



Sonoma County Orchid Society Newsletter

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Special points of Interest

- There will be a Skill Session at the March 8th meeting by Earl Rathbun on 'How to read a plant label'
- This month's General meeting is on Tuesday March 8th.
- This month's Board meeting will be on March 15th at 6:30pm at Kathie Hile's home.
- Open Greenhouse at Judy Carney's on March 27th 11am-3pm
- Next Month's General Meeting will be on Tuesday, April 12, 2011. The speaker will be Gerardus Staal.

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March 2011

Next Meeting Tuesday, March 8, 2011 at 7:30 PM.

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

March Speaker

"The Brazilian World of Award Quality Orchids"

Sergio Garcia



Starting with a visit to a home and garden show with my father, and the sighting of an orchid native to the Amazon forest called *Catase-tum pileatum*, a passion was born. When we asked where to buy that plant, we were directed to the orchid stand of one of the most important and respected orchid growers in Brazil's orchid history – Mr. Heitor Gloeden. Soon after that initial contact with him, he continued to mentor us about orchids.

As a native of São Paulo, I quickly learned about orchids. The genera that I was first in touch with are still my very favorites – *Cattleya*, *Laelia*, *Sophrinitis*, *Oncidium*, *Paphiopedilum* and *Vanda*. Although, I love all orchids, these are the ones I would day dream of, at times even when I was working in the middle of the options trade floor at the Pacific Stock Exchange!

Since my dad, who is almost 80 years old, learned about orchids and their culture with me, we still spend hours discussing possible crossings, preferred cultivars and plants that we still "need" to add to our respective collections. Still living in Brazil, he cultivates beautiful orchids there, while I pursue my hobby here.

I gained my orchid experience over many years, first as an interior horticulturist, later as a cultivator for Hamilton Orchids, and then working alongside the amazing Herman Piggors, founder of Oak Hill Gardens, who carries the experience and knowledge of over 50 years of orchid growing. It was from Mr. Piggors that I learned to reproduce orchids in vitro, in a laboratory.

At Olompali Orchids, we dedicate ourselves to the improvement of species and creation of special hybrids. We produce orchids with the objective of creating show type plants, with potential for becoming the next award winners. In parallel to our own production and breeding program, we partner with two multi-generational orchid businesses in Brazil, Wenzel Orchids and AWZ Orchids. These relationships are focused on making amazing orchids available to the American orchid world via Olompali Orchids.

The speaker's dinner will be at Sazón, 1129 Sebastopol Road, Santa Rosa, at 5:30 PM. The food is wonderful, and it's a great opportunity to meet and talk to the speaker. If you plan to come to dinner, please contact Kathie Hile at 707-585-1912 or email her at VicePresident@sonomaorchids.com no later than Monday, March 7th, so we can make reservations. Click here for [directions](#). The plant table will be from Brookside Orchids.

Don't forget the Skill Session at 7:00pm

President's Corner

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I want to congratulate every member who contributed to our Spring Show. It was a job well done! Kudos to Lynne Murrell and her team of volunteers for making this year's Show a huge success! The Show Leaders did such a great job that all the business behind the scenes seemed very efficient because it ran so smoothly. I know that it is a lot of hard work but it's also a lot of fun doing this Show. It is such an important fund raiser for our Society. Thank you to all the volunteers who donated time to the Show. There were also a lot of donated items to the Member Plant Sales and items for the Boutique. Robert Benevides donated fantastic wine for our Pasta Party. Thank you for the donations. Every bit helps.

Welcome to all of our new members that joined at the Spring Show and at the last meeting!

There is a questionnaire in this newsletter. Please take the time to fill it out. We value your ideas. We would love to know what you would like to do for future meetings and events. This is YOUR Society.

The annual SCOS bus trip is in May on the 14th. Patty Connick and Judy Carney have a fantastic day planned. \$35 includes transportation and entrance to the Conservatory of Flowers in San Francisco. It'll be a fun day! Mark your calendars and sign up!

We have a terrific speaker scheduled for our March 8th meeting. Come to hear Sergio Garcia of Olompali Orchids talk about Brazilian Orchids!

See you at our next meeting March 8th!

Susan

Thank You

Thank you Lynne Murrell for making this year's Spring Show fantastic!!

Thank you to all of the Show Leaders for all of their hard work! You all make it seem so easy! Becky J, Earl R, Kathy R, Ann P, Kathy F, Judy C, Charles P, Mariann H, Smitty S, Jerry S, Deborah L, Diane D, Larry M, Kathie H, Josie L, Linda E, Susan F,

Thank you Jeanne and Ray Van Blarcom for donating the wine glasses and the red tablecloths for the Pasta Party and the flowered print material for the admissions area.

Thank you everyone who brought food for the potluck for the Pasta Party.





2011 Show Judging Statistics

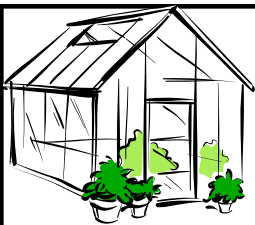
There were:

- 1 Novice participant with a total of 2 plants entered
- 10 Intermediate participants with a total of 84 plants entered
- 13 Open/Advanced participants with a total of 110 plants entered
- Total of 24 participants with a total of 204 plants entered

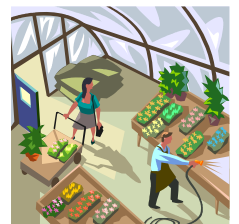
There were:

- 2 Blue ribbons awarded to the Novice participant
- 27 Blue, 21 Red, and 13 White ribbons awarded to Intermediate participants
- 38 Blue, 26 Red, and 18 White ribbons awarded to Open/Advanced participants
- Total of 67 Blue, 47 Red, and 31 white ribbons awarded.

Open Greenhouse



Judy Carney has a fabulous greenhouse complex consisting of an intermediate house, a cool house, and a shade house area. This is a must see for everyone. Judy is located at 1292 San Jose Way, in east Petaluma. Her greenhouses will be open on March 27th from 11:00 to 3:00PM. Click here for [directions](#).



A Note from the Newsletter Editor

I have been the newsletter editor for the past four years, and it is time for me to move on to other things. Effective June 30, 2011, I will be leaving this position. If we do not have a volunteer there will be no newsletter After July 2011. The Board has been looking for a replacement for the past several months with no success to date. I am asking that anyone who might be interested in doing this job for the Society contact either me or a Board member. As newsletter editor you may change the format, if you so desire, as long as it fits within the Society's goals and guidelines. I am more than happy to work with the new person and can provide many, many files for their use in composing the newsletter every month. Since I took over the position it has basically evolved into a cut and paste exercise monthly since all of the material is sent to me via email from the various Board members and committee chairs. It is not that hard of a task and really only takes a couple of hours a month at the most. I will continue to be available to anyone who needs assistance. Thanks.

Jim Foster

Board Highlights

February 15, 2011

- VP Kathie Hile is scheduling Open Greenhouses for each coming month, as well as Skill Sessions and meeting speakers. Contact Kathie if you can volunteer.
- Treasurer Ann Possinger reports a balance of \$19,441.58 with a profit of \$6165 from the show.
- Jerry Smith, membership chair reports 14 new and 5 renewing members from the show, making 116 member households now.
- Newsletter editor still needed, Jim Foster retires in June.
- Show recap was very positive, there are a few areas that can be improved. The next Show Committee will be advised.
- Bus Trip is May 14, be sure and sign up with Judy Carney or Patty Connick.
- BBQ and Auction is being planned for September with Alan Koch as auctioneer, held at Becky Jackson's house.
- Nominating Committee is now forming. Contact Susan Anderson if you would like to volunteer.
- Next Board meeting is March 15 at Kathie Hile's home at 6:30 pm.

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.



November Refreshments

Ma - Me



The Society is asking that the members with their last name beginning with *Ma - Me* bring refreshments to the meeting. Snacks such as fresh fruit, crackers & cheese, cookies, cakes or any other snack is welcome. Anyone can bring refreshments. Don't forget to get your raffle ticket for bringing something to share.



AOS Awards for January

2/1/2011 - Pacific Central - San Francisco

- Cymbidium Longueville 'Mount Millais' HCC 79 (Cym Wyanga x Mavourneen) Exhibited by Weegie Caughlan

2/2/2011 - California Sierra Nevada - Sacramento

- Paphiopedilum leimianum 'Monster' AM 81 Species, Exhibited by Ramon de los Santos
- Phalaenopsis venosa 'Melencia' FCC 92 Species, Exhibited by Ramon de los Santos
- Laeliocattleya Hsin Buu Lady 'YT' CCM 82 (L. anceps x C. Wendy's Valentine) Exhibited by Vivian Sellers

Pictures of the awards can be seen at:

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

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

2010/2011 Board of Directors and Committee Chairs

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	Patty Connick	538-4245	Bustrip2@sonomaorchids.com
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	Charlene Shaw	537-8708	Holidayparty2@sonomaorchids.com
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ANNUAL SONOMA COUNTY ORCHID SOCIETY BUS TRIP

Saturday, May 14th, 2011

\$35 per Person, Available to Members, Guests,
and All Orchid Enthusiasts



The bus will leave promptly at 7:45 AM from the parking lot under Highway 12, across from the Santa Rosa Veteran's Building. Please arrive early enough to store your belongings under the bus, find a seat and get settled. If you are a single passenger please double up with another single passenger to allow couples to sit together. Due to our schedule we cannot wait for late arrivals. Please bring an empty box to store orchids that you buy.

Times are approximate and may vary based on traffic conditions

7:45 AM	Bus leaves from Santa Rosa
8:05 AM	Pick-up Petaluma Lakeville Hwy (116/101) Park N Ride
8:30 AM	Pick-up San Rafael Lucas Valley Road Bus Stop Westside Hwy 101 (Park Eastside of Hwy 101, Smith Ranch Road, allow time to walk to other side of Hwy 101)
9:20 AM	Golden Gate Orchids
10:50 AM	Golden Gate Park Conservatory of Flowers, behind-the-scenes tour, west wing special exhibit 'Wicked Plants'
12:40 PM	White Oak Orchids & Lunch, please bring lunch for yourself, SCOS will provide bottled water
1:55 PM	Hanging Gardens Orchids
4:15 PM	Smith Ranch Road Bus Stop
4:45 PM	Petaluma Park N Ride
5:30 PM	Santa Rosa

To reserve your place make checks for \$35 per person payable to SCOS. State your pick-up location (Santa Rosa, Petaluma, Lucas Valley). Mail checks to:

Patty Connick
5404 Shallows Place West
Santa Rosa, CA 95409
(707) 538-4245

connick@sonic.net

2011 SCOS MEMBER SURVEY

1. Under what conditions do you grow your orchids? Indoor Outdoor/Patio Greenhouse
2. What orchids/orchid family do you grow? Number in order of quantity that you have:
 Cattleya/Laelia ____, Cymbidium ____, Paphs/Phrags ____, Dendrobium ____, Miltoniopsis ____,
 Vanda ____, Odontoglossum/Oncidium ____, Phalaenopsis ____, Pleurothallids ____,
 Bulbophyllums, ____, Epidendrum/Encyclia ____. List others _____.
3. On what subjects would you like to have speakers? Number in order of interest: Conservation ____,
 Pests & Diseases ____, Orchid Species ____, Genetics/Hybridizing ____, Judging ____,
 Repotting ____, Naming/Registering/Reading Labels ____, Greenhouses/Building/Maintaining ____,
 Indoor Growing/Grow Lights ____, Culture ____, If culture, what genera would you like to hear
 about? _____

4. Did you attend the Show? Yes No Did you volunteer? Yes No
 If not, why not? (Could we have done something differently so that you would have volunteered?)

5. Do you attend most meetings? Yes No If not, why? i.e. Scheduling, Transportation, Interest
 Please list anything the Society can do which would help you to attend more meetings: _____

6. Do you attend Society events? Bus Trip, Repotting Party, Bingo/Ice Scream Social, Bar-B-Q & Auc-
 tion, Holiday Party, Open Greenhouses Circle those you attended and underline any event you did
 not like and please tell us why? _____

7. Are you a member of another orchid society? If so, is there anything you do in that society that you
 would like the SCOS to do? _____

8. Do you read the Society Newsletter? Yes No Any suggestions to make the Newsletter better?

9. Do you have a computer? Yes No If so, do you look at the Society website? Yes No
 What do you like or dislike about the website: _____

10. If the Society emailed you a monthly cultural checklist, would you be interested? Yes No
11. If the Society emailed you information monthly on a "plant of the month", would you be interested?
 Yes No

Your candid responses will be greatly appreciated. Your Board needs your input so we can make your society membership a meaningful and enjoyable experience for you. Thank-you for your input. You can either copy and paste into an email to VicePresident@sonomaorchids.com or print and bring to the next meeting. Copies will also be available at the next meeting.

2011 Show Awards -- Congratulations to all who were awarded trophies and ribbons! And many thanks to society member sponsors. Your generosity and support are greatly appreciated! Josie Lee, Show Trophies Chair

Exhibitors/Awarded Plants	Awards/Trophies	Sponsors
Adam Anderson – Ornithocephalus bicornis	Best Entry by SCOS Member	SCOS
Adam Anderson – Ornithocephalus bicornis	Best of Show	SCOS
Adam Anderson – Ornithocephalus bicornis	Best Intermediate	SCOS
Dianne DeSalvo – Onc. Twinkle	Best Novice	SCOS
Adam Anderson – L.C. Mini Purple	Best Cattleya Alliance	Earl & Kathy Rathbun
Fiori D'Amore – Cym. Sanbar 'Snowflake'	Best Cymbidium	Gerry & Jerry Smith
Linda & Daryl Eggleston – Den. speciosum	Best Dendrobium	Patty Connick
Golden Gate Orchids – Odm. Doctor Tom	Best Oncidium Alliance	Bob Richardson
Kathy & Earl Rathbun – Phal. World Class 'Carmela'	Best Phalaenopsis Alliance	Mariann Hopkins
Golden Gate Orchids – Masd. macrura	Best Pleurothallid Alliance	Bill Poe & Sue Hayes
Larry Mead – Phrag. Noirmont	Best Slipper Orchid Alliance	Barbara Klein
Becky Jackson – Robiquetia cerina	Best Vanda Alliance	Ted Pruden
Adam Anderson – Ornithocephalus bicornis	Best Other Genera	Lynne Murrell
Adam Anderson – Ornithocephalus bicornis	Best Miniature Orchid	Charles Peters
Golden Gate Orchids – Arpophyllum giganteum	Best Species	Kris & Jim Foster
Golden Gate Orchids – Arpophyllum giganteum	Best Specimen Plant	Kathy & Joe Hile
Patty Connick	Best Basket of Orchids	Kathy & Bob Dickerson
Golden Gate Orchids	Best Commercial Display	Linda & Daryl Eggleston
SCOS	AOS Award for Best Display	SCOS

American Orchid Society Awards

Golden Gate Orchids – Wils. California Cherub	AM (83 pts)	Exhibitor
Orchids For the People – Dinema polybulbon 'Quin'	CCM (85 pts)	Exhibitor

SCOS Show Winners



Best Novice - Diane DeSalvo, *Oncidium twinkle*



Best of almost everything else - Adam Anderson,
Ornithocephalus bicornis

Pasta Party 2011



March 2011

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

April 2011

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

May 2011

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

Upcoming Events

- **March 4-6, 2011**, San Francisco Orchid Society, Pacific Orchid Exposition. ([See page 13](#))
- **March 8, 2011**, SCOS General Meeting
- **March 15, 2011**, SCOS Board Meeting at the Hile's.
- **March 22, 2011**, Newsletter Deadline.
- **March 11-13 66th Santa Barbara International Orchid Show, "Get Your Kicks With Orchids"**. 9:00AM - 5:00 PM. Earl Warren Show Grounds, Exhibit Hall, 3400 Calle Real, Santa Barbara, CA. visit: www.sborchidshow.com ([See page 14](#))
- **March 19-20**, Golden Gate Cymbidium Society Annual Show and Sale ([See page 14](#))
- **April 2, 2011**, California Orchids Spring Sale, 9am to 4pm ([See page 15](#))
- **April 16-17**, Sacramento Orchid Society Show and Sale ([See page 16](#)).
- **April 30th thru May 8th**, Fiori D'Amore Orchid Liquidation Sale, 9am thru 4pm. ([See page 16](#)).

Membership Corner

Welcome to all our
"NEW MEMBERS "

Pamela Aune, Terrans Brown, Debbie Capman, Marlene Dentoni, Margarine Divitt, Kathy Fritzsche, Hanne Heltai, Benjamin Schmid, Cory Strike, Billie MacCarthy, Pat Gentry, Ginger Stewart, Carl Levinson and Noelene Balani.

Membership Chair Jerry Smith



San Francisco Orchid Society's
PACIFIC ORCHID EXPOSITION
MARCH 3 - 6, 2011

America's Finest Orchid Show

Gala Benefit Preview THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 6:30 TO 10:00 PM, Details on Reverse

SHOW & PLANT SALE: MARCH 4 - 6, 2011

Hours: FRI. 10AM - 6PM, SAT. 9AM - 6PM, SUN. 10AM - 5PM

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Admission \$12 online/\$14 at the door, Seniors (65+) \$8 online/\$10 at the door
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March 19, 2011
10 am to 5 pm

Sunday
March 20, 2011
10 am to 5 pm

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- * *Vendors*
- * *Member Plant Sales*
- * *Division and Potting Demos*
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California Orchids Spring Sale!

Saturday, April 2nd
9am - 4pm



Variety!

Plants in and out of flower

Seedling to specimen sizes

Repotting supplies

Sound Advice

6 – 17 foot cork oak logs covered with orchids

Email us for an out of flower price list. We will have pre ordered plants boxed and ready for pick at the sale.

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Sacramento Orchid Society
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& Plant Sale
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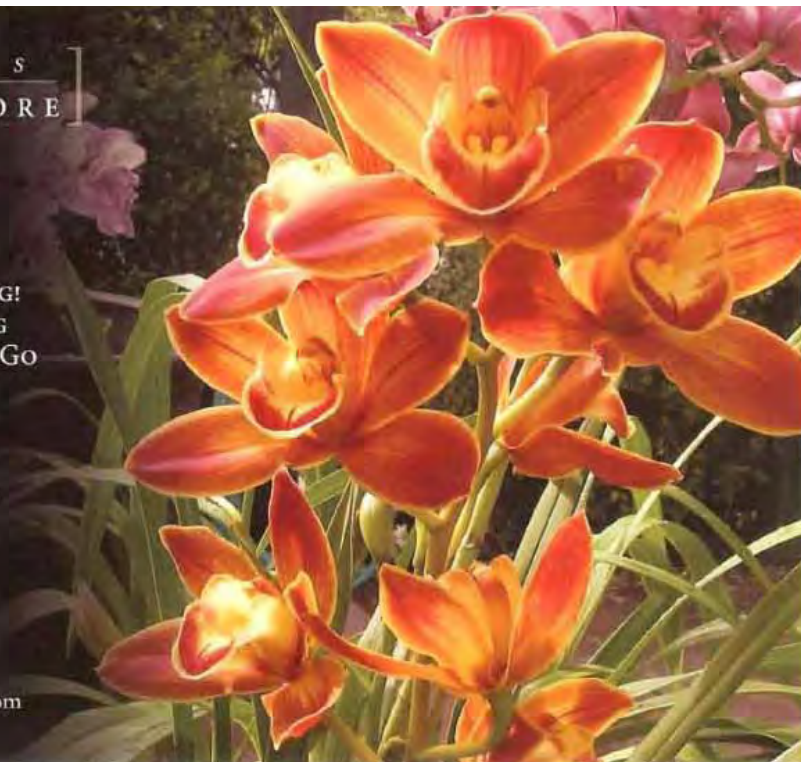
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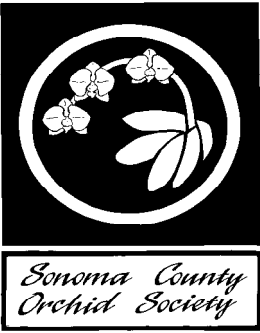
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Address Correction Requested

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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 **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.