, we would have over 100 items. Remember, as a non-profit we will provide tax receipts for all donations. Do you, a friend or a relative have a business where a service could be donated? Be creative! Please join in on this fun event.

Our next event, to promote our Society, is going to be at the Heirloom Festival at the Santa Rosa Fairgrounds on **September 13, 14 and 15**. We will need to set up a display and will be asking for you to loan blooming orchids. Each genus will be grouped with a culture sheet and all hybrids will have a card stating date of registration and parentage. We would like to have representatives of as many genera as possible. We will need volunteers to work shifts during the day and evening, to design and set-up the display, and to prepare the cards that will accompany each blooming plant. Someone will be calling you, so please be prepared to help in some way.

Finally, we **still** have two openings on the Board: A Meetings Chair and a Vice President. The Board cannot function optimally without the discussion and input of a full Board. Remember, everyone is welcome to come and participate in the discussions.

Treasurer reports \$17,620.04 balance with a net income of \$3946 YTD. Ann has switched our property insurance to a less expensive provider: Deans & Homer. There was (net) income of \$142.61 from the recent Petaluma Art & garden Festival and \$85 income from Bingo night.

Our Society is participating with three other Societies to bring Jason Fisher to the Bay Area October 11, 2011. Jason is one of the premier growers of Phrags, Neofinetia falcatas, Japanese orchids and Paphs. http://www.orchidweb.com/orchids_main.aspx

REMEMBER, THERE IS NO MEETING IN SEPTEMBER

Please join us at the meetings and at all upcoming events. Also, we encourage you to attend Board meetings. We'd love to hear your ideas, concerns and even complaints.

Kathie Hile

Win an Orchid

How can I win an orchid? Let me count the ways!

1. Bring a plant for Show and Tell and your name will be entered into a drawing held quarterly. This person gets 1st pick from the raffle table.
2. Bring a refreshment, or help with set up or take down and receive a raffle ticket for the first drawing of the Opportunity Table.
3. Wear your name tag and be entered into a drawing to win three raffle tickets.
4. Do a skill session and win \$5.00 worth of raffle tickets.

Show and Tell



Every time you bring a plant to Show and Tell, you will receive a chance to win the “Three Month Plant”. When you bring in your plant (or plants) to share, fill out the card with your name and drop it in the box. A drawing will be held every three months.

Board Highlights

- The new board will continue to meet the 3rd Tuesday at 6:30 pm monthly.
- Treasurer reports \$17,620.04 balance with a net income of \$3946 YTD. Ann has switched our property insurance to a cheaper provider: Deans & Homer. There was income of \$142.61 from the recent Petaluma Art & Garden festival, and \$85 income from Bingo night.
- Heirloom Festival at SR Fairgrounds is Sept. 13-15 and a committee is forming to plan the details. Contact Kathie Hile if you're able to help.
- Only 43 members have renewed so far. Please remit to Larry Mead.
- Thanks to Debbie Chapman, newsletter editor for working with Jim Foster to make the transition seamless. Huge thanks to Jim for his expertise and service for so many years.
- Debra Atwood speaks in August. September is no regular meeting, but please attend the BBQ/Auction at Becky Jackson's house. October is Jason Fischer, shared with neighboring societies. Adam Anderson will talk in November on his Borneo trip (he's there now). December is the Holiday Party!
- Considering asking for paid advertisement in our newsletter.
- BBQ/Auction will be Sept. 10. There will be no regular meeting in September at the Vet's building. BBQ will cost \$6.00 to cover the meat cost. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share. We will invite the neighboring societies to come.
- Charles Peters will be our new door greeter to welcome visitors to meetings.
- Next Board meeting August 16 at Susan Anderson's home

Thank You's

We have many to thank this month for volunteering, sharing and helping. If I miss anyone who helped during this last month and is not acknowledged, I apologize, but you have our gratitude.

Thank you to **Richard Lindberg** and to **Debra Atwood** of Napa Valley Orchids for hosting Open Greenhouses in June! It's always fun to see the creative ways that other growers and hobbyists get their orchids to grow and thrive.

Thank you to **Clover-Stornetta Creamery** for donating all of the delicious ice cream for our Ice Cream Social!

Thank you to **Kris and Jim Foster** for picking it up and storing the ice cream!

Thank you to **Ann Possinger** for making the arrangements to get the ice cream. Thanks to all the members who brought yummy toppings!

Thanks to **Adam Anderson** for donating plants that **Kris Foster** divided and repotted and brought to our bingo. (Thanks Kris).

Thank you to **Gerry and "Smitty" Smith** for hosting the Repotting Party! Perfect location, wonderful potluck, great company, AND NO RAIN!! Thank you to all the members who participated. We had a good turnout and everyone went home with plant divisions!

Thank you to everyone who participated at the Petaluma Festival to make it a success and a BIG thank you to Dale for bringing lots of blooming orchids.

Thank you to **Susan Anderson** for obtaining the plants for Bingo night from Golden Gate Orchids. They were much sought after.

Thank you to **Adam Anderson** for donating plants to the Society, a few of which were sold and the rest were Bingo prizes

Thank you to **Kris and Jim Foster**. Kris divided all of Adam's plants and potted or mounted them. Jim hand made the beautiful wooden slat baskets in which many of them were potted. Thank you too for bringing supplies to the Petaluma Festival.

Thank you to **Ann Possinger** for getting ice cream donated for our Bingo night. And to the **Fosters** for picking it up. Thank you too, Ann, for volunteering at the Festival.

Thank you to **Dale Martin** for delivering an array of blooming plants to the Festival booth, so we did, in fact, look like an orchid society. Also for loaning the canopies that were used at the Festival and at the Repotting Party.

Thank you to **Becky Jackson** for loaning the tables we used at the Festival and at the Repotting Party. Thank you too for volunteering at the Festival.

Thank you to **Charles Peters** for spending the day at the Festival talking to people about orchids and selling our plants, one after another.

Thank you to **Cathy Thompson** for bringing chairs to the Festival early in the morning and then returning in the afternoon to work.

Thank you to **Judy Carney** and **Josie Lee** for volunteering at the Festival.

Thank you to **Gerry and Smitty Smith**, for setting up the Festival booth, covering tables, arranging plants and working the booth. A big Thank you too for hosting the Repotting Party, it was great fun.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Repotting Party, by bring plants and food and making the event the success that it was.

Thank you to **Ted and Kathleen Pruden** for hosting Open Greenhouse this month. We all enjoyed the plants and the good food.

Refreshments for July

An-De

Since we do not have a Refreshment Chair to coordinate refreshments, the Society is asking that the members with their last name beginning with **An-De** bring refreshments to the meeting. Snacks such as fresh fruit, crackers & cheese, cookies, cakes or any other snack are welcome. Anyone can bring refreshments.

Don't forget to get your raffle ticket for bringing something to share.



Membership Corner

Dear Membership,

July is the last month to pay your dues for the coming year ending June 30, 2012. Please complete the membership application (see page 6) in this newsletter and either submit at the upcoming meeting, or you can also mail it in by going to the SCOS website, fill out the form and mail it to P.O. Box 11195, Santa Rosa, CA, 95406. You can also mail them to me directly. Thank you.

Larry,
Membership Chair

AOS Awards for June

Awards can be seen at:

Pacific Central Judging Center:
<http://www.aospacificcentral.org>

Paphiopedilum Julius "Austin Creek", AM 82 (Paph. lowii x Paph. Rothschildianum), Exhibited by Dale Martin

Paphiopedilum Julius "Austin Creek", CCE 90 (Paph. lowii x Paph. Rothschildianum), Exhibited by Dale Martin

California Sierra Nevada Judging Center:
<http://www.csnjc.org>

There were no awards at the California Sierra Nevada judging center this July. Everyone must be cleaning and staking their plants in anticipation of Speaker's Day in August!



SUNSHINE AND FLOWERS



The Society wishes a speedy recovery to Lynne Paulus.



SONOMA COUNTY ORCHID SOCIETY

www.sonomaorchids.com

Membership Application

Dues per household: \$25.00 July 1st to June 30th

Dues paid after July 1 will be prorated

Please make checks payable to: SCOS (Sonoma County Orchid Society)

New \$25. Renewal \$25. Permanent Name Tag \$12. Info. Change AOS Member

Name: _____ Date: _____

Partner's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

I am interested in the following volunteer opportunities:

Bus Trip Spring Show BBQ and Auction Open Greenhouse Holiday Party Newsletter

Board Position Communications Public Relations Web Master Speakers Greeting

Meeting Setup Refreshments Other _____

The SCOS Newsletter is available in hardcopy via snail mail or email notification for downloading. Check your preference:

Email Notification Regular U.S. postal mail, include an additional \$5.00 for postage and handling.

No additional charge for members without email.

Send your completed application and check to: **Membership Secretary, Larry Mead**

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Email: Membership@sonomaorchids.com

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August 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 <i>SCOS Meeting</i>	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 <i>Board Meeting</i>	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

September 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 <i>BBQ & Auction</i>
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 <i>Board Meeting</i>	21	22	23	24
25	25	27 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	28	29	30	

Upcoming Events

- August 9th, SCOS Meeting at the Vets Building.
- September 10th, SCOS BBQ and Auction.
- September 13th, NO MEETING
- September 13-15, Heirloom Festival, Santa Rosa Fairgrounds, SCOS information table.
- September 17-18, San Francisco Orchid Society's "Orchids In the Park"
- October 11th, SCOS Meeting at the Vets Building.
- November 8th, SCOS Meeting at the Vets Building.
- December 13th, SCOS Holiday Party.

Hope to see everyone at
the BBQ and Auction!

California Orchids Fall Sale!

Saturday, September 24

9am-4pm

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presents

Orchids in the Park

A Sale and Exhibition



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Saturday Sept 17, 2011

Sunday Sept 18, 2011

10 am-5 pm

County Fair Building
9th Ave & Lincoln Way
San Francisco

Admission \$4, Seniors \$3
Children under 16 free

Demonstrations, Lectures, Raffles
email: info@orchidsanfrancisco.org

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Orchids in the Park,

Sept 17-18, 2011.

Sponsored by the San Francisco Orchid Society, featuring more than 15 vendors and includes member sales, raffles, demonstrations, and exhibits.

New this year, an Orchid concierge service to help patrons pick up their orchid purchases directly from the Hall of Flowers, and featuring special raffles of highly prized plants including a *Phragmipedium kovachii*.

Please see the SFOS website for information, updates about vendors, parking, and related events:

www.orchidsanfrancisco.org

The Razzle Dazzle Orchid Raffle

a special raffle offered by the San Francisco Orchid Society , a 501(c)3 organization

Actually, 3 separate raffles, each featuring a fabulous, rare, and highly collectible orchid, and an assortment of orchid related supplies (e.g. books, pots, baskets, potting media). Each prize has a value of well over \$200. Tickets \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Only 300 tickets will be sold for each prize, and tickets only available at San Francisco Orchid Society meetings (Tuesday Aug 2, and Tuesday Sept 6, OR at Orchids in the Park (Sept 17-18, Hall of Flowers San Francisco) OR through the Razzle Dazzle Raffle committee representative (razzledazzle@orchidsanfrancisco.org). Drawing is Sept 18, noon at Orchids in the Park. Winner need not be present



Photo by Eric Hunt

Phragmipedium kovachii

Touted as the most exciting orchid discovery of the last 100 years, *Phragmipedium kovachii* has captured the fancy of orchid growers around the world. With brightly colored flowers that have a spread of up to 8 inches across, plants of this highly desirable species are valued at hundreds to thousands of dollars for a well grown clone. Culture: excellent water, evenly moist media, bright indirect sunlight, intermediate conditions. Donated by Gary Meyer and PeruFlora.



Photo by Eric Hunt

Cymbidium elegans

An unusual *Cymbidium* species, this plant is so different from most cymbidiums that some find it hard to believe it is in the same genus. The densely, many flowered inflorescence carries a display of beautiful, funnel shaped, butter-cup yellow blooms. Rarely seen in collections, there are few sources of this species in the US. The original clone of this plant was imported from the Nursery International in Kalimpong India, in 2003. Culture: Intermediate-cool, bright indirect sunlight, and a somewhat cooler winter. Donated by Cindy Hill.



Photo by Steve Beckendorf

Dracula Raven

Clones of this hybrid of *Dracula vampira* x *Dracula roezlii* have only been shown three times at an orchid show, and garnered two Award of Merits, one First Class Certificate (AOS) and, additionally, a BEST IN SHOW (POE, 2011). The larger flowers of this plant are extremely dark (nearly black) and are in fact, probably the blackest orchids available. There are very very few plants of this highly desirable grex in collections. Culture: cool-intermediate, humid in well draining medium, bright indirect sunlight, and water of excellent quality. Donated by John Leathers and Bob Hamilton.



SAVE THE DATE!

Speaker's Day!

Saturday August 6, 2011

9AM to 5PM

**[Oddfellow's Building](#) - 1831 Howe Ave at Alta Arden
Sacramento, Ca. 95838**

Marc Hatchadourian curator of the New York Botanical Gardens

Tom Harper of Stones River Orchids

The Twelve Most Important Phalaenopsis Species in Today's Hybrids

Erich Michel of [Michel Orchid Nursery](#) -
Unusual Orchid Species from Madagascar

Tickets in advance from [Susan Wedegaertner](#)

\$10 for AOS member/sponsoring society - in advance.

\$15 for AOS member/sponsoring society - at the door.

\$25 door for non AOS member/sponsoring society

(\$10 refunded when you join the AOS at the event.)



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SONOMA COUNTY ORCHID SOCIETY

The Sonoma County Orchid Society meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month. **Plant sales begin at 6:45 p.m. and ends when the speaker begins his/her presentation.** The Society provides an opportunity for any member to sell plants or material (with a 25% commission to the Society). A reminder to all members that any plant material offered for sale at the Society meeting, must be run through 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 **6:45** at the front of the meeting room. The subject will be announced in the newsletter and a sign will be posted at the meeting. Announcements followed by Show and Tell begin at 7:00 p.m. The speaker will begin after Show and Tell (approximately 8:00 p.m.). Refreshments and opportunity plant drawings occur after the speaker's lecture.