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A Feast of Orchids

Marilyn Bucher, Spring Show Chair, wants all club members to know our traditional spring show is just around the corner. The transformation of the Veterans Building into a delicious fantasy of orchids begins with set-up at 8:00 am on Friday, March 3rd, 2006.

The show dates are March 4th and Sunday March 5th. Show hours are from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm each day. The show will be held at the Veteran Memorial Building on Maple Avenue. It is open to the public and is the club's major source of revenue and new members.

Call for Show Volunteers

We still need show workers. There will be sign up sheets for work shifts at the meeting on Tuesday, February 14th. If you cannot make the meeting and plan on volunteering to work at the show, please call Marilyn at 707. 882.2415 as soon as possible. SCOS members who work at least 2 shifts at the show will be eligible for free admission to the show. If you do not work at least 2 shifts, you will need to pay the \$7.00 ticket price for entry.

For those who have plants to bring and cannot make the time posted below, call Marilyn and she will arrange an alternate drop off.

SHOW SCHEDULE:

FRIDAY, MARCH 3	Show set up Accepting plants for show Setup pizza party	8:00 am until finished 12:00 noon until 6:00 pm 5:30 pm
SATURDAY, MARCH 4	Ribbon judging AOS judging Show open to the public Pasta party	8:30 am until finished Approximately 10:00 am 10:00 am until 5:00 pm 6:00 pm at the Richardson's house
SUNDAY, MARCH 5	Show open to the public Break down and clean up	10:00 am until 5:00 pm 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm
ADMISSION:	\$7.00	
INFO:	Call 707. 882.2415 or visit www.sonomaorchids.com/2006_show.html	

FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING — THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF LAELIAS

Our speaker, Fred Shull, was born and raised in Southern California. He became interested in orchids as the result of a high school project. Fred loves to travel and has been fortunate to attend several World Orchid Conferences and go on a few trips to view orchids growing in their natural habitat.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

General Meeting

Tuesday • February 14, 2006 • 7:00 pm
Veteran's Memorial Building
Dining Room • East side of the building
1351 Maple Avenue • Santa Rosa

Speaker's Dinner

Tuesday • February 14, 2006 • 5:30
Kirin Restaurant
2700 Yulupa Avenue • Santa Rosa
Call Alison Bies, 795-9775 or 495-4113 to reserve your seat at dinner

Board Meeting

Tuesday • February 28, 2006 • 7:30 pm
1812 Happy Valley Road • Santa Rosa
For directions, call Bob Richardson, 545.2436

The Pacific Orchid Exposition

Fort Mason Center, San Francisco
Gala Preview: February 16, 2006, 6:30–10:00 pm
Show: Friday, February 17, 10:00 am–6:00 pm
Saturday, February 18, 9:00 am–6:00 pm
Sunday, February 19, 10:00 am–5:00 pm
For information, call 415.665.2468 or visit www.orchidsanfrancisco.org

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.

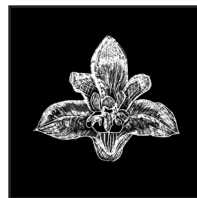
JANUARY SPEAKER: GERARDUS B. STAAL

Gerardus is a Dutch native with a masters degree in tropical agronomy and a doctorate in entomology. He worked as a research entomologist for Bay area companies developing novel selective pesticides based on the insect hormonal systems, as well as more traditional ones. ENSTAR and MAVRIK were developed for greenhouse use and a variety of other compounds for household insect control. He retired from entomology in 1990.

His orchid interest started around 1975 and developed into a hybridizing and propagating effort that continues today. Flasks are commercially available under the Peninsula Hybrids label. The emphasis is on cool growing orchids from the tropical regions. Many novel hybrids have been registered in the Odontoglossum, Cattleya and Pleurothallid alliances. More recently, a cross section of Bulbophyllum and cooler growing Dendrobium species was assembled, of which many hybrids and species propagations are now in the flasking stage.

The hybridization efforts have been acknowledged by many AOS awards, of which 3 (joint) Awards of Quality for Masdevallia hybrids and several Awards of Distinction for novel directions in hybridizing stand out. In addition, a good many Certificates of Botanical recognition for species new to the judging system have been obtained. One new trigeneric hybrid genus was named Staalara. (The hybrid was Staalara Gerardus. AD/AOS.)

Gerardus has served in various capacities on the boards of three local orchid societies (MOS, POS, OSC), a term as president of the Pleurothallid Alliance and has been a member of the AOS Research Committee. He still frequently lectures in orchid societies on topics such as Pleurothallid hybridizing, Pest and Disease Control in Orchids, Epidendrum and their allies, and Bulbophyllums. He participated in several collecting trips to Ecuador. One species of Masdevallia from that country, Masdevallia staalana was named in his honor.



THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF LAELIAS — CONTINUED FROM 1

“Basically I am a hobbyist “out-of-control”, with approximately 3,000 sq ft. of greenhouse space in Burlingame. I am very fond of Cattleya and allied species and hybrids, but attempt to grow many different genera. An accredited AOS judge, I have had the pleasure to serve as Judging Chairman for the SCOS Show for several years.”

SPEAKER DINNER

All members are invited to join the speaker prior to the meet-

ing for dinner. The speaker dinner will take place at 5:30 at Kirin Restaurant, 2700 Yulupa Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA. Call Alison Bies at 707.795.9775 to reserve your seat.

PRE-SHOW SKILL SESSION

Marilyn Bucher will conduct a skill session on how to prepare your plants for the Spring Show. She will demonstrate plant grooming and how to best display your plants flowers.

HOT HOUSE HOTTIES AND THEIR COOL FRIENDS

Orchids are found on every continent except Antarctica and thrive in diverse climates from the hot jungles of the South American Amazon River to the cool slopes of the Andes and Himalayas. More than 50 orchid nurseries from around the world will display their breathtaking rarities of nature and offer exceptional opportunities for orchid lovers to purchase orchids that will enhance the beauty of their homes, apartments and gardens.

Promising one of the most diverse selections of orchids in the country, this year's show will feature the hottest displays and collections coupled with docent tours and demonstrations on the coolest trends in the orchid world. The 2006 Pacific Orchid Exposition will provide opportunities for beauty lovers of all

ages to take part in the time-honored art of orchid cultivation and appreciation.

This year's show will be full of thousands of exotic orchids grown in all types of environments from domestic Hot and Cool Greenhouses to new species collected in the wild from all over the world. The Pacific Orchid Exposition offers docent tours, demonstrations and the opportunity for visitors to take home their choice of remarkable orchids from a countless selection of orchids. In addition, hundreds of award winning orchids, judged by the American Orchid Society (AOS), will be on display. Named one of the top three orchid shows in the country, the Pacific Orchid Exposition offers something for everyone.

The 54th Pacific Orchid Exposition

WHERE: Festival Pavilion, Fort Mason Center, San Francisco

PREVIEW: Gala Benefit Preview, Thursday, February 16, 2006, 6:30-10:00 pm

SHOW: Friday, February 17, 10:00 am–6:00 pm (Tours rates available)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 9:00 am–6:00 pm

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 10:00 am–5:00 pm

COST: Preview Night: \$30.00 in advance, \$35.00 at the door

GENERAL ADMISSION: \$12.00, seniors (65+), disabled: \$8.00
Children 12 and under free when accompanied by an adult, except at the Gala Benefit Preview

INFO: Call 415.665.2468 or visit www.orchidsanfrancisco.org

NEWS FROM YOUR BOARD

We are midway through the year and we have much to celebrate. Here are some highlights:

We hosted our first AOS show, our annual Holiday party was well attended and membership is up.

We purchased a new club computer and Bob Richardson donated a projector to the club.

In January we switched our meeting location to the Finley Center at the last minute when we learned that the Vet's Building

had a broken water pipe. Members were contacted by e-mail and phone. Several somewhat damp board members redirected traffic from the Vets Building.

Can You Help?

Our club is sustained by the efforts of our members. If you can contribute 2–4 hours a month, we are seeking talent in several areas: meetings, communications and web site support. Contact Garry Baker, 938.8844, for details.

HOW YOU CAN HELP WITH THE SCOS SPRING SHOW

We need lots of blooming orchids for our society display any size, in pots or mounted. All plants must be brought in no later than Friday, March 3rd. Please label your plant with your name and phone number. Call Marilyn Bucher, 707. 882.2415, to let her know to expect you or to make other delivery arrangements.

Any Questions on exhibiting, judging, or criteria may be addressed to Kris Foster.

We need lots of cardboard cartons or shopping bags, all sizes for the plant hotel. These may be brought in each day of the show as well as Thursday and Friday morning.

We need an assortment of breakfast cakes, jams, jellies and sweet breads to feed our hard working volunteers each morning and throughout each day. This will provide an opportunity to show off your talents away from the greenhouse and in the kitchen. It will be very much appreciated and I'm sure, enjoyed! Call Ann Possinger, 707.538.4104, to let her know what to look forward to.

If you have never entered plants for judging, you may need a little help with the paperwork. Don't worry, there will be someone at the plant entry table to help you.

CALL FOR CLUB 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.

Entry cards must be completed for all plants entered in the competition. See schedule for the times that plants must be registered.

Judging will be by AOS and Ribbon judging. Orchid Society displays will be judged and will receive monetary awards.

Entering plants for display or judging can be enjoyable and rewarding. If you have not entered a plant before, here are some basics:



CRITERIA FOR BRINGING IN ORCHID PLANTS FOR DISPLAY OR JUDGING

DO

Check your greenhouse or plant collection for plants with new or relatively new inflorescences. Make sure the flower spikes are securely and neatly staked. Consider replacing faded stakes and twist ties.

Take a look at the entire plant. Leaves can be cleaned with a weak soap solution or milk. "Leaf shine" products can help improve the appearance of the plant.

Check your containers for appearance also.

DON'T

Bring in plants in poor condition.
Bring in plants with dead or sunburned leaves.
Bring in plants with inflorescences that are "on their way out". Bring in plants with obvious pests or diseases.

EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO SAFEGUARD ALL PLANTS ENTERED, HOWEVER, EXHIBITORS ASSUME ALL RISKS AND LIABILITIES FOR THEIR PROPERTY.



SONOMA COUNTY ORCHID SOCIETY

SCOS meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Plant sales begin at 6:45 pm and end when the speaker begins 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.

PLANT SALES VOLUNTEERS

Please contact Jeanne Van Blarcom if you are interested in volunteering for the February 14th 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.

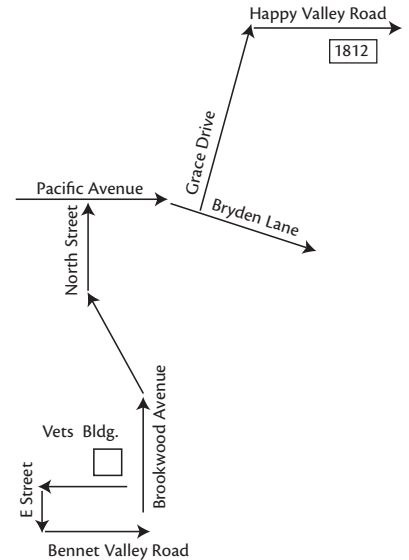
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SPRING SHOW PASTA PARTY

Bob and Barbara Richardson will again open their home to the Spring Show Volunteers and our vendors. It is a potluck dinner party held after show hours on the Saturday, March 4th, starting at 6:00 pm.

Their address is 1812 Happy Valley Road. RSVP to Bob, 707.545.2436.



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