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JUNE GENERAL MEETING

New Hybrids with Catasetum, Cycnoches and Mormodes with Fred Clarke

Catasetum, Cycnoches and Mormodes are three related genera from the Tribe Cymbidieae. Individually, each has been considered an orchid oddity, or "botanical", of interest mainly to the seriously addicted enthusiast. These plants have a brief deciduous period in winter, when the plants need a definite dry rest period bordering on neglect. These robust orchids are native to lowland tropical forests in Central and South America and are usually grown in warm or intermediate conditions.

Commercially, Catasetum, Cycnoches (or 'Swan' orchids) and Mormodes (or 'Goblin' orchids) have occupied a small market niche on the edge of a sea of Cymbidiums, Cattleyas, Phalaenopsis, Dendrobiums, Epidendrums, and so on. Until recently, they have not attracted much attention from hybridizers, but in the past several years some spectacular hybrids have been produced, receiving great acclaim and an increasingly large collection of awards from the American Orchid Society.

This talk will feature a wide screen computer slide show on some of the new hybrids and breakthroughs in the hybridization of Catasetum, Cycnoches and Mormodes.

About our presenter

will be Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Orchids in Vista. Fred has been growing orchids for 29 years and has been hybridizing for 19 of those years. With over 22 years as a professional grower and manager in the horticultural industry, Fred applies these skills at his orchid nursery; Sunset Valley Orchids, located in San Diego, California.

He is a passionate orchid grower whose curiosity in orchids is broad and varied. Although developing Cattleya hybrids has been his sustaining interest, he is also actively creating new Bulbophyllum and Paphiopedilum hybrids plus some others to be named if they work out!

His pioneering work in Catasetum intergeneric hybrids led to the development of several notable hybrids, most recently the grex, Fredclarkeara After Dark, which produced "the blackest flower ever witnessed". This grex has received four FCC's and two AM's on the first flowers shown for judging!

Fred is a Probationary Judge in the Pacific South Judging Region. His plants have received hundreds of quality awards from the American Orchid Society.

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OPPORTUNITY TABLE

The opportunity table will be provided by Sunset Valley Orchids.

DATES TO REMEMBER

General Meeting

Tuesday • June 13 2006 • 7:00 pm
Veteran's Memorial Building
Dining Room • East side of the building
1351 Maple Avenue • Santa Rosa

Speaker's Dinner

Tuesday • June 13 2006 • 5:30 pm
Russell Ramsay's Chop House.
1460 Farmers Lane • Santa Rosa
Call Alison Bies to reserve your seat at dinner.
707.795.9775 or 707.495.4113

Board Meeting

Tuesday • June 22, 2006 • 6:30 pm
Dinner for New & Old Board
Gary Chu's Restaurant
611 Fifth Avenue • Santa Rosa, CA 95404

ROBERT YOUNG WINERY

SCOS plant display and sales at the winery.
June 3 & 4 from 11:00 AM-4:00 pm

OPEN GREENHOUSE

Saturday • June 24th from 11:00 am – 4:00 pm
Daryl & Linda Eggleston's home
7505 Malone Rd. • Forestville
887-2412

REPOTTING PARTY

Saturday • July 22nd from noon – 5:00 pm
Location: Beis/Ellison Studio
6480 Eagle Ridge Road • Penngrove
707.795.9775 or 707.495.4113

REVIEW OF THE 2006 ANNUAL SCOS BUS TRIP

Once again the spring bus trip was a great success. As usual Tom, at Golden Gate Orchids, was very helpful and informative especially for those of us "newer" orchid folks. He had a wonderful selection of reasonably priced plants for us all.

Many thanks to Fred Jernigan and Francisco Baptista for opening their greenhouse and providing a great garden area to enjoy our lunch. We had a great time shopping there as well, excellent plants and low prices.

Our last stop was at Fiori D'Amore for their annual Mother's Day Sale. What a fantastic experience. I have never seen so many beautiful and blooming orchids at one time at one location, other than a show. It was mesmerizing. I could have stayed there all day. The rest of their yard was also in bloom with many colorful plants and flowers, just a delight.

I would like to again thank Chris (our driver) for such a fantastic trip. We arrived at all of our destinations without incident and ahead of schedule. His humor and information about landmarks we passed was an added bonus. Not to mention his agreeing to stop, straying off the itinerary, so we could get an afternoon pick-me-up cup of java at a cool little coffee shop in San Leandro. Maybe next year we will build that into the schedule!



Charlene Shaw and I will be planning the trip for next year too. I would like to ask you all for input on two things. You can either send your responses to my email at c_b_hinds2003@yahoo.com or mail to my home, Beverly Hinds 1005 Jack London Dr. SR 95409.

1st For those of you that didn't attend this year, what could have been done differently to have enticed you to attend.

2nd If you have any knowledge of great private or public greenhouses/growers that we haven't yet seen (or not for a while) please send me names and phone numbers.

Thanks to all of you that did join us for the trip, Charlene and I appreciated all of your support. It was a lot of fun.

Beverly Hinds (707-539-8464)

Charlene Shaw (707-823-4326)

NEW COMMITTEE AND BOARD POSITION

The proposed changes to the SCOS constitution were accepted. We have added the position of Director of Public Relations and a Public Relations committee to our organization.

John Russo has agreed to take on the role of Director of Public Relations. He is asking for two or three members who are interested in promoting SCOS meetings and events to work with him and form the Public Relations Committee. If you have a background in PR or would like to learn about it, contact John at 707.529.7442 or call Garry Baker at 707.996.5237.

PERMANENT NAME BADGES

For those interested in ordering a blue, magnetic SCOS name badge, the cost is \$8.65. Clearly print the name you want on your badge and bring cash or a check written to "Ann Conger" to the next meeting. Checks can be mailed to Ann at 2002 Coffee Lane, Sebastopol 95472

A NEW ROSTER

If you have changed your phone, e-mail or address, please notify Kris Foster, Membership Secretary for 2006-2007. A new printed roster is available and can be picked up at one of our monthly meetings.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

If you have an announcement, thank you, notice or other newsworthy items of interest to SCOS members, put the information in the body of your e-mail and send it to Marilyn Bucher, 882-2415, mbucher@mcn.org. Submissions are due by the 20th of the month prior to publication.

SCOS OFFICERS FOR 2006-2007

<i>President</i>	Alison Bies
<i>Vice President</i>	Ted Pruden
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<i>Director Meetings</i>	Kathy Fletcher
<i>Greeters</i>	Barbara Wolsko, Marlene Spano
<i>Librarian</i>	Ann Possinger
<i>Opportunity Table</i>	Jeanne Van Blarcom
<i>Plant Sales</i>	Mariann Hopkins, Marilyn Barquero
<i>Meeting Room Set-up</i>	OPEN
<i>Refreshments</i>	Lucy Whitworth
<i>Spring Show Chair</i>	OPEN
<i>Webmaster</i>	OPEN
<i>Annual Bus Trip</i>	Beverly Hinds, Charlene Shaw, Kathy Fletcher
<i>Annual Holiday Party</i>	Diana Brown
<i>AOS/Orchid Digest Rep</i>	Patty Connick

THE AOS AWARDS

*Pacific Central Additional Judging Center
San Francisco, 5/2/2006*

Cymbidium Ruby Pendant 'Yen'
(Cym. Last Tango x Cym. Ruby Eyes)
HCC 79, Exhibited by Steve Williams

Masdevallia lucernula 'Elle Ronis'
species
CCM 81, Exhibited by Ron Parsons

Phragmipedium caudatum v. sanderae 'Ronald Ciesinski'
species
AM 82 and CCM 83, Exhibited by Chen-Hao Hsu

Porroglossum josei 'Ecuagenera'
species
CBR (prov.), Exhibited by Ron Parsons



*California Sierra Nevada Judging Center
Sacramento, 5/3/2006*

Ascofinetia Cherry Blossom 'Terrie's Delight'
(Neo. falcata x Asctm. ampullaceum)
HCC 77, Exhibited by Sergei Ivanshin

Masdevallia Joy Edstrom 'Lisle B'
(Masd. veitchiana x Masd. racemosa)
HCC 77, Exhibited by Terry & Margaret Boomer

Sl. Orpetii 'Garnet Sea'
(Soph. coccinea x L. pumila)
HCC 76, Exhibited by Gold Country Orchids

Wilsonara Tigalva 'Gigantic'
(Odcdm. Tiger Butter x Odm. Memoria Ernesto Alvarez)
HCC 75, Exhibited by Richard L. Stone

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*Pacific Central Judging Center
Oakland, 5/16/2006*

Brassia Edvah Loo 'Nishida'
(Brs. arcuigera x Brs. gireoudiana)
CCM 81 Exhibited by Japheth Ko

Cymbidium Rebecca Redden 'Rebecca'
(Cym. Tropic Night x Cym. Panama Red)
HCC 79 Exhibited by Linsie Hu

Epidendrum porphyreum 'So Pink Chico'
species
HCC 76 Exhibited by Francisco Baptista

Paphiopedilum bellatulum '(no clonal name yet)'
species
HCC 79 Exhibited by Walter M. Shinn

For more information, visit these sites:

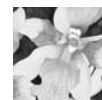
The Pacific Central web page

<http://www.aospacificcentral.org>

The California Sierra Nevada Judging Center in Sacramento

<http://www.csnjc.org>

submitted by Kathy Barrett



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OPEN GREENHOUSE

Daryl & Linda Eggleston's home

Saturday, June 24th • 11 am – 4 pm

7505 Malone Rd., Forestville

887-2412

Directions From 101 at Santa Rosa:

- Take RIVER RD. Exit
- Turn WEST onto RIVER RD.
- Go west 6 miles to the intersection of TRENTON/HEALDSBURG RD.
- (This intersection is just after you have gone over the only hill on River Rd.)
- Turn LEFT (south) onto TRENTON/HEALDSBURG RD. and go 100 ft. to stop sign.
- Turn RIGHT (west) onto OLD TRENTON RD.
- Go 1 mile to MALONE RD. on the LEFT. (There is a gate on Malone Rd. at its entrance)
- Follow MALONE RD. up the hill for 1/3 mile, (about half way up, the road Y's, stay LEFT)
- The Eggleston's home is on the LEFT at the top of the hill.

(NOTE: Mapquest info. is not quite correct, so please follow above directions.)

CALL FOR CLUB VOLUNTEERS

Public Relations Committee

John Russo, our new Director of Public Relations needs members who are interested in promoting SCOS meetings and events to work with him. If you have a background in PR or would like to learn about it, contact John at 707.529.7442 or call Garry Baker at 707.996.5237.

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.

MAY 2006 BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Board meetings are open to all SCOS members.

Minutes of the April Meeting were approved

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Alison reported there were numerous compliments on the skills session meeting format used for the May meeting. She has open greenhouses scheduled for: June 24th–Eggleston's, July – Alison's with potting party, August – McAlpin's with a plant sale, September – Mininno, October & November – Rathbun, Martin, Carney, & Benevides. The June speaker will be Fred Clark who will be hosted by the McAlpins. She also went over the list of speakers arranged for June through February. Still need a venue for the BBQ for sometime in September. It was mentioned that the newsletter should have an ongoing calendar of events, speakers and open greenhouses.

ROBERT YOUNG WINERY: Our society is going to provide a plant display and plant sales at this winery on June 3 & 4 from 11am – 4pm. Enough volunteers have been found to man the event for the two days, and should be at the winery by 10 am. We will have membership forms and the computer with "Wildcat" to use. Plants for display and sale are to be brought to Marilyn Barquero's home prior to the event.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Dinner for New & Old Board, Tuesday, June 22, 2006, Gary Chu's Restaurant, 6:30 pm.



SONOMA COUNTY ORCHID SOCIETY

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

ROBERT YOUNG WINERY — PLANT SHOW AND SALE JUNE 3 AND 4

The Society will provide a plant display and plant sales at the winery on June 3 & 4 from 11:00 AM–4:00 PM. Two volunteers are needed for each day to promote the society and provide orchid information. If you are interested, please contact Alison Bies at 707.795.9775.

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Call for Writers and Photographers

We are looking for articles and best practice information to include in the newsletter and on the web site. It could be as short as a paragraph, or as up to 500 words. Share what you know or what you have learned.

Many of you document your orchids with photographs. Now you can share your blooms by sending your digital photos or prints to Orchid Insights. Include your name, the name of the plant, something about the plant and if you can, also share information about your camera.

We have plans to expand the on-line version of the newsletter with the help of our members. Watch for details in future issues.



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