



Sonoma County Orchid Society Newsletter

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Special points of interest

- Skill Session at 7pm– Richard Lindberg on Mounting Orchids.
- Open Greenhouse at the Olompali Orchids and Hamilton Orchids on May 21st.
- This Month's Board meeting is on May 17th at Ann Possinger's at 6:30pm.
- SCOS Bus Trip is May 14th
- SCOS Potting Party is June 4th at the Smiths.
- 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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May, 2011

Meeting Tuesday, May 10, 2011 at 7:30 PM.

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

May Speaker

GROWING SPECIMEN ORCHIDS

Cindy Hill

Cindy has been growing species orchids for pleasure for over 30 years, beginning on a kitchen windowsill in St. Louis, then onto a patio and 7x7 ft lean-to greenhouse at her home in Solana Beach, CA. She moved to the Bay Area in 2005, and now grows around 1500 orchids in an intermediate greenhouse in Berkeley. Her favorite genera include Dendrobium, Coelogyne, Holcoglossum, Miltoniopsis and Laelia. Plants she has cultivated have received highest quality and cultural awards from the American Orchid Society, including Paph. rothschildianum 'Rajah Kumis' FCC/AOS and Den. hercoglossum 'Solana Beach' CCE/AOS, as well as the Benjamin Kodama and Carlyle A. Luer Annual Awards from the AOS. Her plant Cochlioda vulcanica 'Ganesh' was Reserve Grand Champion at the New York International Orchid Show, and her plants have earned Best of Show three times at the Pacific Orchid Exposition in San Francisco. Cindy has traveled to observe orchids in the wild in Borneo, Indonesia, Thailand, Guatemala, Ecuador, Peru, and Hong Kong. She has been a member of the conservation committee of both the San Diego County Orchid Society and the American Orchid Society, was Acting Editor of Orchid Digest magazine for five years, and is currently a member of the Publication Committee of both the AOS and Orchid Digest. Her articles have been published in both magazines. Cindy is a docent at the California Academy of Sciences in Golden Gate Park, with a specialty in evolution; her favorite place to spend time there is, of course, the Tropical Rainforest. She is an accredited AOS judge serving in the California Sierra Nevada Judging Center, based in



Sacramento.

The speaker dinner before the meeting will be at 5:30pm at Legends, Bennett Valley Golf Course, 3328 Yulupa Ave, SR. 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, May 9th, so we can make reservations. Click here for [directions](#). The plant table will be provided by Brookside Nursery.

Annual Meeting and Election Announcement



The election of the Board of Directors for 2011-2012 will be at the May meeting. The current slate of nominees is listed on [page 6](#) of the newsletter. The Board will continue to solicit individuals to fill the vacant position. It is very important that you attend the May meeting and vote. Our Bylaws require that 1/3 of the membership be present in order to have a quorum which is necessary to approve the ballot measures. Without a quorum the election will have to be postponed or the vote conducted by mailings or email. You may email your ballot to Susan Anderson at President@sonomaorchids.com if you cannot attend.

Don't forget the Skill Session at 7pm- Richard Lindberg on Mounting Orchids.

President's Corner

It seems that warm weather is never going to get here to Northern California! We are all getting spring fever. It's time to get your orchid collection ready to thrive over the next several months. The attention that you give your orchids this spring will show in healthier happier plants. Get set up for a major potting. Gather the supplies you need and get your repotting started. Remember that SCOS has good quality Rexius Bark for sale in both fine and medium sizes. Let Kris or Jim Foster know if you need a bag. If you need help repotting bring your plants to our Repotting Party on June 4th at the Smith's.

We are having our 2011 Election at the May 10 meeting. PLEASE come to the meeting and cast your vote for SCOS Officers. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please send in your ballot to me: Susan Anderson, 1883 Adobe Creek Drive, Petaluma, CA 94954. I want everyone to vote. Plus, it's not too late to volunteer. It's a fun Board and a fun group and its fun to volunteer! Get it fun, fun, fun! There are a lot of ways to help our SCOS grow and thrive. Talk to a Board Member if you are interested in helping Your Society!

The annual SCOS bus trip is just around the corner in May on the 14th. Patty Connick and Judy Carney have a fantastic day planned. There is a flyer in the newsletter with all the details. The cost is only \$35 and includes transportation and entrance to the Conservatory of Flowers in San Francisco plus 3 other stops in San Francisco and Pacifica. It'll be a fun day! Mark your calendars and sign up! There are only 2 spaces left on the bus so if you want to go don't hesitate and give Patty your check to hold the seat!

We have a terrific speaker scheduled for our May 10th meeting. Cindy Hill will be here to give us a fantastic talk. She is an amazing orchid grower and this is a NOT TO BE MISSED evening.

See you at our next meeting May 10th!

Susan

Treasurers Report

It's time to develop the society's annual budget. I'm looking for two non-board members to meet with me and two board members to develop a budget for the 7/1/11 - 6/30/12 fiscal year which will be presented to the board for approval. The one-time meeting will be held in May. Please let me know if you can help with this important task. Please call me at 538-4101 or email me at apossinger@comcast.net. Thanks.

Open Greenhouse



This month we are having 2 Open Greenhouses, hosted by Olompali Orchids and Hamilton Orchids, both located at 5000 Lakeville Highway, Petaluma, on May 21, 12:30 - 3:00. Due to parking limitations, please plan to carpool if possible. For directions to the open greenhouse click [here](#).

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

April 19, 2011

- VP Kathie Hile is investigating SCOS participation in the Heirloom Festival Sept 13-15 at the SR Fairgrounds. Charles Peters is registering SCOS for the Petaluma Art & Garden festival July 10. Charles is asking for a sub-committee to work out the details of selling and displaying orchid info. Contact him if you'd like to help, 324-9203.
- Treasurer Ann Possinger reports \$19,424.73 balance and a YTD income of \$6616.66 which is 92% better than last year at this time.
- Membership chair, Smitty reports 118 members now with Henry Savage our newest member. If anyone would like a current roster, please ask Smitty.
- Newsletter editor Jim Foster is retiring and working with Debbie Chapman to hand it over to her. Carl Levinson and Cathy Thompson will be back-up helpers to Debbie. Jim will also teach Ann P and Kathie Hile to be account administrators for Sonic Internet provider. Richard Lindberg is still the webmaster.
- BBQ/Auction is scheduled for September 10 with Allan Koch as our auctioneer. He will provide plants.
- Bus Trip is May 14, there are 49 paid seats already and 58 is the max the bus can hold. There will be no refunds issued unless the bus is full.
- Potting party is June 4th at the Smith's house, 4711 Pepperwood Dr, Penngrove. Plenty of parking. Water, sodas and bark provided by the society. Attendees are asked to bring finger foods to share, and of course, plants needing dividing and repotting to share.
- 2011/12 Election is at the May General meeting, May 10. A quorum is needed which equals 40 people. You may vote in person at the meeting, or send the ballot by mail or email ballot to Susan Anderson: (president@sonomaorchids.com).
- July's meeting will be Orchid Bingo, with ice cream as dessert.
- Lynne Murrell will be our next year's Show Chair. Woo Hoo!

Refreshments for May

Pi - Ro

Since we do not have a Refreshment Chair to coordinate refreshments, the Society is asking that the members with their last name beginning with ***Pi - Ro*** 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.



Membership Corner

"We need more members" Please help the society to stay strong. Talk to your family members, neighbors and friends. Recruit a new member.

Membership Chair
Jerry Smith

AOS Awards for March

4/1/2011 - San Joaquin Orchid Society Show - Stockton

Paph. Wossner Vietnam Love 'Vera', AM 80 (Paph. micranthum x Paph. vietnamense) Exhibited by Richard F. Buchter

Paph. Wossner Vietnam Love 'Nova', AM 80 (Paph. micranthum x Paph. vietnamense) Exhibited by Richard F. Buchter This one has a video of the flower - the first award video!

4/6/2011 - CSNJC - Sacramento

Cattleya Sierra Plum 'Julie Anne', HCC 79 (C. Sierra Doll x C. Vallezac), Exhibited by James Morris

Dendrobium trigonopus 'Vistamont', CCM 87 species, Exhibited by Cynthia Hill

Holcoglossum flavescens 'May Jean', CCM 84 & AM 82 species, Exhibited by Ricky Wong - upgrade of previous award

Paphiopedilum sukhakulii var. album 'Albarino', AM 82 species,

Exhibited by Dave Sorokowsky - upgrade of previous award
Prosthecea vitellina 'Wailing Banshee', HCC 79 species, Exhibited by Ramon de los Santos

Sarcochilus Burgundy on Ice 'Pinot Noir', AM 81 (Sarco. Judith x Sarco. Fitzhart), Exhibited by James Morris

Sarcochilus Leanne 'Julie Anne', HCC 75 (Sarco. Sharon x Sarco. Fitzhart), Exhibited by James Morris

Sartylis Toowoomba Sparkle 'Coconut Ice', AM 82 (Sarco. Fitzhart x Rhynchostylis retusa), Exhibited by James Morris

4/9/2011 - Tropical Plant Society of Modesto Show - Modesto

Epi. Wedding Valley 'Sakura', HCC 78 (Epi. Princess Valley x Epi. Pearl Valley), Exhibited by Jan Martin

Phrag. Sorcerer's Apprentice 'Sandwolf', HCC 76 (Phrag. longifolium x Phrag. sargentianum), Exhibited by Bill Sanders

4/16/2011 - Sacramento Orchid Society Show - Sacramento

Ansellia africana 'Primera', FCC 92 species, Exhibited by Cal-Orchid

Cattleya kettieana 'Elizabeth Anne', HCC 78 species, Exhibited by James Morris

Chysis bractescens 'A&M', AM 83 species, Exhibited by Doug Kubo

Epi. unnamed hybrid 'Tangerine Orb*', AM 82 (prov) (Epi. Pacific Benchmark x Epi. Pacific Girl) Exhibited by Cal-Orchid

Microterangis hariotiana 'Gold Country', CCM 81 species, Exhibited by Gold Country Orchids

Paphiopedilum Ho Chi Minh 'Joan', HCC 76 (Paph. delenatii x Paph. vietnamense), Exhibited by Howard Gunn

Paphiopedilum Robinianum 'Loire', AM 85 (Paph. parishii x Paph. lowii), Exhibited by Dave Sorokowsky

Parapteroceras odoratissimum 'Kai', CCM 83 species, Exhibited by Diana Blasingame

Phalaenopsis lobbii var. flava 'Monster', AM 81 species, Exhibited by Ramon de los Santos

Sarcochilus Charm 'Julie Anne', AM 86 (Sarco. Fitzhart x Sarco. Bernice Klein), Exhibited by James Morris

Slc. Mile High Magic 'Hot Ember', AM 81 (Slc. Pink Doll x Slc. Bright Angel), Exhibited by Gold Country Orchids

Awards can be seen at:

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

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

2010/2011 Board of Directors and Committee Chairs

BOARD of DIRECTORS

President	Susan Anderson	762-2917	President@sonomaorchids.com
Vice President	Kathleen Hile	585-1912	VicePresident@sonomaorchids.com
Secretary	Becky Jackson	584-1386	Secretary@sonomaorchids.com
Treasurer	Ann Possinger	538-4101	Treasurer@sonomaorchids.com
Membership	"Smitty" Smith	795-0235	Membership@sonomaorchids.com
Newsletter Editor	Jim Foster	762-7124	Newsletter@sonomaorchids.com
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Meetings Director	Gerry Smith	795-0235	Meetings@sonomaorchids.com
Past President	Kris Foster	762-7124	PastPresident@sonomaorchids.com

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	Mariann Hopkins	829-1043	Plantsales2@sonomaorchids.com
Refreshments	Kathy Fletcher	935-0721	Refreshments@sonomaorchids.com
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Bus Trip	Judy Carney	778-1295	Bustrip1@sonomaorchids.com
	Patty Connick	538-4245	Bustrip2@sonomaorchids.com
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	Charlene Shaw	537-8708	Holidayparty2@sonomaorchids.com
AOS/Orchid Digest	Patty Connick	538-4245	AOSrep@sonomaorchids.com
Webmaster	Richard Lindberg	226-1409	Webmaster@sonomaorchids.com

Ballot for the 2011-2012 Board of Directors

Check YES or NO by each member, if NO you may write in your nominee/vote.

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Write in nominee</u>
President	Kathie Hile	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
V. President	Vacant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Secretary	Becky Jackson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Treasurer	Ann Possinger	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Membership	Larry Mead	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Newsletter Editor	Debbie Chapman	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Ways & Means	Gerry Smith	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Meetings	Vacant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Past President	Susan Anderson	No vote required		

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 <i>SCOS Bus Trip</i>
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				

June 2011

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

Upcoming Events

- April 30th thru May 8th, Fiori D'Amore Orchid Liquidation Sale, 9am thru 4pm. (See page 12).
- May 7 - 8, Carmel Valley Garden Show. ([See page 11](#)).
- May 14th, SCOS Bus trip (Page 9).
- May 20-21, Gold Country Orchid Spring Open House www.goldcountryorchids.com
- June 3-5, San Jose Orchid Exposition, www.realorchidgrowers.com
- June 4th, SCOS Potting party, ([See page 10](#)).

Thank-you
<p>Thank you to Jim and Kris Foster for hosting an Open Greenhouse and letting us see their wonderful orchids!</p> <p>Thank you to Judy Carney for doing a wonderful Skill Session on How to Repot a Paphiopedilum!</p>



The Potting party will be on June 4th. If you want to pick up your bark at the party you should sign-up at the meeting or call Jim and Kris Foster @707-762-7124 to reserve it and have it delivered to the party.



ANNUAL SONOMA COUNTY ORCHID SOCIETY BUS TRIP

Saturday, May 14th, 2011

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



***There are only a few seats left so this is your last
chance to get your ticket!***

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 and Collection of John Leathers & Bob Hamilton
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

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Annual Potting Party

When: Saturday, June 4th

Time: 11:00 am – 4:00 pm

Where: Smith's house, 4711 Pepperwood Dr, Penngrove

What to bring: Please bring a finger food to share. Water and soft drinks will be provided by the society.

Bring any plants you want help in repotting, overgrown monstrosities you want to share pieces of, or even plants you want to find a new home for. Come early for the best selection of plants!

Also bring supplies such as pots, cork slabs and moss, wood slat baskets, stakes, plant ties, plant labels, cutting shears, etc. In other words, bring whatever you'll need (except bark) to pot up your treasures. The Society will supply medium and fine bark.



Just click [Here](#) for directions from your location.

The society has a supply of bark (fine and medium size) and we will have sign-up sheets available at the next few meetings. It can be delivered to the potting party.



Carmel Valley Garden Show

Post Office Box 72
Carmel Valley, California 93924

AT A GLANCE:

WHAT: 42ND ANNUAL CARMEL VALLEY GARDEN SHOW

www.cvgardenshow.com

WHO: PRESENTED BY CARMEL ORCHID SOCIETY, CARMEL VALLEY

GARDEN ASSOCIATION AND HIDDEN VALLEY MUSIC SEMINARS

WHEN: MOTHER'S DAY WEEKEND, MAY 7 & 8, 2011 – 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

WHERE: HIDDEN VALLEY MUSIC SEMINARS, 88 WEST CARMEL VALLEY ROAD, CARMEL VALLEY

(11 MILES EAST OF HIGHWAY 1)

COST: FREE

DESCRIPTION: Beautiful plant and floral displays with accredited judging, lectures by Elizabeth Murray and John Greenlee, nationally known gardening experts and authors, potting demonstrations with helpful suggestions for all levels of gardeners, container plants, artistic flower arrangements, Silent Auction, Field of Flowers, Children's Garden with lots of fun activities, vegetable gardens, handmade pottery, a wide selection of plants and orchids for sale, gorgeous orchid and rose displays, art, gift and jewelry vendors, and delicious Greek food by Poseidon's, snacks, wine, beer, coffee and other beverages.

ALSO: Saturday Night Gala Event, Saturday, May 7th with hors d'oeuvres, wine, Silent Auction and entertainment. Advance Tickets are \$25 per person @ (831) 659-3113.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Email: Brickman@brickmanmarketing.com

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The Hillside Gardeners of Montclair present:

"The Ups and Downs of Hillside Gardening."

A self-guided tour of eight fabulous Oakland gardens on Sunday, May 1, 2011 from 11 am – 4 pm.

See a huge garden more than an acre in size, a tropical garden, a collector's paradise, and one with yards and yards of purple mulch!

These gardens reuse materials in many creative ways:

- Smashed old pavers show up as mulch
- Rebar and pruned branches act as fencing
- An old sandbox has become a potting bench
- A decorative jar has been turned into a fountain
- A tree has been cut down and turned into a beautiful bench
- One owner even used her old jewelry, buttons and beads to decorate the concrete edges of her pond

Each garden is overseen by owners who have used their land to create a very personal vision of how they see the world.

Tickets are \$30 in advance, \$35 day of. For tickets, call (510) 530-1681 or email hmgardens@gmail.com. You may also mail a check, made out to Hillside Gardeners of Montclair, to 5601 Harbord Drive, Oakland, 94611. Please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Hillside Gardeners of Montclair, founded in 1947, is dedicated to increasing the love of gardening among its members and the community at large. Members maintain the gardens at the Montclair Public Library, the Joaquin Miller Community Center and the garden at Moraga and Masonic Avenues. Hillside Gardeners operates an after-school gardening program at Joaquin Miller School and a horticulture therapy program at Water's Edge nursing home. The club was instrumental in the revival of the Sensory and Mediterranean gardens in the Gardens at Lake Merritt, and members help maintain those gardens as well. In addition, we provide scholarships for Merritt College and UC Berkeley horticultural students. Proceeds from the garden tour will help sustain these programs.

For more information, contact Ann Livingston at (510) 708-7008 or alliving57@gmail.com

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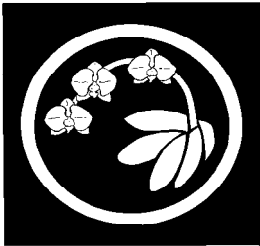
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25 YEARS OF COLLECTING!
EVERYTHING-INCLUDING
MOTHER PLANTS MUST GO

SPECIAL PRICING FOR
VOLUME PURCHASES

APRIL 30TH THRU MAY 8TH
9AM TILL 4 PM
MOTHERS DAY- 9AM-2 PM
AT 4526 FAIR AVENUE,
OAKLAND CA.
510.530.4884

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We're on the Web!

<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.