



Sonoma County Orchid Society Newsletter

June 2008

Special points of interest

- The Speaker dinner will be at Kirin's this month @ 5:30pm.
- SCOS Bus Trip is on June 14th.
- Next Month's Meeting is on July 8th.
- Next Month's Board Meeting is on July 10th.

Meeting Tuesday June 10, 2008 at 7:30 PM.

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

June's Speaker

Our speaker for this month will be Dennis Olivas of D&D Nursery in Half Moon Bay. He will talk about Hybridizing Orchids. Why hybridize? Dennis Olivas will tell us about creating hybrids and what the outcome could be. He has been growing orchids since 12 years of age and he won't tell how long ago that was. Dennis currently works for a large corporation for the past 26 years and is a partner of D & D Flowers since 1988. He belongs to 12 orchid societies and has served as an officer, board member or chaired a committee numerous times in some of these societies. Currently, Dennis volunteers as an accredited American Orchid Society Judge for the California Sierra Nevada Judging Center. Dennis has also been a vendor at many orchid shows. Dennis was born on Kauai, Hawaii and worked for Rod McClellan Acres of Orchids in So. City. He now has 6,000 Orchids and more in his green houses.

The May Speaker will be Speaker dinner will be at Kirin's at 5:30 pm., call Larry Mead if you plan to attend.

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Election of Board Members

The election was held at the May meeting the new Board is in place. The new contact list is on page 5, thanks to everyone who volunteered this past year. As you can see we still do not have a Vice President, a Publicity Director, or a Committee Chair for the next year's bus trip.

It is not too late if any of you are interested in assisting your Society in the next year. Without volunteers we will cease to be a viable organization. If you are hesitant, don't be. Contact Larry Mead or any Board Member if you are interested.

Membership Corner

How time flies! -- June 30th is right around the corner and it will be time for all members to renew their membership for the year. Anyone who renewed at the Spring show or after is already paid up through June 30, 2009. Sometime soon, the Membership Committee will be sending out reminders to all members. So, when you get the reminder, fill out the application form, please update your information, and send in your check. If you have a question, please call me -- Barbara, 762-5027.

June Refreshments

This month the refreshments will be provided by Marlene Spano, Kathy Rathbun, Anne Mann, Charlene Shaw, Cynthia Anderson and Brenda Dabner



Also a great big THANK-YOU to Katherine Whiting, Evelyn Purtz, Nicki Klemm, Kathy Dickerson, Susan Anderson, China Dusk, and Marlene Spano for bringing last month's refreshments.

Remember, anyone who brings in refreshments will receive a ticket for a special drawing of only those who have brought in refreshments. If your ticket is drawn, you will receive first choice of a plant from the raffle table.

Thank-you

A Huge Thank-you to Becky and David Jackson for hosting the Potting Party. All you folks who could not make it sure missed out on some very nice FREE plants.



May Speaker Review

Paul Chim: "Growing Better Cymbidiums, Both Species and Hybrids" by Kathy Dickerson



Although it was far from his favorite subject, Cymbidiums, it was fitting that Paul Chim mentioned the China earthquake of 7.9 magnitude which occurred May 12, 2008, the day before his lecture. Paul says, "Fifty times as powerful as our '89." A year earlier, in the same area surrounding Chengdu, the provincial capital of Sichuan, about 150 miles from the epicenter, he and his group of 14 had toured the same south-central region of China. Starting in Beijing, the tour lasted 24 days, extending into southwestern China near the Himalayan foothills. Organizing tours every year or two, Paul expressed how, going places and experiencing people and their cultures firsthand, his view of life is enhanced and deepened. He shared his slides from this trip.

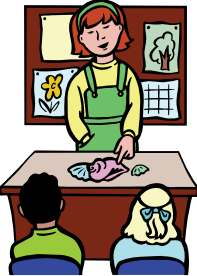
And his knowledge of cymbidiums. Holding up an unpotted cymbidium division lying in an open sheet of clear plastic, he said, "From the China trip I learned how to divide my cymbidiums." It had been forty-five days since its dividing at the San Francisco show, and the audience asked if it needed watering. Paul said no. He doesn't pot-up divisions right away, nor water at all while he is waiting for new shoots and healthy roots to emerge. "They will get desiccated. They won't rot, that's the main thing. Put in a cool place out of the sun. Then your chances of survival are very, very high."

On the other hand, he 'pinches' new shoots on maturing young plants. Holding one up, he says, "I do something the Japanese have been doing many, many years," and 'pinched' off its new growth. Then he held up two others, both out of flask July 22, 2005: the unpinched 'control' hadn't yet flowered; the 'pinched' specimen boasted an enviable flower spike. He explains, "Immature pseudo bulbs don't produce spikes. Pinching allows more area for light to come in. This encourages larger pseudo bulbs. Only large pseudo bulbs produce spikes."

Paul says cymbidiums should bloom twice a year, brought on by short daylight and 72 hours of cool temperatures, which occur here in spring and fall. Their leaves need enough light to be yellow. Unlike the terrestrial cymbidiums Paul started with 40 years ago, he now grows the Chinese and Australian species which are epiphytes and lithophytes, with naturally occurring rain in summer, and winter dryness. Growing on the sunny sides of eucalyptus trees in Australia's arid climate, *Cym canaliculatum* grows roots as long as 60 feet, leaching water from moist pockets and cavities. Avoid watering these in winter. "Put them up in the greenhouse and forget them until new growth begins."

Cymbidiums are heavy feeders. Adding slow release fertilizer to his 50/50 coir fiber and #3 or #4 perlite planting mix, he adds ¼ teaspoon fertilizer/gallon each time he waters, "any cheap one, urea is okay for established plants." He highly recommends a monthly feeding of magnesium sulfate (Epsom salt), 2 Tablespoons (that's right, 2 Tablespoons) per gallon throughout the growing season, April 15 to Oct 15. "Magnesium enlarges the cell nucleus," he says, ". . . according to UC Davis. It makes leaves bigger and thicker with the capacity to photosynthesize, use carbon dioxide, and water, and simple sugars, and so on . . . I say soak feet first, then give. The plant feels better and you, too."

We laughed, then oed and ahhed over Chinese waterfalls, blue with copper and calcium; three tall pencil-thin pagodas, reportedly leaning since the earthquake; the Panda sanctuary, where the mother weighs 280 pounds (China news announces they are safe after the quake); and a sampling of minority Chinese, of which there are 300 major groups: a photo of three women, among them their tour Guide, dressed in native costume; another of a River Peerage woman, posed by her wares in possibly the last photo of her vanishing kind. Cymbidiums grow well in China, where a *C. erythraem* of huge proportions grows ignored outside in a pot. And a one-of-a kind *C ensifolium*, known as 'The One With The Sword Shaped Leaves,' has curly leaves, making it the million-dollar orchid.

Win an Orchid	AOS Awards for March	Show and Tell
<p>How can I win an orchid? Let me count the ways!</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sign up to bring refreshments, or help with set up or take down and receive a raffle ticket for the first drawing of the Opportunity Table. 2. Wear your name tag and be entered into a drawing to win an orchid at the meeting. 3. Bring a plant for Show and Tell and your name will be entered into a drawing held quarterly. 4. Be the first to solve the Newsletter Editor's monthly quiz. 	<p>Kathy Barret is in the middle of getting her home painted and redone in preparation for her wedding and reception to be held there the end of June. So this month there will be no listing of AOS awards, however you can see the awards and pictures of the plants on the following sites.</p> <p>http://www.aospacificcentral.org http://www.csnjc.org</p>	<p>Every time you bring a plant to Show and Tell, you will receive a chance to win the "Three Month Plant".</p>  <p>When you bring in your plant (or plants) to share, fill out the card identifying each plant along with your name and drop it in the box. A drawing will be held every three months.</p>

Announcements

- The Society still has some Rexius Bark available in 2 cu ft bags at a cost of \$15.12/bag including tax. We only have the small sized bark available at this time. If anyone needs medium size bark the Foster's still have a supply for sale at the same price as the society.
- Juanita Breckwoldt has notified me that Andy Easton has had hip replacement surgery and is now recovering. If anyone wants to send him a note you can send it to 1645 Old Stage Coach Rd, Salinas, CA 93908 or at email him aeaston@matsuinursery.com.
- Jim and Kris Foster have a Park Seed Co., Light Growing system that has 4 adjustable trays with lights and extra fixtures for FREE! It is approx. 4'w x 2'd x 4.5' tall. Call at 707-762-7124.
- This space could be for your add or announcement. Just send it to the newsletter editor.**

Newsletter Editor

Thanks to all for your input on the Newsletter.

Last month Judy Carney emailed me with the correct answer for my quiz and as a result won the free orchid which was presented at the last meeting. She will not be able to compete for this month's free orchid. The answer to last month's quiz was:

Name of plant: Paphiopedilum Macbre

Clonal Name: Jim's Delight

Parentage: Paph. sukhakulii x Paph. Voodoo Magic

Award: HCC 79, **Exhibitor:** Jim Foster

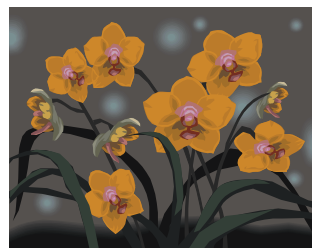
The answer to this month's quiz can be found in old editions of the Sonoma County Orchid Society Newsletter as well as other SCOS resources that you all have received.



The first person who contacts me with the correct answer, either by phone or email, will win another free orchid. So here it is:

"Who was the third winner of the Marie Waskow Award and in what year was it awarded?"

Feel free to contact me by telephone 707-321-2392 or email foster@sonic.net. Jim Foster...



2008/2009 Board of Directors and Committee Chairs

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Board of Director's Meeting Highlights

Members present: Ted Pruden, Kris Foster, Steve Tierra, Jim Foster, Josie Lee, and Barbara Wolsko

Members absent: Larry Mead and Garry Baker

Minutes of the April 2008 meeting were approved with one correction.

Treasurer's report was approved. The proposed FY 2008 budget was presented and approved. If anyone wants a copy, please contact Steve Tierra.

The FY 2008 board was elected at the May general meeting. Thanks to Garry Baker who is leaving the board July 1st and welcome to Becky Jackson, joining the board as Director of Meetings. Thanks to all other board members

continuing on for another year.

Barbara will be mailing renewal notices to all members whose membership expires June 30, 2008. If you have already paid, no notice will be mailed. Contact Barbara Wolsko with questions.

The June board meeting will be a joint meeting of the outgoing and incoming board. Location to be announced.

June 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 <i>SCOS Meeting</i>	11	12 <i>Board Meeting</i>	13	14 <i>SCOS Annual Bus trip</i>
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22	23	24	25	26	27 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	28
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July 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6	7	8 <i>SCOS Meeting</i>	9	10 <i>Board Meeting</i>	11	12
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August 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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10	11	12 <i>SCOS Meeting</i>	13	14 <i>Board Meeting</i>	15	16
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24	25 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	26	27	28	29	30
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Upcoming Events

- June 10, 2008 - SCOS Meeting
- June 12, 2008 - Board Meeting
- June 13, 2008: Malahini Orchid Society Auction, Hewlett Packard Oak Rm., 19091 Pruneridge Ave, Cupertino, CA. Contact: Mike Bautista at 5mb@batnet.com or at 650-556-9599.
- June 14, 2008 - SCOS Annual Bus Trip
- June 14: Orchid Digest Speaker's Day, Huntington Gardens, Pasadena, San Marino. Contact: Simone Friend 562-553-1247
- June 27, 2008 - Newsletter Deadline
- July 8, 2008 - SCOS Meeting
- July 10, 2008 - Board Meeting
- July 11-13: Santa Barbara Orchid Fair Earl Warren Showground, 3400 Calle Real, Santa Barbara. Contact Santa Barbara Orchid Estate 800-553-3387 or <http://orchidfair.com/>
- July 25, 2008 - Newsletter Deadline
- August 12, 2008- SCOS Meeting
- August 14, 2008 - Board Meeting
- August 25, 2008 - Newsletter Deadline
- September 20, 2008 - SCOS BBQ and Auction, Jim and Kris Foster's, Petaluma.

ATTENTION MEMBERS... ONLY 14 SEATS LEFT!!

Please don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to visit 5 great orchid growers and their greenhouses. If you haven't been on our bus trip before, this is your chance to explore, learn and perhaps find that one unusual plant that you've been waiting for. The best part is that you sit back and enjoy the ride while someone else does the driving.

Most importantly is that your participation helps to support the society's ability to continue to exist.

Annual SCOS Bus Trip

Saturday, June 14th 2008, 7:15 AM



Tickets: \$38.00 Per Person, available to SCOS members and guests. Includes transportation, bottled water, fruit and snacks.

Please bring an empty box to store orchids you buy.

The bus will leave promptly at 7:30 AM from the parking lot under Highway 12 across the road from the entrance to the Veteran's building. Due to our schedule, we cannot wait for late arrivals. Please be at the bus by 7:15 AM so you will have time to store your gear and take a seat.

We will have a full day of traveling, exploring and the opportunity to buy plants at the greenhouses of five great orchid growers.

Schedule: Times are approximate and may vary based on traffic conditions.

- 7:15 AM Arrive at bus
- 7:30 AM Bus leaves from Santa Rosa
- 7:50 AM Pick-up members in Petaluma (Lakeville Highway Park & Ride)
- 9:00 AM California Orchids, Bolinas - Mary Nisbet, grower, www.californiaorchids.com
- 11:00 AM San Francisco: Golden Gate Orchids -Tom Perlite, grower Bruce Rogers Orchids - Bruce Rogers, grower
- 12:00 PM Lunch Break: PLEASE BRING LUNCH FOR YOURSELF
- 1:30 PM Doug Pulley, MD, Los Gatos, www.dpulleyorchids.com
- 3:30 PM White Oak Orchids, Redwood City - Scott Dallas, grower, www.whiteoakorchids.com
- 6:00PM Santa Rosa Drop Off

CALL or SIGN UP with your reservation ASAP to hold your place. Make checks payable to SCOS; \$38.00. Give or mail to: Tony Mininno, 3977 Docs Ranch Road, Occidental, CA 95465. PHONE: 707.874.2200

If you are unable to make the trip, please call Tony Mininno (707.874.2200) ASAP so that your seat may be given to next person on the waiting list and your money will be refunded. NO refunds for "No Shows" without prior 48 hour notice.



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Address Correction Requested

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<http://www.sonomaorchids.com>

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 **7:00** 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 7:30 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.